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JULIA CHARVOLEN: Good evening and welcome everyone. Welcome to our monthly meeting for AFRALO. Today is Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. It's 6:30 PM UTC. We have [?...

On the English channel, we have [?]... and Pastor Peters. We have received apologies from Yaovi Atohoun, Janiver Ngnolaye, and Pierre Dandjinou. Our interpreters for the evening will be Camilla and Fernanda. And as members of staff we have, of course, Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself Julia Charvolen.

May I please remind you to state your name before you take the floor for the interpreters to be able to identify you in the English channel as well as for transcript purposes. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: This is Fatimata speaking. Thank you Julia and welcome everyone. We're going to start with open policy issues, which is item number two on the agenda. Fatimata saying there is an annoying noise. I'm trying to open the agenda, I'm sorry.

I'm sorry but there is background noise, there is people speaking. Can anyone tell me what it is?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No. It's Tijani. It's someone who has people speaking.

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SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, this is Silvia Vivanco....

UNIDENTIFIED: ...not speaking to mute their lines... I'm sorry Silvia, do you want to take the floor?

UNIDENTIFIED: This is [?] speaking. I just checked with our operator, and there is some lines that have been muted. Can you hear properly now?

UNIDENTIFIED: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED: [?] Is Fatimata here?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes. I'm here. So on to policy issues. Learned a lot as usual. So, I'm going to read the title as we usually do. We have the potential postponement of the GNSO reviews. I'm sorry but there is still background noise. It's Etienne's line, so Tijani can we please mute him?

Okay. So it's potential postponement of the GNSO review. The comment period, August 15<sup>th</sup>, was attended, and the reply period ends on September 6<sup>th</sup>. [?] removal request is another open policy issue.

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The comment period ended August 16<sup>th</sup>, and the reply period ends on September 8<sup>th</sup>. We have [?] ownership removal request, comment period 15<sup>th</sup> of August, reply period September 8<sup>th</sup>. Proposal, communicate [?] August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>. I'm just reading what's on the agenda.

All right. Protection mechanisms requirements, August 27<sup>th</sup>, September 18<sup>th</sup>. GNSO structure charter amendment process, August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>. [?] the draft next – GTLD directory services, September 6<sup>th</sup>, and we do not have the date for the reply period.

And DNS Risk Management Framework report, September 13<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Look for these last open policy issues, the comment period is not yet open. So the reply period is for October... Sylvia has comments to make regarding one of these open policy issues...

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Hello this is Silvia. Could you speak up, to the interpreter please, if you can speak up? Your volume is a little low here in the English channel.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

I was asking, this is Fatimata speaking. Okay, everything is on the agenda, everything I just read. I wanted to know whether you members of staff wanted to add something regarding what I just read. Whether there is questions from anyone else. Olivier is asking for the floor. Okay, Olivier you have the floor then.

Olivier are you there?

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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Can you hear me now? It's Olivier.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Wonderful. I think Julia muted everyone's line. So I mute my phone sometimes but this time I let them do it. This is Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. Thank you Fatimata. I just wanted to say a few things about these open policy issues.

The date is... They haven't made a choice because there is so many open policy issues, that's why we don't have a date. So with regards to the potential postponement, the comment of the GNSO review, there is an [internal] meeting for the GNSO every two years, they may have postponed it for two or three years, or many years.

The fact that ALAC has not commented on it... [?] This is a request that was made for registries to be able to, registrars as well, and so ALAC has nothing to do regarding that. So we didn't make any comments. With regards... [?] ...for the new names that will be created, and those which might exist at the local level, in a company, or a local network, and there is people who use names already, and there might be a collision risk.

That's why ALAC drafted a statement on this regard. Now with regard to the right protection mechanism, the RPM, and the requirements, that is once again on, I wouldn't say, copyright but trademark rights. I'm sorry, my French is a bit rusty. And so [?] was working there and they

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prepared a statement that has already been submitted to a vote, in fact, if you click on the link that is on the agenda, you'll see the final draft of the statement.

As regards to the GNSO structured charter amendment process, this is in terms of the GNSO they have found a way, they create new structures in the GNSO. ALAC has no comment to make there. I was in the draft the next generation gTLD directory services; this is an experts group on the potential replacement of the WHOIS service.

So they made the first report, and there were comments to make on that, and we needed to advance, and I think what ALAC prepared has already been sent to vote. And then finally, the last item on this list was the DNS risk management framework report. That's for the Board of ICANN; they followed the recommendations of the security and stability review for the internet.

