
JULIA CHARVOLEN: The recording has started, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Julia. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening everyone. This is the ALAC Monthly Conference Call on Tuesday, the 27th of August 2013. The first thing we're going to do in this call is to adopt the Agenda, and that's on your Wiki page. So, does anyone have any amendments to the Agenda or is the Agenda adopted?

ALAN GREENBERG: That requires us looking at it, I guess, doesn't it?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It certainly does, Alan. I'm seeing nobody putting their hand up. We should have all looked at the Agenda before this call started, but never mind. We can always speak about it later on. I see a couple of hands. Oh no, it's just one hand from Cheryl Langdon-Orr. Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. I was waving to see if an ALAC Member had any comments before I asked... I did pass a comment through to Heidi when she copied to me a piece from today's Agenda. I'm struggling to find it. It was under Section (8) I believe, which is to do with the ccNSO ALAC meeting preparation. I had hoped to not see the ALAC was going to be so

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presumptive as to assume they would be allocating whom the ccNSO may choose to put towards this.

I mentioned that to Heidi but I still see it in the Agenda, and I'm not particularly keen to have it in the permanent record. I would suggest that the names; myself, Ron, Maureen, and in brackets, "and discussion of any other, along with Staff support from Heidi," might be appropriate for the ALAC to discuss. But the ccNSO contribution is the ccNSO system. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Heidi, would you be able to amend this please, on the Agenda?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Please refresh your Agendas – it's been updated.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. Thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thanks Heidi.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. So let's get moving then. The next thing is to have the call for any other business. There is none at the moment. The next thing is

to go to Agenda Item #2 – roll call and any apologies. If you could go ahead Julia.

JULIA CHARVOLEN:

Thank you Olivier. On today's call we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Sandra Hoferichter, Evan Leibovitch, Eduardo Diaz, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Jean Jacque Subrenat, Rinalia Abdul Rahim. We have Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Alan Greenberg, Julie Hammer, Ron Sherwood, Maureen Hilyard, Garth Graham and Garth Bruen.

We have apologies from Natalia Enciso, Fatima Cambronero, Carlton Samuels, Yaovi Atohoun, Pastor Peters and Sebastian Bachollet. And from Staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Matt Ashtiani, Gisella Gruber and myself Julia Charvolen. Our interpreters today are Veronica and Sabrina on the Spanish channel and on the French channel Fernanda and Camila.

May I also please remind everyone to state their names when speaking, not only for transcript purposes but to allow the interpreters to identify you on the other language channels. Also, speak at a reasonable pace to allow for accurate interpretation. Thank you very much. Over to you Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Julia. Is there anyone that has not been mentioned on the roll call but who is on the call at the moment? Please shout out of put your hand up.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: [inaudible 00:04:38] Hello Everyone.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Siranush. Thank you. It's noted. Anyone else?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: I will be following you Olivier, but I do not have Internet.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. Let's move onto Item #3 – the review of Action Items from the Durban meeting, which is the last meeting that we had. If you turn to this Wiki page you will find the long list of Items that we have, some of them already having been cleared. We'll just go through the ones that are still unchecked and see how to move forward with this.

So the first one is on the ALAC and Regional Leadership. That was the Durban session about the hot topics on the definition of the public interest. There are a number of Action Items which follow on with regards to the definition of public interest. The first one is for Olivier to follow up with Sally Costerton and inform her that the concept of the public interest is on the Agenda of At-Large II.

The second one is for Olivier to request that ICANN Senior Staff provide additional information to clarify the stages of Sally Costerton's initiative on the further investigation on the concept of the public interest. The third one is for Olivier to engage with other AC and SO Chairs about the

possibility of a cross-community activity regarding the definition of public interest.

And the fourth one is for Holly, Rinalia, Salaneita and Wolf to watch the situation of the concept of the public interest and alert the ALAC if further action is necessary in this field. Certainly the three Action Items assigned to me I have not performed so far. I am meeting in a week and a half with Sally Costerton, in London. So this is something I'll be speaking with her about.

Although I have had a call with her, last week or a few days ago, it wasn't at all about these issues – it was more about the At-Large II, which I'll be providing you... The At-Large II... To the part of... The At-Large II Global Stakeholder Engagement and the promotional work that will happen during the At-Large II. But I'll provide you with more details about this a little bit later on. Two people have put their hands up. Jean Jacques first and then Alan Greenberg.

JEAN JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you. I just wanted to ask if it was possible to include into the discussion about the concept or the notion of the global public interest? I was not in Durban, as you know, and I missed out on quite a few things. I'd like to catch up now. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. I believe that's what there's a whole concept about. It's mentioned here, "the public interest." I think it's the public

interest and the global public interest. Certainly along the lines that you have worked on in the past. Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG:

You mentioned the policy work on policy and implementation – just to note that the gNSO Working Group has kicked off. The Co-Chairs are J Scott Evans and Chuck Gomes. And the first meeting will be next week I believe, so it's a good time for people to sign up if they want to get in on the ground floor of that discussion. It looks like it's going to be a good discussion. It's a very large Working Group with a huge amount of interest from a lot of people. So it looks like it may be an interesting group to participate in for those with an interest in the subject.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you Alan, that's noted. I didn't speak about policy versus implementation – I think we spoke about the public interest. But never mind. Thanks for the information.

ALAN GREENBERG:

I'm sorry, I misheard. I thought one of the tasks was... You're right. I'll make the comment later.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you. Well, it's recorded now. Jean Jacques?

JEAN JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you. Olivier, you reminded us that the global public interest was the same subject, so I think there was really a connection between the two. Actually, what I spoke about was a request on my part to be included in the discussions from now on because I missed out on the Durban discussions. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. Do you mean you wish to discuss it on this call or on future calls?

JEAN JACQUES SUBRENAT: No, in any future calls, email lists and things like that. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Of course there is the recording of this session, which I highly recommend – and to others on the call who have missed that session – to follow. There was some very intense and interesting debate that went on, which I unfortunately missed as well. But the recording is available. Now, let's move on.

The next thing was the ALAC and Regional Leadership and Gisella was to send a Doodle to coordinate with Cheryl and to determine times for the Metrics Working Groups teleconferences. Gisella was also to ensure the ALAC is prepared to capture the metrics from the time that the revised Rules of Procedures go live, for initial reporting at the Singapore meeting. Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. Olivier, my report, which is a very brief one for this Working Group, has the words that says that in a very few days the Doodle poll will be going out fortnightly between now and Buenos Aires meetings. So that Doodle poll is tending.

Gisella and I have discussed the logistics, etc., but I also have asked in my report that the ALAC and the Regional Representatives take the time to look at those who are currently in that Working Group and refresh their energies and ensure that they're committed and that there is an equitable and reasonable balance of workers in that team. Because it would be rather [corrode? 00:12:18] once those meetings start. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Cheryl. I've just asked if Staff could put on the Adobe Chat the actual URL of the Wiki page. Can you? That would be great. I notice we have a lot of people on the call today, including most of the RALO leaders, so they can have a look at that and consider refreshing this and getting this underway.

Certainly the metrics is something we need to have soon, and I was now going to ask Gisella to ensure the ALAC is prepared to capture the metrics from the time that the revised Rules of Procedures go live, for initial reporting at the Singapore meeting. We'll see later on in this call that the Rules of Procedure are closer than ever to going live. So are we prepared? Gisella?

GISELLA GRUBER: Once we start the Metrics Working Group we will make sure that we capture the KPIs and that we then prepare ourselves to be able to present in Singapore.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much. Let's move on and go to the next meeting. That's the At-Large regulatory issues. Now, the Regulatory Issues Working Group is actually an ad-hoc mix between the WHOIS and the Registrant Rights Working Group. ALAC has not actually voted or made any formal decision yet to mix the two groups together, and I think this will probably need some discussion at some point.

But the two Working Groups met at one single meeting called Regulatory Issues Working Group and came up with one Action Item, which was that Carlton Samuels was to ensure that the Regulatory Issues Working Group will prepare a response to the Expert Working Group that addresses the promise of development but also places it in the context of the current status of WHOIS.

That's actually something I believe is actually done in some way or half-done in some way since... We'll see later on, in the policy development part of this call, that someone has picked up the pen to draft a comment with regards to the Expert Working Group intermediate report. Do we have Carlton on the line yet? I don't see him in the Adobe Room. I don't think he's on the call at the moment. We have apologies from Carlton?

Let's continue. ALAC policy discussion part one. Everything is done on this one. Then we have the ALAC policy development meeting, where you can see that all the Action Items are completed there as well. And the ALAC Executive Committee Meeting, with Regional Leadership meeting and the ASO Leadership.

There were two Action Items there – one that Gisella was to create a calendar with all of the regional Internet registry meetings, so that we'd be aware of all the meetings that were taking place in the wider Internet government space. And once this calendar had been created, Olivier would be forwarding it to all the RALOs. Unfortunately, we've come up against a couple of glitches. Gisella, could you let us know what's going on with this, please?

