

GISELLA GRUBER: Okay. Are we ready to start then? Yes Fatimata. Okay, I'm going to call the roll. Good evening, everyone. Welcome to AFRALO meeting on this Wednesday, the 8th of May 2013. On the French channel, first we have Yaovi Atohoun, Victor Ndonnang, Michel Tchonang, Gabriel Bombambo, Alioune Diop, Olivier Crépin Leblond, Aziz Hilali, Tinjani Ben Jemaa, Fatimata Seye Sylla, Hadja Outtara, and Etienne Tshishimbi.

On the English channel, we have Adetokunbo Abiola and Evan Leibovitch. From ICANN staff, At-Large staff, we have Silivia Vivanco, Heidi Ullrich and myself, Gisela Gruber.

We have apologies from Charles Gaye and TT Akinsanmi. Our interpreters for the evening are Camila and Claire. And may I please remind you just state your names before you speak not only for transcript purposes, but also for the interpreter to identify you on the English channel – that is the other channel – when you speak. And to also speak at a reasonable rate for the interpreters to follow. Thank you. Fatimata, you have the floor now.

FATIMATA SEYE-SYLLA: Thank you, Gisella. This is Fatimata speaking. Good evening, everyone. I would like to particularly welcome Evan. We're going to go directly to the first slide on our agenda, which is the open policy issues. We all have this item included in the agenda, so I think there's no point in reading through it because you've all got the agenda. I would like for

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you to adapt to this way of proceeding. We have added open period for comment on the agenda.

If you want us to discuss a particular issue, please let us know. But for the time being, we won't be doing this. You can do this on the Wiki. Have we any objections or comments on that point in this regard? Okay, no? We're then going to move onto item number three on the agenda. That is report. Okay. We have report.

So first is the upcoming activities of ALAC. For the time being, we have Yaovi and Tijani who are ready to do their report on recent and upcoming activities of ALAC that they will be reporting on. Then we have recent and upcoming activities of AFRALO members. We expect that everyone will do this on the Wiki. Then, finally, we'll have the report on our Beijing meeting and the AFRALO African final statement, which will be read and commented on by Aziz and Victor. So, first, we would like Yaovi and Tijani to give us a quick report on recent and upcoming activities of ALAC.

YAOVI ATOHOUN:

This is Yaovi speaking. When we speak of ALAC activities, there are, of course, many things which have happened. Okay. We have currently been (concerted) and ALAC is preparing and discussing a statement. We are working on the issue about – it was called, in English, the CNCH).

This is the system which is implemented for trademark, so it has been launched in April and ALAC has worked on that without taking into account the concern about the trademark. On this issue, ALAC is

preparing a statement at ALAC level and there is also something about – the old one was from the year 2009 and now there is a new one.

There is a comment on this issue about agreement with registrar. We are working. For example, there was a webinar on the results of the working group which met. There was a meeting to ask. There was a webinar and this is what ICANN tells you about the activities – about ALAC activities – recent and upcoming activities of ALAC.

Hello, can you hear me?

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisella speaking. Yes, yes. Yaovi, we are hearing. It's okay. We can hear you.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: So I'm finishing. I'm finished. I'm finished.

GISELLA GRUBER: Okay, thank you. I think Fatimata has been disconnected. Tijana and Aziz. Okay, Fatimata is back. Okay, Fatimata, you have the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Gisella. Tijani, do you have anything to add to what Yaovi said or do you think it's okay?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. Fatimata, I regret, but this evening I'm not going to work to participate to this teleconference. I'm not connected. I'm going to listen to you, and if you need my help, I will be ready to help you. But I have personal problems, so I prefer not to participate to the teleconference. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We're hearing music. We're waiting for them to review.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Hello, Yaovi speaking. Is Fatimata disconnected?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: No, I'm here.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Fatimata is answering she's there. Fatimata, you have the floor.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Aziz speaking. Aziz is speaking to Fatimata. We're sorry about no one speaking right now. We're waiting.

GISELLA GRUBER: Fatimata, Gisela speaking. Fatimata, can you hear?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Gisela is speaking. Fatimata is speaking and we can't hear her. She's not muted, so we have a problem. Fatimata, we can't hear you

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisela speaking. Aziz, can you follow up for now until we find the problem? Okay.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz is speaking. Now we need to speak about recent and upcoming activities of AFRALO members. So if you want to speak about the recent activities, you can have the floor. Any members who want to speak about that can have the floor. Just ask for the floor if you want to speak. Who has anything to say?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Can you hear me? Aziz is asking, "Do you hear me?"

