

GISELLA GRUBER: Welcome everyone to today's ATLAS II Events call on Friday, 10th January 2014 at 16:00 UTC. On today's call we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Baudouin Schombe, Aida Noblia, Eduardo Diaz, Roberto Gaetano, Jordi Iparraguirre, Fatima Cambroner. We have apologies from Natalia Enciso and Juan Manuel Rojas.

From staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Carlos Reyes and myself, Gisella Gruber. If I could also please remind everyone to state their names before speaking for transcript purposes? Thank you and over to you Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much Gisella. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. We will start the call now. Are you okay with the Agenda? Can we adopt it? Is there any opposition? Seeing no one raising their hand, I can say the Agenda is adopted... Okay, so there is a tick, very good. We will go to Item #3, which is the definition of the themes of the London Summit.

As you know, Wolf Ludwig has sent a list of themes that he took from the survey, and he advised that we use them for the Summit, but there are a lot. We decided last time that we'll only use five themes. What we did last time was decide to make a small survey inside the group. The survey was done and sent.

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Unfortunately only five responded, and with those five people we now have the five first themes, which are: multistakeholder model versus multilateralism and the ICANN role in the Brazil initiative and debate. This is the first one. The second one is the future structure and governance of ICANN.

The third one is ICANN's public interest commitment. The fourth is ICANN transparency and accountability. The fifth is At-Large engagement in ICANN. Those are the five first themes, but I'm very disappointed there were only five people that decided on that. I made Carlos send the survey again and ask for people to respond to it. We gave them until the 14th of January.

So, those are the issues, the first set of themes, but if we receive more responses and with those more responses we have another ranking of those themes, I'll let you know and they'll change accordingly. Do you have anything to say about that? No one raises their hand, so I think that's the only way to do it.

Only one person cannot decide on it. I don't think that five people can decide on it either, so we'll have to wait a little bit until all of you have responded and we have better participation in this survey. Okay. Thank you Roberto. Okay. I ask every one of you, please, try and take the survey. Try and do it as soon as possible so we can finish this point as soon as possible. Thank you very much.

This was a quick point, because we don't have a lot of things to say about it, but Item #4 will be, I think, the most important one, and that's

the Summit program schedule. You have the link in the Agenda. Gisella has uploaded the latest version of the program. I tried to take into account all of your observations and comments, and I also tried to work with Heidi on the other events, the events that are not part of the Summit, so that we'll have a complete schedule.

If we want, we can try and walk through it, so that we can perhaps discuss some details. The first day, which is Saturday, we will have the introduction; setting the scene, etc., a welcome address from Olivier and the Board Director selected by ALAC, by the Board Chair and the CEO. Then we'll have some introduction.

I said that would be done by the ATLAS II Chair. I don't know if we've yet decided to nominate or appoint a Chair. If we do, it will be the Chair. If not, we'll decide who'll do the introduction among people from the Organizing Committee. Then we'll have a housekeeping announcement, including the ground rules, the room assignment, etc.

Here there is an important point that I have to mention. We will not go to London as if we did not do anything. We'll go to London after preparing the Summit. As we did for Mexico, we will ask the ALSes to choose one of the five themes. Here there is also another point. Eduardo asked me, "What about one theme that has only two or three persons interested in it?"

This was also the case in Mexico, but people who were in charge of the Summit tried to balance it, tried to contact people and try to find... When we ask people to choose we won't ask them to choose only one,

we'll ask them to choose at least two subjects they want to address, so that we can try and make a certain balance between the groups. It's not normal that one group is composed of 70 persons and another has only two or three participants. Eduardo please?

EDUARDO DIAZ:

I just wanted to add to that that if they are given a choice of two, give a choice of five to the ALSes and they can put them in order, so at least they have a choice of the five.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

You propose that we ask them to rank them according to their preferences? Okay, we can do that. Then we'll have the groups constituted before the Summit. We'll have several calls before the Summit to prepare the work. For example, they'll decide on choosing a Chair of the group, choosing a reporter, and also deciding on the reference documents that they'll use, so that everyone will be on the same page.

Perhaps if the subject is really controversial, they can try and begin to think about it before coming to London. This is the method that was used in Mexico, and I think it worked very well. We had better use it. This is the first point. Five groups will be constituted. In the introduction we'll have the housekeeping points, including, for example, the assignment of rooms for each group.