GISELLA GRUBER:

Hi Olivier, Gisella here. I'm just in the process of seeing if that could be automated with the Google calendar, as it means entering approximately 15 to 20 events per month on the At-Large calendar. So as soon as I've identified whether we can do it automatically, I'll let you know. Otherwise it would have to be updated manually.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you. Yes, it's true. Updating so many of them is not a proper use of time, so let's hope we can find an automated solution for this. So, let's move onto the next one and leave this open for the time being. The APRALO Monthly meeting was nothing to do with the ALAC, the NARALO Monthly meeting neither. The ALAC had a meeting with the nCSG.

There were two Action Items and the one that's still open is for myself, Olivier, to follow up with Wolfgang Kleinwächter on the civil society umbrella in ICANN. And I was going to do this whilst in the European Summer School on Internet Governance in Meson, in late-July, early-August. Unfortunately, we were so busy that we didn't have any time to discuss this any further.

I will report back to the ALAC once we have the proposal from Wolfgang Kleinwächter and from the nCSG. The basic idea that was discussed was that perhaps there could be some kind of umbrella that would go above all civil society in ICANN and [audio breaks up 00:18:19]...

ALAN GREENBERG: Olivier, you're cutting out badly.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: You're breaking up Olivier.

ALAN GREENBERG: I thought the term 'breaking up' was better than 'cracking up'.
[laughter]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Cracking up and I'd be laughing – breaking up I'm actually not...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: It's a little bit like ship-to-shore radio.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Jean Jacques, you have the floor.

JEAN JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thanks. I wasn't part of the discussion in Durban. Could you just say a couple of words more about this umbrella idea? Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Yes. Effectively the idea was that both nCSG and the ALAC have a significant part of civil society component inside them. In fact, both parts of ICANN are primarily civil society... Well, have many members from civil society, and the idea was that there could be some kind of coordination between them, either on logistics or also on policy or on various issues. We didn't go very far at all in Durban, because other issues were addressed.

So this was left as a follow-up issue and this is why I'd like to – before going any further – get further information from Wolfgang, get a proper proposal, even a written proposal that I could forward over to the ALAC and we can see where we go from there. I know from discussing this informally with ALAC Members that some people find it a good idea and some people don't and believe that we have very opposite views to the nCSG on the ICANN-related issues and that we should retain our independence.

So rather than opening the debate today on not having the information to work on, I propose getting the information and then maybe on the

next ALAC call we could have a discussion and certainly start with a discussion once we have that proposal on the ALAC list. Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG:

I agree that we don't want to have a full-blown discussion, but I think the interim conclusions that people came to prior to the plan meeting, which didn't actually happen in terms of the discussion on this, was that there was a general feeling that people believed that coordination was good but should not be a presumption that we are uniformly behind the ideas that are often put forward by nCSG. That we are not synonymous. But it does sound like a good idea.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

That's right. Let's move on until we have more information on this. Let's get going. As I said, I'll be emailing Wolfgang and finding out information and then reporting back to the ALAC, and this should happen within the next week or so. The next one – the At-Large Regional Leadership meeting; that was all the secretariats and I think we can move on.

At-Large Regional Leadership meeting is one which actually is on the Agenda. Matt is to work with the At-Large community on the development of the Beginner's Guide for the ALSes, with the aim of producing it for the Buenos Aires meeting. I wonder whether there's any follow up on this, Matt?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Matt has dropped, so if I could respond to that very quickly? Yes, there's no update on that yet. We are still planning that, but the purpose of that is to have it done, at latest, for the Summit. So there is a little bit of flexibility then.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Next we have the wrap-up meeting, and there there's two Action Items remaining. One is for Dev to be considered to replace Cheryl who's the current Chair for the ALAC Sub-Committee on outreach. This is the [9th? 00:23:39] and we'll be touching on it later on in this call. And next is for Alan to follow up on options for carrying out votes during ICANN meetings, under the new Rules of Procedure. Alan, do you have a...?

ALAN GREENBERG: I have no report on that. The guides and adjunct documents have been my focus but I will get to that once they're put to bed.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Alan. Just as a reminder for everyone, this was a discussion we had during the wrap-up, where several votes and many ALAC Members were in other meetings because they were parts of Working Groups, etc., so it was a bit of a mess to collect all of the votes both online, offline, in the room, etc., and it took quite a while to get quorum. So we might need to look at options so we have clearly defined options as to what we can do when in such a situation.

ALAN GREENBERG: There are clearly defined options, I just want to extract them and make sure everyone knows about them.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Excellent.

ALAN GREENBERG: We spent an awful lot of time on that during the creation of the rules.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. I remember that. Next we have the meeting with David Olive, who's the... That's a meeting with which the Ex-Com had on Friday morning in Durban, while everyone was having fun. A few of us met and Heidi and Gisella were to organize a webinar for At-Large on the TLD marketplace. Heidi, do you have an update on this please?

HEIDI ULLRICH: We're still working on that. There are a few other briefing sessions in September and October, so that one will be late-October.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you. Next – discussion with ICANN Board Members. We had the chance of having several Board Members join us, including Cherine Chalaby, who is both Chair of the Board New gTLD Committee, but also Chair of the Finance Committee for the Board. We had Chris

Disspain join us, we also had George Sadowsky join us, Erika Mann joining... So it was a good list. I might be missing a few others as well, but it was interesting to have so many Board Members come to us.

And there the discussion touched on the FY 14 budget and several other things. But once the FY 14 budget is approved, the ALAC is to send a note to the Board explaining the plans for the At-Large Summit as well as setting out the excitement and expectations of the ALAC and holding their second summit. And that's now going to be sent soon since I believe the FY 14 budget has just been approved; yesterday or a couple of days ago. So that's an Action Item for me in the next few days.

Cheryl is to lead on the creation of a ccNSO At-Large Task Force to prepare the ccNSO/ ALAC meeting in Buenos Aires. We are going to touch on this later on in this call, and a call has to be sent out to the ALAC meeting asking for volunteers on this. In any case, Cheryl will be taking us through this in a few minutes. These are all the Action Items. There was a long list and I'm a bit sorry we took so much time on them, but seeing no hands I think we can move onto the next part of our Agenda.

And that's #4 – the review of the current At-Large structure applications. And this is a really exciting part, which I can either let Matt go through or someone else in Staff – whoever's in charge of this part.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Natalie is doing a fantastic job handling these ALSes but she's on a different call at the moment so I'll briefly [set them out? 00:28:13]. Our

recently certified ALSes – and there are quite a few, I’m happy to announce – we have the EURALO Individual’s Association, we have the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network, the ACCAN – that’s going to be in APRALO. We have the South Pacific Computer Society, also in APRALO and the Internet Society of Nepal Chapter, also in APRALO.

Well done everyone! And we have 158 ALSes currently, and you can see that there’s a good number in the process right now of becoming certified. That includes the Internet Society of Nigeria Chapter and due diligence is being carried out. There’s an Internet Society for [Malia? 00:29:04] Chapter, also due diligence being carried out. And then I’m going to practice my French – [00:29:13], a consumer organization from a small set of islands off the coast of Africa. And that’s also...

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic Heidi, thank you very much. Next time we’ll be asking you – as you are in Turkey at the moment – to be providing us with the details of some applicants from Turkey, hopefully. And that will also get your Turkish improved as well. And you might be getting some help from David Olive on this hopefully. Recently certified ALSes, welcome to all of them.

I just wanted to note specifically the EURALO individual association, which effectively is a EURALO-created association that will accept individual users in EURALO. It’s a slightly different model than the model that EURALO has had for accepting individual users, so it will be interesting to see how that grows. With regards to the other three

recently certified ALSes, welcome, and certainly well done to APRALO for growing at an unprecedented rate.

I guess we all have to look for more active ALSes. Certainly there is going to be some work going into getting all of our ALSes more active, and in the lead-up to London and the At-Large Summit, that's a great thing. Any comments or questions on this? I see a couple of people that have put their hands up. Alan Greenberg first and then Jean Jacques. Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG:

I just wanted to mention that in parallel with getting new ALSes, both the ALAC and the RALOs need to continue the work of identifying those that are now dormant or non-existent or blatantly don't meet the qualifications, and identifying those so that when we talk about how many ALSes we have, we can say it with a completely straight face, knowing that all of them are indeed still legitimate and we don't have any left from bygone years.

I know in NARALO there are a couple we need to look at and I suspect the same is true in the other RALOs and we should be diligent in doing that, at the same time as trying to get new, active ALSes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Alan. That's a very, very good point indeed. Certainly we now have a process that we've used to decertify ALSes with due diligence, etc., or all sorts of work that went on for the last two that were decertified. Therefore I think we may have an Action Item here for

the RALO Leadership, for the different RALOs to potentially identify candidates for decertification.

That's a first step to cleaning up the list and ensuring defunct, inactive ALSes; those that don't exist anymore, that have disappeared, that don't have a representative and cannot be contacted, etc., etc., would be identified as a first step to decertifying them, with the whole process that we've worked on before. Jean Jacques?

JEAN JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you. Two points about voting – I saw just recently that for the vote on Nepal and the vote on South Pacific, in both cases I was noted as having not voted or not having taken part in the vote. But I do remember very clearly having done that. This has already happened; a few months ago, perhaps a year ago, and I have spoken about this to Matt, who managed to fix the system, but I see it's happening again.