GISELLA GRUBER: Yes. Aziz, Gisela speaking. Yes. Yes, we can hear you. Fatimata is on the Abigo line.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Hello. Fatimata speaking. Yes. Okay, I'm on the Adobe Connect. Okay, Aziz, you were asking about the recent and upcoming activities of the AFRALO members. So with that, we said that those activities were going to be sent directly to the Wiki. So I want to recall everybody to check

the – write it down on the Wiki if you have recent and upcoming activities of EURALO.

So now we are going to move to the (inaudible) report, and then to the statement for the joint meeting AFRALO African. I'm going to give the floor to Aziz.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay. Thank you, Fatimata. Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILAL: Thank you, Fatimata. Aziz speaking. So about the Beijing meeting, we had the normal meetings. There is a lot of noise behind, background noise.

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisella speaking. I wanted to remind you, Aziz. Aziz has a problem of echo. We can't interpret what you say. There is a computer that is not muted in the room in which you are working, Aziz. So we are listening to everything that you are saying.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Now it's okay. Okay.

AZIZ HILAL: Aziz is speaking. So for the Beijing meeting, I'm going to be very brief. We spoke with the ICANN head, the communication department,

financial department, and the head of the (inaudible). We spoke about the second At-Large meeting, which is going to take place in London next year and we hope that we can work with all the ALAC. We talked about the online platform and the capacity building with ICANN.

We had a meeting with ALAC and the board and other constituencies of ICANN. And then we had the normal meeting, the joined meeting of the (AGM) with AFLARO and African took place on Wednesday and we spoke about the joint statement that we preferred, that we trusted, before the ICANN meeting. And this statement is mainly about the possibly to implement a (inaudible) for development of the Internet for the developing countries. So Fatimata is asking me to speak about the statement.

I'm going to give the floor to Victor if he wants to add something. We are concluding this statement. During the joint meeting of AFRALO African there were some things that were said, but we are waiting for the input of some members who asked us to add some issues to the statement. So we are going to finish this statement and then we will send it to the ICANN staff. I'm finished, Fatimata.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: There is a silence.

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisella speaking. Victor, do you have something to add? Do you want to add something, Victor?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Fatimata is speaking. Thank you, Aziz. I'm asking Victor, do you have something to add about this statement issue and the report on this statement? Victor, are you there?

VICTOR NDONNANG: Thank you, Fatimata. Yes, Victor speaking. Can you hear me?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, we can hear you, Victor.

VICTOR NDONNANG: Aziz is saying that we are drafting this report about the statement of the African community after the last ICANN meeting with the creation of a fund for the developing countries to help them to access Internet. You know that I sent some comments before. I don't know if you received them or if you want to speak about that later on.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Fatimata is speaking. Thank you, Victor. We are speaking about comments. What we are going to draft into that statement was already decided during the joint meeting. We can't add anything now, because it means that we didn't consult – we didn't ask the rest of our community. So we are speaking about what we decided to put into this trust during the last joint meeting we had in Beijing. It's about that. We must work like that. Otherwise, we are never going to finish. Thank you, Victor.

I wanted to ask you, when are we going to have this statement? When are we going to receive it? We had to receive it two weeks before this meeting. So we'd like to know when we are going to receive this statement, this report.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Yes. I think that at the beginning of next week you are going to receive these reports, at the beginning of next week

Fatimata, can you hear me? Fatimata, are you still with us? Fatimata, you disappear from time to time. It's an African (game). Okay.

We are on the item for information. Item number 4. Yaovi, you have the floor for the drafting rules on ALAC Rule of Procedure. Yaovi, you have the floor.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Yaovi is speaking. The Rule of Procedure of ALAC is a document about the way ALAC is functioning in ICANN. The first Rule of Procedure Document is from the year 2007 and the review began this year. Can you hear me?

FATIMATA SEYE EYLLA: Yes, Yaovi. Fatimata speaking. Yes, we can hear you. Yes, it's okay.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: So I was saying that the Rule of Procedure of the year 2007 – I think there is a lot of noise on the line. Can you hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes, Yaovi. We can hear you.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: I was saying that the new Rules of Procedure have now been adopted, and so there will be three further documents on the Rules of Procedure which will be drafted. That document will be produced regarding these Rules of Procedure. The Rules of Procedure as a document have already been adopted by ALAC. Now it's for us to apply them, both the Rules of Procedure and the new documents which will be drafted.

