

WOLF LUDWIG:

First of all let me welcome all of you to our... Let me guess... Probably last Survey Sub-Group call, because as far as I can see most of the Sub-Group's work or the Survey issue is almost completed. We do not know the results yet but thanks to Staff the Survey was drafted and translated into three language versions some time ago.

There was quite a lot of work to be done mobilizing the respective RALO communities to get the Survey completed. As you are all aware it was quite a challenge and issue again, particularly for those people who were busy last week in Bali in the Global IGF, where we were confronted with many other issues etc., and tasks then chasing up our respective ALSes. But I got the impression that by now from the end of last week a certain majority has responded in each region.

And thanks to the push from Olivier the deadline has been extended now for some more days to get the last missing Members on board and to give Staff a grace period to push the missing ALS Members for each region to fill in the questionnaire, to complete the Surveys, so that we can meet the best response rate possible. So this was a challenge until now.

This was a short introduction but if I continue, let me suggest we continue with the usual roll call for this meeting. I would like Staff to continue with this. I don't know whether that's Nathalie...?

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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Hello Wolf. I will do the roll call for you now. Thank you very much. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening everybody. This is the ATLAS II Survey Working Group call on the 29th of October 2013. On the call today we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Siranush Vardanyan, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Eduardo Diaz, Wolf Ludwig and Jordi Iparraguirre.

We have apologies from Roberto Gaetano and Sandra Hoferichter. From Staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Carlos Reyes, Matt Ashtiani, 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 and over to you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thank you Nathalie for this roll call. Anybody from your side who is known amongst the missing from this call? Nathalie has mentioned already that we've received apologies from Roberto Gaetano and from Sandra Hoferichter, but I'm not spontaneously aware of any other apologies. If there is no one else to be known then I think we are complete with this one.

I already made a short introduction to this call tonight. I think the main issue of this call is a summary of the Survey activities and as we all know, the Survey result, which should provide the basis for any other program development and content discussion for the next ATLAS II. This Survey should have been completed already. There was a certain delay and now I think we're on the best way.

The next deadline was extended to the 2nd of November for all those who may be reached at the very last minute to complete the Survey and join us as participants for the next ATLAS II in June next year in London. And I think it was our aim in all our RALOs to get as many Members on board as possible. Is there anything from your side that you want to add to this mobilization issue?

I see that Tijani has raised his hand and Olivier as well. Tijani, you have the floor please.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Wolf. First of all the new deadline is the 1st of November and not the 2nd of November. My second point is I think that now we are almost done with the Survey. For the African region we have now only four who didn't vote and I don't know if we will manage to have them but I did everything to reach everyone and perhaps we will have some who do not respond.

What we have to do now is to plan what to do in the future, and I think that I would like Matt to tell us what Big Pulse can give us as a result. Will it be a broad result or will it be a processed result? I mean, can they give us the result as we analyzed the result of the Survey or will it be raw, meaning it will give you "Member X voted Y" response, etc?

WOLF LUDWIG: Thank you very much for this information. Next on the list is Olivier. You have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I am able to answer some of Tijani's questions. First I must say I entirely agree with Tijani. Out of 160 or so ALSes it looks as though we have had 137 who have replied so far. The last ones that are remaining are frankly unlikely to be dramatically changing the trends that we will be seeing in the answers given by the ALSes, since it is a small subset.

And I don't expect the 25 or so ALSes that have not voted so far to all vote, since as we know there are a number of dead ducks in each region – considered "dead ducks" as in ALSes that have not responded for a very long time. So we really are looking at just less than a handful of ALSes that might still respond in this last week.

For this purpose I have asked Matt to try and see if he could compile results early enough for this Working Group and this specific session today to be able to look at the results and have a browse – and perhaps even an analysis, but I think a browse is enough for the hour that we have – of the results. And you will notice in you Adobe Connect chat that Heidi has put the Survey results up.

Now, these are the ones taken straight out of the surveying tool; of the Big Pulse. They incorporate the answers to the original... You'll see the first questions that include phone numbers etc., so I have asked for Staff to scrub that link from the chat window once we have finished that call,

so as for it not to end up on the Internet and all of the details of the ALS representatives to be out there.

