
GISELLA GRUBER:

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. On today's APRALO monthly call on Tuesday the 28th of January at 05:00 UTC, we have Siranush Vardanyan, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Hong Xue, Pavan Budhrani, Holly Raiche, Tomohiro Fujisaki, Yannis Li, Maureen Hilyard, Gunela Astbrink, Jahangir Hossain, Ali AlMeshal, Satish Babu, and Suhaidi Hassan.

Apologies noted from Fahd Batayneh and Julie Hamner. From staff today we have Silvia Vicanco and myself, Gisella Gruber. Salanieta Tamanikaiwaimaro has also joined the call. Welcome Sala. And if I could also please remind everyone to state their names when speaking for transcript purposes. I hope I haven't left anyone off the roll call. Thank you and over to you Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Gisella. Thank you and welcome everyone again, and [?] not the most of the time. Let's move to the second action point in our agenda. We, I would like to welcome our new ALSs in APRALO. We have internet society [?] chapter, internet society [?] chapter, and internet society Japan chapter. And it's lovely to see them also joining this call. Welcome to APRALO and I'm looking forward to our fruitful cooperation and hope to see you in Singapore.

And moving forward, we have APRALO ALS [compilied] for the newcomers to say that we usually hit each and every ALS during one of the calls to present their organization, and for today we have Chinese

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domain users alliance, and Hong, the floor is yours. Thanks for volunteering.

HONG XUE:

Thank you Siranush. I sent my slides to Silvia. I wonder whether she shared on the screen? Here they are. Yes, one is coming to save our precious time with a heavy agenda today. So I'm, oh, yes, that's cool. Okay. Chinese domain names user alliance is one of the At Large structures that is behind ICANN, and is a member of APRALO. Next page.

Oh sorry, how did it go to that? Okay. The CDMUA, it is an user organization that is based in Beijing. Its mission is to facilitate and – facilitating and promoting the Chinese individual Internet user to participate in the governance activity at ICANN ITF, APRALO, and the other international forum. The [?] has been forum for outreach coordination and exchange of information and knowledge in the Chinese Internet user community. And CDMUA is particularly active in advocating for the public interest in the IDN related policies.

Next page. Okay. Here is a snapshot of the major activities that has been carried out by this user organization, summarizing three aspects. The first area is advocacy. And I call this community policy building. We can't really make the policy, but probably this is a good channel to facilitate the public consultation in the policy making process. The second are is outreach.

The third one is capacity building. I'm going to go through these three areas. Next page please. Okay. The first area, advocacy. You can see,

this is one of the major allocation we've done at ICANN, through a joint meeting of seven At Large structures in Chinese speaking communities. We take one page of the ICANN Beijing meeting, where all seven Chinese speaking At Large structures, representatives are there.

I thank you very much for APRALO's strong support. I guess, Holly who was the chair of APRALO, apparently joined the meeting and presented her support for the Chinese speaking community. This joint meeting is not only for the information exchanged, it actually made a consensus statement. And we've presented at ICANN public forum. It is primarily about the trademark clearinghouse in the new GTLD program and IDN variance.

I must say this is a very important achievement done in the Chinese speaking user community. The consensus statement presented at ICANN was very much taken into consideration eventually in the policy building process. And thank you very much for the strong support from APRALO and ALAC. It was eventually submitted, of course, through an ALAC statement to the ICANN Board. And ICANN Board in Durban kindly organized two sessions in both very inconvenient time slots, to talk with ALAC, At Large representatives, to discuss what is the issue between the TMCA and the IDN variance.

And finally, ICANN, I guess ICANN Board directed staff to revise its TMCH implementation requirements and change those requirements as incompatible with the IDN variance in the process of sunrise registration and trademark claims. It is particularly helpful for the Chinese character user community, well, it still had some issues with Arabic community against our colleagues in At Large are still working on that.

But it is an achievement that we've done through this consensus building advocacy. The second area is outreach. And I assume that the user organization should provide the available information with local community regarding the new policies at ICANN, so we let the user community aware of this rights and responsibility in a new scenario, for example, what is being shown is a seminar organized by [?], just the resolution policies for the new gTLD program.

