OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So, good morning, good afternoon and good evening everyone! This is the Finance and Budget Subcommittee Working Group conference call on Wednesday, the 20th of March, 2013. The time is 15:08 UTC. And so welcome everybody. This is going to be a call where we are going to be discussing the RALO request and the request from the ALAC for the FY2014 budget. Let's get going immediately with a roll call. Gisella please.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you. Gisella here. On today's call we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Eduardo Diaz, Roberto Gaetano, Allan Skuce, YJ Park, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, and Yulia Morenets. Apologies from Holly Raiche and Darlene Thompson.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Matt Ashtiani, and myself, Gisella Gruber. And if I could also please remind you to please state your names when speaking for transcript purposes. Thank you, over to you Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic, thank you very much Gisella. Have we met anyone by any chance? I don't hear anyone shouting out so that's the roll call for the time being. So there we are with another cycle for FY fiscal year budget requests. For those among you who are new I will quickly explain to you the process, which is quite similar to what we've done in prior years. This committee here is going to look at all of the requests for funding for FY14 which starts on the first of July 2013 and ends at the end of June 2014. So that's why it's sometimes a little confusing for

people because some meetings take place in FY14 whilst we are actually in 2013 and this year the peculiarity is that the summer meeting is taking place as we know in Durban. That's going to take place in July rather than taking place in June, which means that there will be four ICANN meetings taking place during FY14. The RALO requests are usually crosschecked and vetted by this working group here and then they are submitted to the controller at ICANN.org address. Within a few days we are given a confirmation that it's been received and this year the peculiarity is that there are two tracks; there is a fast track for any requests for events taking place before October 2013, and then there is a normal track for any events taking place after that time. What we've managed to do in order to somehow give us a little more time with some of the requests, is to ask for all of them to submit all of the requests as if they were fast track requests. In fact I think a great majority of them might be on the fast track; I haven't checked closely with regards to the dates but we'll find out in a moment. And that actually would then let us know if there are any requests that would take place later than October that would be presented for after October 2013, which gives us a chance to go back to the AFRALO if the request is incomplete and if they need to provide a bit more information on this. So, first are there any questions on the process? Okay, I see no one putting their hands up.

So now we've got the four requests for four different RALO's and we'll start with AFRALO. Thank you very much for putting the request for him on the screen. I've now unfixed it so you can all scroll through it, and effectively AFRALO this year has only submitted one request. As we know the ALAC is submitting a separate request under a separate track

for a second at-large summit, which could take place in June 2014, so that works within the FY14 fiscal year, but at the same time it's not something that will go in the same track as the current track of the special RALO and other requests. So we won't need to consider this but we need to consider all of the requests that have been made by the RALO in light of the fact that we will hopefully, if all goes well, we should have a full at-large summit which also includes inputs from everyone for all our at-large structures. So if anyone is asking for a general assembly that is definitely going to go through.

So let's go to the first one AFRALO budget request that was followed by Fatimata Seye Sylla, the Chairman of AFRALO. I wonder if I could ask perhaps Gisella would you like to go through this and explain this or do you want me to go through it?

So effectively AFRALO is proposing organizing a workshop in Bali at the Internet Governance Forum. AFRALO has done workshops in the past, in fact this year it has held a workshop at IGF. It's I guess a regular occurrence and of course we know that the deadline for submission of workshops for the IGF is the 22nd of March. I guess the strategic objectives are well known, and it's pretty much the same sort of request as last year. The workshop will be on development and growth and will address the local content of multilingualism of the corporation into the internet ecosystem, etc. The attendance, the debates, the echo of the workshop will be the metrics in the success of the workshop, and then the question is how much is asked for this, and it is effectively just travel support for 5 people which would include airfare plus accommodation plus per diem; 5 air tickets, 5 accommodations, 5 per diem. Are there any questions on this application? So one question I have for Tijani, if he

is still there, is whether the request for the workshop has been made through the IGF organizing team.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier, the workshop submission will be done tonight or tomorrow. It's ready now but we will send it only tomorrow morning. Anyhow, we have till 22nd of March to submit it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Correct, that's in 2-days' time. Cheryl has put her hands up so Cheryl you have the floor.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I was going to raise this when APRALO came up in discussion, but the application of funding that I've seen from APRALO is one for also a workshop at IGF, considering that Bali is kind of in the middle of our yard, and I was wondering as Renali was taking the lead on Tijani and the particular topic he is very much focused on of multilingualism and international domain naming specifically. There may be an opportunity for both these RALO applications to come together in some way and also perhaps we might predict IGF if they do accept both workshops and want us to work together as well. That contingency I would like us to be able to somehow account for.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Cheryl, go ahead