So the Rules of Procedure of ALAC will be completed and it will be up to ALAC to see how they want to use these documents. The document also deals with making ALAC members accountable and for them to address (inaudible) of how to use meetings, how to have ALAC members. I will have to see (these) new requirements by ALAC. These should be more complete thanks to the new drafting, the new wording, of the Rules of Procedure.

For instance, the (x-com) will also have to follow the Rules of Procedure, and we have discussed this at the ALAC level. So this working group will of course go on working on the additional documents (inaudible). So these other supplementary documents will be drafted, and then the new Rules of Procedure of ALAC will be applied. We just have yet to produce these documents. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Fatimata speaking. Thank you, Yaovi. Now, in the review group regarding New gTLD applications for the (inaudible) At-Large New gTLD review group on ALAC applications. (Any objections?)

At our last meeting, we said that we had submitted certain requests for objections to ALAC and ALAC has considered these objections. They voted on them, and so they have drafted the relevant objections. We now have all this work published on ICANN's website and a list of objections which have been submitted has been published as well. We're going to ask for explanations from the applicant regarding the New gTLDs that they have applied for.

So ICANN is going to contact each of those applicants to give them the chance of explaining the objections made by ALAC. They're also on the website, but there still remains for ICANN to make a final decision. I think we're no longer working – or at least that's the feeling we got – because we've already submitted the proposals for objections. Aziz, I wonder if they want to add anything regarding this (inaudible) that I just made.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. No, you've covered everything.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, thank you. This is Fatimata speaking again. (inaudible) DNS award program. And when we had our discussion, I just remember regarding the conversation of ICANN's African strategy, it was decided that we

would implement the DNS Award Program on the development of DNS systems in Africa.

I am a member in this committee, so I am a judge to see who will get this award. We worked on the reference and we have agreed to establish certain terms. There is also (inaudible). And we have proposed some candidates. We have ICND and we will be choosing the African registrar.

We are also in discussions with our African GAC representative and we will have a representative for the (inaudible) DNS system, at the board level that is.

When this program was launched last week, it was presented via our mailing list. And thanks to Victor for having dealt with this and publishing the list. Our purpose is to reward the people who have run Durban meeting. So that's what I have to say regarding the DNS Award Program. Are there any comments, questions, remarks? Do we want to go on?

So the discussion is being held on the ICANN African mailing list. We have received comments on African mailing list. We have to let the (inaudible) know as well on the At-Large list, if you want to become a part the of African mailing list.

If there are no further comments, we will then move on to the Meeting Strategy Working Group. Tijani, have you anything to say? Tijani, are you still with us? Can you hear me? Can anyone hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: I just wanted to say, given that Tijani is not here, that the Meeting Strategy Working Group was created and Tijani is a member of that group, so he will be participating in the strategy we are to adopt. Fatimata?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, Aziz. I hear you. This is Fatimata. Go on. Aziz, you can take the floor if you want. Okay, then I'll go on if you can all hear me. Regarding ICANN meetings, ICANN is underway of deciding to hold meetings in locations which will be decided upon on the basis of infrastructure. It is a big meeting so infrastructure is a big factor and ICANN wants to make sure that we have optimum conditions in order to decide to hold a meeting in one place or another. Of course it's not a simple decision, so they've created a Working Group. I would like to thank Heidi who has worked a lot for this group. Would anyone like to add anything on that? If you have no comments, we can go on.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: This is Yaovi speaking. Thank you, Fatimata. I would like to say that we all have this information, but if there's someone who has not seen it, I think it's been published on ICANN's website. There's been a call for candidates to work in the organization of meetings, and I think Africa is a part of the meetings.

There must be an analysis of the infrastructure and I think we will have trouble as Africans fulfilling the infrastructure requirements, so we would have to deal with this at an ICANN level and let them know that

we're ready to host such meetings. We're working for them and we should go on working regarding these calls for members of the group.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Yaovi. This is Fatimata speaking. I would like to summarize what Yaovi just said and I'd like to add that Africans are a part of ICANN and that I think infrastructure—

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Fatimata's line is very choppy right now. I'm sorry.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: And we should start to get ready. So we should agree to say that we have all followed the fast track procedure and (ALS) as such didn't really have the request as (ALS) to be a part of these activities that we had to organize. We will be organizing activities for fundraising, and then there was an extension in (inaudible) for fundraising activities. So ALSs who had activities for funding could place a request and submit them to the committee by the 22nd of April.