So it's quite troublesome for me, as an ALAC Member, to be counted out when I have in fact voted. So can I asked Staff to have a look at this and I'll get together with Staff in the coming days, or they can contact me perhaps. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this. Next we have Tijani Ben Jemaa.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Eduardo is speaking.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Sorry, Eduardo, could you please go on mute? That would be helpful.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Can you hear me now? I just want to say to Jean Jacque that that happened to be about the voting. That happened to me before and when you hit “yes”, “no”, or “abstain”, there is another page that comes and that says “confirm” and if you don’t “confirm” you might think you’ve voted but it doesn’t happen. For many that’s what’s happening.

JEAN JACQUES SUBRENAT: I did check very carefully on each case. This is a request from me to Staff. Could you please check that and get in touch with me. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. This is noted. Staff will follow up with you directly. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: As for decertification, I think that we don’t have to make a new Action Item for that, because we will work on the Summit, and for the Summit we’ve tried to get in contact with the ALSes. And any ALS who doesn’t respond will not be invited to the Summit. This will be the work that we will do, and then we’ll inform ALAC and the RALOs so the RALOs may propose some decertification. So we don’t have to do the work twice, I mean.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Tijani. What can be done is the Action Item can go now and can then wait until the work is all done in one go. That will kill two birds with one stone and also put a tick next to an Action Item. I don't mean to be petty but I think we can do it this way. Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I was delighted to hear what Tijani just said, because I was most concerned about the Action Item, as she is writ. I would – if you would take my sage-like wisdom and a little bit of historical perspective – encourage you, via ALAC, to be very careful about doing things like making Action Items where you are impairing a RALO to identify candidates for decertification. I think there's a difference between identification and proposal or raising of issues for the ALAC's attention.

But I think you need to be very careful to have the ongoing or continued role of who it is that has the bylaw mandate to certify, and if needs be, decertify, and to make the decision whether or not such an At-Large structure is or is not appropriate for that process. It needs to involve the RALOs, absolutely, but be very cautious about how you've written that particular Action Item. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. I see "identify potential candidates for decertification"...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Olivier, under what criteria, who's established it, is it unified and harmonized between and across all the RALO? I could go on for an hour but I won't.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Cheryl. I don't know but the word I use: "identified", really is nothing more than just an identification. I'm not quite sure how you wish to... Do you have any way to propose rewriting this Action Item?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I don't have a problem with the word "identify" –I think they can certainly propose... The way that's written, it looks to me as if you're giving the empowerment for identification and the criteria establishment to the RALOs, and that is not where it belongs.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Cheryl. I was not going to use the word "propose" because that's going further than "identifying". This is why I thought "identify" was a weaker term. Alan? Maybe you, as a master crafter of words can determine what it actually means and what it should mean?

ALAN GREENBERG: I'll only comment on the North American situation. The North American RALO does explicitly have rules within our approved rules, that give us some basis to identify and then pass that request onto the ALAC for verification and to make sure it meets whatever the ALAC chooses to use

for its rules. But we actually do have some process by which we can do that. So the words are just fine for NARALO. They may not be as appropriate for other RALOs.

Certainly if another RALO knows the group doesn't exist anymore, the people are no longer there, there is no email, there is no web – that's a good criteria to identify a possible ALS that needs decertification. So I'm happy with the words. I think we need to set expectations that this is not a RALO decision, this is an ALAC decision but we value and need the input from the RALOs. They're the first point of contact.

I actually put my hand up with regards to Tijani's comment on we're going to be doing this for this Summit anyway, but I'll remind you that we do have a Board 15-seat selection that will be preceding perhaps at a faster pace than what... Cheryl will be talking a little bit about that later. And therefore there was reason to want to make sure that since some of the RALOs may well be directing at least one of their votes, which involves a formal decision of both ALAC and the RALOs, having ALSes which don't in fact exist have two problems:

It brings into question the credibility of the process, and it also makes it harder for them to obtain threshold votes, if the ALAC doesn't exist but is still on the books. So we may in fact need to work a little bit faster than the Summit, and I don't know the exact timeline of the Summit for doing that kind of work, but there may be a need to work faster than that for at least the blatant cases. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Alan. Next is Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Olivier. Alan, I have another concern also about the direction of the vote from the ALSes. From my experience only a few ALSes respond. They exist. They are there. When you tell them there is a Summit they will come, they will respond. But when you ask them to vote, when you ask them to give their opinion they are silent. So this will perhaps not give the real view of the opinion of the region.

So I don't know. It will be a mix of ALSes that don't exist anymore, and ALSes that don't respond also. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Tijani, by only comment is that it's the RALO's decision whether to direct the vote of their Chair or not. Whether a RALO chooses to do that will have to do with whether their ALSes actually respond or not. You can't decide to direct a vote and then not have anyone say how to direct it. But that's a RALO decision.

All I'm saying is that if we direct that directed concept within a RALO then there is some need to try to make sure that all of the ALSes are still active and not defunct. That's my only comment. I wasn't saying anything stronger than that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Alan. Seeing the time pass by rather fast I propose we move on and continue this discussion online. Now we have the reports. These are the reports from our Working Groups, from our RALOs and liaisons, and as per usual first I have to thank all the RALO leaders who have published their reports.

It's a vital piece of information for our At-Large structures, to find out what is going on in the region, and also for our ALAC Members. Because we follow all of the regional mailing lists. It's good to see what's happening in the other regions as well. But we also have our reports from our gNSO and ccNSO liaisons and the SSAC liaison as well.

And I was going to ask each one to provide us with a brief summary, starting with the ccNSO liaison, Cheryl Langdon-Orr.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you very much Olivier. I'm delighted to draw the attention of the At-Large Advisory Committee and everyone else on the meeting, particularly the Regional Leaders who have a number of ALSes in some of their regions who would be interested in the following news. My most recent update – as you know, I continually update the ccNSO liaison reports – was only done earlier today, when I was able to record the following:

The second vote of the ccNSO to approve the IDN that's CCPDP would go ahead. That's now been confirmed. That was closed off mid-August. As of the 23rd of August the ccNSO Council have now approved the Board report that now is about to be sent to the ICANN Board's Directors, with

a view for the Board to meet and modify Section (15), Annex (b) and look toward getting GAC advice on what is then going to be a brave new world for the cc community with a mechanism to have internationalized domain names that are not in the fast-track system.

And I think a number of people will be very pleased to have that news. That's mainly it from me. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Cheryl. Are there any questions or comments from anyone? I don't see anyone putting their hand up. I have a question – what's the process forward now, Cheryl, now that this Working Group on geographical names and geo-regions has moved forward? What's the next step forward? When will it affect the At-Large community?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Well, you actually get an opportunity, depending on what the Board wants to do. This report now is one that, once endorsed by the ccNSO Council, goes as advice of the community review of the geographic region, which as you know did have to be done and was done in a cross-community manner, to the ICANN Board. It's then very much up to the Board as to whether or not it adopts the recommendations or uses some other process.

So in terms of affecting us it depends on whether or not they take it as she is written and go ahead with it, or what I think is far more likely, that the Board will in fact take a next step of interacting in some way, shape

or form with the community – be it in a forum or in a more informal or formal public comment process.

What it gives the At-Large Advisory Committee is a unique opportunity to have further and indeed more considerable influence far more akin to what you would see from the Government Advisory Committee, by making a particular representation directly to the ICANN Board on the matter once it gets on their Agenda.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Cheryl. Next we have our gNSO liaison report and for this we have Alan Greenberg.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. Not a lot to report. The gNSO did have a very rare emergency meeting at the beginning of the month to approve the PDP reports that it couldn't approve due to a technicality and a slightly missed deadline of the motion for Durban, and that was approved and passed onto the Board. But there was no other formal meeting in August. I believe there will be one in the first or second week in September and an extended three-hour meeting to make up for it. So things are quiet at this point, other than the Working Group progressing.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Alan. Yes, I believe the meeting is on the 10th of September, the second week. Any questions for Alan Greenberg? Certainly the gNSO is lucky to be able to take [audio interference

00:49:10] bit of a break and hopefully you've all had a bit of a break this summer. Let's move onto the SSAC liaison report with Julie Hammer. Julie, you have the floor.

JULIE HAMMER:

Thank you Olivier. Julie Hammer for the record. Just a couple of things I'd like to highlight. One is that the Board DNS Risk Management Framework Working Group have called for comment on the Westlake report, which was presented at the Durban meeting. And I see that that's on the Agenda later, so that will be discussed I'm sure. Also the main activity is the release of the two ICANN study reports – the first one being on dotless domains and the second one the name-collision study.

The dotless domain report was considered by the Board New gTLD Committee on the 13th of August and their resolution was that the use of dotless domains will be prohibited. So that's a good outcome. And the name-collision study report has been accompanied by Staff recommendation paper on how to proceed with potential New gTLDs that could have name collisions and that recommendation paper we have provided a comment on. I believe the votes on that should be completed by now.

So that's really the main things that have been happening in Security and Stability.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Julie. And questions or comments for Julie Hammer on her report? I see no one putting their hand up. Certainly, yes, there is a public comment period on the Board DNS Risk Management Framework report, and it will be interesting to see how this pans out. Okay, now, we have three more liaisons. Usually we don't go through their reports, especially the .mobi liaisons. That hasn't existed for a while. But I do have some news to report on this.

