

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everybody. This is APRALO monthly call on Tuesday, 29 October 2013. On the call today, we have Maureen Hilyard, Satish Babu, Fouad Bajwa, Pavan Budhrani, Siranush Vardanyan, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Holly Raiche, and Hong Xue. We have apologies from Karaitiana Taiuru, Julie Hammer, Lianna Galstyan, and from staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Nathalie Peregrine. I'd like to remind you all to please state your names before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much. Now, over to you, Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you very much. The agenda is, for people who are the Adobe Connect, we have a very full agenda. Starting, I'll just go briefly through the action items, but then over to [inaudible], we're going to have the APRALO Spotlight. We're going to have a discussion about the positions nomination for the Board, and I already sent some material out about that.

Then one big item has to be the APNIC MoU, what is proposed, and I'm hoping that people will tell me a little bit about Bali. KT has sent his apologies, so [inaudible] I can mention that in the action items. Cheryl will update us on the Rules of Procedure. And if we have time, which I'm hoping we do, Olivier will talk about the policies. So away we go.

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The first thing is these action items from the last meeting. The first involves KT, which is he's talking about his research on the use of indigenous domain names. Now, he's not here, but what he said is he expects to have that material ready by December, so could you work with him for that presentation?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, sure. I'll reach out to KT on Skype maybe tomorrow when I see him online, and I will figure out a date and I'll update the whole APRALO then.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you very much. The next action item is a webinar that relates to that first action item. The IGF has already happened. The other action items were really just reminders to make sure that people are on mailing lists, that people have checked their entry for their ALS, and we're asking for people to put their hands up for the next APRALO meetings for Spotlight. And the next ones will be finished in November. So that's the action items, and they're done.

The next item on the agenda is essentially the Spotlight. Now, Ali, do you want to walk us? First of all, you have sent a presentation in, haven't you, Ali?

ALI ALMESHAL: Yes, I did.

HOLLY RAICHE: And it's being loaded as we speak. Excellent. So do you want to talk us through the Spotlight, please?

ALI ALMESHAL: Yeah. [inaudible] this is Ali AlMeshal from Bahrain Internet Society, ALS vendor. The presentation is a bit longer, but I'll go quickly through it just to match the ten minutes I have for that. Okay. Can I control the presentation for movement, or someone else? Okay. Great.

Okay, Bahrain Internet Society, if I were to start, we started as a club in 1999, and then in 2003 we officially were established as Bahrain Internet Society, and this Bahrain Internet Club established as Bahrain Internet Society.

We serve or we look into the ICT sector and e-content and Internet as the three main areas that we are focusing on. As a mission, [inaudible] promotes spreading awareness for the Internet and the community in Bahrain and promoting the Kingdom of Bahrain and the regional and international [inaudible] development of Internet and e-content. Objectives of [inaudible] are very much implicit. You can go through them.

This is the full picture of the board members. We can see at the start of that picture. These are the members and partners at the [inaudible] ISOC Chapter and ICANN and the various [inaudible] and the award for the [Mobile World] Summit. Okay, this is last year. We have the Best eNGO Award from the – what do you call it? – the eGovernment Forum. They design every year an award for different categories. One of these categories is the eNGO, and Bahrain Internet Society have won that award.

Okay, we have different things that we work on. We have projects, we have a monthly initiative, and we have partnerships. One of the projects is we call it eCitizen Qudurat. This is a free training course to all Bahrain citizens, whoever wants to learn about the foundation of the computer. It succeeded to train around 800 citizens, and this is in partnership with Microsoft and eGovernment Authority in Bahrain and a private training center for computer business.

This is Future IT Leaders. We targeted university students. It provides them, again, with a different type of training and solutions. And, again, it's a partner with Microsoft and an entity called Mumtalakat, University of Bahrain, International University in the Kingdom and our private sector partner [inaudible].

Then eShabab, this is a program we have participated in and been part of it for [inaudible]. We invite the children from the university who will be graduating in the summer, and we run a course for them and we do a competition just to see how they can bring a new initiative and new ideas. And the winning ideas, we get some sponsors from a telecommunications company and some other organizations that help us to support these initiatives and make it [inaudible].

Summer e-Camp, this is a [inaudible] program that we have done for the orphan children in partner with the Royal Charity in Bahrain to help them in achieving some training with the Microsoft and eGovernment Authority.

Women in Technology, this is one of the unique initiatives that we have launched with an entity called Tamkeen who has supported us with

that. And the target was to educate around more than 5,000 women, but we started with [inaudible] 500 and then we have 5,500 for e-learning. [inaudible] for women, and this course was designed with Microsoft and online as an e-learning.