The work would be already prepared, as I said, so it will not be the occasion to make people choose themes. They are already affected to the their preferred theme. This is the first part of the Saturday morning, and then we have a coffee break. Then we'll have a plenary, which will be an update on the current worldwide discussion about the future of Internet governance and the multistakeholder model.

We will try to explain to people what happened. They need to know what the situation is now, because the first theme is about that, and it will be better that people are already informed of that, and when we make the compilation of the reports and make the final statement, we will not have people ignoring or asking questions. They have to already be informed.

Then we'll have the lunch. It's been proposed by Olivier and Heidi that we have two hours for the lunch especially on the first day, and we'll do it for all the days. They say the lunch will be an occasion for networking. Eduardo, please?

EDUARDO DIAZ:

I just want to comment. Will we be able to have the themes selected and the ALSes assigned to these themes by Singapore? That's one question. At least will there be more of a draft, not the final one, but one closer to what we want to do. The second thing is, in the meeting yesterday of Organizing Committee we talked about a mentoring program.

Fatima volunteered to coordinate that, and I asked her to work with you and the capacity building people, and the fact that we're going to prepare all the ALSes on the themes before London, it would be good if we could incorporate that in the mentoring forum and coordination. I just wanted to let you know that. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much Eduardo. It's noted, especially for the mentoring. You are right. For assigning people to the groups by Singapore, it depends on our [weakness? 12:57]. I.e., I think that we'll be ready, but if we are ready we can do it in Singapore, yes, why not? Anyway, we have to do it by email because not everyone will come to Singapore. Thank you. Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Can you hear me? Okay, thank you. Just with regards to the lunches, the reason why Heidi and I suggested the two hours for lunch is that the Sponsorship Sub-Group is trying to put together some sponsorship opportunities for sponsors to be able to sponsor our lunch; some kind of buffet lunch or something, which would both enhance the networking aspect between the ALSes, but also get them to interact with other members of the community, especially the sponsors.

So that is one, and it might be that in some cases, of course, we will not be able to find a sponsor for our lunch, in which case one could also shorten the lunch from two hours to one and a half hours, let's say, if you need the time. On the subject of an evening cocktail or gathering of

some sort, or even an evening dinner, we're also putting together a sponsorship package for that.

I think that because, as you know, the ICANN calendar is very busy over the week – there's the music night, there's the gala night, etc. – we have to be mindful of any clash with any other events that might be taking place. However, a possible evening could be the Saturday evening, Saturday 21st of June. That would be a possibility because the rest of ICANN hasn't made it there yet.

Another possibility would be as a follow up to the showcase on, I believe, Monday evening. That's still something to check though because as I say, we don't want to clash with any other events that are taking place and that we'd really hope our ALSes would take part in. Another possibility would be as a follow up to the showcase on Monday evening, but that's still something to check, because as I said, we don't want to clash with any other events that are taking place, and which we would really hope our ALSes would be able to be part of.

These are things that we need to be keeping in mind; maybe penciling in where we're hoping to have any sponsored lunch or dinner. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Olivier for this information, and I hope you will get a lot of money to sponsor a lot of lunches, to make them an opportunity for networking. You are right. This is about Saturday, yes. In the afternoon we will have a breakout session, the first one. We'll have the five groups meeting in parallel, and it will be the first time they will meet in London.

At 18:00 we'll have a plenary, which will be a briefing of the day, which will be only to get the initial impression of people, or give them some housekeeping information. That will only be 30 minutes long, because people won't yet have worked. They get only 1.5 hours of working, and I don't think they'll have outputs at this time. This is the first day.

The second day, Sunday – by the way, we have two main days, which are Saturday and Sunday. Those are the main days of the Summit. For sure there are the other days and we'll have other activities, but mainly for the Summit it will be Saturday and Sunday. So, going to Sunday, we will have four sessions in parallel, 4x5 group sessions. That means in total we'll have five sessions of 1.5 hours, plus 1.5 hours of timing work for every group.

I think like this we will make them able to discuss, deeply, the subjects and come up with a good statement that will serve to draft the final declaration of At-Large for this Summit. Saturday will mainly be the work of the groups. Going to the next day, which is Monday, we'll go to the opening ceremony and we don't have any opportunity to do anything other than attend this.