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you Tijani, Cheryl again, Renalia is also going to her desk to complete the IGF workshop application. She travels on Friday so she will be doing tomorrow. It will be very useful otherwise if there is a full black…between APRALO and AFRALO with perhaps that complementary topic subject of your but it may be possible for to at the IGF side of thing look to a larger time slot and sort of   topic or a developing topic opportunity. Also there were some talk of a small extension from IGF workshop but we shouldn't dive in for other than the Friday 22nd.all I'm saying this workshop we have support but I'm wondering if you and your chain shouldn't be talking to Renalia just to see if we can have a most probable outcome of working together. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Cheryl, I'm really pleasure to work with Renalia as you know and it is my hope and my expectation that this year too it will be a single participation with a lot of activities such as AFRALO activity, APRALO activity, etc. So I wanted to know that this deadline of 22nd of March is for early application. It is not the real application. The real application has to be done in April but now it is an application for those who had already done workshops before. So it will not be detailed application this time.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Agreed Tijani and I'm joking Renalia as I can as I'm travelling in to the whole of tomorrow, it would be very useful if you're leadership team could reach out to. She is very keen on all of that because we do want to get the both workshops total in by the Friday even if it was extension from Mac. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Cheryl can you please tell her to contact me as soon as she can and I will try to co-ordinate with her.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Now it is however 3 or 4 am.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Ok no problem.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Tijani and Cheryl. That would be really great. I think that for the publishers of our request, we can ask for both what we could do would be include a note perhaps in the well maybe not now because I know that we submit our request then feedback from finance. And I guess when we will get feedback from finance that we will even be able to see if the two could be joined together but of course this is how we subject to workshop's approval as well I understand that we follow the recurrent thing there's one track for those who have already applied for the workshop from the past. I think that it might be the APRALO can also say that this is also request since last year APRALO also had a workshop at IGF. So both of them are equally have an equal chance of making it to the final. The only caveat I can add though is that there has been some discussion on the Mac so I hear to reduce the number of workshops because there were just so many of them in Baku and so many workshops with only 5 people attending and ten people on stage which was not the case thankfully for the workshop that we staged. And

at the same time it looks as if there is also going to be an overall envelop from I to support all of ICANN activities which includes the reception and the travel for the board members of the staff that will go there. However what I do hear is that the cost valley is a very popular destination, you might have heard it's quite a nice location. There will be very about how many people they will send there and so we don't have a guarantee that any of our workshops will be funded to go there. I know that there are also other that I'm thinking of having workshop there as well. It will be a top one maybe harder to get this year than last year but of course because both communities have submitted workshops from the past for IGF. We can always push on that and say that this has shown its work from the past. That should be able help pushing those through. So I personally looking at the request that they can hold totally within our limit unless anyone had anything to add to it I think we can forward it in the present form. Does anybody think that there should be anything improved in there or the language or anything. I see no one putting their hands up. So let's put this one in the can as we say and go for the next one the APRALO one.

YJ: Hi can you hear me well.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes go ahead.

YJ: I think I covered APRALO proposal. We also kind of proposed this workshop at Bali and I think according to the proposal submitted by

Holly we ask for 8 peoples' expenses which was like US $5000 for each, at the end it will be like US $40,000, so that's the kind of proposal from Holly, so based on what you proposed from Holly about whether the possibility of the decrease of the workshop at this time in Bali, maybe we can also reconsider about another kind of collaboration with another RALO kind of thing. Another suggestion or insert I would make with the organizing committee of AP arises in Korea whether a large community can consider some kind of support for APRASIA participation in Seoul like in September. On another occasion maybe we think about a conference which usually was not quite often for many stakeholders and this time I am on the planning committee of the cyberspace conference which I kind of encouraged them to consider in Bali as well. So if possible I wonder whether those kinds of events can be considered as kind of the proposal.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much YJ for this comprehensive review. The only thing to note only one community request at the moment which is the IGF request. Have the other requests been formulated on one of these documents or not.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Cheryl here, if I may on that. I was a little disappointed to see that there was not a request for regional participation in the Asia Pacific region for IGF to be held in Seoul. It was in fact something that we did discuss and it was the intention to have a small request go in. The person who indicated who would hold the pen on that has obviously not come through. I think this is one of those issues to put in an overarching

request for some level of report and sponsorship for key leadership and highly effective participants from the at-large community in a given region to attend something along the lines of a regional IGF. I think this is a matter of we shouldn't bend the rules on timing, but I'm personally very disappointed that I don't see what I had expected which was exactly what YJ was referring to, a second request.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you Cheryl. Well my immediate feedback on the request which is on our screen is the overall estimated cost, which is for 8 speakers at US $5000 each which makes it $40,000. It' quite unlikely that that many people would be funded. Last year it was 3 people per workshop, I think it was 3 or 5, I can't remember, but one or the other, it was less than 8, and the envelopes that was given for all of the activities in Baku was $90,000. So that's a sizeable chunk and they may accept it and reduce the number of people that are funded to go there. But with regards to the other request, I'm a bit wary about the ALAC formulating requests on behalf of RALO, although I totally personally support the idea of having people at regional IGF. I think it's extremely important for ICANN to do that. Absent a request from ARALO, it will be difficult for the ALAC to ask for funding to send people to regional IGF in light of the speakers bureau which is a recent thing that has been implemented by ICANN. The speakers bureau, to let you all know, is a webpage where you can basically say we would like to have speaker from ICANN at XYZ regional IGF or whatever, and then ICANN would be sending someone. Now I'm not sure, but it's unsure whether one can choose what speaker you want. It's also at the moment, and the problem with it is that it is solely restricted to having ICANN staff and