For the purpose of this call though – and I would suggest that Wolf pursues this for the purpose of this call – here is the link and you will find the interim results to all of the questions that are being asked. And the format in which this is given is the standard format that Big Pulse provides results in. So when you do have separate data that each of the ALSes has to write in, you have 150 or so answers.

But when it comes down to selecting a language for example then you end up seeing the actual data that is given there. And that's compiled automatically by Big Pulse. That's all from me. Thanks very much. Back to you Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay, thanks a lot Olivier. I have to ask you a direct question because I'm not sure whether I understood you properly. Were you suggesting that we do content analysis of the result and responses of the various ALSes? I think tonight that would be quite difficult. I've realized that since this [slide? 00:12:33] we have received 137 responses from our ALSes from all regions, which is quite an impressive number, but it's only per region.

Only few ALSes and most of the few ALSes are some well-known dead ducks who didn't respond until now, so from the responses we've received up until today, we can say this is a more or less consolidated

result already over all regions. It's quite impressive and it shows a lot of mobilization for all regions to have pushed so many Members to participate in the Survey.

Okay, it was more or less a necessity for all of them and I think they really understood that this was necessary to qualify for participation and invitation to ATLAS II next June in London. But on the content side of the Survey I'm not sure whether any of us has had the time to go into the Survey details and to make a content-based analysis of the questions already. Any other opinions on that?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes, if you don't mind. I am just discovering the results of Big Pulse. For example on 1.4: working language, I have two different results but I don't know what they are about, so I'm really confused here. Even three! No, the third one is comments but the first two... 1.4, there is no indication. 1.4: working language. You have the number of voters, the group, the percentage, ranked by vote, and you have three columns the same with figures and names and the last column. So perhaps for an analysis we need to have the question here.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Yes. I tend to agree Tijani. There are so many pages and I've just seen this poll result for the first time some minutes ago. I only had the opportunity to scroll through the various information and I'm not sure

whether it's really possible to make a qualified analysis of the results, because as we know there were several parts of the Survey.

First of all there was the formal one regarding contact details, etc., an update of primary and secondary contact; email accounts and the like. And the second part of the Survey was directed towards content suggestion for the program in process at ATLAS II. Therefore I think we are right now in a position where we have more questions than answers tonight, and I think we should concentrate on asking such questions than to make some kind of conclusion. Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Wolf. I never said we need to draw conclusions. My suggestion was to review the results that we have. Now, reviewing the results that we have means that we can scroll through the questions, page down – you'll see on your screens you've all been given the ability to scroll independently.

Scroll through the things and for example look at 1.1 and find out that 24% of the respondents were from LACRALO and 21% from APRALO. 21% from EURALO and 17% NARALO and 16% of AFRALO, which effectively gives us the composition – and may I say it is quite well-balanced – of our community.

And what I can draw up from this is be satisfied that we've got this and it looks as though the results are somehow okay because it fits with the composition of the RALOs that we have. I can scroll further down and

scroll to page number... We go through all of the personal information we don't need... We can scroll down to the languages, which is the question that Tijani has asked. We can scroll down to 1.4 and ask ourselves whether what they say here is valid – not draw conclusions.

Here we have working languages and we've got English and we've got no preferred second working UN language. There's French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Russian. And I can see that 45% of our ALSes are able to work in English and that 29.2% have got no preferred second working UN language.

Now, since Matt has asked the question and has worked these things out maybe we can ask Matt at this point what does this mean? How are these numbers compiled? Does it look at first guess, second guess? What do these number effectively mean?

That's the sort of question I was going to suggest that we go through, so at least we validate the validity of the data that we have in front of us and whether this group, at the end of this week, can all work by itself and then meet again next week to actually have those conclusions ready. We need to get that analysis done ASAP, which is why I'm putting pressure for this group to validate this today on this call. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thank you Olivier. As you suggested for some further explanations I would like to hand over to Matt. Can you give us some more indications

about this result, especially about 1.4: working languages, etc., and following. If you are ready Matt you have the floor.