After the coffee break we'll try to organize a multistakeholder roundtable, as we did last time in Buenos Aires. It was not who organized that, and I don't know if it will be ALAC who will organize it, but I think this will be some standing activity in ICANN, since everyone asked for it and it was really successful in Buenos Aires. I put it like this. I'm waiting for feedback from ICANN in general and we'll see if... I put it

for two hours, and if ICANN decides to have it for longer, we'll try and make it longer.

After the lunch we'll have the work of ALAC, the ALAC and Regional Leadership Working Session. At the end we'll have our showcase. With regards to the showcase, I want to advise that we immediately form a Working Team to work on the workshop, because it needs a lot of work, a lot of preparation. There is the conception at first, and then there is the preparation, the logistic preparation – something very complex.

We need to do it very soon, because the success of the showcase will be very important for the success of the Summit. Eduardo please?

EDUARDO DIAZ:

Thank you. I just want to mention that Glenn McKnight volunteered himself to coordinate the Showcase Group. I guess that would include all the RALO officers, and whoever else wants to volunteer to help with that. He will take care of coordinating that. Obviously he'll have to coordinate with you and let us know what's happening. I'll let him know that this needs to be activated very soon.

The other comment I have about the showcase, the one that I sent to you, is that I'm not sure if we should use the showcase you have as [inaudible 20:58] SO and AC Chairs. The showcase is mostly to show all the ALSes the rest of ICANN, not the other way around. That's my impression. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Eduardo. Yes, it will be the showcase of the ALSes, but it will also be the occasion for the other occasion for the other constituencies to be invited and perhaps have the floor for a very short addressing, to perhaps present to the ALSes their constituencies. Why not? We don't have time to do that during the opening. It would be very long. We decided not to make ALSes present themselves during the opening.

We also decided for the SO and AC Chairs not to address the ALSes during the opening session, because it would be very long and it will be at the cost of the work of the groups. So everyone will be invited to the showcase. It will be a huge event and I imagine it as such. Perhaps we need a very large space, larger than usual. We have to organize it very well, so that we can give the floor to everyone, but not pass the whole night with speeches and things like that.

We need the ALSes to showcase and we also need the other constituencies to present themselves. Yes, I see there is Olivier and Wolf who want to speak. Olivier, please?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Tijani. Three things I was going to say. First, with regards to the organization of the showcase, it might be a good idea to perhaps have a small committee that will deal specifically with the showcase itself – perhaps one person from each of the RALOs? I know there are several people who've already put themselves forward; Tijani, Wolf, Dev, Glenn, and perhaps also someone from APRALO.

They could work together to put together this showcase, which is, as you said, a showcase for all the ALSes. It's not a regional showcase, it's something for all of the ALSes. I'll let Wolf suggest what he was going to suggest. I'm not going to steal what he was going to say, but I can say in advance that if he is going to say what I think he's going to say, I would agree with him.

With regards to inviting other AC and SO Chairs to speak, I'm a little concerned that it would make the showcase a little longer than necessary. There are quite a few SOs and ACs in ICANN. I beg you to try and find some time for – and it doesn't always need to be at the same time – perhaps every day you would have the visit for 10-15 minutes of someone from another SO or AC.

Maybe the Chair of the gNSO Council or whatever, could come in and interact with our ALS; telling them about this. That would be beneficial in two ways. On the one hand, of course, it would get our ALSes to get to know more about the other SOs and ACs as a first-hand information, and I guess it's always a privilege to be able to meet with the movers and shakers in ICANN.

On the other hand, I think it's also a very good political message that we're sending to the other SOs and ACs, in that we want them to integrate with us as well, in the same way as we integrate with them. AS you know, many of the other SOs and ACs are very focused on their own work and don't really look outside the At-Large community. It really has much more interaction with the rest of ICANN, then the rest of ICANN has with At-Large.

It would be good, as a result, politically, to have those people invited to speak. So I would urge this Committee to try and find some way of being able to integrate this. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Olivier. Yes, I will try to see how to perhaps find another briefing... At the end of the day we have briefings, so perhaps we will try to find... Every day perhaps we could invite one or two of those Chairs to make a small addressing. Okay, thank you. Wolf, please?

WOLF LUDWIG:

I left a comment in the chat already on this program slot in the late afternoon and evening, about the At-Large showcase. As you may remember, I made some respective comments yesterday on our call. First of all, I do have a problem with the term 'showcase'. It's a Hollywood type of intimation, and I think we should be more creative. I do remember what we did in Mexico, which I think worked out quite well.