We've organized them generally 18s 2013, so that's actually a dialogue between the domain name industry, dispute resolution service providers such as the [?] domain name dispute resolution center, [ADNRC] and the local user community they want to know what is the impact of this [SDRT] the [?], and what will happen if the service provider is going to implement rapid succession system? Whether there will be impacts on the data protection for this rapid succession, and what is the regulation for the operation of the registry and registrars.

And of course, they are very interested in the, for example, the [?] for a very new design for ICANN. Next page. This is another international conference organized by [?], its name is intellectual property and user experience, I'm sorry, and the technology code in the region from the user's perspective organized in May 2013. This conference is not only about dispute resolution, it's also about another other write protection measures in the new gTLD program.

I think we realized that the user community are not really fully aware of the new mechanism that is growing every day. For example, the very new privacy and proxy accreditation, but they're interested. The domain name system holds a large amount of user data, and they are

very concerned what will be handled by the industry and what their obligation to the authority for submission. So these, they're available information sharing sessions.

The user community actually raised many questions. And the industry [?] ICANN should do more, the user administration makes them more aware of the new obligations to the users. I assume that is something that ALAC and APRALO could do along with the user organization in the local communities. The very last [?] is outreach, oh sorry. The very last [?] is capacity building [?] training.

What I'm sure in very small characters on the screen, is called Asia Pacific Internet leadership project. This is very much similar to the one that has been organized very successfully in Europe for seven years, consecutively, that's called summer school in Internet governance in Asia Pacific is so wide. You mentioned that it's not very reasonable to call it summer school because we have some regions with all year summer, so we change the name.

But it's a capacity building program, and the big difference between the Asia Pacific one and the European one is this is a free. So all of the teachers, the professors, volunteer their time and energy to serve the community. And because it is all free, to the participants, it's not very sustainable. It was organized once sponsored by my university in Beijing in July 2011. And because there are no resources to continue, so we suspend it for two years.

This year, ICANN regional has kindly supported again so it would be re-launched in Beijing and in Singapore in March 2014. So I'm moving on

to the next slide, all are very, very welcome. Only ICANN's new program, such as the one that's going to be presented called Hope, it's going to sponsor, very great. It is free. If you manage to go to Beijing, or if you will be available in Singapore, you're very welcome. Please join us.

And look at the last side, it's a horse. It's the Chinese year of the horse. The horse is a good year, it means we are moving very fast. Thank you. Back to you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Hong, and also congratulations with New Year for part of the world. So it's very important presentation and your help and your support in APRALO is just without any comment. Thank you very much for this presentation. And I'm happy to announce that Helen also volunteered to present Internet NZ for the next APRALO LS [?]. This is great.

Thank you very much Hong once again, and let's move to the next action in our agenda. So we are in the process, as many of you can be aware, we are in the process of preparing the MOS with APNIC and APTLD, and I want to ask Holly and Maureen to update where we are now.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Maureen, do you want to go first? This is Holly for the transcript records. Do you want to go first or do you want me to go first?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. I'll... Can everyone hear me okay? Maureen here.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Thank you. First of all, the AC NIC MAU, this has been out since... We introduced the MOU for AP NIC at the Buenos Aries meeting. So it has been out there for quite a while. There are no comments made on the work space. I think the only comment I would probably make is that in the agreement section, does everybody have that, does everybody have that page?

And one of the agreements is a little bit of redundancy, I think we could probably just change that. It's sort of like repetitive. But, I think the MOU for AP NIC is pretty much all set to go. What would you say Holly?

HOLLY RAICHE: I would say that the ones that are left is just the showcase event to make room for some kind of, I don't know, presenting something to Paul Wilson so we can officially say, this is the MOU, and [?...] an event as part of the physical showcase, if that's okay. And if we have agreement on the other MOU, that would be a really good time to launch both, I think, given it's the APRALO managing this Singapore meeting. Okay?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. I think that if we, in fact can we move onto the APTLD one MOU now? The... In preparation for this meeting, we felt like you today, gather today a group of people... And I do have to thank Sala for her great work that she put into preparing this for this meeting. So we've actually got something to discuss. Thank you very much Sala. And to Don [?] and Siranush for their contributions as well.