ICANN board members. We've been told though that this will be expanded soon to community members that will be funded to go and speak at these regional and local meetings, etc. Not only regional IGF but perhaps even other events outside. But this apparently is still not the case at the moment. I'm in two minds about that. I think Tijani has put his hand up so it will be Tijani and then Cheryl.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Olivier. First of all about the request of APRALO I share your concern about the cost and the number of travel support requested. We need to make let's say acceptable requests so that you will not be told no, I think like this. Last year we had requested 5 speakers and we ended with only 3 speakers, three persons reported for AFRALO. So I'm not sure if we ask for 8, that it will be accepted. First point. Second point, now about the other additional requests. Since this year we have the summit, I think that also we need to as at-large as ALAC, we need to make acceptable requests. We don't have to request for other activities if we will have the summit. The summit means 5 general assemblies. It means a summit. It means very much money. So I think that we need to have self control of our requests so that we will not be seen as people requesting for unreasonable amount of money. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Tijani. I was actually forecasting on the fact that we would be faced with this question. I asked Sally Costerton her point of view on this matter and the answer isn't that simple actually because ultimately I think it's important to see what the aim is. The GA and the second at-large summit will be something that will do a lot of in-reach

and bring all of our at-large structures to work better and smarter. Some of the requests of maybe having a speaker at the local IGF goes a lot more in the outreach side of things and so the response I have had is not to restrict ourselves to thinking that because the summit has a sizeable sum we should let go of all of our other requests. Ultimately if it is judged that we are asking for too much, we will just receive a negative answer for our request or our additional requests. So the response I was given was try it and if it is judged that it's too much then they will just be refused. But you can't get it if you don't ask for it.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I do agree with Olivier. If we ask for more than one request like you said, and they refuse, they may refuse the one that has the priority for you, so you would not choose what one would be deleted.

One difference from last year that we've also been told is to prioritize those requests, so I would imagine that our IGF workshops would be prioritized at the highest priority. In the local, if there were any questions for local IGF then that would have a second priority. That's my speculation of it and that would be up to the RALO to prioritize. Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. I more than appreciate both what you and Tijani have said. I'm a little critical, and that's about the most I can say here, on the amount that's put on these APRALO funding, that they decide because I had nothing to do with putting it together. I was thrown a copy of the purpose and the outline earlier today and in fact I also thought that the subject matter would sit very nicely in terms of purpose and objective

for ICANN or IGF. It would need to be, I think I used the term fixed up a bit, so that we didn't think it would be far too technical, which is another one of my motivators for perhaps the regions working together on something at the IGF workshop level and hopefully getting the best of all worlds. But in terms of the 8 persons, I wouldn't have any problem pruning that down to an exact match with the AFRALO request, and let me tell you why. This particular request due to the idea of someone who promised to hold a pen on doing anything about it, has been put together literally at the last moment by a very keen volunteer, and here I'm speaking specifically of Renalia. So I think you will find the numbers on this is a best guess best effort and certainly not the AFRALO one would be on the specific costs and the experience and that's another reason Tijani that I would be very keen for your team to work with Renalia; it's usually in Holly's name, but it's in Holly's name because she is Chair of APRALO and nothing more. So I do believe that we would probably have better success at getting a smaller number of people for each workshop. The 8 would be a number that Renalia has indeed told the panel, and of course many of those, certainly some of the names I've put to her today, would be already traveling. One of them is a mag member. But I think including our support forward for this, it's disappointing that the number is there because now it's there and it's there, but I think it was more of a stab-in-the-dark number than one that was as well detailed and discussed and refined as the AFRALO one is. I guess that's partly by apology and partly by explanation, but this financing budget subcommittee can of course make some annotation as well as recommendations and prioritizations, and I think if we were to annotate as well as prioritize, I would certainly be encouraging you to prioritize, equitable representation at global internet governance

forums and to take it along those lines. And try and avoid what Tijani put forward as a genuine concern and that is that they will look at one number and reject all or perhaps not pay enough attention to any of them because of what is in some ways reasonable but in our world a slightly inflated number. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much Cheryl. So what I would be inclined to do would be to align the requests regarding travel support of APRALO on the AFRALO, not giving a number, because the AFRALO one does not give a number and ultimately I think that, and it has been shown in the past, ICANN is more than able to be able to estimate judging on their on-the-ground enquiries and no doubt they must have already been on the ground checking the hotels, checking flights etc. They could more than likely put a number to these requests themselves rather than us saying a ballpark figure of $40,000. On top of that I think that ICANN is likely to fund for workshops, is likely to fund those people who would not already be funded by other means and who would also be able to serve different roles at the IGF. So that might be something that RALO might wish to proceed and to make sure what they have to decide. Main thing is to get funded, that these people would be able to do other things than just appear in one workshop, perhaps even being in other workshops on top of that workshop would be a good thing forward. So effectively we could in our opening text, in our note to the controller, we could say that some of the workshop may be funded by other means so the overall budget requests might be reduced, and that's on a case by case basis. So I would suggest just aligning the request with the