MATT ASHTIANI: Hi. I can definitely take a look into what's going on. [inaudible 00:20:45] over the next few hours and see what's going on.

WOLF LUDWIG: I'm not sure whether I got the last part of your... You sound quite remote to me.

MATT ASHTIANI: Sorry. I've been sick for about two or three weeks now. What I was saying was I can take a look at it over the next few hours and get back to you by the end of... By a reasonable time after the end of the call and let you know what's going on.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Now I think I've got it. Okay then. Let me ask the others – if you scroll through the poll results we have received so far and if you are looking a bit more closely on it, are there any immediate questions from your sides that pop out at you if you have a look at the different sections of the results? Like the working language? And afterwards, at 2.1: what ICANN issues do you believe are currently of most concern for Internet users in your region?

There we have the different answer types and then the prioritization and the various names of voters on this. Any further questions from your side? Yes? I see Tijani's hand raised and Olivier again. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Wolf. I think that those questions will be asked tomorrow. I think that now we have to take this result together with the regional Survey and we will surely understand something. If we still have questions we can ask them later. Because I'm sure even Matt wouldn't answer our questions like this – he has to find out. So we don't have to lose this time trying to understand and asking questions.

What's necessary now is to see what will be the next steps and what we'll have to do tomorrow. What are the new timelines? For example the part of the Survey regarding the capacity building, I need to analyze it most quickly, because once we've done that we will try to have a common meeting with the three groups and we'll try to define the kind of capacity building we can give to the ALSes because time is very short and we need to already define the program and then try to find out how we will implement it.

Will we do it through the ICANN Academy or will we do it as part of the ICANN Academy? What tool will we use? Will it be an online platform? Will it be webinars? All those questions we have to answer soon in order to prepare the material and then to start, because we will not give them all the information in one day or in one week.

We need a long time so that it [phases? 00:24:50] them so that they tell us whether they are benefiting from this capacity building, so that they can participate effectively and actively in the Summit. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. Thanks a lot Tijani. Before I give the floor to Olivier and the other people who have raised their hands I have a short comment. I honestly do not see the link to the ICANN Academy in this respect. [Sandra? 00:25:30] is not on the call tonight, but I think in my eyes the next step is as soon as the Survey is completely accomplished by 1st of November we need consolidated results.

This would be from my side a question to Matt or At-Large Staff on whether we could have a breakdown of the results in a different way, because like this it would be extremely difficult to analyze the outcomes and the waiting of the different questions we asked and the different majorities of the topics. This would be a question from my side. And then what you've already asked, Tijani: what would be the next steps after we have a content-based analysis of the Survey results.

This should be possibly done. I think next week after we have got the results and we have had some time to go through it in a silent manner I would, for my part, need at least half a day to have a closer look and come up with a good picture about the results. But next on the list is Olivier now.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Wolf. Now, I understand the confusion there is at the moment since everyone is just seeing this file for the first time. I see a big discussion on the chat with regards to the working languages. There are two sections in the file – one on page 83 and one on page 84, which speak about the languages, one after the other. The confusion stems from the fact that the question itself is not listed on the results.

So on the working languages the first question was, “give your first primary language.” The first primary language for 61% of the ALSes was English, for 21% it was Spanish, for 14% it was French, for 2% it was Russian, 1.5% or so Arabic and just one ALSes responded that it was Chinese.

Then the next question in this survey was, “give a secondary language,” and for 46% of our ALSes the secondary language was Chinese. 30% did not have another working language than the language that they provided to start with and 8.7% was French and 7.3% was Spanish, etc., etc.

I’m afraid, Wolf, that these are the consolidated results and you’re not going to get any more consolidation than what there is at the moment in the Big Pulse file. I think perhaps some cleaning up of the text responses that are given, but Big Pulse was chosen specifically because it consolidated the results and present them in this way.

Now, there might be some confusion with regards to multiple answer questions, such as, “what ICANN issues do you believe are currently of most concern for Internet users in your region?” That’s section 2.1 on

page 88, at the bottom of page 88. That to me looks very confusing and Matt might have to shed some light over this. I understand this is weighted voting, so the Big Pulse system would probably put those in a certain order. I'm not sure how.