This is security and stability for the DNS system. They are for consultants to make a report so that they could find a means to analyze the assessment, not only for risks of the internet but also for the risks that this poses for ICANN, who is supposed to deal with the stability of all of these internet identifiers.

I think now they need the community to read this report, and I encourage you to do so. In fact, we need to hear your opinions on this. I was a member of the DNS Security and Stability Analysis team myself; this is a group which has been created to analyze the security and stability.

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I'm sorry, it's very complicated, it gets messy with the acronyms. So this was a group which comprised people from registrars, registries, and different parts of ICANN. And the feedback we have, we received so far regarding this report, is that it could work better actually. So it would be interesting for AFRALO members to read this report, and you can provide your input.

I have spent too much time. I excuse myself. And Fatimata you have the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Olivier. This is Fatimata speaking. Thank you very much for your explanation in layman's terms, I think everyone understood. In any case, I appreciate your explanation and I will now give the floor to Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI:

I know that there are new people who have joined us. Aziz speaking. Yes, precisely. I wanted to welcome all the names on the screen that I see popping up on the screen, particularly to Pierre who has joined us after Yaovi's nomination to become a member of ICANN staff. This is [?] who has joined.

The problem I have, Fatimata is going to have, to quit the meeting in a maximum of 20 minutes. And so while I'm here I need to know if you need any clarifications on the agenda. So could we please start on that?

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: This is Fatimata speaking. Yes thank you Aziz. It is a very good suggestion, and actually I forgot to ask that. I think there is an essential item that you dealt with. It's regarding ALSs mostly. I think you're doing our agenda. [?] number four, we have item for information, and then point sub item number four, [?] information [?] on ALSs, which you were supposed to present.

And then Tijani and I can deal with the rest... Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Fatimata. This is Aziz speaking. I'll start with the scorecard, in fact the scoreboard on AFRALO [?] joint statement. At our last meeting in Durban, we said we were supposed to... So in the course of our meeting, we decided to make our scoreboard to draw a balance what happened with our AFRALO ICANN statement.

Everything we prepared then over the last 10 meetings. At the end of the Durban meeting, Hadja Ouattara, I can see you, suggested that we prepare a scoreboard, comprising of what our statement said, what the subjects of each were, and the impact that that had, whether ICANN's Board answered to that or not, or whether they took measures accordingly.

So together with Tijani and Fatimata, we prepared a scoreboard that we're going to present to you. May I remind you that there is also a working group where there is people that don't belong to AFRALO but who are a part of the African community, and hope to participate in the preparation of this scoreboard.

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So when you see this scoreboard or scorecard, which you will probably see in a few seconds on Adobe Connect, we would like to hear your comments before the staff. Before Heidi that is sends it to the Board of ICANN. And the second subject I would like to mention is something that is very important as well, and it's on the ALS's information sheets.

We have 25 ALSs to this date, we are going to discuss three applications today, we have [?], Somalia, and Nigeria. And when just... And our wish is to see the rest of the ALSs update their information. We have plenty of information which is obsolete. So we would like to ask all ALSs to update their information sheets.

Silvia has done a wonderful job. I've been with... We distributed in fact at Durban what we had, which is we're going to post it on our site, and I think Sylvia will proof them, either her or I. In any event, we'll send them within an email explaining how ALSs can update their information on their organizations and the importance of the said organizations before the ATLAS II summit which will take place in London in June 2014.

We would like to print that a new document, a brochure, including all African ALSs for that date. That's it. Thank you Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

This is Fatimata speaking. Thank you very much Aziz. You were very... Your comment was very summed up and very clear. Are there any questions for Aziz regarding this item, whether it's the scorecard or information sheet? No?



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How about for information sheets? I would like to remind you of the updated information. Please take a look at the sheets. If the information on your ALS is expired or obsolete, we would really like you to send us that information updated, or else to change the information included in the information sheets from the Wiki.

So you are all ALSs who should be interested in having your information updated there. And Aziz and I expect to hear from you regarding the people who have participated at those meetings regarding this statement of course.

So given that there are no hands raised, there is Tijani... Okay then. Tijani you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you. This is Tijani speaking. Good evening everyone. I would like to tell you that regarding the scorecard, this is some work to us that was asked to us by Fadhi at our last AFRALO and AFLAC joint meeting in Durban. It is interesting because we analyze the impact that this had on our statement during our last meeting.

