

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Good morning, good afternoon and good evening, everybody. This is the Finance and Budget Subcommittee Working Group conference call on Thursday, the 28th of February, 2013. The time is 22:35 UTC. I welcome you all here for this special meeting of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee and the Regional Leadership to provide the Regional Leadership, so all of the different RALOs a good view of where we are heading this year in F2014, and perhaps to even announce a few things over to you and to I guess officially launch something.

So you're quite privileged to be on this call. I'm sorry that it's so late for some but we had to try and fit this one as soon as possible. Tijani Ben Jemaa is on the call; he's the Vice-Chair of this Working Group, of this Subcommittee, sorry, and unfortunately he's traveling. I'm traveling next week as well so we're a bit everywhere around the world and the best time to find was now.

Let's just get going directly with the roll call and then we'll move over to the presentation of the FY14 budget request process. Roll call, please.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, Olivier, Gisella here. On today's call we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Allen Skuce, Darlene Thompson, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Roberto Gaetano, Wolf Ludwig, Eduardo Diaz, YJ Park and Cintra Sooknanan. We have apologies noted from Holly Raiche, Sylvia Herlein Leite. From staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Matt Ashtiani and myself, Gisella Gruber. I hope I haven't left anyone off the roll call. And also if I could please remind

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Thank you, over to you Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Gisella. Have we missed anyone on the roll call by any chance? I don't hear anyone shouting their name out, so okay, fine. Well welcome everybody. Now what we have here is a little announcement with regards to the budget for fiscal year 2014, and it's that basically this year we're going to have four... There are going to be four ICANN meetings in this year. Usually there are three per year; this time there will be four because the first meeting of the year is not going to be in the fiscal year. The fiscal year starts on the 1st of July. It's not going to be the meeting over in the Autumn that we usually get; it's a meeting that was supposed to be in June fiscal year 2013 that has been moved to July – that's the Durban meeting after Beijing.

So that's the first thing, there are four meetings. But in the third meeting of this year which is the London meeting, there is a chance – and I'm just saying a chance at the moment because we have to submit a budget request for it. There is a chance we might be able to have a second At-Large Summit. I know that we've spoken about it on a number of occasions and I think that everyone who has lived through the first At-Large Summit that took place in Mexico City in 2009 found that time to be a real great starting point to At Large working well together and to At-Large Structures functioning more and really starting to understand what this whole ALAC and At-Large is all about.

And now London is in June, 2014, might be – and there's still a discussion with regards to the location, perhaps London, perhaps

another location afterwards which would still be in... Sorry, no, which will then be in 2015 but which we can submit for 2014. Anyway, it's within those three months is when we could have an At-Large Summit. So basically looking at the workspace that we had, if you remember a while ago I presented a... This was the, well this is the FY14 Budget Development Workspace that we have here, and there was an At-Large Events Roadmap which we had presented over to Xavier Calvez to give him an idea when looking at a multi-year budget – give him an idea when we wanted to have, when we were hoping to have General Assemblies and regional meetings.

And in fact, if you look at the whole schedule of meetings as they went by... Now, can you all see this screen correctly? Or how does this look on your screen at the moment?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Fine. Oh, it's stuck now.

WOLF LUDWIG: Not bad.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Can you see it?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yep.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Hello?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Tijani, can you see it?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No problem. No, I am just trying the line.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, depending on how fast your connection is it's probably going to come up a bit faster or a bit slower. I'm controlling the screen at the moment; you're actually looking at my little pointer in there theoretically. So we started this thing over back in November 2008 and showing that there was, just after that in March 2009 the Mexico City and that meant a GA for every region had a General Assembly and of course we had the Summit events, etc. Then we had fiscal year '10, FY10 so you had the Asia-Pacific and in that year we absolutely had no face-to-face meetings for anyone in the RALOs.

FY11 – same thing, and it is basically because of this that we made enough noise so that in FY12, starting with Dakar AFRALO was able to stage a set of events and we all know how much of a real great success this was. And so we had one in that year, then after that in FY13, in October 2012 we had... In fact, sorry – this is the presentation as we thought it was going to happen. What actually happened is that we were then given some more funding to stage a LACRALO General Assembly and event in San José in Costa Rica, so in fact here another

sum was given. So we ended up with two sets of events for two different RALOs in that year.