But what we've got is actually... Hang on. APTLD. Sorry, I'm just trying to get these documents for you. In this document, we would like to get some comments. We've only, this is the first airing of the document, so we would like the ALSs to make comments on it before we move ahead. I think that one of the conditions that we sort of like did make when we were asking for the document to be joined up is that we wanted to keep it pretty [?] and keep it high level, so that we've got information that is...

For example, in this document we've got, where Sala as whereas, these are the important issues about what APTLD is all about and what APRALO is all about in relation to each other. And then we've got various [?] below that sharing of information, research, meeting attendance, training, awareness and outreach, capacity building, and appointment of the liaison.

And I just sort of like feel that we could probably make those a little bit more concise, and so we're probably going to need a group of volunteers to act as pen holders and to just have a little go at reducing that, but trying to keep all of those elements that are mentioned in here as much as possible.

But one thing that I did like in this one, which we haven't got in the AP net one, was the contact details of the liaison people representing each of those groups, that it would be a good idea to actually have a liaison to, from an APRALO and from the other organization, keeping those links – keep them intact so that we can, we're always regularly updated.

So just one of the... Holly, if you would like to add some more about what else we need to do.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, Holly, your hand is raised, please.

HOLLY RAICHE: Look, I think it's a good idea to just let everybody read from this document, my [?] to be to actually make it a little bit more high level, and I just haven't had time to put in comments. But probably what I would do, but I would certainly like to hear from everyone else. I think this has got to be a group effort.

My suggestion immediately was instead of putting in individual links to liaison people, on the ICANN page, on our own page, we actually have details against each ALS, so it may make more sense to [?] if you want to contact an ALS, here is the link to the entire list. And then of course it's up to ALS to make sure that those contact details are up to date. But that may make a lot more sense than trying to do anything else.

Now, I have one question Maureen, because when I looked at their website, it wasn't clear to me that they only represent ccTLDs or do they represent all problem domains in the [?]? I read a couple of things

on the website, I thought it was just ccTLDs, I read something that made me think otherwise, so I think that needs clarification.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Holly.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I'll get that clarified.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Maureen? You want to say something? Go on ahead.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, I just wanted to say yes, there have been issues. We will need to get clarified and conclude them as required to make it all clear to everybody. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes. Thank you Maureen and Holly, and thank you Sala for moving this forward. We put in the action item that all APRALO ALSs should comment by the end of this week, just we need to finalize this. This is very detailed MOU, I agree, but this is what is done from APTLD what we would like to be on this paper. So we can just comment on this and hand our suggestions to him to have final. And just before I move on,

we are planning to sign officially MOUs with APTLD and APNIC during our Singapore showcase.

So we'll have a lot of time for that during the showcase. Is there any other questions from the group? If not, we'll just move to the next agenda item. [...]...consultations and initiatives. And Olivier, please, the floor is yours.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Siranush. It's Olivier Crepin-Leblond. Can you hear me?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. I'm going to ask you first, before we start to reload your APRALO monthly call agenda page, because I've updated the briefings and so on, so you'll be able to link up over to the policy advice development page, which has got all of the clarifying policy development that are under discussion. There has been quite a month of activity in the month of January and the late month of December, and we've had a handful of additional statements that has been sent.

The three which are currently being worked on, and which are actually, well one of which is under voting already. The first one is the draft vision mission and focus area for a five year strategic plan. The ALAC is voting on this. Tijani Ben Jemaa held the pen on this. And it's a short

statement that supports the work of the, well supports the five year strategic plan, points on a few things that the ALAC would like to add in the strategic plan.

I invite you all, if you are interested in this, to have a look at it. And of course, there was some input on your region on this since the ALAC finance and budget subcommittee, that – I hope they are to work this out. So, that's under voting at the moment already. The next one is the draft criteria and process for a selection of a multi stakeholder e-force award pilot program.