But apart from this, these results are consolidated. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks Olivier. Next on my list is Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. I guess my question goes back to Matt and I think because... I do think that we need to have this information in a spreadsheet so you can then do breakouts, so that would be my first question because the sooner we can get that comma separated value file, which is the technical term used by Big Pulse, which can then be imported into a spreadsheet, we can then start doing breakouts.

For example we can then start seeing what are the regional issues from each of the five RALOs and so forth. This is what I did when I was Chair of the At-Large Structure Survey in 2010 and it worked very well once we had that spreadsheet form. So my question is – and I think it was asked by Tijani but maybe I missed the answer – when can we get the comma separated value file?

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks Dev. Actually, this is the point that I was referring to when I perhaps wrongly said “consolidated”. By “consolidated” I meant a sort of spreadsheet that we had for the first Survey results in 2009 and then for the ALS Survey in 2010 where we had a better overview and a better way of how to analyze these final results. I have two more. I would perhaps ask that Matt first gives us more information or explanation on this before I give over to Eduardo. Eduardo, if you agree I would now like to give the floor to Matt.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Yes please.

MATT ASHTIANI: Hi everyone. That will not be hard to actually put it into a spreadsheet. For some reason...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR Matt, can you speak closer to the microphone please? You’re sounding a little far away. I think that might be the problem.

MATT ASHTIANI: I’m not sure what’s happening. [inaudible 00:32:45] Can everyone hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Badly.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR It's not good.

MATT ASHTIANI: I'm not sure what's going on with my phone today, but I'll try to speak loudly and if it doesn't work then I'll type into the chat. I can definitely provide the results in a spreadsheet as Wolf wanted. I'm having technical difficulties today so I [00:33:17] for the actual call but could you give me about ten minutes or so and I can definitely provide a spreadsheet with the information?

WOLF LUDWIG: I think I only got part of what you said, because you really sound very remote. I hope that others were more lucky and got some more; could understand some more information. I now would like to give the floor to Eduardo.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you Wolf. I just wanted to put into perspective this whole conversation about this Survey. At some time I'd like to have some time to talk about the timeline – what time we have to analyze this and come up with some kind of draft event that Tijani mentioned before. So let

me know when I can jump in because we need to look at where we are in terms of the big picture. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Right. Let me suggest that we put this under Agenda Item #4 – analysis of process. Of course if we now come up with some sort of conclusion regarding the final steps on the Survey and conclusions from the Surveys, etc., we have to go over to analyzing any further steps and process, and I think it's there where you come in again Eduardo, if you agree.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: You're welcome.

EDUARDO DIAZ: I'm sorry. Do you want me to do it now or later?

WOLF LUDWIG: Well, let me first ask... I think we all agreed that we would like to have the results on a spreadsheet but make it easier to go through and to draw some conclusions from the variety of information we now have in this form, which is not only difficult for me but will take enormous time

to draw clear conclusions from the presentation we now have in front of us.

As soon as we have the spreadsheet I think it would be easier and quicker to analyze it and then to discuss the interpretations and outcomes in our next call. I would say next week. And then afterwards, if we have some conclusions, we can go a step further and discuss what it finally means for the next Sub-Group, which is led by Tijani, and taking this as a basis for further input into the Content and Programming Group. Tijani has raised his hand. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Wolf. First of all I would like to say that I don't find the results absolutely unclear, but I would like only Matt to tell us how Big Pulse deal with the weighted vote. This is the most unclear thing for me. For the others they are clear but I need to read the questions together with the results and then I will tell you.

That's why I told you tomorrow perhaps by email we can exchange and say, "yeah, I understand everything," or, "no, I didn't understand it. What does that mean?" etc. Because now we just see it, so we don't have any [inaudible 00:38:17], in French. Coming back now to the next steps I think that perhaps a call next week would be poorly attended. No, no, no-no. That's not right because we have time.