At a personal level (my ALS) has put in a request and we did not get a reply. Then it was too late by the time we got a reply, so we didn't have any feedback (inaudible) maybe. So there were no comments and we (sent 12 one day) on the last day at midnight, so that might be why our request was not taken into account. There were other ALSs who had submitted requests as well.

I'm sorry, this is a question. I'd like to know were there any other ALSs that may have requested funding for their activities? Please, you're free to take the floor. No? Anyone?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yaovi's raising his hand. No, that was a mistake, says Yaovi, I'm sorry. Okay, so no one raised his hand.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Aziz, do you want to take the floor? This is Fatimata. Yes, Aziz?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay, so it was, it's Victor who wants to comment.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, Victor, you have the floor, go on. This is Fatimata.

VICTOR NDONNANG: Thank you Fatimata. My ALS also submitted a request, and we sent a project (inaudible) level of ISOC (inaudible). We put in a request, and now, to me, it is within the facilities and the duties of an ALS, so to speak. Because an ALS is a part of ICANN's At-Large community. That's an opportunity that we have. And we need funding, so we should, in fact, deal with these facts.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: This is Fatimata speaking, thank you Victor. Actually it was sent on the mailing list, so you can seize your own opportunities and see the duties. I'm sure you have all received it. Please let me know whether you saw it at the time.

Now, what's clear is that – (inaudible) submitted by ALSs, and so the way the request was submitted says that ALSs had to specify the purpose of the request. So they had to do it in the name of AFRALO and that was not done. So it had to be rearranged. All the same had already submitted a request in AFRALOs name.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Pastor Peters wants to speak. Hello, Pastor Peters?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I've let Fatimata know that you'd like to speak.

(PASTOR PETERS): All right.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: We should have arranged a meeting with the consultant on the training programs in ICANN, who presented us with his work, and he gave us questions so that we could answer them to see exactly what it aimed at. So we are waiting to hear from everyone, and they're waiting to hear from us to tell them what we want. So everyone's waiting right now,

regarding what will be proposed to us. And this is a request which had been made.

I'm sorry, Mr. Peters, I had not seen that you wanted to take the floor, so you have the floor now, go on please.

PASTOR PETERS:

Yes, thank you Fatimata. First, I apologize that I'm joining you. I wasn't contacted to my right number on time. I had to call the ICANN operator to fix me back.

In any case, my comments have to do with the requests for funding. I mean, this actually is the first time ICANN will be asking ALS to put up a request for funding. My observation about the request is that the period that was given to us to produce a tangible project proposal was too short. Four days was too short to present a workable project proposal.

As for my ALS, we couldn't do anything within the short time that was given. So, I do not know what AFRALO would do about this, because I might not be the only one in this position. I don't know if other ALS are able to submit your proposal, but we could not submit anything because the timing was too short, and the permission required from the ALS was (inaudible) permission, so that one could not just rush to make a (inaudible) proposal.

So if there are opportunities for us to present our request, we'll be very glad. So that is one observation I just want to make, with request, what it has to be a request for funding. Thank you very much. I'm done.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: All right, Pastor Peters, it's being interpreted so it takes a bit of time.

PASTOR PETERS: Okay.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Silvia speaking, Fatimata. He says he's done so you have the floor.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Fatimata or Aziz can you answer? (inaudible) asking.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Fatimata is speaking. Can you hear me? Do you hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes Fatimata it's okay, Fatimata yes we can hear you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: So, I was saying, thank you Victor, and what you said is very clear, but the information was sent to everybody at the same moment. There was a lot of communication, online communication, about the submittal of the request and the budget.

The deadline, which was given to At-Large and to ALAC is the same deadline that was given to other organizations. So it was announced a long time ago. The date has been posted, and we know them, so we can't accuse ICANN about this deadline. Next time, we must organize it

better to answer quicker to this request. AFRALO has participated and we must (inaudible) possibility to work on the Wiki, so thank you.

On item number five. The activity that we have to discuss for Durban. We know that Durban is in Africa and normally, when the meetings take place in Africa, we have some special activities that we held normally. There was a showcase, for example, and we wanted to add the program for our capacity building, as in Dakar, but this year we wanted to add a new idea. We are reflecting on that issue.