AFRALO request so both have got the same number of personnel and not putting a number there. Are we okay with that?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Absolutely perfect for me.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Green ticks from Cheryl, Tijani, from YJ and there's green ticks from both. Okay, so that's good. So we can just amend the APRALO travel support little box with the same thing as what was in the AFRALO box. Cheryl? Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, in the APRALO request I showed that they are requesting for staff support and I don't understand and I don't see what kind of support they will need from staff to prepare this. So perhaps it is there by default so they have to delete it, I think.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: They could but I think they know it, it says sample and it's in red so they could delete. I mean when we do the toilette of this we could delete that from the boxes as well.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I think that's part of the alignment. I guess I do understand why it would be obvious for Renalia to do this alignment, that she has jumped in at literally the 11th hour, I think has done a very good job on ridiculous short notice and pressure and I know she is pushed for time and

traveling Friday, so I really think perhaps we should be able to align these as the financing budget subcommittee rather than any of that to be the proponent.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Have you checked if your team that you propose to address in this workshop is in line with the teams selected by the Matt?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: In fact that's what I was working with her after she put this in. My role is far more finishing what she is writing for the IGF workshop than anything else. If she dumped it down to the title I gave her, the answer is yes [laughs], and if I can ask you and your team to encourage her to listen to my wise advice; that would be excellent [laughs].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: To maximize the chance to get her workshop approved, it is better to be in the framework of the main teams decided by the mag.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Which is the other reason why a little conversation between APRALO and AFRALO and a super alignment of the two applications for workshop in IGF would also be extremely wise indeed.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much Cheryl and thank you Tijani. I think we need to move on. I'm mindful of the time. Just to address your concern YJ, unfortunately having not received other requests from AFRALO for

sending people to local IGF and due to the earlier notes that I mentioned with regards to this -- we can only carry through the requests that we have received. So this year we will have to give the local IGF a miss on this occasion.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Let's move on to the EURALO request. I could ask staff to download that. I've got that one already open on my side so the EURALO request is for members' participation at the 13th ICANN Studienkreis meeting on the 12th to the 14th September in Pisa in Italy, and Russ has sent that through. I see Russ is on the call; could you just take us through this quickly please?

RUSS: I had preliminary informal discussion with Olivier and at the beginning I was somehow hesitant to submit a request from our side in regard of the big project we have on the table in regard at-large summit 2014, probably in London, and as it was last time in Mexico City in 2009, at-large summit included also regional general assemblies etc and for this consideration I wasn't very tempted to submit something at all. But as it was clarified at the last briefing call, a big project still allows small projects on a very low level and as we had a variety of capacity building projects from other values in the past I just tried it again because last year we submitted a request for ICANN Studienkreis end of August in Oslo, which was not considered, which was not approved and therefore I said okay but I still believe it's a good opportunity to get at least 5 of our members sponsored for participation in the ICANN Studienkreis which is always a highly exciting event etc. and it would be good for

incoming people etc. to participate and therefore, to be honest, I copy-pasted our request from last year what was not approved to give it another try etc. and I updated it for fiscal 2014.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks very much for this. Any thoughts or questions on this request by anyone?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: What is this ICANN 13th?

RUSS: ICANN Studienkreis is an initiative from Wolfgang Kleinwächter and it was launched almost parallel to the beginning of ICANN. So this is the 13th edition of the Studienkreis and it is convened every year somewhere in Europe, inviting people from the ICANN community but not only ICANN people but also others from whatever internet related organizations, to discuss on basics of internet governance, critical internet resources, multi-stakeholder models and approaches and how they could be improved, etc. so there is every year kind of a new focus etc. and in Europe it became a rather famous event.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Is it an ICANN event?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: No.

RUSS: No, it's organized by Wolfgang Kleinwächter. It's any initiative like European summer school on internet governance. It's organized by Wolfgang and Sandra again and it has independent sponsoring etc., so it officially has nothing to do with ICANN. Last year, funny or ironic thing was, when this request was not accepted, the argument was it has nothing to do with ICANN, it's not ICANN related, and it's called ICANN Studienkreis. So the main focus is ICANN more or less, but it's not officially connected with ICANN.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: You didn't ask specifically for travel support.