And there were many people who said it was pointless to write statements, that nothing is done, and we were told it's something that we shouldn't do. So we've prepared this scorecard, and it was Fadhi who encouraged us to do so. We are going to have to send this so that they can take into account in order to consider how they can meet our expectations, or our requests and our needs.

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So this shows consideration from ICANN's management and ICANN's staff. It is very important, to my mind; I hope that all of this is truly considered. Now with regards to the scorecard that is a summary of a statement, particularly of the requests and the recommendations we had made to ICANN Board. So it is not that we added anything, we didn't make anything up, we didn't exclude anything.

This is a summary. You're going to see it. It is organized by meetings and by subject, so it is sub-divided into subjects. If we forgot anything of course you can tell us, but I don't think given that there was three of us preparing this...

I hope that you'll be able to read it and see the work that we did from the first statement to this day, and see what the recommendations we had made were, and those recommendations we say to the Board of ICANN. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Tijani. This is Fatimata speaking. I would like to say that it is indeed very interesting work, and it is important exercise as well because there it allows us to go over what we have already done, and before we started preparing this we had no [?] we had worked so hard.

So really, I invite you to reread the statements through the summary that we have prepared. We have also added, somewhere, notes to see whether this had any impact. Whether after our statement, anything was done anywhere. We did note some changes being made, not a lot, but a few.

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So I think there are starting to listen. I think we should accelerate this a bit. We still have a very taxed calendar and our schedules are full of activities, yet half of it has not yet been done. And the next item was reports, the report for reasons and upcoming activities of ALAC, its item number three.

It is Tijani who is going to present this. I'm going to give him the floor, and I'm sure he will start shortly and he will do it in a very concise manner. Tijani you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Fatimata. This is Tijani speaking. I know that there are other members of ALAC here, but we have received apologies from [?] and Yaovi, so I'm the only one to present this. During the last meeting, or rather, in the latest signs, there are many people who have been on holiday because it is summer now, so there is not a lot of work underway.

And Olivier explains with this regarding open policy issues. ALAC is also working on the selection of a Board member. We have to present a candidate, and we're going to choose someone [?]. ALAC is also working on the ICANN Academy; there is lots of work on that because the budget was approved for a pilot program which will be done in Buenos Aries.

That will be very soon. And there will be two, or three sessions rather, with the first [? 0:25:49] with ICANN staff. It's going to be a first trial of the platform that we're going to do with the first string assistant. [?]... new leaders [?] ...the GAC and all of the rest.

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So for all these organizations we're going to hold a training session. Whether it's going to be some people participating there who are not newcomers. There is another training that's called how to manage meetings, and its actions to manage meetings for patiently, to properly manage groups, and all the rest of it.

So that's what we're going to do in Buenos Aires. There is a maximum of 25 attendants per training session, and they're going to come there from all of ICANN's constituencies. And we're working on it then.

The third subject is our summit, ATLAS II. Now that the budget has been approved, and our summit in London has been approved as well, we're going to have to begin working on the preparation of that summit. It is going to be a lot of work, and I'm sure then it's going to be a very enriching experience for us all. We should furthermore prepare our ALSs for that summit.

We're going to be there with others and everyone should know who the rest of the world is thinking about. We would also like our members of ALSs to be active. At Large, in the general sense, which after the [?] by ALSs, they're going to come there directly. It's not that they are going to be represented by an [?], by ALAC, or by the RALOs.

So they're going to be present at the summit, and they should therefore be capable providing their viewpoints on the different matters being discussed in ICANN presently. This is the main point I think. We should start working on that very soon. We'll work on our capacity building sessions and from there, we're going to train them.

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And then from the secretariat, RALO secretariat, we're going to work on different ways to prepare the summit properly and the working group on our ATLAS summit. The other item I wanted to mention, which is another activity of ALAC, and there hasn't been actually a lot of activity on it, is that the activity of our working group.

This is quite a calm period, but still they are advancing. And then lastly, the subject which most important, which is the preparation of the Buenos Aires meeting. We're only a few weeks away from the meeting, and we have a real interest in preparing this meeting properly, and we should do it.