And then in the next fiscal year we then got the Toronto events which took place with a sum that was funding that, and then for APRALO we're going to have a sum that is going to be funding events in Beijing. Then in July, 2013, in Durban there is not going to be any funding of any events because AFRALO had its events the last time that it had the meeting, the ICANN meeting in its region; but there is a EURALO, if you look here a EURALO request where there will be funding at EuroDIG 2013 for a EURALO face-to-face General Assembly and also well, just basically a full day. It's a smaller sum and of course that's because the EURALO region does not host any ICANN meeting this year.

Now we then at the time extrapolated and thought well we can continue with another cycle and do another, thinking if LACRALO had not been funded in San José, Costa Rica, then it could be funded in November, 2013. And we could also ask that EURALO can hold its General Assembly in March, 2014.

So we had continued like this and initially thought that we would wait until FY16 to ask for a General Assembly and At-Large Summit #2. However, this was all drawn up before the change of leadership and with the new team now at the top of the pyramid should we say; and at the same time with a number of events and a number of things that have happened outside the walls of ICANN – and I think we are looking here specifically at the World Conference on International Telecommunications that was staged by the ITU and that has really gotten the multi-stakeholder to come to a head on clash with the

multilateral system, the system of having governments working together to do things there is an increasing amount of pressure on ICANN to serve its communities more and to help its communities develop themselves.

And I know that Sally Costerton, the new Vice President for Global Stakeholder Engagement is going to present a large number of new things in Beijing to us, to the community, to everyone. And so seeing all of these changes and all of the needs of the community increasing, and the fact that there might be a chance to seize the opportunity, in early January Tijani and I and several members of the Budget and Finance Subcommittee and also Sebastien Bachollet all thought well, how would it be, or actually would it be possible for At-Large to actually bring forward the concept of having another Summit? And if that's the case then how would we be able to go on about it?

So as a result I have held meetings with Sally Costerton. We have spoken, also I've spoken at length with Heidi. Heidi has conducted a number of meetings and in fact the recent month there have been a couple of meetings with several members of the Board and staff in Playa... I keep on saying Playa del Sol but it's not, Playa Vista – equally as lovely a location hopefully. And so it looks as though there is a chance, an opportunity for At-Large to have a second Summit exactly here – March 2014. In fact it's not going to be March because now timings have changed. It's going to be June, 2014, and it's going to be in Europe in London.

So with this in mind we therefore have to start thinking about moving forward and getting the ball rolling on our side on two things. On the

one side we need to build a working group that is going to organize the whole set of events and the first task that needs to happen is even before that working group is created or taskforce, I guess we could probably call it a taskforce... I'm not quite sure what you call it for number one, Cheryl, and I'm glad you're on the call so you'll be able to tell us really what it was called back in those days, in the antique days of 2009. But at the same time I think that the first thing that this group here needs to do is to get the RALOs involved as early as possible because obviously that might affect the other requests that we are going to make during the year.

So for example, if a RALO was thinking of staging another General Assembly during one of the ICANN meetings I would say no, because that's obviously going to be superseded by the Summit. Every region is going to have its General Assembly in the Summit. So there's no need to think of asking for funding to do inreach in your region because you're going to see all of your ALSes. You're guaranteed in a Summit to see all of your ALSes – well, at least all the ones that will want to come and see you.

So that's the point that we are at and the first step is to inform you of this and I guess now I open the floor for questions and that will also allow me to have a gulp of water as well. [laughter] Any questions or thoughts? And is there anything that has not been, well that I've not explained properly yet basically? I don't see anyone putting their hand up. Heidi... Oh, I see before Heidi, Eduardo, you have a question? So please go ahead, you have the floor.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Yeah, this is Eduardo for the record. So if there is a chance of doing this we need to have something in the budget process by what time – before the end of this year? That’s my question.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Ah, okay. So the budget process has somehow changed – that’s a very good question, Eduardo, thank you. The budget process has actually changed and that’s exactly what I forgot to talk about – what are the time scales for this. The budget is actually going to be now done in two parts. There is a first part that needs to be done as soon as possible for any events that need to be staged or that need to be funded before November, 2013; the reason being that last year there was a real problem with the budget being only voted by the Board on the last day of June or the penultimate day of June which meant that if you had a project that needed to be funded for July, August, or September you would not know whether you were funded or not.

And that introduced a lot of problems and I think that in therefore dividing the Board giving its green light with anything that needs to be funded in July, August and September being brought forward and being agreed on I believe just after the Beijing meeting does give a bit more time. And Tijani, I know you’re more aware of the exact timings – please correct me if I’m saying the wrong thing. But it provides more time for the people who are going to stage the events to know that they are funded in advance rather than being told at the very, very, very last moment.