RUSS: Yes I did.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Nearly at the end called travel support, and there you have to put what is your need in travel support.

RUSS: Okay I've put it in this request includes travel support, hotel, per diems and a contingency fund, total amount we are requesting is $5775.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It's Olivier here. I'm mindful of the time. What we can do is to just cut and paste this sentence and put it over in the box which mentions travel support.

RUSS: I would be pleased if Steff could do a copy-paste.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, perfect. Any other questions or thoughts on this? Russ, I understand that initially you were thinking of not finding anything. Would it be okay if we said that this get second priority in light of the fact that, I know it is something that you have asked for last year and unfortunately the response was very strange from ICANN but if we were to have to put an order, would the IGF workshops take first preference and then these take second preference or do you feel strongly enough that we also need to have this as first preference?

RUSS: Well, let's say it could be somehow acceptable but EURALO never ever submitted anything in regard of sponsoring for IGF etc., and therefore once again EURALO would be somehow marginalized, but I leave it up to you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Ok, thank you. I'll tell you what, because it is a different region ultimately I think it is absolutely fair that every region could have their primary request quite high up and then we'll find out how the responses are afterwards and perhaps with a follow up later on. I see a

tick from Cheryl on this I gather others are Ok with this as well; are you all ok with it? Okay I don't see the action item for Steff to cut and paste the sentence, this request includes travel support, hotel, per diem and a contingency fund; the total amount we are requesting is $5775. That has to be cut from these two and pasted into a box which doesn't have a number, strangely enough, a box called travel support at the end. Let's move on to the next one, the NARALO request, so I invite you all to go to the NARALO request and I ask Steff to please upload the NARALO request on the Adobe. And this one is the NARALO outreach campaign; it was filed by Garth, and do we have anyone who can take us through this one quickly? Allan Skuce, are you willing to take us through this.

ALLAN SKUCE: I wasn't involved in setting up this request but I understand it's expanding and hopefully completing our outreach campaign with the idea of producing a white paper on doing outreach for the whole community. Now I don't know how this relates to summit application in that it could probably be rolled out in favor of the summit application and sort of piggyback in there somewhere. I don't know what else to add unless, I see Heidi's name is on there, unless she has more information. Darlene and Garth were the ones that produced this.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I mean effectively it's a follow up on the outreach strategic plan.

ALLAN SKUCE: It's about $25,000, I guess right at the very bottom.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So there is the preparation of strategic plan which would cost $5000, there is the collection of potential ALS database which is $4000, there are phone calls and email organizations which is $4000, there is a survey of successful candidates another $4000, and a white paper preparation which is $5500, with a final report to be due in summer 2014. That's the costs which have been put there. It's a pity we don't have Garth or Gareth, so we can't ask them questions on that. Effectively it's a campaign to proactively go out and look for members. And with the production of a long report and 300 emails and phone calls, 10 applications and 5 successful applications. Any comments or thoughts about this from anyone? I don't see anybody mention it there. I just have one concern which is the size of the sum that is asked of there. The phone calls, the emails and the survey of candidates and basically going out there to look at new At-large structures is one thing but the preparation of an outreach strategic plan I'm not quite sure why that requires funding. And I'm playing devil's advocate here because an outreach strategic plan is what global stakeholder engagement is working on as well and would have thought that the finance department is probably going to think this is double duty with what the GSC is doing; just a hunch about that.

ROBERTO GAETANO: I have just a question, since I can't see it very well, are we talking about an outreach strategic plan ALAC or just for NARALO?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's a good question Roberto and it looks to me as though this is a campaign, when you look at the demographics. If it's un-synced, can you now zoom in and scroll the sheet around?

ROBERTO GAETANO: Yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So demographics, it says here we will target specific organization organizations in North America, Guam and Puerto Rico, that will be for NARALO, ALS memberships, so that is specific to RALO. There will be a special outreach to disabled and first-nation communities as well.

ROBERTO GAETANO: I'm kind of wondering whether we should, the moment that we do a strategic plan, whether we should have something that covers, that is the strategy for the whole ALAC and not just for one region. Of course it will be good to have some sort of pilot project in one region but may be of a smaller size and then maybe we can discuss that in London and launch a higher a bigger program for the whole ALAC coordinating of the RALO in the following fiscal year.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: OK, thank you for this suggestion, Roberto. I see that Julia agrees with you. Let's hear Allen as well, Allan Skuce.