And starting the next meeting, this is going to be a very active group. Thank you Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Tijani. This is Fatimata speaking. But you did wonderfully Tijani, because not only did you speak of ALAC's recent activity, but you also spoke of capacity building and the training for ATLAS II, and you spoke also about the At Large Summit working group, we'll get back to that. That is a subject that we won't be dealing with in detail, I'm certain, because we've already mentioned it.

Would anyone like to add anything? Has Tijani forgotten anything? Well, are there any questions for Tijani? I have one Tijani. One of the constituencies [?] training program, are there any programs?

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. Tijani speaking. There are particularly, it will be for the three training group. I believe that is for online training which consists of the about, concerning the internet, and concerning ICANN, etcetera. I don't think that would be, all the leaders would be present, but for the other sections.

The policy now is that everybody should be there. Okay.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you. It's Fatimata. Thank you, you were very clear. Are there any questions? Yes one question.

UNIDENTIFIED: [?] ...regarding the working group, at the At Large summit.

ETIENNE TSHISHIMBI: It's Etienne speaking. Within the working group, I had asked [?]

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: It's Fatimata speaking. Etienne, I saw an email today after our last meeting, [?] mistaken, maybe Heidi should reply in this respect. There was an email that announced exactly your inclusion in the group.

ETIENNE TSHISHIMBI: Right. I'm going to check my emails then. That was Etienne speaking.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: It's Tijani speaking. Etienne, you were not cut off. You were muted because there was noise. You were talking to other people who were listening to you. You were muted.

ETIENNE TSHISHIMBI: I was muted? I wasn't muted.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: We couldn't listen to you.

ETIENNE TSHISHIMBI: Okay. Thank you. No problem.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: It's Fatimata speaking again. Thank you Etienne and thank you Tijani. [?] meeting for the future of AFRALO. It's in the Wiki, the Wiki level, taken that the level should include the information, for creation of the forum of internet governance at the international level, at the sub regional – and at the regional level. Do not hesitate to go to the Wiki and establish that activities where the ALS are engaged.

Next, item four, items for information. First topic for the summit, furthering capacity building, Tijani has just talked about it. Are there other topics? Tijani [?] last time, in the last meeting, that all ALSs had to

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be prepared and I will also talk about this in Adobe Connect that this is mean for only ALSs. ALSs should participate in the preparation for the summit, but during the summit, they should take the floor and be in charge for the RALOs and for ALAC to make propositions, etcetera.

To do so will have a good training to give everybody the opportunity to participate and communicate. I don't know if Tijani has anything to add in this respect, otherwise I will give the floor to the working group for the At Large working summit.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Fatimata, thank you. It's Tijani here. You've said everything. I would like to say that there are three groups that are going to work together for this training. The group working on the summit, the group for the capacities, and the RALOs working group.

We're checking what type of participation is required for the ALSs, in any case concerning the capacity building for that group, I'm going to work as a [?] on the training given to the RALOs.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you very much Tijani. Are there any questions? It's Fatimata speaking. Are there any questions in this respect? I think everything was clear, everything was well understood. The working group on the new strategy for ICANN, Tijani is also member a member of this working group. He is going to take the floor.



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VICTOR NDONNANG: Yes Fatimata. One comment.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes Victor, you have the floor.

VICTOR NDONNANG: Good afternoon everybody. I was on the computer and wanted to add a comment in terms of this summit. The information that Tijani just gave, I would like to clarify. I am part of the working group on the preparation of the summit that is going to [?] all of the ALSs.

I believe that it is important to comments, contact, the information for all of the ALSs before attending, in order to optimize the sending and responding the form, even the Wiki. It will be important that you would take a look at it before the final addition is sent to ALSs.

Other informational who believe will give them after this point, in terms of capacity building [?] ...

UNIDENTIFIED: Hello? [?]

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: For other topics, we are going to give the floor to Tijani for him to talk about the strategy for the ICANN meeting.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

This is Tijani speaking. Working group, as you know, in Durban with the other teleconferences after Durban, now we are at a stage where we're going to compile the work that we've been doing since the meeting, and we're preparing our first report which we will publish in a few weeks from now.

The important ICANN in this work, the public ICANN meetings, the duration of the meeting is, how to say, I'm going to say, the location in the five continents, the members of staff in the ICANN meetings. The number of participants is growing, and participation is increasing in this type of meetings. A proposal was made to change the strategy saying that the five continents to have two, three meetings, in the five continents to facilitate many things.