Whilst in Germany I have been able to follow up with Afiliast, who are the people now owning .mobi, and I've managed to speak with Philip Grabansee, who is the Chair of Afiliast, and there's been a follow up now with the Chair of the Public Advisory Board of .mobi, they're now asking that [audio interference 00:52:29]...

ALAN GREENBERG: Breaking up again Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Ha! Can you hear me? Maybe it's just my voice that's breaking up like this.

ALAN GREENBERG: Before we could only hear every third syllable.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: To summarize, I've had a meeting with Philip Grabansee, who is the Chair of Afiliast, who are the owners of .mobi, and they have contacted

the person who is in charge of the Policy Advisory Board of .mobi and now .mobi are asking for the ALAC to appoint someone as a liaison. So what we will be doing is to send out a call for appointment of a liaison. We'll be doing it by email, and I hope that someone will step forward and become a liaison.

I understand that the .mobi liaison position is one where I think there are a handful of meetings, maybe once a month, that you need to attend, a conference call. There might be some retribution associated with it. I'm not quite sure of the exact list, how much or if it's just some kind of per diem for your time. It's certainly something that .mobi wishes to push forward with. So there'll be a follow up on email after this call.

Let's continue. This is another loop that is finally closed. Let's move onto the next Agenda Item we have. We're on #5 and there are 16 Agenda Items. New business items for decision. We're going to quickly shift through the policy advice development page, and I invite you all to have a look at it. The recently adopted ALAC statements, there were three of them, and I thank those that have commented and held a pen on these. Very, very good statements.

Then we have statements currently being developed, reviewed or being voted on. There's the community priority evaluation update from ICANN. ALAC is currently drafting a statement on this and I invite you all to have a look at the page and comment on this. Read the paper itself, the community priority evaluation paper itself and form your own point of view and contribute to this. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Olivier. I do think that this comment will concern the community priority evaluation guidelines and not update. I am perhaps mistaken, but this is the statement that Rinalia is now tasked to write, to prepare? And I will give my input on it. The deadline has now been extended to the 7th of September, so we have time. I don't know if I am speaking about other things, rather than this comment. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Tijani. I think it's called "guidelines update" because it was an update provided by ICANN. But certainly, yes, we are speaking about the guidelines that were published by the Community Priority Evaluation Panel Firm, and there is a concern at the moment that the proposed statement we have looks at the viability of the CPE Panel Firm itself. We need to look at the guidelines document itself and comment on those as well. I hope many of you will be looking at that.

Next the proposal to mitigate name collision lists. Again, the ALAC is drafting a statement at the moment and there is a statement that is on the Wiki that already contains a discussion with the first draft. That's gone into voting already and I believe it's going to be sent today, looking at the timeline. So I thank the penholder for this – Julie. We spoke about this a bit earlier.

The next one is the RICE protection mechanism requirements. That's the one that is generating a discussion at the moment on the discussion page. Hong Xue has picked up the pen. The first draft has been

submitted. There are some points from Rinalia and several other people who are now following up. Any comments or questions?

We can swiftly move forward. The next one is to explore the draft next generation gTLD directory services model. Again here the ALAC is not only considering drafting a statement, I did ask for this to be updated and unfortunately it wasn't. But there is actually a statement that is there, that Holly has put on the page. It hasn't been updated but it's in the commentaries and the comments.

And effectively this is the feedback to the Expert Working Group work on the replacement of the WHOIS model. So Carlton Samuels is on that Working Group but by being on that Working Group he is unable to be leading the charge on this. So it has been in the hands of Holly Raiche to move forward on this. You're welcome to comment on the work she has drafted.

I think the timeline is very short and we need to move fast. In fact we're over time on this comment so we'll just have a handful of days to comment on this, maybe less, and we probably will have an accelerated vote on that as well.

Next is the statement on the WCIT outcomes. This one is one that I was supposed to be drafting. The World Conference on International Telecommunications keeps on moving forward. Subject is somehow a moving target and there's a concern that I have that whatever I write now will probably be out of date by the time it's sent to the Board or whoever it needs to be sent to.

I think we can keep it on there and wait for the right moment. There will be a lot more discussion and development in the next two weeks, with the forthcoming discussion in Geneva in late September also.

There are new public comments that have recently opened. There are three listed here. The first is the DNS Risk Management Framework Report, which Julie Hammer alluded to a bit earlier. And I hope we will be able to comment on this. We're looking for someone to pick up the pen; Julie Hammer or someone else. You're welcome to be part of a Team if you wish to put a Team together. I see Julie has put her hand up?

JULIE HAMMER:

I'm just wondering, with regard to making a comment on this, we haven't seen anything come out of the Chairs of the DSSA Working Group about how this affects that Group very greatly, as you well know. And we haven't seen anything come out of the process of that Group. So I'm just wondering what the best approach is for putting a statement out when that Group is also involved.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Yes, thank you very much Julie. The DSSA is currently looking at the report, and this is wearing my Co-Chair hat in the DSSA. They're currently reading through the Board's Risk Management Framework Report. No follow up yet. There is one thing you need to be aware of, which is that the DSSA is soon going to write to all of the SOs and ACs that charter this to ask whether it still needs to consider its work and

what work it needs to do. And this is [audio interference 01:02:25] for the two years, so there is quite a lot of volunteer fatigue on the Working Group.

At the same time, if it is the choice of the SOs and ACs to disband the Group and conclude its work, that's also an option that will be given. So we'll have to see. Certainly the feedback from Members of the DSSA who have read the report already or who were aware of the early report, was a concern that the Risk Management Framework was looking specifically at the risk to ICANN, whilst the DSSA's work was more of the risk to the DNS. And there's a subtle difference to the two.

This is being discussed on the ATRT 2 as well – the Accountability and Transparency Review Team, who had to review the SSR Review Team. And there's also some work going on there, to review the Board's Risk Management Framework. So I'm not sure how this will all fit together. It's a complex thing. Let's move on.

Quickly, next is the locking of a domain name subject to UDRP proceedings PDP recommendations for Board consideration. The comment period closed on the 23rd of August. There was no statement filed on this. And finally the gNSO structures charter amendment process; there was no statement on that either.

Again, as you know, there is a new At-Large policy development early engagement workspace, which has been in use recently. And that's linked to the early engagement page of the policy development public comment process on the ICANN website. So I invite you to look at this in your own time.

Moving swiftly on. The new Chair appointments for the At-Large Capacity Working Group and ALAC Sub-Committee on outreach. There are two recent changes. The first one is to do with the Capacity Building Working Group. Currently there is no Chair in place. This used to be chaired by Salanieta Tamanikawaimaro. Sala has provided us with her resignation during the Durban meeting and therefore the position needs to be filled by someone who can take over from her.

After some discussion with various people in Durban there was a very natural follow-up person for this that came up, and that was Tijani Ben Jemaa. So the question we would ask on this call is whether ALAC Members would be okay with Tijani as a follow-up Chair of the ALAC Capacity Building Working Group.

[interference 01:05:59] ICANN Academy but also the local capacity building program on AFRALO, and in helping out with capacity building programs in other regions as well. I think he is a natural candidate. So I open the floor for a quick discussion and afterwards if anyone wishes to have a vote I'm willing to conduct a vote. Otherwise if we can just have a consensus call that will certainly save on some time.

I don't see anyone putting their hand up so let's have a consensus call. Unless I hear from anyone, should Tijani Ben Jemaa be appointed as the Chair for the ALAC Capacity Building Working Group? That's a consensus call. Let's see. Alan Greenberg?

ALAN GREENBERG: I just wanted verbal confirmation from Tijani that he's willing to.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's a very good point Alan. Let's hear from Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I would like to.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's great. Thank you very much for very kindly stepping forward. And I see a lot of green ticks. Certainly a majority of green ticks on the Adobe Connect so... And with some applause as well. Well done Tijani.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: There is also my name there. I am in agreement.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Siranush, yeah, we're just doing a consensus call so... Fantastic. So well done Tijani. Your private life ends now. You have a lot of work on your hands so well done with stepping forward with this. Next we have a second change in personnel, and that's the Outreach Sub-Committee.

Cheryl is currently the Interim Chair of the Outreach Sub-Committee and she has other duties, namely Nom-Com duties, which means that she has less and less time, even though we know that Cheryl usually has 48 hours in a day; that's still not enough so she needs to step back. Therefore the name that was brought forward in discussions around

Durban was that Dev Anand Teelucksingh could be appointed as the Chair of the ALAC Sub-Committee on Outreach.

And certainly Dev has done an enormous amount of work already with the [interference 01:09:03] not only Chairing but also is a volunteer in many committees. And he's a hard worker. Outreach is something that's going to be vital, that is still vital to us. Maybe we could hear from Dev if he is willing to take the post?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Yes, I'm willing to accept the responsibility of Chair of the ALAC Sub-Committee on Outreach. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Dev. I'm being asked if I'm underwater. I'm really sorry about the quality of the line. I might need to get a new call again because it looks like the line is fading in and out. In the meantime, anybody who wishes to say anything about this... No? So maybe we can have a consensus call on this as well, regarding Dev being appointed as the Chair of the ALAC Sub-Committee on Outreach. I see some green ticks. One, two, three, four, five.