This is Tamkeen, and this is [inaudible] and this is the women [inaudible]. This is the objective of the program and the program's future, and this is the portal that they have used for that called Ewatani. Ewatani, what that means is "my country." And the categories of the courses of the computer [inaudible] marketing and information.

Again, we participate with the University [inaudible] in the Career Connections day where we present there and have our stands and educate the students about the Internet and encourage them to participate and become members with us in the Internet Society and what's the benefit that they will get.

Some of the initiatives, this is the eContent Award, that we own all of the rights to conduct in Bahrain. For now more than three years we are conducting this eContent Award, and it will be happening this year on December 3rd or 4th we will be having the eContent Awards.

Bahrain International eGovernment Forum, this is one of the biggest ICT events that happens in Bahrain, and this year 2013 we have been given the honor to run it and to handle it from A to Z. And in Bahrain's eyes, this is considered one of the biggest events of the ICT [inaudible].

This is some of our participation. This is done in Dubai. This is [inaudible] Social Media Summit. This other thing, Arabic Digital Content with [inaudible] and Gulf Internet Week. This is the seventh [inaudible] of

Gulf Internet Week. We are doing this on a yearly basis, and each year we have a team like e-citizens, [inaudible], e-talent. We design the team and we [inaudible] for a full continuous week of schools, universities, public [inaudible] and we do awareness on the team that we are running.

MENA ICT, this is started as a MENA ICT and then we had the [inaudible] ICT in Bahrain. This, again, an event – this is the third year that they conduct this event, and this year it will be in December with both IT related and ICT related. There's a workshop, conference, and some discussions.

We have also the Internet Society special interest group. We have Bahrain [ICT] and we have BISTA. BISTA is a group of suppliers – business – who are in the IT field, so they are under the umbrella of the Bahrain Internet Society.

This is where we are in [inaudible]. Just for capture on the ICANN involvement, as you know I mentioned in the first slide, we became a certified ALS in 2012 March, and from that I started looking after all of the initiatives and activities. So I am part of the Middle East strategy group, working group, which we have done an excellent job on that. Part of APRALO, I am part of the working group, capacity building, and At-Large Summit II.

This is one of the participation in [inaudible]. It is in Dubai. This is some of our media newspapers in Bahrain covering my participation in the [BGE] and this is when we were in Beijing. And this is about the

conference [inaudible]. There was media coverage. There is a lot of media coverage, but in [Arabic] [inaudible] the one in English.

We have almost a monthly event part of our rules that we have to do something, and this is one of them like the reception party. This is the workshop of the eGovernment Excellence Award. We have an eContent Workshop. This is sort of a gala dinner or [inaudible]. This is in coordination with the TRA of Bahrain, Telecommunication Regulatory. We have done a joint workshop and event and this is part of it. This is when [Baja] had visited us in Bahrain, and this is before we even get [inaudible].

This is a social network for the [inaudible] on social media. This is us on the media. This is an interview with me on Bahrain national TV about a number of our activities. This is where we present. This is the committees that we are having part of the BIS. And we are having the upcoming, which I had mentioned, the eContent Awards and these are the categories. And this is the evaluation that we have for these categories as [inaudible].

This is the Mobile Workshop that we have [inaudible]. Upcoming one we are having an NGO Day. This is again as a partner with Microsoft. Microsoft [inaudible] organize and to select all the NGOs in Bahrain and make an awareness, give them some free license and CDs about Microsoft [inaudible]. Then we have [inaudible] ICT again in December and eContent Awards in December. And that's it. Thank you very much.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you, Ali. That is absolutely impressive. Now, if people have questions – and first of all, I think I’m really impressed by what you managed to do and the sort of training. Could people get back to you individually if they’ve got questions on what you’re doing?

ALI ALMESHAL: Definitely. By all means. I can see some questions from Siranush, and I’ll get back to her.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay, Siranush, did you have a question?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. I just posted the question on the Wiki. I just was curious after the training how many women get jobs or any statistics you are keeping on that. Thank you.

ALI ALMESHAL: Yes. I will provide you this information. Thanks.

HOLLY RAICHE: Excellent.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Great.

HOLLY RAICHE: Silvia had the same question regarding women. Okay, maybe there's an action item on you just to let us know.

ALI ALMESHAL: Definitely will do that.

HOLLY RAICHE: The outcomes particularly of women that go through training and what those outcomes are.

ALI ALMESHAL: Say that again.

HOLLY RAICHE: I was thinking perhaps more generally some of the outcomes of people that go through your training programs, particularly women, but I'd imagine what kind of employment opportunities are opened up and so forth. I don't know. Is it possible to increase the volume? Is that my voice again?