So that’s one thing, and especially of course if they have to pay for things in advance when they are organizing things such as for example

tickets and things like that. So that's one thing that is going to change. For any requests that would be regarding events and costs that would happen after November, 2013, the normal process is in place and it would need to be filed by I think it is May. So the fast track, as one would call it, things need to be filed as soon as possible – I think it's the end of this month, at least before Beijing. The slower track, the normal track is the usual track until I think May.

Tijani, you've put your hand up, I'm sure you're going to correct me on this. I'm a little tired at the moment so dates and timings might be totally wrong. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Olivier. I hope you are hearing me. So as you said exactly the additional requests for the community this time is being done on two tracks. The first track would be the fast track which would be done as we said for the events that would be organized in the first quarter of FY14 because of the reason that you mentioned. So for this kind of event we need to submit our requests by March 22. The deadline is March 22. If the event is not happening in this time, it is happening in the second quarter or later, the deadline would be April 19. So now it is a little bit fast for us. We need to think about our projects and if we have an event that falls in the first fast track process we need to submit our requests as soon as possible.

There is, I will say there is a Wiki page created for the requests and an individual Wiki page is done for each SO and AC. So for the At-Large, we have a Wiki page for us. We have someplace... If you go to the link on the agenda you will find all the links to all the documents I am talking

about. We'll have some place for the additional requests. We have to fill it as soon as possible especially if it is a fast track event and we have to email it to controller@icann.org. When we send this request we will receive a confirmation in 24 hours and in five business days the complete request, if our request is complete it will be posted on the Wiki page dedicated for our At-Large. If the request is not complete or if there is a problem, we will receive also in the five business days a notification of incomplete application. So it is very well done this time.

I think that the Finance Department is making the process more and more systematic and more and more well-organized. So we have a document named FY14 Special Budget Requests Guidelines in which you have all the details of what I am speaking about. So for this year as Olivier said, since we have the Summit likely to be organized in London we will not ask for General Assemblies because since we have the Summit each RALO can make its General Assembly during the Summit. But we have to ask for the other activities.

I am not sure they will approve a lot of our activities this time because the Summit is very costly and I guess our requests will not meet if you want the most (inaudible) this time, but we need to request for what we need. We need to do it because I don't know, perhaps we can get it, so the best is to have everything we need to be asked for. But for the General Assemblies, we do not want you to ask for the General Assemblies. Olivier, if you want you can continue, thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Tijani, and I hope that you're all seeing my screen. I know I'm switching screens from time to time so it might come

offline but I hope you're seeing the At-Large FY14 Special Budget Requests which Tijani was mentioning. And indeed, yes, if we want a decision to be done by April we need to submit the requests by the 22nd of March, 2013. Now I know that many RALOs, or several RALOs last year have submitted requests for workshops at IGF, for example. Now, IGF will take place this year I believe is it October or November? It's October, isn't it?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: October, yeah.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It takes place in October. If you believe that you can wait until.... Yes, go ahead Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier, it will be in the third week of October.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Third week, okay fantastic – thank you, Tijani. So really it's up to RALOs to calculate and think do you need to have an answer whether you are funded or not funded for any workshop that you are going to present or [to have okayed] by the end of June. If it's not, if you need to have an answer by April then I would suggest that you submit the request as soon as possible, certainly so that it's ready by the 22nd of March. That's one thing.

Now, there has been a question with regards to IGF and the funding of workshops, because some have said if a Summit is going to be funded that would be a very large sum of money – wouldn't it be impertinent for the ALAC to ask for even more money to fund workshops at IGF and basically you've already got a huge chunk? I have discussed this with several people along the decision structure and who have looked at the previous works of the ALAC and the general feedback that I have received is that it was, these were like apples and oranges. The Summit is one thing, and the Summit in fact would be submitted as a special request.

The other activities that we are involved with are different – they cater for different audiences, they are dealing actually with completely different strategic issues. The workshops really are primarily outreach, and I've gotten feedback from Cherine Chalaby who is Chair of the Board Finance Committee with whom I had a call a couple of days ago. He's just sent an email back which I shall be forwarding to the Finance and Budget Subcommittee group that again this year the plan is for a chunk of money to be devoted to IGF activities. There are likely to be a lot of people wishing to go to fall under that funding and that sum, which is undetermined yet but that sum will be divided among the different activities. But we still have to ask for our workshops using the SO and AC requests on one side.