No, Evan has put a green tick in. Evan you're the top of the queue at the moment. I see a majority of green ticks here and certainly I see support for Dev. So by affirmation, bravo, well done Dev. Dev will be perfect for this job indeed. Well done, Dev.

So we can move onto Agenda Item #8 and that's the approval of the ALAC ccNSO Meeting Prep Group, and I'll hand the floor over to Cheryl for this. I know that it's really something that's ccNSO led, since it is the ccNSO that have asked for this small group to be formed.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you very much. I'm speaking on behalf here for both myself and for Ron, because as Ron Sherwood is the ccNSO liaison to the ALAC and I'm the reverse, to the ccNSO Council, we are mutually responsible, jointly and separately, for keeping the ball rolling on this. Let me very briefly give a quick review on exactly what this is. It's been called all sorts of peculiar things, not the least of which was "task force", which had delusions of grandeur, I can assure you.

The purpose of this is a very small, ad-hoc group whose role will be to help to prepare the Agenda that suits both the Chair of the ccNSO and the Chair of the ALAC and to ensure that whatever logistics is required in terms of working with the Staff and in the case of the ccNSO that they have a Meeting Planning Working Group that does the scheduling and things that we do differently in ALAC, to ensure that an appropriate time is found and that everything runs smoothly.

Things such as the discussion on is it going to be a meeting between us on perhaps the Sunday or the Tuesday, results in other decision nodes such as, will this simply be a meeting between the ALAC and ccNSO council representatives or the wider communities as a whole. So they're the types of deep and meaningful things that will be being discussed and worked on. We certainly would expect that the ccNSO will provide us,

along with Ron, some Staff support to match up with Heidi. That could be [Bart? 01:13:47], it could be [Gabby?], it could be both of them – we don't know yet.

And we'll probably allocate someone from their Meeting [failing? 01:13:58] Working Group or they could indeed wish to put someone in from their Leadership Team of the Council. So you as an ALAC need to report a small group, which includes Ron and myself. Maureen has been shadowing me quite effectively in the wonderful world of ccNSO liaison, as have several others. And if she's willing to serve – she seems to have done a little bit of logistics work recently with the APRALO showcase, so she's probably got what it takes to do some of this as well.

And I've had a note from Jean Jacques Subrenat, who feels that he would like to contribute to this, based on his experience of when he was on the Board, being involved in the ccNSO review. I hope he doesn't feel under-utilized. With that there is an additional name, which you have in your Agenda, in as much as Jean Jacques Subrenat has asked to be included in this activity as well. And that's as much of an intro as I think I need to give. Ron, is there anything you'd like to say? I note Maureen is willing to pick up the gauntlet on this.

RON SHERWOOD: That was an excellent presentation. Thank you very much for both of us.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: We make an excellent team, Ron. It's your turn in September with the other group. Okay then Olivier, with that annotation, I think we're ready

to go, and then Ron and I can bring these names across from ccNSO and get the planning working.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Cheryl. I hope you can hear me better than before. I can certainly hear some background noise. Is my voice better than before?

JULIE HAMMER: At various times you've been fine and then you're not.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Well, let's see how that works. Thank you Cheryl and Ron. Maureen says she is happy to be part of this group, and I gather Jean Jacques Subrenat has also mentioned this, so really what we just need here is a consensus call for this Group to proceed further with its work. I think it's good for this Team to create a very productive ALAC ccNSO meeting in Buenos Aires. It looks good for us because we haven't met with them for a very, very long time.

So the consensus call would effectively be for this Working Group to start work ASAP and get things moving to organize the ccNSO/ALAC Meeting. Everyone okay with this? Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I'm sorry, it's only to put a green tick.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Aha, okay. Thank you Tijani. Okay, well, I see no one against it, so I gather this is moving forward as well. Let's move on. The next thing is the Working Group update. No, sorry, I totally missed this, #9 – next steps for At-Large Board Member selection. Alan, could you give us a quick, two-minute follow-up on what takes place on this next please? As we know, the At-Large selects a Board Member. At the moment it's Sebastian Bachollet. There's a whole process that needs to be initiated in order to pursue the next selection process and Alan will give us a quick run-down on how this works.

ALAN GREENBERG: The rules have been changed slightly in the new Rules of Procedure and therefore it's clear that we should do the whole selection process under the new Rules of Procedure. That means we need to finish approving it. One of the documents, I hope a vote will be started today if it's not already, on the email guide, which is one of the required documents we need. The last is an adjunct document describing what happened last time, and noting the changes and any issues that came up during that point. The document is in preparation. I hope with Cheryl's help it will be ready in a day or two and that will also go out for a vote.

Once those are both approved we have the new Rules of Procedure in place and we can start the process to select the Board Member fully under the new rules. That is going to require the creation of two Committees. One is the Board Member Selection Process Committee, which essentially oversees the selection – it's partly election and it's

partly other processes that lead to it – and the initial thing is it has to create the timeline and then start the process rolling.

There is another Committee, the Board Candidate Evaluation Committee, which will essentially look at the expressions of interest and decide which of those go forward into the process. There's also process for nomination by the RALOs, should someone not be selected by that process. Cheryl, I know, has already drafted... Not drafted the timeline but put together what she believes is a reasonable timeline to be ratified or changed by the Board Member Selection Process Committee, based on her experiences in the last go-around.

And I think that's about it. The Board Member Selection Process Committee – BMSPC – is regionally balanced as two representatives from each region, selected by both the ALAC and the RALOs; so it's a joint effort, and the ALAC can name a Chair of that Committee. The Board Candidate Evaluation Committee again has two Members selected by the RALOs, plus a Chair selected by the ALAC.

So I'm assuming the next steps are once we get the documents ratified these Committees must be created. I don't think there's anything to stop the ALAC chair from kicking off the process by alerting the RALOs that they have a responsibility and to start talking about the selection process. That's it as far as I know. Cheryl might have something to add.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

If I may? Just to draw your attention to a couple of things that Alan mentioned, I certainly would like to share with the ALAC some of the

timing I have done, which obviously will lead up to the ALAC and the BMSPC to accept or otherwise, but I am, as you know, having had the experience of running the process last time, very aware that what we have to avoid in this process is the compression of time that occurred and caused a couple of critical issues in the last round.

So with those experiences in mind I have prepared a suggested set of milestone dates, and if you'll bare with me for a moment or two I'd like you to very quickly listen to those, mainly because it would involve the At-Large Advisory Committee getting onto things now – in other words as of the 27th of August. We did discuss this and Alan did mention it; that there is a need to reach out to the regions.

Though I'd like to perhaps formalize what he said so that working backwards from the 16th of April, which is the drop-dead date for the announcement of who has been selected, and for that information to be in the hands of the company secretary. So if we work backwards from the 16th of April 2014 I'd like to propose the following:

Between the close of this meeting and the 21st of September that the ALAC undergo a program of outreach and aggregation of any names that they would be considering for the proposed BMSPC, that's the oversight committee. And I'd also like to ask you to consider that seeing as there is nothing in the rules that say there cannot be any overlap between the Members who are regionally represented in the BMSPC, remembering that as Alan said, that particular group is 50% appointments.

They're all appointed by the ALAC but 50% of them are ALAC Members and 50% of them are from the region; so you have two from each region

but one ALAC and one regional. There is no reason, and there's nothing stopping any overlap between any of those regional representatives and those who would then go on to serve in the far more demanding task of evaluation, which is the Board Candidate Evaluation Committee.

If you're going to do that then you also need to get the regions motivated to find people who would put the work in, who will operate under the stringency of the regulations, rules and expectations that the job has, and work in a fairly short order [01:25:40] level of professionalism. So from that, between the 24th of September or on the 24th of September, that would mean that on your meeting next month you could appoint your BMSPC and you can decide whether an overlap between that grouping and those who may serve as part of the BCEC is okay or not, and that could go up to 50% of the representatives.

And then we could have meetings with the DMSPC on the 3rd and the 10th of October. Then on the 15th of October you would need to have all of your RALO proposals for those who are to be considered for appointment to the BCEC ready and available to you, so that by the 22nd of October, in other words the October ALAC meeting, you can appoint the BCEC and that then allows a joint meeting with the BCEC and the BMSPC meeting together on the 31st of October. That will then allow for expressions of interest to go out in a timely manner, to be prepared and go out by no later than around the 29th of November.

And looking at the time of year I would predict that the closing off of expressions of interest should be sometime around the 3rd of January. You would then allow between the 9th and the 30th of January for the

BCEC to do their work – and they'll be working very hard. The 31st of January for them to announce their final slate and then that gives the whole of February and a little part of March, up until the 5th of March, for the regional deliberations and the possibility of any additions to the slate. And that was the time-crunch last time. That's allowing us a reasonable amount of time for proper deliberations in the regions.

That gives us the 5th of March for any RALO vote to begin for add-ons to the slate, remembering that you have to have three out of five RALOs to agree for such an addition to go onto the final listing. And then voting would need to be completed by the 11th of March.