So next week we can have a call, yes, and it would be good. But we have to think about what we will do in Buenos Aires. I think our meeting in

Buenos Aires has to be very productive. We don't have time now so we have to fix our goals for the meeting of Buenos Aires. We will figure out what are the outputs of this meeting. We will prepare this via call next week but I think in Buenos Aires we have to get outputs that allow us to really begin the preparation of the Summit. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks Tijani. I totally agree with you. I've seen a confirmation in the chat by Matt that he is able to provide us with the spreadsheet in an Excel format, etc. I think that's exactly what was mentioned by Dev before and on such a basis, in combination with seeing the question that was raised and having the results from the vote responses from the ALSes makes it much easier for us to analyze it.

And I think once we have analyzed this we are a bit step ahead and then I agree with you Tijani that Buenos Aires would be the next opportunity to work with the result and to go the next step further to concentrate on the content. I see now that Cheryl's hand is raised. Cheryl, you have the floor please.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR

Thank you very much. I appreciate that and of course now is the time that I drop out of the Adobe room, so please put my hand down until I get back in. I just wanted to say that yes, I fully agree with Tijani's point about having a call to look at the poll closed material, which we will have

in a spreadsheet form and in this form that we have in front of us already.

For next week I think that's essential because we should then, once we're all clear about what we are looking at – hopefully that will happen in next week's call – in Buenos Aires we can get down to the analysis that's required, once we have a shared knowledge and understanding about the types of material and what it means in front of us.

I put my hand up though Wolf because I thought that something I had used many years ago explaining a type of weighted voting procedure in Big Pulse for when we instituted the instant run-off process for elections, was to ask one of the representatives of the Big Pulse company.

After all, we pay so they damn well should dance to our tune, to come and spend a few minutes explaining it all in absolute clarity and with total authority. I'd be very keen – not that I think Matt wouldn't be capable of explaining the weighted vote – but I think it's a responsibility that should probably be backed up by the people whose material and system we're using.

They should be able to either provide Matt with a definitive explanation or spend 15 minutes explaining it and answering our questions anyway. That would give us an additional advantage of us finding out what additional metrics and analysis tools may be available to us, because I'm sure like most companies they're rapidly upgrading and changing these.

And it may be that what Dev had access to when he did his analysis with his team last time, or it may be able to be more automated. There might be things that are easier for us to use and access in Buenos Aires that are now part of the toolkit that we could have access to. But again, I would suggest that Matt explore that before our next meeting. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thanks a lot Cheryl. I've seen in the chat that Dev's sent some links, for example of how the spreadsheet from Big Pulse can be dissected, referring to the At-Large Structure Survey in 2010 and the two links he provided I had difficulty with both of them. The first one didn't work at all and the second one is on Google and I had to login with my Google password. But I think that we are all clear that we need another format to try a better and closer analysis.

Next up is Eduardo.

EDUARDO DIAZ:

Thank you Wolf. I just wanted to say that I totally agree with what Tijani said; that we should have another call next week and I will say more on that, that from this time until November 14th or 15th that we will be ready to go to Buenos Aires, we should have some of this major data analyzed and we should... The Events Group, led by Tijani, should have some kind of draft based on whatever analysis we have at that time.

Then in Buenos Aires we should talk about the events that should be during the ATLAS and we can talk about how these events evolve from this analysis. That's my recommendation. But before the end of the year we have some kind of understanding of what this is going to look like. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay. I agree with both of your proposals. I think for Action Items of today this is a first. We need this spreadsheet, which was repeatedly mentioned and suggested here, in a similar format as we've had for previous Survey results, but that makes it easier for this group and others to more quickly analyze and combine questions raised and respective answers.

Then as soon as we have got this spreadsheet for drawing conclusions we need to have a next Survey Sub-Group call next week. I would say the middle of next week would be preferable and then after our next call we can hopefully come up with some clearer conclusions and some clearer pictures and ideas on what the majority of survey participants suggested and want us to consider for the program planning, with such results that we can go to Buenos Aires...