The sum that would be asked for for the Summit would be a completely different system. Yes, Tijani, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, please. Tijani speaking. For the IGF workshops, I do believe that it has to be included in the fast track process because it is happening in October and we really need an early answer because as you know we submit applications for workshops to the IGF Secretary and the best workshops are accepted, not all. So we need to know if we will be funded with it so we can continue with our application; otherwise we don't have to continue. It will be scheduled in the program and it is a shame that we don't go and implement the workshop. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much Tijani. Now, I must do just a small word of, it's not warning but just something to keep in mind though – I'm not sure when ICANN will choose to allocate the sum of money that they will allocate to IGF, whether that will come in the first round of decision or the second round of decision. And perhaps that might be an action item from this call for me to find out and ask the question.

I wanted to ask Heidi Ullrich, since she has been inherently part of the process so far whether she has anything to fill in on what Tijani and I have said so far. And then I'll open the floor for questions of course because I think it's really important that you all, that the whole thing is very clear in your minds. So Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Olivier. I think you've covered everything, both of you. Would you like me to go through the proposal for the Summit just to offer some more details?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think that would help very much. And so I've stopped sharing my screen and so if you can share anything then you're very welcome to effect it on your side.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Matt, can you please put the proposal up? And I apologize in advance; you might hear a little girl trying to speak.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Heidi, you never have to apologize for one of our youngest At-Large members. Her voice is always welcome.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. [laughing]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: As long as she introduces herself when she starts. If she says her name that's fine so she'll be transcribed accordingly. [laughter]

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, her nanny had to leave rather quickly so I just have her now. Matt, can you put the proposal, not the budget please? Okay. So I'm just going to walk through this very quickly. This is something Sebastien, Olivier and myself worked on and we presented this to a lot of the senior people within ICANN as well as some Board members and Meetings staff to just introduce the idea of the Summit. We thought we would have to really sell the idea but actually from the very start it was

much more a process of “Okay, let’s see how we can do this” rather than any kind of sales job on that.

So I’m just going to see if we can skip down a little bit... So you see the purpose, we worked on that together and a lot of the ideas as Olivier said earlier, a lot of the timing now on this is just the time is right to stress the strength of the At-Large community as the basis of the multi-equal-stakeholder model that Fadi is speaking about, so this is really perfect timing for that. As we are now in ALAC 2.0 and with the continuing activity it’s now really time to plan for ALAC 4.0 on that, so that’s another reason as well.

I’ve sort of just gone over those issues, and the location... There was some discussion of having it either in London or the next North American location but it was decided that the London location really seems to be better because of the various reasons in terms of maximum impact to showcase the At-Large community in a very global city of London; also it would be having it in June which is fiscal year ’14 versus October 2014 which is fiscal year ’15 would allow a lot longer for the planning of it.

So we’re going to be launching the Summit Organizing Committee probably this week for that so we would already start working on that right away. There’s going to be a discussion on that during the Sunday session in Beijing so to allow a lot of time for planning. And some... Can you still hear me?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yep.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Okay. Now the venue, what is being planned is that the venue for the Summit itself would actually be in the venue hotel while the accommodation for the 150 ALSes would likely be in an offsite hotel about eight minutes away. So they're very clear that we don't want to be in a different venue as we were in Mexico City, so the Summit itself would be in the main venue. So there are also plans that the Summit itself would be two days, Saturday and Sunday, full days – those would be plenary sessions of all the At-Large Structures. Then Monday through Wednesday it would go into the RALO GAs as well as the working groups and then Thursday morning would be everyone come back into a plenary session of all the ALSes to talk about a wrap-up and next steps. So Olivier, I think that's basically the key components.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Heidi, and as someone who knows London rather well and having been told of the hotels I can say that they're both in central London and the eight-minute walk is just down the road basically – it's just a couple of streets along. And it's not too bad in June; it actually is one of the only times in England where there is at least a little bit of sun outside in the streets. So it's quite a nice little walk along and effectively I think that we would be finding that it's an idea environment to conduct a Summit in for several reasons.

The other problem with the North American location is there might be some visa problems, more visa problems than if we stage it over in London. Also the airport over in London happens to be one of the busiest in the world and certainly the largest with regards to direct

international flights. So it really is a hub and I might be slightly biased regarding that but it's particularly helpful to have easy access for all of our ALSes to come together.