ALI ALMESHAL: Yes.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. I think we'll leave it there. We've got plenty to do, but I thank you very much. It was really interesting. And for people who would like further information, Ali has already got this one action item on himself

for finding a little bit about what happens to the women who have gone through training. If people have other questions, please get in touch with him. And just a reminder, Siranush, you are to be the next one.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, I am the next one.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yeah, okay. And what I want people to think about is who is going to follow Siranush. I think KT might have put his hand up, but we'll check. I certainly want to know people putting their hands up as to who will be on the Spotlight after the November meeting. Okay?

Now, we were up to the agenda. We've set aside probably only about five minutes for nominations by the At-Large Advisory Committee for the Board. And there are two committees involved in this process that are established by ALAC. The main one is the Board Member Selection Process Committee (BMSPC), and then there's oversight committee which is the Board Candidate Evaluation Committee. Each of the RALOs.... Yes?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: You've got the names reversed. BCEC is the evaluation and the BC is the oversight.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay, yes. So according to you would think Board Member Selection Process, what do they do?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: They are simply oversight. It is a matter of...

HOLLY RAICHE: [inaudible]

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yeah, trust me, Holly. It's how it happens.

HOLLY RAICHE: I do trust you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: The BMSPC, at the end of each process, one of the primary jobs is in fact to do a review which then can feed into any tweaks or changes for the next cycle round.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: What was the original organization which did the design did it after the first review, and there will be an opportunity for both the BCEC (the

evaluation committee) and the BMSPC (the process committee) to look at and we assume just [run wheels] but there's very little time available for them to do any tweaking on the results of the first one, especially since all of that's being reviewed as part of the new ALAC Rules of Procedure. The primary pieces of work are, of course, at the end when the review of this cycle happens, and then the creation of reports at the other end. But they do meet with the BCEC initially and they act as an oversight of it.

HOLLY RAICHE: Right.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: And they're already appointed. The RALOs don't appoint. We can suggest, but the ALAC actually appointed the [PC].

HOLLY RAICHE: Right. Thank you, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I did right the rules. I kind of know.

HOLLY RAICHE: Right. I had it slightly backwards. Now, what we're up to is I had nominated people, but people are also free to put their hands up. And what we need to do in the next five or ten minutes is to, as a group, agree on two candidates for each. Now, this relates to...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: No. That's the BCEC.

HOLLY RAICHE: What?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: You really need to discuss and appoint for the BCEC. The ALAC has already received your nominations and the Leadership Team has already reviewed the suggestions for the BMSPC. But if you want to stick more names in the hat, I'm sure they'll spend microseconds considering them at the meeting tonight. The thing they have to have at tonight's meeting is your two names which you appoint from the region for the BCEC because the RALOs appoint those two names.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. I got a rather confusing e-mail from Silvia as to what I was supposed to do.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Well, then, we'll blame Silvia and just move on.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yeah, okay. No, I'm sorry, but okay. Olivier, do you want to actually intervene here? We've got the Rules of Procedure 19.3, "The ALAC shall name a Board Member." So for people who haven't read the rules of

procedure and memorized them, that's it. And the path before us, then, is just to nominate the BMSPC?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: No.

HOLLY RAICHE: No, the BCEC.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: The BCEC.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. I have nominated Siranush and Ellen, and Ali has put his name up, so we have three candidates for two positions.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Can I speak to that as well, Holly?

HOLLY RAICHE: At least one it's very desirable – very desirable – that at least one of the two people you put into the BCEC have experience in nominating committees, preferably ICANN nominating committees, and specifically if possible the experience of acting in the first BCEC would be highly desirable. This is a very compressed timetable, and there will be no time for learning.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you. That's why I suggested Siranush who has been on the NomCom and has had that kind of experience. Now, I would suggest frankly that we all want to have a say, but I think I don't particularly want the vote to be public. If people are going to vote, and I suspect that's is what has to happen as to what goes forward, rather than people voting now and publicly that Silvia – now, Ali, I'll get right back to you – Silvia, if people can e-mail to you two names and then those two are the people that have the support of RALO. I just cannot think of another way to do that without coming because you need the answer by tonight.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Correct.

HOLLY RAICHE: So now I had...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Well, if you call a vote rather than reach consensus, then anyone who isn't on this call has to be e-mailed and reached out to, and it's an unconscionably small amount of time for a formal poll to be done. Is there any way that you can ask this group to reach consensus?

HOLLY RAICHE: Do people want to reach consensus? Because Ellen is not here, cannot speak for herself. Ali is here and is going to stand up and can speak for himself. So in a sense it's not going to be really fair in that sense. Ali, do you want to speak? Go ahead.

ALI ALMESHAL: Yes, please. Actually, I have nominated myself before I know that APRALO will nominate someone from that. So I can withdraw from that. I have no issue. I mean, I will go with the nomination that the APRALO is doing. There is no issue with that.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Ali, you would have my personal gratitude if you were to go through with that.