You are invited to join us and to send us your ideas. What can we do to offer something new in South Africa? In Kenya, we made, for the first time, the showcase. We had a good result. In Dakar we made the showcase and the capacity building program. So now, what can we (invent) for South Africa?

We are reflecting and we thought, at the level of the (inaudible) from Africa, that it was a good idea to organize a reach-out program at the level of Africa to inform and reach the (inaudible) (players) at the level of Africa.

We are discussing that issue to see how we can do that, and we are discussing the showcase (organization) too. We want you to participate, please, to reflect more on those issues. (inaudible) ask your input about what you are going to organize in in Durban. For the next meeting, and before the next meeting online, please send us your ideas, send us your input. Thank you.

PASTOR PETERS: Pastor Peters, please can I (inaudible) a response to that please? Pastor Peters.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Pastor Peters, this is Heidi. I've let Fatimata know that you'd like to speak.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Pastor Peters, you have the floor.

PASTOR PETERS: Okay, thank you Fatimata. In fact, we were actually looking forward to coming to Durban for the ICANN conference, most especially because it is taking place in Africa. For ALS, we applied for fellowship. Unfortunately, I was not lucky. My fellowship was not approved. I don't know if AFRALO has any slots for ALS who aren't able to get the fellowship program by ICANN, like was done in Dakar whereby, we got some free slots under the sponsorship of ICANN. So if a fellow could also make a case for (inaudible) who could not get sponsorship to the fellowship to be in Durban. (inaudible) contributes (inaudible).

Honestly speaking, ALS, to my own understanding, should be giving every support they can get to participate in any major ICANN conferences. It is the only way they can re-strengthen. It is the only way they can build a capacity. It is the only way they can (inaudible) fund.

I don't know if a fellow will have a similar possibility we had in Dakar where slots are given out for members of the ALS (inaudible). I don't

know if there's any possibilities for this, of course, who could not get fellowship to come to Durban. Most especially (inaudible) taking place in African (inaudible) African ALS, thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Peter. What you said is really true. But it will depend on the availability of funding. It's ICANN who is going to answer about this availability. In Dakar meeting, we wanted all to go to Dakar because there was a capacity building program and we asked ICANN to give us the funding for this capability building program and ICANN accepted. So it was made for all other regions, so it was made for Africa too.

Now, I don't know if this system is going to be applied on this case too, on the Durban meeting case too. I don't know, I can't answer you. So maybe Heidi knows. Heidi, do you know? Heidi you have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you Fatimata. This is Heidi. I know that, as you've mentioned, there is no funding for additional At-Large structures in Durban. It's because ICANN has supported AFRALO and Dakar, and then they've supported all of the other RALOs in the time since Dakar.

So the funding, now, is focused for the At-Large summit that, again, as we've mentioned, is likely to take place in London in June 2014. Again, that summit is when all At-Large structures, one representative will be invited to participate in that. So that's really what is being worked on now. We're hoping that the board is going to approve that in June, so we'll know by Durban, so that's something to celebrate.

Again, as we've mentioned, everyone can participate remotely in all of the At-Large meetings as well as the other ICANN meetings in Durban through remote participation. That's another way to go.

The reason I raised my hand was that I have a question regarding the traditional AFRALO African meeting, regarding the timing. Normally that is Wednesday afternoon, but because we sent out a note to all the other groups for their meeting request, Wednesday afternoon is already full.

I'm wondering if AFRALO would be okay with scheduling the AFRALO African meeting on Monday. I think that was a good time. I know that the meetings usually are quite full at that time, so we have good participation. So that is my question, is whether the AFRALO African meeting, whether you would be okay with scheduling that on Monday this time. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you Heidi for the information. Regarding the schedule for Monday for the African AFRALO meeting, well if we have no other choice, we are going to manage with this possibility. Now, Peter, I think Heidi gave you an answer to your question, no?

For us at the AFRALO level, the best way for us to participate is before the meeting to participate on the working group to participate into the discussion on the African strategy. There were some online discussions, and you can participate in those discussions.

Another way to participate is you can go to the meeting. It's better. But if you don't go to the meeting, you can participate online. You can follow up with all our activities online. So it's important too. Thank you. So now we must, all together, check the dates and decide on that day to schedule this AFRALO African meeting for Durban.

The AFRALO bureau is going to make some proposals and listen to your answers. I hope Hadja, Yaovi, Victor and (Silvia) are going to give us some opinions so we can count on everybody's participation and everyone will take part in the decision making.