And finally one more thing: Sally Costerton before she worked for ICANN was based in London and commands quite a lot of respect locally and would like to see this Summit not only as an At-Large Summit that will benefit At-Large but one that will benefit all of ICANN and certainly be a showcase of multi-stakeholder policy development and discussions.

So effectively there is some pressure on this community to work particularly well all the way up to the lead up to this event, and I think really it's going to be quite a high profile event judging from the reception that it has received so far from Sally, from Fadi, from Steve Crocker, from all of those people who have been so far asked about their point of view.

So that's the proposal itself. Heidi, should we look into the financing quickly or is that a bit premature at the moment?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

No, I think we're ready to do that. Matt, can you put that up, and since you really were the developer of this if you can please work through that? I've sent this version – thank you, Matt – I've sent this version, this is still a draft. And I've sent this to Xavier and Sebastien and to Nick Thomaso in Meetings staff. There was some discussion whether we need to include the cost of the meeting room and interpretation, so that might increase the budget a little bit. Okay, Matt, if we can slide it

over a little bit... Hang on, I think you can all do that. Go ahead Matt, I'm going to let you go ahead and do that.

MATT ASHTIANI:

Hi everyone, this is Matt Ashtiani for the record. I prepared a very generic budget. It's broken down by each RALO, the number of ALSes. However, that number does not include ALAC and regional officers that are already being funded for the event. The next column is the general cost of flights. I tried to think about it from as many cities as we have in each RALO while still allowing for a little room should the prices go up. I've shown it to Joseph and he agreed that my numbers were pretty reasonable and should cover everything.

So we have the total estimated cost of flights per region, the total estimated hotels – I'm assuming \$300 a night. That might seem a bit expensive but until we get the actual number I think that will keep us very safe because London is quite expensive. So it should keep us within a reasonable estimate. The next one is the stipend of \$500 which is the same amount as the Fellows group.

For the next column it's the visa costs. I'm assuming that no one from North America or Europe will require a visa. I know that's not true in all cases which is why we have an "other" column of about \$5000. This should cover any of the one-off visa needs, for example a transport visa or someone for example in EURALO who's not within the EU and does require a visa; also transit hotels. So if someone does have to spend the night at the airport that should be covered as well.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Matt, Cheryl here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think we may have lost Matt. Have we lost Matt?

MATT ASHTIANI: Can nobody hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, I think we lost you for a second.

MATT ASHTIANI: What was the last thing that you heard me say?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm not quite sure. You went through the columns and then it just went dead.

MATT ASHTIANI: Hello?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yep, we can hear you, Matt.

MATT ASHTIANI: Thanks Cheryl. What was the last column that you heard me go over?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: You were looking at the totals, Matt.

MATT ASHTIANI: Yeah, I was explaining the rationales for each column. I was wondering what's the last column that you heard me go over?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: The total. You had (inaudible) and it was the total.

MATT ASHTIANI: You heard me explain the stipend and the visas?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yep.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes.

MATT ASHTIANI: Okay, well that's the entire spreadsheet then.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much, Matt. Yes, you were just telling us about the total which was the last column. You had explained the visas and you had explained all of the other columns, so that's in essence that's the whole budget and we can see that the whole total will be around \$757,600 US I believe. Anything else you wish to share with us on this?

MATT ASHTIANI: No, just as Heidi said we still need to find out if meeting rooms and other costs such as interpretation need to be included in this, and once we have that figured out then we'll have a much more firm draft budget.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much. I see Tjiani's hand but I know that Cheryl had put her hand up before. She had shouted out earlier, so Cheryl first and then Tijani.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, I'll be very brief. Thank you for that, Matt, that's excellent, and I just want to say it's amazingly [similar] to the budget that we did the first time around as in there isn't a great increase in the cost which I'm pleasantly surprised at and it's probably a good sales pitch for anyone who is thinking it's exponential growth. We have a lot more people involved and we have not a dissimilar budget.

Regarding the interpretation and room costs, however, I think it's important when that is being discussed – and this is probably more for Olivier, Matt, and Heidi – to remind those who you are discussing it with, which was in the (inaudible) data, in 2009 ALAC was one of those groups which was a rarity asking for things like interpretation there is now a Language Services Policy in place for ICANN and to call it a requirement I think is quite reasonable for ICANN to see this as a fundamental cost rather than an exceptional project cost I think could be argued strongly.