Also, facilitate a type of meetings, the meeting conference centers, very large meetings. Therefore, two or three meetings per year, and two meetings in order to cover all of the continents. In Africa, there are more problems, more difficulty. Now the group will be discussing this type of things to see if the feasibility of these meetings in certain places in those meetings to plan those meetings.

We're discussing all of the things. This will take a few weeks already.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Tijani. It's Fatimata taking the floor again. I have a small question Tijani regarding the number of meetings. You talked about three meetings, two other meetings, that will be five meetings. Are we okay with the number of meetings?

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, no, no. I mean... Tijani speaking. Three meetings and one meeting that would be in another continent. The proposal is very long, the comment and action made by [?] that was made the proposition; the group was studying this possibility.

The trouble was supposed last year; we have not defined it yet. One meeting among the three regions. The site would be defined...

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Tijani. It's Fatimata. Are there questions for Tijani? No? Okay. We're going to now ask Dev with the scorecard. Now we're going to move to the sixth item, number of availabilities of AFRALO. You now that our friend and brother Yaovi Atohoun is a member of staff of ICANN.

And therefore, we have no – we cannot do this because there is a conflict of interest at the level of ALAC. So, the production is going to be [?] ...we had proposed the recommendation of Yaovi after the general meeting [?] so the original was vacant.

Now we go to a new selection and we're going to make the announcement very soon in the list, so that this can happen as quickly as possible. So we'll take the occasion now to wish Yaovi, we're going to work at the level of, for the president for Africa as a member of staff and maybe Heidi or Oliver.

All I can say is that for Africa, Tijani... No, I'm sorry, it was an error. Okay. Everything that I can say is that [?] is because he is going to really

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renew the structure in Beijing for ICANN, and in particular the ALSs. I wanted to benefit from this occasion to welcome his replacement [?] Pierre Dandjinou, who is going to replace Yaovi at the level of AFRALO as a representative.

So welcome for this first meeting at the AFRALO level. I'm going to give the floor to Olivier now.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Fatimata. It's Olivier speaking. Can you listen to me? Am I on mute?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: No we can listen to you perfectly well.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. I wanted to say some words about Yaovi who is now coming back to ICANN staff. I congratulate Yaovi for all of the work done, and thank you for the work you've done when you were with the Nom Com for some time, and he was in ALAC, he was a volunteer in the working group.

He worked also extensively when ALAC and the ALAC committee rewrote its rules of procedure, so we thank you for all of the work you've done Yaovi. Now it's a new chapter that's opening for him, now that he's a member of staff. He is being paid for all of the work that he is doing so that's incredible. That's a good thing.

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It's a fantastic movement for his career. And of course, in a sense, I am personally sad because Yaovi is a member of ALAC. He was an active member of ALAC. It's one less member of ALAC [?] one needs to find another one to replace him. But, other than timing, it's excellent to see that many of our members from AFRALO, or from other RALOs, many of our members are showing their quality and therefore they're immediately taken by ICANN and by other organizations that hire them to work with them.

Because in fact, they are vibrant community that are highly qualified. Personally all of the work that Yaovi has done was shown, it was clear in ICANN that they are going to continue to expand the work for Africa, so Yaovi it's quite clear, he is a hard worker. I hope you have this new Yaovi, that somebody will be able to take Yaovi's position. I expect a lot of you Yaovi.

So I am happy to see [?] ...into the RALO. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Olivier. It's Fatimata speaking. We're all joining in to give thanks to Yaovi and his [?]. Any other comment? Hello? Fatimata? Are you there? Julia?

JULIA CHARVOLEN:

Yes. It's Julia here. We're calling her back.

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UNIDENTIFIED: While we wait, I wanted to continue wishing success to Yaovi in her career at ICANN. Actions in AFRALO was very good work. I'm going to continue... I have a comment. Yes?

VICTOR NDONNANG: Thank you. I want to say congratulations to Yaovi. I believe that he will still be in the team, the AFRALO team, as a leader and he's going to be an [?]....

He's going to help implement the African strategy. He's not leaving us. He's changing positions, but he will continue to work with us. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Victor. I am back. Thank you Tijani. It's Fatimata taking the floor again. Can you hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED: Yes, yes we can hear you Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you. Okay. Yaovi has shown the way. This is an important milestone. The candidate to work at the level of ALAC, I'm talking about Tijani, Olivier, and [?]. Personally, this position was taken for one year, the level of performance [?] ...the level of [?] we would have like to have because my profession does not allow me to do what I expect to.