HOLLY RAICHE: Be careful. Cheryl will actually give you a big hug and take you under her wing and think you are wonderful and so will I. All right. I'm going to accept that. That actually gets us over a very difficult little situation there.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Can you imagine me dropped head down and passed down on bended knee to you, Ali. I appreciate it greatly. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE: And Silvia, what's that mean to you? We do have consensus. So we've got the two that I nominated, which are Siranush and Ellen. And all I can say is Ellen was pleased to be on a very steep learning curve. Siranush has already been on top of the learning curve and knows all about NomCom. And, Siranush, thank you for accepting.

And looking now, we've resolved that agenda item very [inaudible]. I'm very pleased with that. Moving right along. Okay, now what I circulated, and I don't think there's anything else to put up. Actually, Silvia, do you have the MoU with AfriNIC that you could put up?

SILVIA VIVANCO: I have it. I sent it to you by e-mail.

HOLLY RAICHE: I know. I have it. I'm wondering if you can put it.

SILVIA VIVANCO: In Adobe Connect? We'll see. I'll see if Nathalie can work her magic and get it.

HOLLY RAICHE: That would be terrific. That would be terrific. Where we're up to with this particular agenda item, after the meeting, I had a couple of conversations with the head of APNIC who will be very happy to sign an MoU with APRALO. Now, he said, is there a template that could be worked with? I have already circulated the MoU that AfriNIC has with

AFRALO. It's not – I don't think, it's exactly what we want. There's a great deal of financial support that is given for things like training.

Now, I don't know how many people have had a chance to look at the APNIC's [site], but they provide a great deal of training for nothing, for free. They also have done a great deal of work in the Asia Pacific region. And I'm sure, Maureen, do you know a lot about what they've done? Here we go, as Maureen says, PICISOC already has a separate MoU with APNIC for training and support, and it may be that we can use that document as well to come up with an MoU with APNIC.

Have people had a chance to look through and think through what we would want from APNIC that I can take to the Buenos Aires meeting? And thank you, Winthrop. Yeah, APNIC training activities. APNIC makes a point of basically covering its very big regions. Maureen, do you want to go through what is in your MoU or PICISOC's MoU with APNIC? Are you there?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Sorry. Yeah, sure. Can you hear me okay? Is that me? We have with APNIC [inaudible].

HOLLY RAICHE:

Maureen, I can't hear you, and I know you've got a better voice than mine. I think she might...

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah, well, our MoU for PICISOC includes infrastructure support, training needs, just about anything because we hold out for our [inaudible]. We provide training and support at our [inaudible]. So I think that if we were looking at capacity building, they offer a wide range of support activities and they've got experts in just about anything. So I think it would be completely valuable to have some sort of agreement and that MoU would be perfect, I think.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. Winthrop, you basically said that you had an arrangement. You were involved or at least knew about many of their training activities in the Philippines? Okay. I think the way forward with this one is instead of...can anybody think of off the top of their head the sorts of things that should go with an MoU with APNIC for APRALO?

Now, what we've got on the screen here is the actual MoU. If you read it, what you'll find after all of the sort of "whereas"-es, is that AfriNIC does things like provide financial management, administrative services, [inaudible]. I just don't think this is relevant for a lot of our members.

For instance, just thinking of what Ali just said, the Bahrain Internet Society is already doing this sort of stuff. So I would think we would want something high-level. I mean, Ali, if you read this particular MoU, it seems to me Bahrain is already doing it and a lot more. Would that be right?

Okay. Hong, go ahead, please?

HONG XUE: Holly, can you hear me?

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes.

HONG XUE: Oh, yes, I had a quick look of the AFRALO and the AfriNIC's MoU. It seems that it doesn't touch any specific topic for training. Is this just an expression of a good wish? It says they will develop capacity building programs and raise awareness. I guess this is a good template for us to use actually. Nothing is [humming] for us to conclude such MoU with APNIC for the specific topic we can develop later perhaps. Back to you.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. So you think keeping it high-level. I guess my concern was in the AfriNIC's MoU, there's mention of things like financial management and administrative services. I'm not sure we want that. But the rest of it, keeping it high-level and [inaudible]. Hong, do you think there should be mention of training in there? Certainly, it's a very important thing that they do in the one for PICISOC. And, Maureen, is your MoU with PICISOC more about training? All right. Okay. Cheryl, go ahead.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Hi. Thanks. I just want to say for the record, because I've put it in the chat, I really don't think this can be thrown together as a small section of an agenda. I think it's going to take three to five hours just to get our teeth into this sort of thing. I would strongly suggest that a small sub-

committee is formed now that we have a concept and we've mutually looked at the AfriNIC and discussed to some extent at least the principles that are involved in the PICISOC one that's already in existence.