The other thing I would suggest is we need to remind people when they're looking at this is that of course all of these meetings are open and other subparts and constituency members of ICANN would also be engaged and involved in these activities. So it really is a capital "M" multi-stakeholder model being exercised. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Cheryl, and I hope that staff is making note of these, I'm sure they are. I also note that Cintra has mentioned custom/specific documentation, flyers, etc., other things as well so these are all sort of sundries and things like that that will be added. Definitely a very good point with regards to interpretation costs which are now somehow different – it might fall under a different budget. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, thank you, thank you, Olivier. Thank you very much, Matt, for this work. It is normally to be completed as Cheryl said, the interpretation is a cost item that we need to take into account. I will send you an email with other things that we can add to this budget, but can you please tell me where I can find this document?

MATT ASHTIANI: Hi Tijani, this is Matt for the record. There's a copy posted but again, this is the very, very beginnings of the drafts. So I really wouldn't circulate it too much. Perhaps you can send me your suggestions and then after we get more information we can start to go from there?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Matt. Actually what I was going to suggest, because of course this is a very, very early draft there is some reticence in actually having it posted on a Wiki page that is publicly available simply because it is a very early draft and we probably don't have all the numbers right; and as you probably understand there might also be some people who think "Hang on, what's cooking here? These people are having delusional ideas that they're going to spend that amount of my money," and start opening this debate.

I suggest that we might share it between the members of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee and the RALO leaders by just sending this draft as an email not to be distributed any further by the way but just for your own information and for you perhaps to bring your own input into this. Simply because it's such an early draft I think it's not ready yet for wider distribution out there; and if we do send it out or if it does go further than our small group for the time being we'll probably be flooded with tons of input and that might only serve to delay the putting together of something fast enough for us to be able to file it quickly.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier, can I add something to that?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Heidi, please go ahead and then I see Tijani still had his hand up so I'll go back to Tijani after.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Okay, just two points on the budget and then I'll, yeah, then Tijani can have the floor. Staff has just noticed that the budget that we're showing you actually has a contingency fee fund in it and the one that we would want to post and to give you would not have that in there. That's sort of just an internal thing and that doesn't really reflect the final budget.

Then the second thing is that as Cintra notes of course we would want, I would expect to have some kind of Showcase, a big event that would showcase the achievements of At-Large and perhaps where it's going, etc. And I know that that was discussed during the meeting we had with Sally, etc., and very highly supported. So I think maybe we should add a little bit there as well for promotional items and for the Showcase.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Yes, thank you very much, Heidi. And if I can also add when I met with Sally in London last month and when we discussed this, of course there was also the mention that in all of our previous showcases we had received funding from external sources – sponsors, etc. And I think that with London we can particularly well play the sponsor side of things. There are a lot of big industries that deal both with domain names but also other IT-related things; I mean I'm talking about the likes of the Googles, the Afilias – the ones who have already funded us in the past would no doubt be quite happy funding something that would be of such a high profile.

In addition, with Sally's connections in London she is thinking of even going further with regards to involving the press and having maybe TV interviews of some of our members or basically giving it a much larger amount of exposure than the first Summit had in Mexico City. I think the first Summit was, and I remember it quite vaguely and unfortunately I wasn't part of the organizing team at the time of the first Summit, but it really demonstrated that the concept works very well and it was a bit like the prototype and the pioneering Summit. This one looks as though there is a will and an understanding, thanks to the great work that was achieved by the first Summit that you can really go into the next gear, the next level up. But it'll be a Summit on Steroids as one could call it. [laughter]

Any questions or comments from anyone here? I note everyone's being very silent at the moment so I'm a little concerned. Either we've lost you completely or you're just so ecstatic at the moment you're partying and you've basically popped the cork on the bottle of champagne. Or you're just sitting quietly at home watching and thinking "I wonder when this call ends."

Sebastien, oh of course – welcome Sebastien. I knew you were on another call before so it's very good of you to be able to join us now.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Olivier, and sorry to be late but I was in a Board meeting up till now. And I just want to... I don't know what you've said before but I guess you had the presentation of the budget. First of all I think it's a very good step to go ahead in the direction to have this Summit #2 organized. I just want to take on one point of what you say, Olivier,

about London. I know we all want to struggle for London and it may happen in London, and I hope that it will happen in London. But as the budget, the place of the Summit is not yet totally done. We have to take into account the fact that the place in London is not yet totally sure for the exercise that we want to do. It's in a good way but not yet fully signed, so you have just to be careful about that. All that is still a project.