For the joint meeting about the subject, if it's scheduled for the Monday afternoon of (inaudible) well, why not? It can be done. It's okay Heidi. I think it's okay. I don't know what other people think about that. For me, it's okay.

Regarding the next item, it's the At-Large summit of Durban. Heidi spoke about that, giving Peter an explanation and telling him that all the AFRALO ALS are not going to be able to come to Durban because we are planning another meeting for At-Large in London next week. At this At-Large meeting in London, all the ALS are going to be participating. We need everybody to participate.

If you want to add some comments or if you have questions, you can just ask for the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Heidi for speaking about that. If everybody can arrive in Durban before Monday it's okay. There is no problem. We are going to

speak about it a little bit more and then we'll give you our answer. But I think there is no problem to schedule the meeting on Monday, yeah?

So now we move to the last item. Any other business? Yaovi, you asked for the floor. You have the floor.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Okay, Yaovi speaking. Thank you Fatimata. Okay. I think it's very important for all the ALAC representatives to be in Durban.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I'm sorry, but we can't understand what Yaovi is saying. It's very difficult to interpret. Yaovi's asking if you want him to repeat.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yaovi can write down what he's saying so we can translate it, because we can't hear him. Yaovi's asking if you want him to repeat.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Please Yaovi, can you repeat?

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Now can you hear me a little bit better for us?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE I'm trying to translate. Okay, Yaovi wants to ask a question to ALAC. When we are speaking about –

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: No Yaovi. We can't listen to Yaovi. We are sorry, but we can't understand what Yaovi said. We are really sorry.

GISELLA GRUBER: This is Gisella speaking. Fatimata is on the Adobe Connect. Fatimata you have the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Gisella, I'm here. Okay, can you hear me? Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Fatimata is saying that she wanted to speak about the collaboration between AFNIC and AFRALO.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: There is an activity taking place in (inaudible) in June. It is AFNIC which wanted this cooperation, to organize together an activity at the (inaudible) level, so we are working with them on the agenda. It is going to be a cooperation, a collaboration between (inaudible) representative and AFRALO.

I wanted to ask you what you think about that. I know that (inaudible) were okay, but I wanted to ask all the ALAS if they were agreeing before giving our personal opinion of (inaudible). So what do you think about that?

Gisella already gave you this information. Okay, the (inaudible). Yaovi, you think it's a good thing? Victor also agrees with that opinion. Aziz? Aziz has left? Aziz, are you still here?

So to conclude, I would say that there is the link for the (inaudible) African summit for 2013. The link has been posted by Heidi. Yaovi, do you want to take the floor? Now, yes, we can hear you, yes.

(YAOVI ATOHOUN): Okay. We are late, so I wanted to say that I'd like to ask (Evan) to speak to me about what is the process of (inaudible) that provides service to protect the (inaudible), and there is no African companies in the list, so I wanted to know if it's not a problem. And I wanted to ask if (inaudible) for the African companies to participate to these questions of (inaudible) trademark protection on this sub-region level. (inaudible)

(PARTICIPANT): (inaudible) what you said, if it was a question about the summit, the internet summit Africa.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: it's a question of general interest.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I know that we are late, so it's okay. I'm going to write it down on the list later. Is there another item? Yes I'm going to add another item. When I saw that Olivier was with us, Olivier you are welcome. It's Fatimata speaking. I wanted to ask another item for the AFRALO members who participate in the Dakar meeting. We want to draft a report on the meeting that we held during the ICANN meeting in Africa. I didn't make it before because, for me, it was

a question of this At-Large ALAC meeting. All the meetings in which I participated, that wasn't ALAC At-Large meeting, I wanted to post a report on the Wiki. But Olivier asked for this report on the Wiki for all the meetings (inaudible). Olivier, are you still here?

So if that's the case, I ask Michel, Yaovi, Victor, Aziz, and Tijani and myself to –we were in Beijing and now when we have to do our homework, some report, a very short report. I participated in that meeting and we spoke about that. So the people who didn't participate in that meeting know what was said during that meeting.

Okay. Is there another issue that you want to speak about before closing that meeting? Okay. No other issue? No other item? Okay So thank you everybody. Thank you for the staff who helped us very efficiently. Thank you to the interpreter. Thank you to Evan, who also participated today. Thank you to Olivier and all the participants. We'll meet later for the preparation of the Durban meeting. Thank you everybody and good evening. Thank you to the interpreter.

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