And I think the main task in Buenos Aires would then be to come together and draft some preliminary outlines for our Summit program. Do you agree with these Action Items and with this timeline? I see Tijani... Tijani disappeared. Eduardo, you have the floor.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you Wolf. I like the Action Items but I will tune the one in Buenos Aires. Instead of sitting there and drafting something, we should have something already drafted, the outline drafted and we could then work on that. That's what I'd change on what you were saying. That's my recommendation.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. I think we can agree. What about after our next call next week and when we discuss on the content, on the outcome and on the conclusions. Then I think all of us have the opportunity on that basis to make some drafting suggestions for Buenos Aires – that we do not start from point zero in Buenos Aires but that all of us have some kind of pre-formulated suggestions. Then we can exchange this among each other and work on some of the drafts.

Tijani has raised his hand again. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, thank you Wolf. I understand very well what Eduardo said and I think it's very easy, since if we have the final result; if we manage to read correctly the final results of the Survey, the proposal of a program of content for the Summit is very easy to do and it will be done. So once I have the final result well read and well understood I will provide a first draft of the program.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Okay, thanks for this offer Tijani. I think we are then all arguing in a similar direction, that after next week's call we will then hopefully have the spreadsheet with clearer results and we can then discuss priorities for the content planning. Then Tijani and the others would like to prepare some more drafts. We could use this as a preparation for the Buenos Aires meeting and then immediately start to work on the suggested drafts.

Does this seem a feasible way and process for the next steps to Buenos Aires? The spreadsheet from Staff, then a call next week, and from the call next week some first drafting for a program to be submitted for Buenos Aires, and to be discussed and further developed in Buenos Aires. Tijani has raised his hand. You have the floor again.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes, thank you Wolf. May I propose the following Action Item: 2nd of November Matt to send us this format of result from Big Pulse and to set the spreadsheet and send it perhaps after. But starting the 2nd of November we have to get at least these results so that we can do our analysis on the final, final results, and not on the results that are not the final ones.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Correct.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes. I think this should be possible and feasible. I see no contradiction from Matt's side. Of course for the next Survey Sub-Group call we all should be in a position to have a clearer picture about the results and then really discuss on content, priority and conclusions. Eduardo, you're next.

EDUARDO DIAZ: I just wanted to point out in the chat to Tijani, Staff is asking if you would like to have the Event Sub-Group call before the Buenos Aires meeting?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. I don't think it is necessary because the call we will have for the Survey Sub-Group will be the preparation. We will have the final, final result and we will agree more or less on this final result. Starting from this point, since I will be travelling from Monday I will not be able to have another call after the call of the Sub-Group Survey. So I think that we will not need a group for the content. We will discuss the content in Buenos Aires I think.

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks Tijani. I think I agree with you. After the next call concentrated on conclusions I think we are a big step ahead and then I think it's probably more productive to reflect the conclusions and on this basis, as Tijani suggested, to make some first drafts for Buenos Aires. And I think it would be better and most probably much more productive to have the

first meeting than physically in Buenos Aires, and to concentrate on the content and program outlines.

I think if we all agree on these next steps and procedural part, are there any questions or suggestions from your side? We are almost at the end of our call time. Heidi, go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

I'm wondering since there's now going to be no Event Sub-Group call prior to Buenos Aires, should there also not be a PR Sub-Group call before Buenos Aires? And any items, any discussion of PR material can be held initially in Buenos Aires and then a Sub-Group call scheduled post Buenos Aires? Is that okay?

WOLF LUDWIG:

Well, I see approval from Cheryl. As far as I remember I've seen a Doodle going on last week for a PR call for this week or next week. I don't remember precisely. So I'm not in charge of the PR Sub-Group. In my opinion it would be enough to have a parallel meeting in Buenos Aires.

But perhaps somebody from the PR Group – I think it's Olivier who's chairing this – could say something more about this suggestion; whether a prior Buenos Aires call is needed or if we could just organize a parallel meeting in Buenos Aires. But Tijani has raised his hand again. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Wolf. I think there is a call programmed this week for the Survey PR Sub-Group. Is it programmed? I think so.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR Yes, there is, but there's no reason why it can't be cancelled.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Ah! If it is cancelled it's okay. But we have only one programmed. I don't think we will need another.