I really think if we get somewhere between three and five people, preferably with a wide geographic spread, who look at not only the AfriNIC but any other MoU experiences they may have and ensure that language is put into a draft for us to consider in Buenos Aires that it's sufficiently high-level so, as Hong says, the details can be worked out later. But what we don't want to do is have anything that compromises or fractures existing activities.

And I'd also want to suggest that this is something that needs to also be tied in quite closely with the new planning coming out of two meetings now. The first was held with the APStar meeting and the other was held during the Bali meeting where there is a strong desire for – I'll use the term enhanced cooperation, but it's a collaborative approach across the region geographically speaking between a number of organizations – APNIC, ICANN, other [inaudible] organizations, ISOC, ISOC chapters, etc. So I don't want to have things that cut across but rather complement. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Thank you, Cheryl. It's pretty much what I'm thinking, and now that everybody has seen this and we haven't had a chance to see the PICISOC-APNIC agreement, but could I suggest at least two people? Ali, I'm going to suggest you just because your organization does so much,

and I'm going to suggest Maureen as well because you're the PICISOC that actually has the MoU with APNIC and would know what they do. So I've got two members that have just put their hand up and volunteered. Thank you very much. Do I have a third member? I'm just thinking, Winthrop, you're the one who would know that there has...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Ali has already said yes.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yeah, I know.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: You've got a bunch of people saying yes.

HOLLY RAICHE: I know, and Maureen said yes, I hope.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: And Siranush has said yes, and Hong has said yes.

HOLLY RAICHE: Wait a minute. Here we go. Okay, Siranush yes, Maureen yes. Okay, now for the action item, we've got Siranush, Maureen, Ali...

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And [inaudible].

HOLLY RAICHE: Sorry? [inaudible]? Okay, what I would like the three of you to do is, Maureen, could you circulate the MoU that PICISOC has with APNIC to Ali and to Siranush? And then could the three of you come up with some kind of suggested wording that we can circulate before the next meeting in Buenos Aires? Are you all comfortable with that? I'm assuming yes. Okay. And, Winthrop, I see you're typing. If you want to join that group, that would be great because you're obviously familiar with training that [AP] has done as well.

Let's go back to the agenda. Okay. The next is planning for the ICANN meeting in Singapore. It is not until March/April in 2014, but it was about now that we started planning for our program last year, and so I think if we can do the same thing again and we can come up with two events which actually worked really well. One of them, I think, was the showcase event, which was, I thought, brilliant. Thank you, Maureen and everybody else who worked on it and Pavan actually worked very hard on some hard work. And we also had the multi-stakeholder forum which Rinalia put together. I don't know if we're going to have time, but it would be nice if could start at least thinking about two events.

Now, I'm not going to lean on Maureen again because you did such a hard job. Hong, do you want to? Given it's from Singapore and it's Asia Pacific, do you want? Okay. Thank you very much.

HONG XUE: Hi. I assume ICANN just formed an advisory committee on consumer trust. That's an important topic, and Cheryl is representing us on the committee. I assume she could take a lead to convene an important session, the multi-stakeholder one, to address this important issue and it will cover data protection and if you expertise.

HOLLY RAICHE: That's fine.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Cheryl here, if I can. I just wanted to say two things. Hong, I think it's an ideal topic to be looking at specifically from a regional perspective. I think Singapore would be a very good time to, in fact, have a very interactive session. So less talk-and-talk, in other words less in paneling and more workshopping with a very rare opportunity to feed back into this review of the metrics that then a later full-blown review team will be hopefully working with. But I just wanted to be really clear. Clearly, I will have Asia Pacific's best interests at heart, but I am not on that committee in the capacity of an At-Large or ALAC representative. I'm actually there for the ccNSO.

HOLLY RAICHE: That doesn't matter because at this stage we've got...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Oh, I know it doesn't matter. I didn't want to confuse.

HOLLY RAICHE: No. I understand the point.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: [inaudible] or the ALAC might get a little nose out of joint.

HOLLY RAICHE: I understand that. First of all, Pavan, thank you for putting your hand up again, so you're back on the team. Thank you. Before I start volunteering people, who else would like to...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: You've got Ali already.

HOLLY RAICHE: Ah.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: So you've already got a team of three to four. It seems to me like that's a good way to start.

HOLLY RAICHE: We've got Ali. We have got Pavan.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Ali, Pavan.

HOLLY RAICHE: Did Maureen put her hand up again?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Well, she said, "I don't mind being part of the team."