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So, consider you can do it Olivier. If you cannot do it Olivier, do not suggest Olivier as a candidate. I am very proud of the work of Yaovi, the work – the Google work with – I kind of wish it will continue. We don't want the level to go down. That's what I wanted to say before passing the floor over to the other people who would like to comment.

The other element item for discussion is the choice for secretary. No requests from the floor? We now move to the next item, the next one if the AFRALO secretary. Do you know that from the next meeting, general meeting, the ICANN general meeting.... [?]

UNIDENTIFIED: Hello?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: This is Tijani speaking.

PASTOR PETERS: Hello, Pastor Peters please.

UNIDENTIFIED: Yes. Please raise your hand on Adobe Connect so that Fatimata sees you.

PASTOR PETERS: [?] please.

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HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi Pastor Peters. This is Heidi. I will let them know.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: ...position of the secretary. Somebody had request [?] he was going to finish next year. So this is the current situation. I can see somebody that is interested in the elections. There is somebody who has a question and would like to take the floor. Pastor Peters you have the floor.

PASTOR PETERS: Thank you. I was hoping to contribute. I was muted for more than 45 minutes [?]. I had to use my other line to call the ICANN office. I don't know why I was muted. What I am hearing is that Mr. Yaovi [?] as ICANN staff, and I request [?] for what Fatimata said about somebody replacing him and the comment to [?] for the first time.

I don't know what [?], so once that error is cleared as to go to somebody else [?] Yaovi because of his new appointment, so I didn't have to look at that area clearly, so I want to be [?]...

I also wanted to [?] Yaovi under the appointment, under the question of [?] ... Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Peters. It's Fatimata [?] to resume this item. [?] was saying on Adobe Connect the article of AFRALO at [?] on AFRALO's guiding principles. Your responsibility of the members, of AFRALO. I wanted to



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give the floor to Tijani. Tijani, you have the floor. Do you want to respond to Peters? Go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Fatimata. I have raised my hand because I want to talk about the secretary election. I had Julia on the Adobe Connect about this position of a member of ALAC. That's ALAC, this procedure... I'm going to respond to Peters about the election.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you. Peters...

PETERS PASTOR: I'm here.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: ...Yaovi's position is vacant now, there would have to be elections to replace him. [?] of what is needed to replace Yaovi as Tijani has just mentioned, the procedure of ALAC. I would like to add that each person, the first thing I want to replace Yaovi, should make an introspection to know whether he or she has the capacity to do it.

Because AFRALO is an advising position, and I would not like that level to be reduced. We see Tijani who would like to speak about the election of a secretary. Yes. That I just announced.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes. Thank you Fatimata. A member that is going to be applying for this position, there is also another reason for that is that we have – how do we call this? The Rules of AFRALO? A secretary is elected at the same time, not at the same time as the president. There must be some delay. If somebody comes in for two years, when there is no continuity.

So we need to have a secretary who should not be elected at the same time as the president for continuity purposes, and in addition, this election is for a replacement of Aziz, so it will be one year. Election of the secretary for one year. That's it. I'm done Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Tijani. Any other questions? Is there any question in this respect? No questions? We're going to move now to items for discussions. New members of ALS, we have received three requests for ALS organization. And... The Internet Society of Nigeria. Secondly, the [?] Federation of Consumers. And finally the Internet Society for [?].

PASTOR PETERS:

Hello?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

...these applications...

PASTOR PETERS:

Hello?

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: ...and we're waiting for everyone's comments. So I would like to know what your advice would be regarding this three chapters. Have you had a chance to have a look at this application?

PASTOR PETERS: Hello? It's Pastor Peters.

UNIDENTIFIED: Okay. Hold on please sir.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: ...as regard ALAC in an event, or whether we should say the country. What do you think about that? Is it only ALSs? Fatimata is asking Mr. Peters whether your comment is regarding ALSs and their applications.

PASTOR PETERS: Fatimata, I was just commenting from the discussion when Tijani was offering the submission of... So I cannot get what all the thoughts [?] ... So I don't know what I can contribute on that, or if it is over.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Fatimata speaking. Thank you for, I'm really sorry, these things happen. I know calls drop, but we have already dealt with both subjects. It was I who refer to your question and I said that there would be a call, which will be held in order to discuss the replacement of Yaovi, and for Aziz's replacement as well.

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So that's a sum up of what you asked about. Your question....