Then your final list could be released on the 13th of March, which would be the final list of candidates for seat 15. This will allow any presentations of the aspirants to be made to the community, even perhaps in a Q&A forum during the Singapore meeting, and you can start voting on those final lists as an electorate between the 1st and 14th of April, allowing you to announce on the 16th.

I know that's an awful lot of information. I have it in writing and it will be part of what the adjunct documents are suggesting. It does mean that the regions and the ALAC need to start work as of now. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Cheryl. Certainly receiving this is writing would be very helpful. I'm not going to test anyone on any of this right now, but I open the floor for your questions and comments. [laughs] Tijani had his hand up earlier?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: It was a false apparition, so I remove my hand, but I do need to speak. I would like to say that – and Alan, please correct me if I'm mistaken – I think the final decision regarding the timelines is for the ALAC to do. It's not the Committee. The Committee will propose the timeline and ALAC will accept or reject it.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: That's all.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Tijani. That's correct. The Working Groups prepare the work and then when you have matters that are as important as this, the ALAC then decides on it afterwards. Jean Jacques Subrenat is next in the queue. Jean Jacques, you have the floor.

JEAN JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you Olivier. Two points – the first is that last time around I happened to be surprisingly and unexpectedly very involved in all of this, because I was called at the eleventh hour, literally, from someone who is on this call and was asking me to be a candidate. So I want to make sure that with the new rules that are in place this kind of thing will not happen again, because it was amusing but disturbing as well.

My second point is about process. When I was on the Board of ICANN I noticed that there was one thing that was not completely transparent or accountable, and that is the way that Committee Chairs were at that time designated by the Board's Governance Committee, full stop. So on several occasions I made a suggestion, including in writing, to say that once you have the Committees populated then it is up to the Members of that Committee to elect the Chair of that Committee.

So my request, which I ask you to take down here, is that both Committees involved in the electoral process, once all its Members have been designated, should be allowed to designate their own Chair, it being understood that for all sorts of reasons, including one of final responsibility, the Chair should be the person, the Member of the ALAC. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. I see Cheryl has put her hand up again, but first we have Alan Greenberg, and then Cheryl.

ALAN GREENBERG: I'll let Cheryl go first.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you Alan. Directly to what Jean Jacques was raising, the BCEC, Jean Jacques, there is no latitude for what you request. The Rules of Procedure are absolute and specific with that. It is a regionally balanced, two reps from each region, therefore ten voting Members, and an

independent non-voting Chair that is selected by the ALAC. That is what our rules require. So your request could be considered for whomever Chairs the BMSPC, but it could not be not be considered by the ALAC for the BCEC.

JEAN JACQUES SUBRENAT: Sorry – for the BCEC? Does that mean that it would not be ten, not eleven people?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes, ten voting and an absolute, administration-only, non-voting Chair that's appointed by the ALAC.

JEAN JACQUES SUBRENAT: I had not understood that. In that case I agree. Yes. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Cheryl for this, and thank you for raising the point Jean Jacques, it is important to know. Next is Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: First I'll address that point. The rules are almost what Cheryl said but not quite. For the BMSPC the ALAC has the choice of either naming a Chair or instructing the BMSPC to name a Chair from among its Members. That's a choice the ALAC must make prior to the process. In terms of the BCEC, the ALAC names the Chair explicitly.

The ALAC Rules of Procedure do not say whether that's a voting Chair or an administrative Chair – that's up to the rules of the BCEC to describe. And clearly what Cheryl described was a very strong decision that was made last time. It is not in fact set in concrete by the ALAC Rules of Procedure. That's the only minor change. I'm not saying it would be different this time but it's not in the ALAC Rules of Procedure, as such.

In terms of the schedule that Cheryl outlined there is a problem with it, which says the whole thing is going to have to be moved up somewhat, in that the selection of the Board seat may require more than one round of voting. And if you remember last time, it did. And the schedule needs to allow for that. I believe it could require up to three rounds to verify that, but it can certainly easily require two and therefore the schedule will have to be adjusted to that. Obviously that could be done by compressing some of the specific issues or starting to work on the selection of the BCEC in parallel with...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: There's already 14 days allowed.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Alan. I see Jean Jacques is still in the queue and I'm going to close the queue after this – we really need to move on. This was really just a first step to alert everyone to what's coming up. Jean Jacques, you have the floor.

JEAN JACQUES SUBRENAT: Yes, following on what Alan and Cheryl have just indicated, I think it would be useful, at least for me certainly, to have in writing the exact position regarding each of those two Committees, with the flexibility on one hand and a very clear limitation on the other. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Just to answer that Olivier, what I was describing is in writing; it's in the Rules of Procedure, and the flexibility that is allowed will be documented in the adjunct document you'll be seeing in a few days. So very much so – it is all documented here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: One last question I did see in the list as well was whether it was possible for a candidate to be a part of the BMSCP?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Neither.

ALAN GREENBERG: There is a provision for it. I don't remember the exact wording...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: 19.8.

ALAN GREENBERG: ...Either they're not allowed at all or they must resign. I can't remember which way it came out.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Tijani, you still have your hand up?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Any candidate cannot be on any of the two Committees. It is very clear in the Rules of Procedure.

ALAN GREENBERG: And also no one who's going to vote can be on the BCEC.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Obviously, yes.

ALAN GREENBERG: Which means it cannot include any ALAC Members, among other things.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. Thank you very much for all this information. In the chat I had said that it was a question of [optic? 01:38:27] – some believe it is a conflict, some believe it is not. It's clear that with our rules now it is a conflict, so no possibility of being on the group while being a candidate.

Let's move on. I'm really mindful of the time and very worried because we have a lot of things to cover and we might have to move some of those Agenda Items to later – either on the mailing list or to next month's call.

First, the update from the ICANN Meeting Strategy Working Group – Tijani and Eduardo, could you provide us with a quick update please?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you. I don't know if you remember but I have asked for a call between ALAC Members, the representatives of ALAC and this Working Group. And the call happened and it was a productive call but we talked and didn't decide anything. The objective of the call I asked for was to know the position of ALAC on the main points of this Working Group, which are the number of meetings pre year which are the rotation, the criteria, the [01:39:18], the length of the week, the type of meetings, what else...?

A lot of other points, for example visas, the room size, etc., etc. So I don't think that it is important that we redo what we did in the other call, just to ask you if you had thought about it and if ALAC can now have a position on those points. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Tijani. In fact there was a call... I'm concerned that we're not seeing the link to it. Maybe Heidi can put the link in the chat? Here we go – updates on Meeting Strategy Working Group. Is that the right link? I'm not sure. Possibly. No, it's not. Okay, if we can

have the link to that call, rather than opening the discussion here. Let's have the link to that call, because I remember not many ALAC Members attended that call and I'm a little concerned that they're unaware of the various points of view.

Some believe three meetings a year, some believe two meetings a year. There are diverging points of view and there were not enough people on the call to make an actual choice. So please go to this call. I've asked Staff to also add it to the Agenda, so if you can reload your Agenda page in the future to find out where that call is then do that. Maybe an Action Item for everyone to listen to that call is a good thing. EDUARDO DIAZ, you have the floor.

EDUARDO DIAZ:

I just want to add that the following step in this Working Group is that we are having a meeting next week and the following week with the rest of the SOs and ACs to finalize and gather all the information and points of view and what the requirements are that these SOs and ACs have. And there will be document coming out at the end of September for public comment at that point. I just wanted to mention that. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Eduardo. I believe that really, in the lead-up to this document, all ALAC Members should have listened to that recording I just alluded to, so that we can make an informed comment during the public comment period that will be coming up. Right, let's move on.

Let's go to the next thing. That's going to be the Working Group update. We only have ten minutes left on this call. I hope we can have ten minutes left on the call. Let's go very quickly through a few of these.

The Academy Working Group. Sandra Hoferichter?

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Hello, can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Please go ahead.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: I just want to give you a very quick update because I'm just back from vacation. The Academy Working Group is now getting up to speed. We are now working on a curriculum to be submitted for a Pilot Leadership Program in Buenos Aires, which will finally take place. And we are also working to define a set of principles to assign some trainers, and will invite the constituencies to select participants and this will happen in two weeks. And there was another movement that might be of interest to you.

There is a program coordinated by ICANN Staff, which goes in a similar direction but it more focused on [soft skills? 01:44:22] and leadership facilitation training, and we will combine our Academy into... I call it "our". Or finally Adobe have joined the [approach? 01:44:35] between those two elements – the facilitation skills training and the Pilot

Leadership Training Program. Overall it will be something like three or four days, [01:44:51] figured out also within the next two weeks. And I reckon I'll be able to give you some more information soon on the Wiki page or during the next ALAC call.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Sandra. It's great to see that this is moving forward. It's been a long time and it's great to see that not only are we now doing this but there's also the leadership skills on one side and the other course that ICANN is putting together. And of course there's the online course being developed that will be leading to this as well and will be used as a pilot test to see if it works. So let's move on.

Next, the ATLAS II Organizing Committee update. Eduardo, just a few words?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Yes, I just updated the fine line because we received a final message that all people are going to... [01:46:10] ICANN constituency travel by February of next year, a list of all the people that are supposed to go to this meeting. So I just suggested to have a cut-off date, [01:46:425] ALSes by December 31st of this year, and to have the final list by January 31st so we're ready to send this to ICANN travel by February 15th of next year.