ALLAN SKUCE: I think the plan for this was to produce a white paper that would be utilized by all of ICANN, ALAC, all of the RALOs, and I think the idea was hopefully to have two or three candidates that could make the summit and so I am not sure what the costs that are involved are but I'll see if I can talk to Garth later.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you Alan.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Olivier. I think that they are planning to outsource all those activities, I mean that the preparation of the strategic plan will not be done by the NARALO people, also the collection of potential ALS database will be done by external people because we did the same for example for the capacity building working group, we collected the information about all the ALSs of the whole world and we didn't pay any penny but we did it ourselves. So if they intend to do it by an external bureau yes, it will cost, and also the phone calls and emails they put $4000. I remember when we organized our first capacity building program in Dakar, I called all the ALSs by phone from my own phone without any help from ICANN and the emails I don't speak about them. So if the people of NARALO have the intention to outsource these activities, yes it will cost this amount, but if they intend to do them themselves I don't think it will cost so much money. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much, Tijani. Any other thoughts on this? I must say I am also a little surprised with the cost. I mean the preparation of

the outreach strategic plan being outsourced, I'm concerned that this would do double duty with global stakeholder engagement. I'm ready to send this one through but I think the chance that it has to get funded is pretty slim. I will be very frank with you all. Due to the very fact that GSC is already going to do that. Now perhaps this would translate to work that NARALO would be doing with GSC ahead of London but I don't see any funding for it being undertaken or additional funding in excess to what GSC would be doing with NARALO.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes I agree with you absolutely on this but I do think it might be one of those times where if we believe that this may have a less than stellar likelihood of success, particularly with the corporate-wide changes on outreach and activities that are going on, it's a rapidly changing and very positively changing ICANN at the moment, I'm supporting your proposal that we put it through but to hold your breath. But I think it might be worthwhile which is somehow out of reach of the finance and budget subcommittee or the ALAC one and should it mention not just to the financial controller but also to Sally, that the capabilities, skill sets that they have in NARALO for their use in their brave new plan, is extraordinarily high, and I would use this proposal specifically out of NARALO as an exact and very strong example of the type of desire and willingness to do it themselves from a region and that if not funded specifically for a regional activity, perhaps something that they need to be aware of because that talent material, enthusiasm, and opportunity that ICANN should reach out on. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much Cheryl. Well, we can file it and I certainly can have a chat with Graviea and with Sally about it, but we will just see how that will fly, I mean I am not against blocking it, at the end of the day it really is up to them to finance and I guess that if finance thinks it is something that can fly then great. But yeah, we will soon enough find out anyway, it just looks like a high number, that's all. So let's just follow this one as it is perhaps if people do come back, ICANN comes back and says, "Well, hang on, could you put a priority to these things." I personally think RIGF activities because they are recurrent activities, they take first precedence over other activities and this one if we do need to put it in line then we can put it as a second priority but I guess for the time-being we will just have it in line with all of the other requests and we will see the feedback we get. Certainly we can't have success if we don't ask for it.

Everybody okay with that? So, then the next one is the ExCom request. Now that request is one which was developed by Steff and myself with regards to having the executive committee being able to spend one more night at the end of the ICANN meeting because the ExCom meets one day after the end of an ICANN meeting, it meets on the Friday morning and so far exceptions have been made for ExCom members to leave one day later because having a meeting that lasts until 12 and then needing to catch a plane a couple of hours later was very stressful and pretty much impossible for some ExCom members which meant that the ExCom members left on Saturday and ended up paying for one night out of their pocket, not out of choice but out of the very fact that they could barely survive something that was shorter than that. I see

Heidi has put her hand up. Heidi, would you like to comment on this please

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, just very quickly, this also includes specific liaisons so that would be the ALAC liaison to the GNSO, the ALAC liaison to the ccNSO and when the SSAC liaison is covered for most of the other part of the meeting then this would also include the extension by one day for the SSAC liaison. I just wanted to point that out as well.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much Heidi and this request was formulated in response to a meeting that we had with ICANN Travel last week in Los Angeles, so this effectively would put it as a standard request for all four of the meetings that will take place in FY14. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Olivier. I am really concerned and disappointed that we are obliged to file a special request for this matter. It is obvious for me that we have to leave the venue one day after the last working day. It is something like the rule. I have been in several other meetings and several other events and I have never been asked to leave the same day of the last working day, so I think we have already written to Sally a letter and the finance or the travel reports still ask us for this kind of particular or special request. I think that it must be put in the core operation or I don't know how they call it and in the normal case, it is not a special case, it's a normal case, the normal case is to leave one day after the last working day. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Tijani and that's understood and this point was made. Unfortunately I think we are faced with a bureaucracy that requires this to be ingrained and as a step which was suggested to us; this was the step to move forward with. I believe it's very likely if not assured that this request would be granted and I am hoping that this is the one year when we have to ask this as a special request and in that year manage to convince everyone that this really is our standard working week and we would not be able to function without that Friday and ExCom members are not able to function if they have a flight a couple of hours after they have moved out. I know it's a ridiculous request but unfortunately sometimes the world works like this and I know as well that whenever travel issues come up and it's a matter of how ICANN treats their volunteers, there have been some strong words from all of the ExCom, from members of the community and I am hoping that this is just one step forward for us to say fine we are playing by the rules on this, the rules that have just been set for us, although I know that there are quantities of times in the past when the advice that we were told about travel has changed and so on, but that's a different thread and in fact Tijani I know that you are in charge of the drafting of our statements on the FY14 travel, I hope that you will be able to go through it with a comb and note the errors because I am told that there are errors in that document and noting errors for them to note them yet again and perhaps when we do meet with Steve Antonoff, when the ExCom meets with Steve on the Friday in Beijing, we will be able to one more time repeat the contents of that statement.