But I guess it's a very good first step, this budget. I think we have to figure out if there are no big items which are missing and which ones need to be included and which ones not to be included – for example, the room, the specific room for the meeting of the whole Summit may need to be included in one way or another. In the same way maybe some part of the interpretation maybe won't need to be included. We have still some work to be done to finalize the budget on what is really important to be included into it, but once again it's a good step and I will try within both the Board Finance Committee and the PPC to support your project, thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Sebastien, that's very helpful and it's good to hear your support for this. And I must thank you for having, I would say being very supportive from the very start and all of the early groundwork that you did is really good because it's one of these things that takes time to actually reach the level where we are at now which is already I would say... I wouldn't say acceptance yet but we are at a stage where there is already sensitization to the issue both over in staff and also at Board level, and that's really, really important. It's only by

gently moving the idea forward that we were able to reach this point so you're a key component to having been able to bridge the gap on this.

Any other comments or thoughts on this? And by the way, yeah – I do take your comments with regards to the London location. Obviously London would be the ideal location. Of course London is costly and had we done this over in another place it might be less costly but there is always the impact basically. So what impact do you get for your, well I was going to get for your dollar but of course it's going to be for your pound in London – what impact do you get for that? And I think the impact is really maximized if it's done in London. It might not be the same if it is done elsewhere.

Any thoughts? Yeah, I see Roberto has been trying to cut and paste a URL into the Adobe chat and unfortunately I've also had a similar problem in the past – for some reason there is some kind of bug when you cut and paste the URL from one web browser over to the chat. Some URLs for some reason never want to work. Some will but the occasional one will not work.

Let's see, what do we have now... Sebastien, you've put your hand up again so you have the floor.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Yes, just one idea as it may happen to be in London and I agree with you – it will be a great place to do that. Maybe, Olivier, you can start to have some preliminary discussion with Nominet and see which type of help they can give to At-Large for the organization of this Summit. The last time it was quite difficult to have help from the cc of Mexico but

maybe this time it could be a good idea to contact them in advance.
Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much, Sebastien, that's a very good point. Certainly, maybe just before you arrived there's Nominet is one possible avenue, Afiliis who has funded us in the past was another avenue, and Google of course was another avenue. They have extensive operations in the UK as well and I'm sure there are plenty of others as well that we can go to if we need a top-up of any of the activities. But obviously having the budget-

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, but they are based in London. They are based in London, that's why it's more than the others. The others can support but Nominet is there, it's their home and that's why-

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Nominet is not based in London. I know, Nominet is based over in Oxford up north, no, but Google is based in London – they've got extensive operations. And the person who does some funding is actually based in London. Afiliis is not based in London, that's true. Anyway, we'll cross that bridge when we need to cross it.

Any more questions or comments on this? If not then let's just work out the next steps quickly. I'm mindful of the time; one hour has gone by. So okay.... Yes, Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I was just saying all good from my point of view.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, perfect, thank you Cheryl. Well I gather then everyone is okay with this. Now the next steps are really pretty much straightforward. The first thing I would ask from all the RALOs is to immediately consider their FY14 budget requests and to formulate the ones which need to be filed in time if they need to be agreed on by April; and of course being mindful of the fact that we will formulate the requests for the Summit. So the Finance and Budget Subcommittee this year is going to be a lot more critical of those budget requests, and if it finds that any of these requests are out of line or basically doing double duty with what the Summit is going to do – and of course I cannot choose the things myself for the Subcommittee, but I would highly recommend that the Subcommittee at that point filters out any requests which double up with the At-Large Summit because that will... If the ALAC Subcommittee does not do that or At-Large Subcommittee does not do that you can bet that the Board will do that when they receive the requests. So that's the first thing.

And then after that, now with regards to the whole Summit proposal itself, that will be submitted as a special request and it's the Subcommittee that will work on this. Tijani, you know more about the procedures, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, thank you Olivier – Tijani speaking. May I ask all the RALOs to copy the Subcommittee, the Finance and Budget Subcommittee when they

send to the Controller their requests because we need a minimum of harmonization, a minimum to make things work together. I think that it is better to do it like this. You can do it without copying the Subcommittee but it is better for our community to make something which is harmonized. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Tijani. In fact when you say “When you send to the Controller,” in fact the requests will be sent to the Controller by the ALAC. The RALOs never send their requests directly to the Controller.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Ah, okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So that’s one. And yes, of course, I can see others also saying we should not be competing with each other.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Absolutely.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That’s of course another point. But Wolf mentioned, asked a question and said “As far as I understood we do not submit our own requests in favor of the whole Summit proposal.” No, I’m not saying that at all. I think that just saying we’re going to go for the Summit and we’re not going to ask for anything else outside of the Summit is not a wise thing because what if the Summit does not get agreed this year? Then what?