So somehow we have to ratify this or if we are in [01:46:44] of this, but those are the deadlines that we have. Also we have another deadline for this coming Friday that we're supposed to have a list of all the points

of contact from all the ALSes so we can have all the points of contact to send the survey that's supposed to go out some time on September 1st. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Eduardo. Speaking of the survey, is this ready to go?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Is this for me? I don't see Wolf online.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I was looking for Wolf. I didn't see him, I thought I don't know, maybe you do.

EDUARDO DIAZ: I don't have the answer but I can send him a note.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, so let's have an Action Item on this, that I'll be sending a note... Or Staff can send a note, sorry, because that's an easy one... Staff can send a note to Wolf Ludwig to find out if the survey is ready. And Carlos Reyes is in charge of this. That's great. Next is the... One more thing regarding this. there was a suggestion that ALAC would be inviting other AC and SO Chairs to speak at the At-Large II. I think that's an excellent idea.

It's a way to get the rest of the community to join with us and give them a way to address our community. We'll follow up afterwards but I thought you'd need to be told that this was a suggestion that was brought forward as a good step. We certainly have never been invited to speak at other SO or AC's as such, but it's good to show the way forward.

Moving on, a New gTLD Working Group, Avri Doria and Evan Leibovitch. I don't know which of you will be bringing the update for this?

EVAN LEIBOVITCH:

Olivier, Avri and I are both on the call but I guess I'll be taking it. In keeping with your request we'll keep this extremely brief right now. There are two main issues on the plate of the Working Group, one of which is a survey that is intended to try and find out about the forensics on the Applicant Support System of people around the world – were they aware of the Applicant Support System? Did they try and take advantage of it? And to try and find out the reasons why.

So essentially a survey has been designed. It's been approved by the Working Group and so the next steps are to try and figure out the timelines and the methods of distribution. So that's one issue. The other one was mentioned but skipped over in today's Agenda. It has to do with the criteria of the community evaluation process. ICANN's put out a call for comments. Rinalia has stepped out with an initial comment on it. I've sent information on this out to the Working Group.

Whether or not this actually goes to the Working Group or is addressed directly from ALAC is to be determined, but the issue is an important one and is being worked over now. So those are the main two issues from that Working Group.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Evan. Certainly this is a process that's very time sensitive. Do you think the Working Group will be able to provide an answer on this before the end of the week?

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: Given the number of responses that I've seen, the original message went out yesterday. There hasn't been any action yet so it's totally possible that this might have to be bumped up to ALAC for immediate action, given the timelines.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Evan. Any questions or comments from anyone? Avri, anything to add?

AVRI DORIA: I just connected by microphone. The one thing that can be done in the Working Group is the statement's been out there for 24 hours – I have frequently done 48-hour calls with... And there's basically an accepted process we've gone through on a 48-hour call on something. So today being only Tuesday, theoretically it could be that there could be an

answer by Friday, but I haven't had a chance to talk to Evan about it and I was going to try and chat in the background. But since you've called on me, thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you Avri. Let's move on then. For those of you that are Members of the New gTLD Working Group, please have a good look at this quickly. It's not a very large document but we do need to push forward with it. It's something that's directly related to us, since it is community... What constitutes a community? Anyway, next the initial ALAC discussion on the At-Large meeting schedule for the 48th ICANN meeting.

I was going to see if we could move that until later because we really are running out of time and we have another 25-minutes worth of meetings in about 30 seconds left to be able to go through these, which is just a little bit much. So having no reply from Staff at the moment on this, I'll take it that they are not against this. Let's move onto #13 – the update on the [interference 01:53:22]...

ALAN GREENBERG: You're breaking up Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: [laughter] Can you hear me better?

ALAN GREENBERG: You're not understandable.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh my goodness.

ALAN GREENBERG: That was understandable!

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, well at least you didn't hear my swearing just now. The At-Large meeting in LA you will notice there is a page that is up, a Wiki page, that has all of the different Action Items up there. I'm not going to go through the full list. In fact I'm not going to go through any of the list. If anybody has a question about any of the points in there, please send them over to me and copy in the ALAC list and I'd be gladly happy to answer questions on this.

It was a very productive day and we managed to push a lot of things forward. Certainly with regards to finance, with regards to the website... All sorts of little things which were fixed, effectively, I'm very glad and thankful that we're able to have a full day of meetings at that time.

Moving on, the next thing is the update on the ATRT 2 meeting, and that's the meeting that took place three or four days after the first day in LA, and for this, as we know we have three Members on the ATRT 2: myself, Alan Greenberg and Avri Doria. I guess with Alan Greenberg and

Avri Doria being Vice-Chairs of the ATRT 2, I'll give the floor to them.
Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG:

The hand was actually up for Item #13, your day in LA. I wasn't there but I was there the next day and in fact had talked a little bit to Compliance; both in the teleconference ahead of that, a private three-way teleconference, and the meeting there. I think I managed to convince Compliance that their monthly reports are not understandable and not presenting information that we need, and that may actually change now. We'll see. One little touch of optimism.

It terms of the ATRT, it was a very long and very both productive and hectic meeting. We went into it not quite understanding how we were going to get a report out of it in the timeframe, and came out of it with a very clear plan and timeline and the structure for how we're proceeding. There will be another meeting likely; we're not sure yet due to finance, in Washington some time in late September I believe, where we will be finalizing what is in the interim report.

And there's a lot of writing going on as we speak right now. I will point out that Rinalia submitted what I thought was a very good statement. If other ALAC people haven't read it, they should, and if anyone wants to endorse it or say "me too", that should be done really quickly because we're running out of time. But I did think that Rinalia captured a number of the issues that ALAC has been complaining about for a long time, and that's certainly worth looking at. Rinalia, did you forward that

to the ALAC? I'm not sure if Rinalia can speak right now. If not, I'll make sure a link goes out to the ALAC so they can find it.

Other than that...

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Rinalia's answer was no in the chat.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay, then I'll send a pointer or the text. It was a very productive meeting. ALAC is proceeding. As I said, we walked into the meeting not quite knowing how we were going to get out, and we do have a plan – we may actually have an interim report in time to discuss in Buenos Aires and a final report by the end of the year. We're identifying a lot of things that I think will be of interest to the ALAC, so I'm hoping that people will look at the draft report and be commenting on... I don't have anything else to say.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Just before Avri speaks there are two links on the Agenda; one to the ATRT 2 in Los Angeles, and there you will see all the links to the discussions and reportings, including full video recordings of the proceedings on a day-by-day basis. Then there's also a link to the templates for assessment of implementation, and for the new recommendations. Alan, I didn't find out any summary of the discussions or page with the final documents that we were working on. It might be worth asking the ATRT 2 Staff to do this.

ALAN GREENBERG:

There's an ATRT meeting on Thursday, I believe, of this week. And I'm expecting that we will be looking at the draft and have that posted either before that time or at that time. So at least that's my expectation. I should also point out, for those of you who have complained that the ATRT Wiki is non-understandable and impossible to find anything due to largely Olivier and I complaining, there has been a lot of work done on that and to be honest I haven't had a chance to look at it in the last week or so to see if the result is any better.

But I know a huge amount of work has been put into reorganizing it, removing redundancies and making it a little bit easier to find. So I would appreciate any input as to whether it's any better or not. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you Alan. Certainly I have seen some improvement in the Wiki but there still needs to be a bit more work done. Avri Doria, do you have anything to add?

AVRI DORIA:

Not really. At the moment there's a template that's been passed around on the ATRT archive list, and I think hopefully at the next meeting that will get checked over and people will actually indicate whether there are any edits. I've asked that that template be put on a Wiki page with cross-references and stuff and see what happens. I haven't complained or anything, I've merely asked.

So yeah, I don't know how you two are doing but certainly the writing season have started and there's a few of us that seem to have a whole lot of the writing in hand, trying to develop recommendations. So I'm hoping people will track the recommendations as we write them and comment, because hopefully they'll all be in Wikis, all have comment capabilities and what-have-you. Who knows if it will really work? But the more comments we get in process, I believe the more comments we don't have to deal with later in the writing and stuff. But it's going great. It totally consumes your life. [laughter]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Avri. Just to close on this, maybe an Action Item would be for myself to keep track of the writing in the ATRT 2 and to inform the ALAC –when the first draft and so on are coming up – of the availability of those documents. As we know, the ATRT 2 is all about accountability and transparency and I know that several people on the community are pushing for as much transparency as possible, which is always great to see, especially in the work the ATRT is doing. Any questions or comments on this?

Okay, now, a quick question regarding Agenda Item #12 – the ALAC discussion on an At-Large meeting schedule. Heidi, I resort over to you – what do we do with this?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi Olivier, you're going back to Item #12 now? Correct?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Not only am I on Item #12, I'm asking you, Heidi, what are we doing with Item #12? We've moved it behind Item #14. We've got Item #12, Item #15 and Item #16 and we're ten minutes beyond the absolute end of the Working Group call. We're probably in some kind of twilight zone at the moment. What do we do?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Just a reminder that the Working Group-chosen RALO Chairs please send Staff a notification if you would like to hold meetings. Staff are going to be working on populating those At-Large Agenda pages for Buenos Aires. We've had a discussion with Ex-Com and we'll be posting the regular ALAC meetings. The wrap-up session again, because this is the AGM, the Annual General Meeting, will be longer, because that's the end of the term for some Members, and the new ALAC and Ex-Com Members will come in on the Friday. So we're working on that.