WOLF LUDWIG: I just see that: "the PR Group is not quite critical to the process," comment from Olivier and I tend to agree with this. I think once we have a clearer picture then I think the PR process should set in. PR in my opinion is the selling of the product and as long as we do not have a more precisely defined product I think PR is not so essential at this stage.

Therefore I also tend that if it's already cancelled or postponed I think we should keep it for Buenos Aires and in Buenos Aires take the opportunity together and discuss any next steps in respect to PR. I see approval from Eduardo on this point and an "okay" from Heidi. Also approval from Cheryl and Tijani.

I think that we agree then that PR is really not the priority at the moment and it's time enough if we have this in Buenos Aires and to

concentrate prior to Buenos Aires really on the Survey outcomes and conclusions and the drafting process for our first program outline. I think we can also all agree on this point. Is there anything from your side, any further questions regarding next steps and process?

If this is not the case I think we are clear about the next steps. Consolidated results are to be presented after the 1st of November, by the 2nd of November when the extended deadline is over, and then to receive a presentation of the results in an Excel format. Then to organize the call for the middle of next week.

I move to Lisbon over the weekend. I think by the middle of next week I will be roughly installed. So the middle of next week was the next Survey Sub-Group call. That would be fine. Then I think we can discuss on a more consolidated basis than today and can really concentrate on conclusions. Eduardo and Cheryl.

EDUARDO DIAZ:

I just wanted to say that even though we are two weeks late on the Survey, when I look at the timeline the things that we're doing... If we work effectively in Buenos Aires I think we can be on time to get this in order before the end of the year. So the time is tight but I think it's doable. So I just wanted to let you know I will be updating the timeline this week. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot Eduardo. I completely share your point of view. We had a certain delay but if we really concentrate and use the time in Buenos Aires when we physically are there and meet with each other almost on a daily basis. We can use that opportunity to catch up with work and to be more or less in within our timeline. Cheryl has raised her hand. Please, you have the floor next.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR Thank you very much Wolf. I just wanted to focus in on Buenos Aires and indeed be terribly, terribly selfish about it. I like very much the idea of us having some parallel work done but I wondered what is the time we have available for meeting. And forgive me if it was covered whilst I was out of the room, but if you could make sure, Nathalie, that the lump of time that is dedicated to the ATLAS II activities is in my calendar that would be greatly appreciated. Then I won't get double or triple booked.

But I wondered if you were going to run in parallel, would you be perhaps convening in whatever block of time you have available during the meeting, as a Committee as a whole and breaking up within a larger room into the various Sub-Teams for a little Working Group activity? Or were you going to try and get different bites of time? If it's different bites of time then that's going to be far more difficult to manage.

From my perspective it might be better to convene as a whole, do a quick intro and sharing of information and knowledge, break into various Sub-Teams and then come back to do some results, sharing and next steps. But as I say, this meeting is very, very selfish.

WOLF LUDWIG:

Thank you Cheryl. I see in the chat that Heidi is already [further in? 01:03:53] that there are three times that the ATLAS will be convened during Buenos Aires, starting from Sunday afternoon events day. I think we also may have some opportunities if we cannot do everything during the official meeting, at least some of us can coordinate among each other and if needed to agree on some informal meetings.

We can then invite people who are available etc., but using the time as much as possible to get the main part of the next steps and work done. I see Heidi confirmed that the ALAC room is large enough for some breakout groups. I think Buenos Aires will offer some good opportunities for some more productive work to be done. Any further questions or suggestions?

We are already a bit behind our time and schedule. If there are no immediate questions and suggestions, let me thank you all for your active and fruitful participation. I think we are on a good track again and I really hope that we will have a clearer picture on the Survey outcomes by the end of this week and then can get the consolidated results immediately afterwards, after the 2nd of November.

Then I think Staff will organize the next Survey Sub-Group call for the middle of next week and I'm looking forward to speaking with you again in about a week in our next call. Thanks a lot for your contributions and for your excellent participation. I wish all of you a good night.

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