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay, Maureen. Look, if you can do that, there we go. Okay, we've got at least three there and, Maureen, that's great because you have got the experience of organizing the showcase event. What I would also like to do is another event. And, I don't know, Rinalia usually organizes, has organized this in the past, the multi-stakeholder. But this time, Cheryl, do you want to be involved at all in organizing a session on the consumer trust?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I will contribute to and assist, but I will not run them, no. I have very particular priorities to this next 12 months, and at that point I will be relatively busy with Nominating Committee activity.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. All right, Siranush, I'm going to put your hand up then.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I'll certainly be able to assist, just not be the primary.

HOLLY RAICHE: And I will probably be on that because it's something that I was involved in from a very early stage. And, Silvia, can you...?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Holly?

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: This is Siranush.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yeah, hi, Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, I volunteered. I would be more than happy to suggest my support, so put my name for Singapore Organizing Committee.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay, that's great, and I will put my name here too because, as I said, it was something that I worked on from a few years ago and [inaudible].

SILVIA VIVANCO: Holly, this Silvia Vivanco. So I can put a Wiki and we can confirm [inaudible].

HOLLY RAICHE:

Okay. And we've got two kinds of events. One is the showcase event, and for the showcase event we've got Maureen, we've got Ali, and we've got Pavan. For the multi-stakeholder meeting – and we haven't got a time for that yet, but we'll put a time probably on a Monday – Cheryl will help, but Siranush and I will also be part of that team. And others are absolutely welcome to join, and probably we'll call on you anyway. So that's fine. So, good. I'm glad we've got that going. And I will send out e-mails to remind people of what we have to do and the dates. And, Hong, thank you very much. Silvia, put Hong onto the multi-stakeholder forum as well. Thank you for putting your hand up, Hong.

Okay. Now, the next agenda item is a report on Bali, but this is not going to leave time for two things, and I'm just thinking there are two things we really should do. Cheryl, do you want to have even a brief word about where we're up to with [inaudible]? We should leave at least ten minutes for policy with Olivier.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Muted my line, and I'm not at all sure that I actually heard what the second part would be. I got to "Cheryl would you" and as I was unmuting the line the lady was talking to me. What was it you were asking me to do?

HOLLY RAICHE:

On the agenda item nine, it is just enough data on Rules of Procedure working group that you were on. Is there something to update because

I'm trying to leave at least ten minutes for Olivier to go through the policy development activity.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I mean, yes, I can certainly update. There are two aspects of it. There's, of course, our local APRALO Rules of Procedure which are being currently reviewed, and we would very much appreciate some more input the other side of the Buenos Aires meeting from a number of people, but we can cover that off if you give us some time in the Buenos Aires meeting. And the other Rules of Procedure is, of course, only involved in the metrics aspect, and Maureen and a number of people are highly involved in the ALAC metrics. But we will need to have, again, as many people as possible on the Sunday morning in the Buenos Aires in the ALAC At-Large meeting room between 8:00 and 9:00 PM for what will be a public meeting. And that will do. You've now got seven of your ten minutes back.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you very much. Now, Olivier, you have got ten minutes to talk about policy development. Is that enough time, I hope?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Holly. It's Olivier speaking, and I hope that you can hear me because some of the lines here are very faint. Can you hear me well?

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, that's good news because my neighbors at this time in the morning would not like to hear me, so this is really the loudest that I can speak. So we've got quite a few policy development, well, adopted ALAC statements and documents recently. There are four of them that I see on the list, and the list is up-to-date.

The first one is about the Confusingly Similar Top-Level Domains. This is to do with visual similarity, so .sport being confusingly similar to .sports., .tour being confusingly similar to .tours, .com being confusingly similar to .cam if you have poor eyesight, I guess. And, in fact, some rulings being made to buy the dispute resolution system for these objections which contradict each other. So, in fact, a couple of cases we had .com being confusingly similar to .cam, and in other cases .com is not confusingly similar to .cam.

Anyway, as one would comment – and she will recognize who it is – this issue of things being confusingly similar to each other is a bit of a dog's breakfast, and we have passed this on over to the Board effectively, and the Board New gTLD Program Committee. The response we have received that has been sent back to us was that the Board New gTLD Program Committee will continue monitoring this very closely and will make some decisions in the future. Basically telling us, I guess, let the dog's breakfast go on and find out what happens at the end when we open the box. So at the moment, not much of a positive response from the Board New gTLD Program Committee on this one.

The next one is the At-Large DNS Risk Management Framework Report work. The DNS Risk Management Framework was put together by the Board's DNS group's committee based on a report that was submitted by an outside consultant. Several points were made in the statement, including the fact that the risk methodology that was used is a closed, expensive methodology whilst the DNS Security and Stability Analysis (DSSA) Working Group was an actual working group led by the community was using a more open method. No response on this. I'm afraid we'll just have to wait until they [eject] a response. Of course, there is a summary of the comments that were submitted that the Board has published, and I guess that the Board will soon be looking at this or at least the Board DNS Risk Committee will be looking will be looking at this.