There's going to be a Multi-Stakeholder Policy Roundtable on Monday afternoon and a joint meeting for the first time of the ATLAS II and Regional Secretariats Meeting on Wednesday. So in the next week or so those pages should begin to be populated.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. Thank you Heidi. When is the end time for... When is the deadline this time around for the Agenda to be totally set for Buenos Aires?

HEIDI ULLRICH: We've not heard that deadline yet for meeting set, so it should be in the next month or two. There is some time, it's not urgent at the moment.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So I guess the Action Item to take out of this, and it's not really an Action Item, it's just a declaration to everyone who's on the call here, Chairs of Working Groups and also ALAC Members and others, if there is a meeting that you believe absolutely needs to go somewhere during the ICANN week in Buenos Aires, ask for it now so we can actually have some time to try and fit it in the week without having some crazy days. Tijani?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Tijani has unfortunately dropped.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I've just noticed that. Tijani, can you...? I'm just putting quickly if he can say what he needed to say on the chat. And then we will proceed forward after this. Certainly this is going to be a very long week for some, seeing as there's going to be the leadership course going on before and so on. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I would like to say that if we want to not have conflicting sessions, we need to express our need of meetings very soon, because if we express our need very late we will for sure have conflicting sessions and we will

be unable to attend one under the other at the same time. Please, everyone try and express your need now, very, very soon. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Tijani. I was saying that this [interference 02:06:43] leadership training and for the meeting skill training as well. And hopefully the meeting skill training will teach people how to conduct short meetings rather than long ones. Let's move onto #15 – the Chair's announcement. There are two announcements to be made. The first one is to do with an ALAC Member who has left the ALAC community, who unfortunately not with us at the moment, and that's Yaovi Atohoun.

Well, he's not left the ALAC community, he's left the ALAC because he has been taken on as ICANN Staff for Africa, which is fantastic news. I know this was sent over on the ALAC list but this is the official announcement, I guess, over to the rest of the world, and well done. Real excellent work Yaovi.

It's been a real pleasure. I know you're not online but you might be listening to this later. It's been an absolute pleasure to work with you and I know it will be a pleasure to continue working with you but now you'll be in Staff you will have to pay the bill at the end of the evening when we have out meal, which is great. [laughter]

So apart from that, I know everyone has been really pleased with this. That means that AFRALO is going to be working to look at what happens now with regards to appointing someone to fill the position of Yaovi. Of

course, Yaovi had returned as an AFRALO Officer for the next term, and that means someone else will be selected for the next term. I note on the chat that Staff is very happy to welcome Yaovi as a colleague and we're happy that he still remains with us.

Now, next is the second person who's leaving us, but this time temporarily. And that's Gisella, and Gisella has a leave from the 2nd of September to the 2nd of December. It's not because she's absolutely tired of listening to us for hours on end and needs a break – no –, it's for a much happier event and I'll hand the floor over to Heidi for this announcement.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Hi everyone. Gisella, I don't know what to say. We're all going to miss you so tremendously but at the same time we are absolutely thrilled with your impending motherhood, and truly, from the heart, we wish you all the very best as you await the child you've been waiting for for so long.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you very much. I'll miss everyone as well. I think that three months will absolutely fly by and I'm not quite sure what's going to happen next week. I will know... It will be better known to me then.

And I think three months will fly by and I'll be back in no time and I look forward to it. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Gisella, and no doubt it's great news to see another member of the At-Large community that will join us really looking forward to this. So the question comes into what happens when Gisella leaves for those three months? They will fly by for Gisella – will they fly by for us as well or will we all just panic and jump off a cliff before Gisella is back? For this we have a wonderful document that Gisella has prepared with Staff and others. Some people will be stepping in while Gisella steps out. Good luck to those people stepping in. They have no idea. [laughter]

But if you look at the document... Heidi, do you wish to take us through this quickly? I realize we are so short on time now.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I think just because of the time... It's a very self-explanatory, one-page note that basically lists Gisella's... And she's been working very close with Nathalie and Julia, and we've all had a call with At-Large Staff and everyone's aware from our side how this is going to proceed. But this is basically just so you know who's going to be handling what. The easiest thing for you to do is continue writing to the At-Large Staff account and then everyone here knows their responsibilities and will carry that forward.

And also, as much as we're going to miss Gisella, I'm very impressed with how Julia, who's been handling this ALAC call for the first time on here own, has done. Well done Julia.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Applause to that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. Bravo. Well, thank you very much for this and Gisella, it is an au revoir and hopefully we'll be able to have some regular news from you as you enjoy the real life out there that exists beyond those walls that we're confined in. I think we can go to the last Item on the Agenda... Yes, and photos of course, news and photos please. That's mandatory. Last Item – any other business from anyone? I see a couple of hands up. First, Rinalia Abdul Rahim.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Thank you Olivier. Just a quick note to the ALAC and At-Large. I've been keeping an eye on the IGF that's supposed to happen in Bali, and I know a few of my ALAC colleagues are also organizing workshops that have been accepted, and I've looked at the draft scheduling and they seem to be putting all of our workshops at the same time and on the same day. We've had this problem before and I really didn't like not being able to attend some of my colleagues' workshops because I'm interested in the topic and I also want to demonstrate my support.

And I was wondering if we could think about it and see if we need to say something to the IGF Secretariat or whoever it is that coordinates this schedule. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Rinalia. Would this be something that the MAG is in charge of?

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: I don't know, but I think a comment needs to be made if we care about it.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No. No-no.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I see Tijani has his hand up and he's well aware of the process as well. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: It's also about IGF. First of all I'd like to answer Rinalia's concern. I understand her concern but I would like to give her my experience in asking for rescheduling a workshop. I did that one time and I will not do it again because they gave me a very bad slot, at the end of the meeting, so nobody would come, etc., etc. So if we have a slot and if it is at a

good moment, try and keep it because otherwise you will lose it. You will lose a good opportunity to have people coming to your workshop.

Second point now – I would like to ask Heidi for any information about the Bali event, about the IGF. Now we have a [02:14:38] that we invited to be on our panel, and they are asking me when I am coming, if I am coming, etc. And it is very important. If I'm not coming, who will do the workshop? So I'd like to know from Staff, from ICANN Staff, if there is anything being done or anything projected to be done for the Bali IGF. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Tijani. For this I call on Heidi to provide us with some details.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Very quickly Tijani, two responses. For the extra travel support, we've sent all that information to the APRALO and the AFRALO Members who are going to get travel support to constituency travel – that sits in their hands. Secondly, I've been in almost weekly touch with Mandy Carver from GSE about the ICANN plans, so I expect that you're going to be hearing some information very shortly; probably in the first week of September, on the ICANN broader issues on activities at the IGF.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Heidi. Anything to do with the MAG on this issue of all workshops being at the same time? Do we have anyone who's on

the MAG? I thought that we had people that were in the At-Large community who were on the MAG?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I think that Avri is on the MAG.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Avri is on the call and she's put her hand up. Avri?

AVRI DORIA: Yeah, I'm not on the MAG. I'm sometimes on the Secretariat, maybe again, I don't know. But it's the Secretariat mostly that deals with the scheduling and they do deal with an immense number of change requests. And the unfortunate thing that happens is when the constraints get too heavy and this one can't talk to that one, that one can't be at the same time as this one because there's a comment speaker, etc.

It does become difficult rescheduling and people do get stuck in a slot that no one else wants because it doesn't conflict with anything. So it's not in any sense... But it is the Secretariat that deals with all those issues. The MAG gets called more in on should something be scheduled or not scheduled – not when should it be scheduled for, and so on.

As I say, I'm not on the MAG, I'm not even on the Secretariat at the moment, though I do play a part in a sort of background

Secretariat/friend of the Secretariat. And I'm hoping to be on the Secretariat again. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Avri for this. That's very enlightening. I certainly was not aware of this and perhaps, may I suggest that both Rinalia and Tijani speak to you about this offline, follow up with you and see if any informal channel can be discussing this one way or another? I certainly find it very difficult to go through the full ICANN channel, MAG and the Secretariat, etc., etc. Okay, any other "other business"? Seeing no one putting their hand up.

I'm glad to see that this call is going to be over in a second. I just have to thank all of you for spending the nearly two and a half hours on the call, including thanking the interpreters for having remained with us for that long. That's certainly one of the longest ALAC call we've had, but it was very, very productive. So thanks to everyone. Thank you to all the Staff. Thank you to members and to observers who were on the call as well and I'll speak to you all very soon.

And just a special word over to Heidi Ullrich, on the record – you can now go over to sample the local Turkish delicacies. I know it's about time for you to have dinner, Heidi, so I shan't take you any longer. Please go and... Remember, please try and find those hubbly bubbly – I'm sure there's some in Istanbul. To all of you, thank you very much and bye bye. This call is now adjourned.

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