PASTOR PETERS: Okay. No. I have... Can I please say something? Hello?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes go on.

PASTOR PETERS: Sorry. I'm not trying to drag us back. I don't remember [?] there will be a call, a call as in a conference call, or a call as in a notice for members to indicate interest in this [?] ...conference call [?] ...call [?] ...of ICANN where the [?] ...and then [?] ...get the interest in writing as usual.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Fatimata speaking. It is going to be done as usual. There is going to be a conference call that will be communicated on the mailing list, so that will be an invitation you will receive and there will be an election. I think we're going to have to leave this subject and I think Tijani would like to take the floor once again.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: This is Tijani speaking. Thank you Fatimata. I wanted to speak of the Internet Society Nigerian chapter. I've read their application, and I've read the due diligence. I also undertook my own research and investigation because I know Nigeria and their people.

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And from what I have seen, I recommend that AFRALO accept this application. I'm still waiting for some feedback with regards to the other two applications. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Tijani. This is Fatimata speaking. Are there any other comments? Has anyone else, either than AFRALO's office, because Tijani and I have said that we support this application that we have already found out about them, and I would like to hear from someone other than Tijani and myself. Has anyone else have a chance of having a look at this application so that they can give us their advice?

PASTOR PETERS: Hello. Can I speak?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: So could we please ask every member...

PASTOR PETERS: Can I speak? [?]

INTERPRETER: Sir, I cannot hear Fatimata if you keep speaking. Give me a second please.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Pierre Dovonou has the floor and then Mr. Peters will speak. But first we have Pierre Dovonou.

PIERRE DOVONOU: Yes, hello. This is Pierre Dovonou. Can you hear me?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes we can hear you properly Pierre. Please go on.

PIERRE DOVONOU: Okay. I would like to thank you. I was listening very carefully to what was said regarding the Nigerian [?] and their application. I have read it myself. And I've had the chance of exchanging some information with some people I know in Nigeria.

And I've seen that it's all active. And there are people who are working together with them. I never got to work with them, but from what I'm told we can trust them. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: This is Fatimata speaking. Thank you Pierre. So there is another favorable advice for [?] to recommend them. And so now, Pastor Peters has the floor to speak about the ALSs, about the applications for new ALSs.

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PASTOR PETERS:

I have no problem with the applications, but as for Nigeria. So they are not unknown to me. I know them under [?] if they would be president briefly [?] ...application was published on this [?] ...I recommend that AFRALO also accept the application and put them on both.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Mr. Peters. This is Fatimata speaking. So this is another favorable opinion. Is there anyone who opposes their joining AFRALO? No? Okay. So Nigeria is supported, and so we will send these emails to ALAC. So Silvia, please take note of this, AFRALO is positive on their support for ISOC Nigeria.

Now with regards to the other chapter which is ISOC Somalia, and for the [?] Federation of Consumers, we're waiting to receive more information. You all know that the staff has to provide us with information included in the due diligence so that we can judge ourselves.

Thank you, and we are now ready to move on to item number six, which happens to be the last, which is any other business. I would like to announce, on a housekeeping item, that I was contacted by the Nom Com and that I was not surprised by the fact that I was approached by them, but I would like to thank you for having trusted me, and I will promise I will try to rise to the occasion.

Is there any other subject that we should deal with? I think Victor wanted to take the floor. Please be brief because we're already late. Victor, did you have something to say? You had something to mention for the other subjects? Are you there Victor? Okay.

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He is not connected at all. Are there any other subjects? Yes, hello?  
Who is this?

ETIENNE TSHISHIMBI: This is Etienne speaking. I wanted to remind everyone that the IGS Africa in Nairobi, or will be held in Nairobi on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Thank you. This is Fatimata. It's been said already, but it's good to confirm. If there are no more comments to be made, I would like to thank everyone, and close this session. I would like to thank staff members, Heidi, Sylvia, Julia.

I would like to thank the interpreters, Camilla and Fernanda. And thank all of the newcomers, all of those who have recently joined us. I am very pleased and very happy to see that we have had a great proportion of the African community who has participated in our Durban meeting.

And I would like to welcome Pierre to our group. We had a wonderful meeting today. There were plenty of members present and participating. So I would like to say thank you once again. Thank you all for participating and for your commitment. Thank you all. Thank you Tijani. Thank you Aziz. Thank you everyone.

[Various people saying thank you and goodbye.]

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