I see Roberto agrees with you. Yes, I know that this is the way we were asked to basically file this, so if no one objects, then we will just file it as it has been drafted.

Okay, excellent, and now in addition to our previously scheduled programs, I was also reminded that there was a second APRALO request that was filed. If you refresh your agenda, you will note that this will appear as APRALO 2 and APRALO 2 is a request, which was received from Winthrop U who is from ISOC Philippines, one of the newer ALSs, one of the more recent ALSs in APRALO. Just one thing, I am not quite sure whether this has been vetted by APRALO leadership or not and the other thing I note, this was just for the 20th anniversary of the Internet in the Philippines, so that's a local activity, I just wonder whether this could fall under, I see here ISCO Ph wishes to host an open forum focusing on internet governance in international telecommunications. Would this be a candidate for the ICANN speaker's bureau rather than being funding for the workshop itself. The floor is open for suggestions and questions. I realize you are all looking at this now.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Two things. Looking at the requirements is that they are asking for is ICANN speaker, the way it is written it would appear very much the case that what you have suggested is something that would fit into the speaker's bureau. If we've had a regional review, I was unaware of it, perhaps I should say it that way. I am very keen to have ALSs view this sort of thing, so I'm very personally supportive of this sort of initiative, but the sort of question I would have asked, is he aware of the definition of a ICANN speaker, is this a request for someone with

particular expertise or with a particular level of profile, in other words someone from the speaker's bureau, how it is written, is it describing that at such an event the funded local Philippine ISOC chapter member would be acting on behalf of ICANN and therefore be an ICANN speaker. With that sort of clarity I guess I would be suggesting that what we would do is deal with it as it is in front of us and assume that it actually belongs in the speaker's bureau story. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Cheryl. Next is Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, thank you Olivier. I see that this event is requested by ISOC Philippines. Is ISOC Philippines an ALS?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes they are. They are very new and very active.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, so they have to change this ISOC Phillipines, they have to put APRALO ALS (ISOC Phillipines). It must be a structure of At-large to be clear for the finance department that it is an ICANN structure. It might <Background talk>.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes, thank you for that and I think it would be most useful if YJ took a note of that as Vice Chair and sent that piece of information back to all of the At-large structures, but it is also something that perhaps we

should make very clear because what we have here is the example of someone filling out a form with a best effort and of course the name of the ALS is ISOC Philippines; they may assume that ICANN has sufficient care about it's At-large structures to actually know that they exist; the pity is they don't. So perhaps we need as At-large and ALAC in the region, to take some responsibility for that but it might also be that if as suggested so far this is something that is actually going to be counted off to go to a speaker's bureau rather than this type of request. It's a moot point but next time around certainly we probably need to instruct all of our At-large structures and regions that putting down an entity name should not presuppose that whoever in ICANN finance is reading it actually knows that you belong to ICANN.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much Cheryl. Tijani you still have your hand up.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, it's okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. So, I think in looking at the chapter as well I see that Steff has also mentioned this is an ICANN speaker bureau activity. There is also a note that the ability to stream sound and have streaming of the event can be done through an Adobe Connect room, which I gather would not be costing anything particularly expensive. So I would suggest that because there is a lack of knowledge with regards to whether this is known or pushed for by APRALO, we keep this one on the side, but refer Winthrop U to the speaker bureau. I think we should keep this one up

our sleeve though, because it certainly is a direction in which we might wish to move in future years once ICANN starts discovering what an ALS is?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. Just on that, Cheryl for the transcript record. I am not very supportive of people putting in their applications like this and having the use of the Adobe Connect room, etc., because that is a real cost in the scheme of things which if ICANN picks up, but it does come out of the holistic ALAC/At-large budget and we need to recognize that. So I think the applicants putting that in is excellent and I would like to see all that in the future, but I am in no way critical of this, I am supportive of this, I just think it actually probably belongs as a speaker bureau request.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much Cheryl. Any other thoughts, I am mindful of the time, we are already 20 minutes or 25 minutes above 1 hour. Well, I think that we have consensus on this then, so we will keep this one to the side and follow up and action item is to follow up with Winthrop U, the applicant, carbon copying APRALO so that they are aware. I wasn't quite sure whether APRALO has been made aware of this and that we believe it belongs in the speaker bureau and we can certainly show the way to this speaker's bureau and that if Adobe Connect is required that's something which the ALAC could be considering and I gather that if there is an ICANN speaker that is brought there by the speaker bureau, that will definitely be something which ICANN will be able to capitalize on in order to have that webcast across the internet rather

than just having it as a very local ICANN. Also, I am aware that we do have some people in At-large structures such as in ISOC New York, Julie, who has been very helpful in setting up low-cost streaming from locations around the globe and even to keep a recording of the proceeds of this and I gather this is another ISOC organization, so I am sure even outside the framework of At-large and the ALAC and At-large structures they will be able to help each other.