It was a different kind of presentation or [inaudible 26:53]. It was more a market of opportunities. The ALSes and RALOs had the opportunity to present themselves not in a top-down, frontal presentational manner, but in an interactive way. I think over ATLAS II there will be enough presentations, there will be enough addresses during the ordinary sessions. I think a social event should be a horizontal type of event and not a vertical one.

It should offer opportunities for interaction, for discussion, for exchanges, for networking, among the people who are there. It shouldn't be a school-class type of event. Therefore I think we really need an appropriate concept for this social event. I'd also suggest dropping the term 'showcase' here and to call it a social event.

Anything more specific, more detailed, the working group who will work on the concept, can discuss that. But let's avoid this 'showcase' type of wording and term, because I think it's pointing in the wrong direction and we really should offer opportunities for exchange for the people and not to take the time with addresses. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Wolf. That's fantastic, a very good suggestion. I think it can be done. We'll have to prepare it very well and not make it like a market, as you said, where everyone speaks with everyone without any guidance. We'll try to prepare it in a good manner so that everyone can talk with everyone about what they want to talk about, but try to make it more or less organized so it will be useful.

The most useful it can be, very good. In this case, also, I think with the other constituencies, especially the SO and AC Chairs that will be there, it will be a very good opportunity to exchange with the ALSes during this event. I agree with you not to call it a 'showcase'.

We will together try to find a better name, to highlight the fact that it's the event of the ALSes and to make it, as you said, something very interactive and not official, but more convivial, more person-to-person

related. Thank you very much Wolf. We all count on you in this Showcase Working Group. I think you'll be one of the key people. Thank you Wolf.

Any other comments about the showcase? It's very important, the showcase. No, we will not call it showcase anymore, okay. Now we'll go to the fourth day, which is Tuesday. Tuesday is the constituency day, so we'll keep it like it was. We'll have a meeting with the Board in the morning, and then perhaps a meeting with the GAC, a meeting with the ccNSO...

This is on the advice of Heidi. She knows better than me what the – Heidi and Olivier together – what the constituencies are that we will perhaps have to meet with on this day. In the afternoon we'll have two sessions of ALAC policy discussion. Those are the sessions that we missed on Sunday, so we'll do them on Tuesday. Okay?

Wednesday will be the day of the General Assembly. We'll have the four General Assemblies organized for Wednesday. We took your input, we considered the number you asked for, the facilities you asked for, and we tried to put them on the schedule here. It will be more or less the day of the General Assemblies. At the end of the day we'll have the Chairs and reporters of the groups meeting, preparing and harmonizing the report.

They'll have already written their reports, and they'll come to harmonize them and to try to compile them to get the final declaration. The final declaration will be submitted to the meeting of the Thursday morning,

which is the final ATLAS II session wrap-up. In this session we'll approve the final declaration, so it will be discussed, modified and approved. The declaration will be presented either during the public forum or the Board meeting on Thursday afternoon.

So, this is the program for the ATLAS II. On Friday we have the meeting of the ALT, as usual. So this is the program. Yes, Eduardo, please?

EDUARDO DIAZ:

Thank you Tijani. I just want to point on that on Wednesday, the Assemblies, there is some overlap there, so we just need to make sure that we have two rooms that day, not one.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes, it was done like this intentionally. They are parallel General Assemblies because Heidi said that it's easy to find rooms like this. I proposed another scheduling but she chose this one, and I trust her. She has experience and she knows the Meeting Team of ICANN, so I don't have any problem with that, because we'll have staff for each GA.

We'll have interpretation for the LACRALO and AFRALO General Assemblies, so there's no problem. The number is taken into consideration, so no problem. Any other comments about that? It seems that now we are close to getting something that will work. I want to inform you that I wrote to Nancy and [Ehran], the Meeting Staff, and gave them this program.

Nancy responded immediately and she was optimistic, saying that, “Even though the venue is smaller than we had in Buenos Aires, I think it is workable. We can do it.” She said that for Saturday and Sunday, “No problem, it’s already set, it’s already done.” For the others she said normally it’s okay, but we’ll see. So I think that now we’re not far from having something that can work.