The other thing is perhaps certainly with regards to asking for a General Assembly for your region, at that point yeah, it would be worthless asking for something that would take place at the Summit anyway.

WOLF LUDWIG: Right.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think it's unlikely that the Summit would be refused at this stage or if it doesn't happen in FY14 it would happen in FY15, so just a few months further down the line – such is the level of positivity around it. That said, ICANN could be going through a real hard time financially speaking and this is a sizable sum so we do need to be mindful of this at the same time. But for example, requests for [Bali], requests for inreach, requests for outreach – small requests, keep them coming in, and we will see them one-by-one and see how we can take them. And if they don't double up with what's going to take place at the Summit then they will be forwarded over to the Finance team. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, thank you. May I request, may I suggest an action item? Heidi send to the RALOs an email saying that, or giving all the documents and explaining that they need to submit their requests if it comes in the fast track by 22 of March ; otherwise by April – and telling them that they need to send it to ALAC or to the staff rather than to the Controller.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Tijani. In fact, Heidi, how did we do it last year? Were the requests sent to staff or were they put by the RALOs onto the At-Large Finance and Budget Subcommittee Wiki page?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier, my memory is that they were put on the RALO workspace and then staff sent them on to the Controller.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Right, thank you. So they were basically put there by the members of... I think the way they worked was the members of the Budget and Finance Subcommittee from each one of the RALOs were acting as a liaison with the RALO and bringing the proposals in and putting them on the Wiki if I remember correctly.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Correct. And just to stress that please, everyone, do use the templates that have been provided. And we'll send those out, Tijani, to the RALOs.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, perfect. And let's get that going as soon as possible, so that email to go out to the RALO leaders ASAP please. And I think we're all set.

Any last questions or comments? Anybody unclear about where we're going now? I see Eduardo's put his hand up. Eduardo, you have the floor, Eduardo Diaz.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Can you hear me? This is Eduardo for the record.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we can hear you very clearly.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay, so what happens with the working groups? Are we going to have one or are we going to talk about this later, or just-

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm sorry-

EDUARDO DIAZ: I'm talking about the working group to organize the Summit.

HEIDI ULLRICH: The ATLAS 2 Organizing Committee, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: The ATLAS2 Organizing Committee, correct. Yeah, well that's going to start up. The staff, Heidi has said that the call for membership is going to be sent, is it this week or next week we can send it?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, this is Heidi. I can do that tomorrow.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay, thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, perfect. And so the call for membership will be there and then it will be created and we'll take it from there basically.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay, thank you so much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Eduardo, for reminding us of this and that can be an action item as well coming out of this call.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Hand up.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Cheryl, please go ahead.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. It's wonderful that you recognize my tone – it's Cheryl for the record. And if we ever got an Adobe Connect system that was stable enough to work with the operating systems me and a lot of other

people use it would be a good thing indeed. However, that grumble said, I just wanted to make a request that I think a very short version of the materials, and certainly not the specifics of the budget obviously but the general concepts and the potential in planning this – the Summit in London and we'll talk positively and assume that it will be at least in London if not somewhere shortly after that – I'd very much like someone, and I guess, Olivier, you can choose who it is, yourself or a staff member, to just do a five-minute briefing.

I'm sure YJ will agree with me – I think when we gather all of our Asia-Pacific At-Large Structures in Beijing we should find time on our agenda in our General Assembly which will be on the Thursday morning for just a quick update. I think it will be something that will excite and enthrall and enthuse in having that opportunity. I'd very much like to see that as an action item. YJ and I are on the Organizing Committee, but Heidi, can you make sure that somebody is prepared for a quick "Hey team" and I would suggest shortly after, I've got the first 15 minutes in the General Assembly; let's make it 20 minutes in the General Assembly for mine and make a five-minute presentation particularly on this. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Cheryl. And I think that you can consider it done, it's an excellent idea. Heidi, if you can take a note of that please that will be great.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, and just to remind everyone that there is about one hour on Sunday afternoon to have a review of this. Perhaps members of the ATLAS 2 Organizing Committee can then speak at that point.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, perfect. I think that's all we have time for today. I don't see anyone having put their hand up so I thank all of you for having attended – some of you at this very early hour, some of you at this very late hour. And we know where we're going now so I leave you all to go back to your usual schedule of things, and I thank you again. This call is now adjourned.

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