Okay, well I think we have gone through all of the requests which are here. Discussion and next steps, well we have discussed each of these applications in turn, we know where to go. Are there any additional comments that anybody wishes to make before I guess the next step is for Steff and myself to just file those with the controller and file the applications with the controller and then hope for the best and see if we get positive responses. Any last words or questions or comments.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier, this is Heidi.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, go ahead Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, just a quick question, I know that there are some small changes to do, would you like us to send these out to FBSC in their final form before submitting to the controller, because we have several follow-ups, we have to go back to Winthrop, we have to do a few other changes, what would you like to do?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: You don't need to go back to Winthrop U before you submit those forms, you can go back to Winthrop at the end of the day, the first thing that needs to be done is just the final toilette of these five requests, I think the ExCom one is already ready, the AFRALO 1 is ready, the APRALO needs to be aligned on AFRALO and the EURALO just needs a quick cut and paste which will take no more than a minute, so I expect that this can be done in the next hour or so and then sent out and then you can get in touch with Winthrop for the follow up.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: We need to come back to the F&D and I will suggest that's probably not necessary, we all agreed on the changes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Cheryl. That's fine. If the F&D can just be carbon copied perhaps on what's being sent out to the controller, then we will all be in sync including those people who have not been able to make it to the call today and that also keeps the transparency to a maximum effect as you know being in the HERT now transparency is a big thing.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: How's the accountability part of the plan?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Accountability will be seen in time. Let's start with one thing at a time, we'll see the accountability afterwards and we are certainly seeing the

response that I can provide, this might hopefully bring some accountability in that. I thank you all for being part of this call. It has been very helpful and I am glad to see that we had a good attendance from all, well at least one person from all the regions, and let's all hope that our requests go through and that we get positive response with that. Yes, Tijani one last word?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, Olivier, this is only the first part of the request, we will have another part in April and we will have another call in April for you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: With more requests that will come in, is that correct?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, for the request that are not on the first talk.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Well, what we have asked though is that all of the requests be sent now to us and so I am not expecting that many more requests to come afterwards because the concern I have is we only have always a couple of days to consider requests like that, now of course there would be a bit more time I guess if there were additional requests for later on, but first we will have to see how these ones go, I was hoping that we would have had all of the requests for the year already by now.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: The message did say no additional requests afterwards. Do you think differently? Would you like that we have a second?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier it is possible since we have another deadline for the regular track, so if people send you a new request, I think with that we are obliged to review it and to send it to the controller.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we would, well I am not sure we are obliged because I guess we set the rules on our side so the rules so far were that this was the only round, now if there is consensus here that we should give a second round, then I am happy to follow that way, but that would certainly be a change from our original idea for a deadline. Originally we were asking 18th of March as being deadline for RALOS to submit all FY14 AC request, not just the fast track one.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I do agree that it is better to have only this deadline so that we have a look at all the projects that are submitted at the same time, but since there is another deadline, since you may have some RALO or an ALS telling you I have till April to submit my request, why do you oblige me to give you my request now, it is a very tight deadline. You might have that, I hope that you will not have it, but if we have it I think that we have a moral obligation to review each and to send this to the controller, this is my point of view.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you Tijani. I see Roberto has put his hand up.

ROBERTO: Yeah, just to say that we have to schedule a meeting just in case something pops up, we all hope nothing would pop up but there might be things that are unpredictable right now that might come up in the next days and so I think that we have to schedule another meeting. If there are no requests, then the meeting will last 5 minutes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you Roberto, that's a very fair point. So, looking at the calendar, maybe that's something we can set right now and I am mindful of what Tijani has mentioned there, I would rather try and stick to our rules but I guess there is overwhelming need and so on if we look at our calendar, the next deadline for requests is going to be the 29th of April for any vote or decision by June, so that's effectively the end of next month, we are meeting in Beijing, I would say perhaps a meeting called in the week leading to the 29th of April, so the week starting the 22nd of April might be a time to put a place holder and then we can discuss any additional requests that might be spotted on the mailing list and at that point we can decide whether we want that call to go ahead or not. How does that fly?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, that's good.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Good for Tijani, Roberto you are okay with that?

ROBERTO: Yeah.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, perfect, and others I gather everyone else, hasn't heard anyone shout no, so I'd like Gisella to do a placeholder for sometime during the week of the 22nd, find a nice time for us and I guess just after the Beijing meeting, we will probably already have some feedback for our initial request and we will be able to decide on whether we need an additional call on that week. Sounds good?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, so I thank you all for attending and with this the call is now adjourned. Thank you and goodbye.

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