And that's ICANN that has recognized comments from many parts of the community where supporting organization and advisory committee chairs, and Board members, and people high up in the ICANN hierarchy often get thanks and also some recognition. But the people working deeply in working groups, and sometimes more than one community, are seldom recognized and so ICANN has come up with a starting aspect of the type of candidate that they're looking for, and they're asking for the community to make more suggestions as to what the qualities of those candidates should be to receive that award.

Then the third one is the review of the trusted community representation in the root zone DNS SEC key signing [?]. For those of you who don't know what DNS SEC is a means of putting some kind of digital key that is used then for the updating of DNS entry, dynamic naming system entries. That's kind of updating of the naming system that runs on the Internet with trusted keys. And if you have a chain of trust, as they call it, it goes all the way up the hierarchy to the top of the

pyramid where you have the root zone, which is basically the center of the world of the naming system if you want.

And for this, you need to have some people to hold those digital keys, who are trusted members of their community, and so ICANN is thinking of changing the process a little bit, and is asking for people to make some suggestions to how the community could be better represented. It's quite an interesting process actually. Although this is being sent over to our technical issues working group, it is something which actually may be of interest to everyone.

Very interesting way of enabling trust on the Internet world wide. And for this, we're still wondering whether we should be submitting a statement or not. These are the three that are currently under discussion. And of course, I remind you all, there is a link in your agenda to the policy advice development page. That's where all of the At Large, well the At Large policy development takes place. That gets updated on a daily basis.

So if you are interested in this, I invite you to be able to look at this. Remember, you don't need to be on the ALAC itself to be a pen holder. In fact, we are highly encouraged to hold the pen on issues even if you're not ALAC, and being a pen holder is a great way to get involved with ICANN policy work. A very good step forward. I'm open for questions. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you very much Olivier. This is Siranush for the record. Yes, I would just like to highlight for the newcomers who are present now,

who are in this call, that if you are not an ALAC member it doesn't mean that you can't comment. So please, the information which is coming from ALSs is very much important and your voice matters. So please comment on these policy development, on any other idea open for comments.

So please, make your voice heard. Thank you very much once again Olivier, and for this brief explanation of the current process. And let's move to the next agenda item, it's a briefing on CROP, and Olivier and [?] I would like you to come up with the explanation of what is CROP. Thank you very much. [?] Yes?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Siranush, I'm sorry... Siranush I'm sorry. It's still Olivier. I was going to say [CROSSTALK]. Hong has her hand up.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Hong? Yes, sorry, Hong, please.

HONG XUE: I have a quick question to Olivier. It's about the recent decision made to ALAC filed community objection regarding dot health. I wonder if ALAC is going to file reconsideration to ICANN Board, or is this a final decision?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much Hong. It's Olivier speaking. Now I cannot speak on behalf of the ALAC because I haven't looked at this yet, and it will be announced this afternoon that, well I think it has been announced in some of our lists, that the three objections, which actually ended up with two objections with one dropping out, but there are two objections to dot health have been refused.

Sorry, the objections have been refused, and so the current working group is considering its options and it would likely be up to the ALAC also to consider its options. One of the problems is in regards with the reconsideration request, we're not quite sure that there is a reconsideration possibility with this type of decision, because the decision was made by an examiner at the international chamber of commerce. So we would have to have a look at this closely.

And then the other thing is reconsideration requests in ICANN, if one looks at the small print, it really doesn't mean, well, in general, the Board, if it makes a decision, it would not reconsider it if it had made the decision with knowledge of all of the information that is at hand. If there is no new knowledge, or if there is no procedural error that happened. So on that occasion, even if it was not an ICC, an international chamber of commerce decision, but if it was a decision from the Board itself, then it would probably be unlikely that the Board would then go forward with any kind of consideration.

Now, I'm not an expert in the fine print details of this, and it might well be that the ALAC might wish to comment on the actual, either the process, or comment on the decision that was made. That's a question

that will be asked a few hours from now on the ALAC call. And thank you for bringing this up Hong.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yeah, thank you Hong and thank you Olivier for your response. And now, CROP, Cheryl, Ali?.

UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you Siranush. Ali do you want to go ahead? Ali? We see your microphone but we're not hearing you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Can you speak now Ali? I know that this is your working hour.

UNIDENTIFIED: [?] muted. Here we go.

SIRANUSH VADANYAN: No Ali we can't hear you.

UNIDENTIFIED: It looks like he's trying to work through the Adobe Connect connection. Perhaps staff can make some magic happening. Ali, let me jump in...

ALI ALMESHAL: Hello? Can you hear me now?

UNIDENTIFIED: Perfect. Yes, thanks Ali.

SIRANUSH VADANYAN: Yes, Ali, we can hear you.

ALI ALMESHAL: Okay. Perfect. No problem. Sorry for that. Okay then. For the CROP, I have been sending some reminders with regard to the CROP because we haven't seen any initiative yet coming from APRALO, and you know that having a very limited timeframe for that. So there has been some initiative from different RALOs, and they are very much active [?] from our region.

Still now we haven't received any proposals, so I was just wondering then. We will definitely be losing a great opportunity. I have looked into some of the [?] that is available during the time of March and April, and I think some of them in June, and I have shared it with the group. Maybe some of them is good, some of them is not, and some of them are with additional... Clearly, we need to look into it, otherwise, the more we wait or delay that, the more we are losing.

And I don't see that we are focusing from our region at all, while the other regions are doing a very great job in their proposals. Thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: If I may, Cheryl here. I know Siranush before you go to Holly. It's interesting because...

ALI ALMESHAL: Hello?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yes, can you hear me? Can you hear me or not?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, yes, we can hear you, Cheryl.

ALI ALMESHAL: Yeah, I can hear you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Excellent. Following on from Ali... It's Cheryl here. I too have looked at the available and opportunistic places that we might be able to go, remembering that it takes six to eight weeks, eight weeks probably, six weeks minimum, to process a request for travel support. For those of you who are new to this call, the CROP program is a pilot program. It's only going to operate to effectively 30 June, this financial year.

It's possible for each regional At Large organization, as well as other parts of ICANN, but for ourselves, regional organization, which is APRALO, to apply for up to five people for travel support. Those pieces of travel support and they are only travel support. They are not

registration fees or anything else, would be for two nights and three days to undertake regional outreach, which will be in some way the distinguished and quite clearly in support of the strategic planning initiative that works for ICANN and also for the regional vice presidents programs.

Now, to that end, of course, we have most of the opportunities in our region occurring in February. I think like [?] were out. There was no way any CROP permission could have been done for [?]. We however also find that a lot of our other opportunities, many of our IGS initiatives, for example, are running up 30 June, so even things like having the ability to support someone to attend the [?] meeting, which would be another ideal opportunity for outreach in Oceania, that falls outside of the date.

So, Ali has said he has sent, and it would probably be a good idea Ali to send them again, to the list, a couple of possibilities. But what we really need to do is look for opportunities. We can have outreach, it has to be travel within region. It is up to two, three days and two nights. It is travel only, accommodation. And [?] ...has to be within region. And if we like, we could send more than one person to the same event.

So if we could identify something running in late March, April, May, June period, we could in fact support a couple of those available slots for the one activity. It is certainly something that I would like to think our At Large structures might be able to have a look at. For example, right now we have some [?] doing an IPv6 workshop in [?], but of course, again, it fits within the January/February time.

So, please look to your local, and sub-regional, and regional opportunities. Ellen, can I ask you, when is the [?] planned for this year? Do we know yet? Is that something that will be before June? [?] Early July. So again, nearly all the opportunities, things be falling outside of our timing, so we really need to look very closely at opportunities, or at least one or two good ones, will be occurring after February and before 30 June. Please get back to Ali and I, we certainly don't want to miss this opportunity.