If there are any suggestions, any propositions, any ideas...? What I have to do now is to try and invite the SO and AC Chairs to the afternoon plenary sessions and give them the opportunity to speak there – not to give them the opportunity to speak in the showcase, because as Wolf said, there will not be a podium of people speaking and others listening. It will be an interactive event. This is the modification I’ll try and implement.

Also I’ll add preparing the mentoring for the first day opening and the housekeeping also. With mentoring, we have to work on it starting from now, Fatima, because we have to find the right person to monitor the designed areas. It will not be easy because we have many more ALSes than people who can mentor, so it will be a group of people that they can mentor. This is something we have to organize well. Any idea about that? Okay. Yes please, Wolf?

WOLF LUDWIG:

I think it might be an important element to accompany especially those ALSes who are newcomers, who are not so much experienced and never attended General Assemblies before, or who have not been to a Summit

before, etc. We should have people helping them and introducing them. For very practical reasons and considerations, let me suggest that we include the RALO Chairs in this mentoring group, because for Europe I can say I know almost all our members.

I know the people, etc., they probably know me, and this means whenever they have a question and need support, they can come up to me. It should be a group of experienced people who have close connections on the root level, in the region, two ALSes, etc. If we have a mentoring group of five to seven experienced folks I think it would be most appropriate and useful. Thanks.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Wolf. Good idea. I think it's compulsory. We cannot avoid it. The RALO Chair has to be in this activity, and they are in a better place to try and mentor some of the ALSes, especially the new ones that have never been to the Summits. Thank you Wolf. Any other comments? I don't see any other comments so I'll come back to Item #3 for the themes.

Please, please, I'll name you one by one. Roberto said he would do it, Fatima, please do it, Wolf, please do it, Olivier, please do it – everyone, please try and rank those themes so that we'll be fixed very soon and we can make the call for people to choose their preferred subjects. If we don't have anything more to say I'll go to Item #5 – next steps.

For next steps I think that we need now to start organizing ourselves for the groups. We will need a leader for each group. Not a Chair, the

group will elect a Chair, but someone who will try to lead the group, to constitute the group, to help them make their calls to prepare for the Summit, etc. I think the experienced people have to be involved in this. Do you have any idea about that?

Okay, no problem, we will talk about it when we get the themes. As soon as I have more participation in the survey I'll send an email for you all to let you know what the final ranking of the themes is and what the five themes are that will be used for the groups. Then we'll perhaps decide on the next call, which will be two weeks after... What date is that?

No, I will be in Tunisia. We'll try to have it in three weeks or perhaps before, in ten days? Can we do it in ten days? Do you think we can have a call in ten days, on the 20th?

WOLF LUDWIG: On the 20th I'm not available.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: On the 21st I am travelling. Are you available on the 19th?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: It is Sunday.

WOLF LUDWIG: I don't mind.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: But the others may not... Can we have a call on Sunday, people? Okay, Dev is okay for Sunday, Eduardo also, and Fatima. Olivier is not.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: You do have to bear in mind that our staff work very hard during the week and I don't find it very fair for them to have to work on Sunday as well. I'm a little concerned about that. They do need a break, sorry.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Can we do it on the 27th? Monday the 27th? I think that's okay. There is no opposition so it's okay. Thank you. Carlos, please, 27th is the next call. Very good. Now, if we don't have any other comments about this we can close the meeting, even though we have ten or twenty minutes left. Are there no other comments, no other things to say?

Okay, well, thank you very much. Have a good night and I'll see you on the 27th. Bye-bye.

GISELLA GRUBER: Tijani, sorry to interrupt. Just to say that we'll do it at 16:00 UTC on Monday the 27th?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. That's okay. It works.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Tijani? For the new At-Large celebration organizing group, would you like us to send a Doodle to that group, once we've created the mailing list?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: The celebration...?

HEIDI ULLRICH: The showcase group?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, we need to do that, but first we have to constitute the group. Now we have Wolf, myself, Dev and Glenn. We don't have anyone from APRALO.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, we need to ask someone from APRALO, and Baudouin has also volunteered.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, it works.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so we'll go ahead and create a workspace for that, create a mailing list, and then we'll send a Doodle out for a call perhaps at the end of next week. Is that okay?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I think next week is okay.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Not the 20th though Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, the end of next week works fine for me. The week after is difficult.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, thanks very much. Have a good weekend.

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