The next statement is the At-Large Consultation on ccTLD Delegation and Redelegation User Instructions and Source of Policy and Procedures. Here again, ALAC made a number of points regarding this. This is really about the redelegation that relates both to ccTLDs but also regarding IDNs, etc. Several points were made. It basically was structured as questions and answers, and we made our points known on that. There has been no reply on that either. I guess this is coming to the procedure, and we'll see if there is any follow up. I'm not quite sure whether Cheryl who is the drafter of this will have a follow up on this since she is our ccNSO liaison, but let's ask that perhaps she say a couple of words after we go through all of these different [comment periods].

The next one that we have on there is Study on WHOIS Privacy & Proxy Service Abuse. It says exactly what's written in the title. We've looked at

the work that was done by a consultant. So basically the National Physical Laboratory did a study and found out that, oh my goodness, there is so much malware and so many bad things going on about WHOIS privacy and proxy services and actually did quite well in looking at what was working, what was not working, and looking at the percentage of malware that you have based in these. Very well applauded by the ALAC. And we also looked back at the recommendations that we had made in the past [inaudible] and reminded the Board about them.

Now, there are several statements currently ready for endorsement or being definite. The first one is the Draft Final Report on Protection of Intergovernmental Organization and International Non-Governmental Organization Identifiers in All gTLDs. This has a draft that's currently on the Wiki. I invite you all to be reading through it. Several protections are recommended by the ALAC, including special protection to organizations that further the public interest. But on the other hand, these protections should not unreasonably impinge on the ability of others to use their valid rights if they have a trademark on the string. I invite you to have a look at this. I think that is just about to go up for – yeah, it's on voting at the moment, so you can influence your local ALAC representatives if you [inaudible] don't agree with the statement.

The next one is the Policy and Implementation issue, and this is one which has gone on forever. As you know, as there was a conflict at some point where policy is being designed by the volunteer community of ICANN and the implementation of the policy is done by ICANN staff. And then there's a whole thing – well, the whole story started thinking, well, where does policy end? Where does implementation start? And is there

not another thing, which is policy implementation, execution, since sometimes when designing policy one is asked to design the implementation of part of the policy because it's useless designing policy that can't be implemented.

Quite a few questions in there currently. Alan Greenberg, our GNSO liaison, is putting together a first draft. You're all very much invited to look at those questions in there. And I know that there are several members of the At-Large community that are on the Policy and Implementation Working Group. It would be good that you perhaps if you do know talk to them and find out what their point of view is on the obvious concern of one person's point of view being put across, although Alan I know has spoken to a lot of you and a lot of the people on the working group to be able to draft his first draft. This is coming up very soon.

Then the Revised Public Interest Commitments Dispute Resolution Procedure first draft is currently also being put together by Rinalia Abdul Rahim [inaudible] Carlton Samuels. We're a little bit late on this one. I did have a chat with Fadi Chehade about this point, and I will be sharing my...

HOLLY RAICHE:

Has nobody got any questions? And I would lead everybody, by the way, in the chat there is a – no. I thought I saw in the chat.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

He might have dropped.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes, I think so. He dropped. Okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Hello.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Hi.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yeah, there you go.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm now back. I'm not using Adobe Connect thing anyway.

HOLLY RAICHE: [inaudible]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: My extensive amount of swearing did not come through on the call. Okay, now the Adigo is calling me back. Oh, God. Let me just I'll throw them away and finish and then get back to them.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: We were back at the Public Interest Commitments Dispute Resolution Procedure. I'll provide quick details on discussion with Fadi Chehade tonight on the ALAC call later on.

Second Accountability and Transparency Review Team Draft Report and Recommendations – currently a statement is being drafted or will be drafted, sorry. The ATRT-2 as you know, both Alan Greenberg, myself, Avri Doria also were on the ATRT-2. There are probably several points we would like to emphasize, but I must say we haven't had much chance to discuss these between ourselves yet. So I think because this is all about accountability and transparency of ICANN, the ALAC needs to put together a strong statement on this.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And then the ccNSO FoI, the Framework of Interpretation Working Group Interim Report on "Revocation" Workspace. And for this, since the FoI has always been the realm of Cheryl Langdon-Orr, I will ask Cheryl to say a few words on this one, please.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. And I popped my hand up when you started to speak on this for a reason that I think might also need to come into play just for your ALAC call tonight, and that's to say that the ccNSO Framework of

Interpretation's Working Group's Interim Report on the chapter titled "Revocation" was released for public comment on the 28th of October and the page that this links to from your agenda here was put up on the 29th of October. It, in fact, should belong not under statements or endorsements being currently developed, reviewed, or voted on by the ALAC, but rather it should be in the section C, which is currently open public comments.

And later tonight, it is my intention to give the advice to the At-Large Advisory Committee that they should consider having a draft of a fairly basic hail fellow well met and supportive type statement. I will not be able to draft that statement, pen that statement, because I'm a penholder for the actual report itself, but I'm more than happy to assist anyone who does take the pen for an ALAC statement, which I expect to be fairly minimalist.

But in the affirmative, it is probably important that we do put something in. The reason being that there are a number of regions within the At-Large world that do need to understand a lot more about and have clarity on what revocation is all about and what strict rules it can actually happen under, and that has been the work that has created this report.

To that end, I would suggest that the region that APRALO should contribute to the ALAC statement and not do one for themselves, but we do have a number of countries in our region who are grappling with some of these through perhaps an exciting of working in a world of delegation and redelegation, which revocation is a primary cause of redelegation and the lack of clarity has caused some problems.

Whilst commenting won't fix any problems that are existing in some country code redelegation in particular, it will go a fair way to ensure those same problems never happen again. So I would like to think that anybody who can contribute to commenting on the draft that I hope the ALAC will make would certainly have a strong Asia Pacific and particularly East Asia and small island states voice. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Thank you, Cheryl. And, Olivier, can I just say thank you for waiting as long as you did and contributing in spite of the fact that just for once it's a crummy hour for you and a really good hour for us. I realize it's going to be different tonight, I can tell you.

One last item which was, Siranush, you wanted a couple of spare minutes. We're overtime anyway. And by the way, would you please note, Silvia, that Ellen is an apology. She's actually on a flight. She's flying back to New Zealand so couldn't participate. And now, Siranush, go ahead.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Yes, thank you, Holly. Just a couple of questions related to APRALO ALS [inaudible] the link in the chat space here. There are a couple of organizations who didn't update their information or didn't send the information to the staff. Please do this. Just two names, a couple of them, Australian Communications Consumer Action Network, At-Large China. Please send the information either to staff or to me. I also can do the updates on Wiki, so please do that for us to have the updated

information because this became a challenge for the point related to survey stuff.

First of all, I would like to thank all of those who submitted their survey votes. Out of 33 ALSs I guess if I'm not mistaken, we have only three left. And I would like to ask those who are in the call to support us to find those people to call them. These are [inaudible] from Malaysia, Ping Wong from Hong Kong, and [inaudible] from Taiwan, I guess. If there are people who know them, please ask them. The deadline is extended until November 1, so please ask them to submit their survey vote because this is the point that if they don't submit it they will not come to the At-Large summit in London. So please do that. That's all for now. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Hong, she's got [inaudible] China. Edmon is going to be completing the survey. Terrific. And Rinalia has raised her hand. Rinalia, go ahead.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM:

Thank you, Holly. Regarding the issue of the Malaysian ALS, I think it's the communications forum if I'm not mistaken. Several attempts have been made to reach out to them in the current year and the past year by ICANN staff, by ISOC Malaysia, by myself, and there has never really been any response. And I my suspicion was that they were brought in when Sharil Tarmizi was chair of the GAC and there somehow some association with that, but they are not really actively engaging.

So I would say send some formal notices and set a limit. If they don't respond by a certain date, I would recommend terminating them as an ALS because it's just occupying space and it doesn't reflect well on us.

There is one more thing that I would like one minute to say, Holly, if you don't mind and that is just to report that the APRALO workshop at the IGF Bali in my opinion was a very successful workshop, and quite a few people on this call participated in that workshop itself and contributed valuable, valuable input. And the most important issue that came about was basically the issue of universal acceptance of IDN [GLD], and that was quite clear.

And I think the leadership of ICANN also received the message because we had Chairman of the Board of ICANN Steve Crocker as well as all of the members of the Board Variants Working Group was present as well as Akram Atallah who heads the Generic Domains division who actually oversees the ICANN implementation of all matters on IDN. That's it. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Rinalia, thank you. And I'm sorry that you didn't have more time. I think all of us would like to hear about what happened at Bali, so if anybody wants to just – maybe Pavan, could you just reach out to the members and see if anybody could just put in a few lines about what are their experiences and just circulate so we know what happened? Particularly in the APRALO at IGF would be really interesting. And I'm sorry, Rinalia, there isn't more time to because we're already over time.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: No worries.

HOLLY RAICHE: So I'm going to actually thank everyone for their time. And we've got at least three [inaudible] so we will talk soon. The next time we talk, hopefully it will be face-to-face in Buenos Aires for many of you. And thank you for your time, and talk in a month. Thank you.

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