Ali and I are your next [?] to these things, and we also serve on the team that does the filtering for all of the regions. [PITA], the Pacific Island telecommunications association, has its AGM according to [?], program at this stage. Ellen, and thanks for that too Ellen, [?] seven to 11 as April, if you too believe that that is the type of opportunity where appropriate outreach that will fit with the [?] values that we have running and at the regional and the vice president and the office will be supportive of, I would strongly encourage you to get to the other end to make a suggestion.

And please, what it might be a good idea, put into the list. I mean, we all know what are possibilities [?] five separate events or two events with more than one person going. We need to exploit this because as a pilot, it has to be a success. Obviously outreach [?] in our ideal world, if I may speak to what Ali and I would like to see in a perfect world, we would like to see at least three things happening.

One thing in Oceania, one thing in our Western Asia area, and one thing in Central or Eastern Asia. Now, if we could do that, we would be very

happy indeed. So, come up with some concepts, and we will do our very best to support them and get together. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Ali and Cheryl, and thank you for this explanation. Yes, timing is an issue for CROP during this pilot phase, but we need to identify the appropriate event as soon as possible. So, please contact Ali and Cheryl if you have any clarification issue, or if you have any [?] to identify for CROP. Thank you very much. [?] other agenda item seven, [?] showcase, I'll give you a brief update of what has been discussed during our January 14th call.

So, we came up with a couple of clarifications, and also the topic, the title of our event showcase will be, Celebrating Diversity. And I haven't seen any objections related to this, so Celebrating Diversity is what [?]. It will be the title of our showcase, and we are now also in the process of finalizing the invitation letters for speakers. [?] and I also provided [?] with the information related to this [?] group.

Now we would like to invite, so hopefully some will have updates, who is interested to come there and how one is interested to have a speech during the showcase. And we will have also our next organizing meeting on February 6th, to finalize some action items which are [?] as well. Also, we are in the process of finalizing the budget. What we need and to apply for sponsorships, to be [?] people, organizations. Yes Olivier, you have your hand raised. Are you there?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much. Can you hear me. Yes, thank you Siranush. Just regarding visibility issues, just to let you know that the ALAC will be discussing the creation of an ad hoc working group on visibility issues later on in a few hours' time. So I can't really tell you much about it at the moment, but it's coming up. And you're the first ones to know about it. That's the privilege you get for being early on in the time zones. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you very much Olivier. And yes, as to Holly's question, we will send an invitation to [?] and Don for [?] APNIC, and asking them to come. I'm not sure if ICANN will fund their participation, but however they will be invited, the invitations will be sent to them as well, as we're going to sign the MOU to them during the Singapore showcase. So, [?] we discussed during our call on February 6th, with people that are interested to come, please join us during that meeting.

Any questions? They will be there, Holly, excellent. But we will send the official invitations to them. Thank you very much Holly for that information. Maureen, please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. Maureen for the record. I just have a question or query for anyone who has not handed me their photograph for the brochure, would you please get that to me as soon as possible? The brochure is very nice, and I think what it's going to be is a take away for everybody, and they'll be able to recognize everyone who is an ALS member in APRALO.

And it certainly does show how we are celebrating diversity. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes thank you Maureen. And yes, brochures are really looking great. And I know that all people whose pictures are missing will send the information really very soon, because we need to finalize this by the end of January and move [?] issue. So please, send your information to Maureen as soon as possible. And really appreciate the organizing committee support and work, this is a great team.

Just why I like that. Any questions related to showcase? Any questions? I don't see any hand raised, so we'll move to agenda item eight, [?] multi-stakeholder model in Singapore, and Holly you would also like to add some other topics as well. So please, the floor is yours.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you. Holly Raiche for the record. Actually there are two [?], multi-stakeholder group was originally going to be [?] metrics, but way back in September, the Board announced a very limited terms of reference for what they were going to do, which meant that the interest and importance of that particular topic, rather disappeared.

So Holly would be really pleased. What I have done, what I'm having work with you, Hong, particularly Cheryl on [?] instead of having two related topics, one is privacy [?] issue. That is, the discussions are going on, and I have to say that as part of that working group, the discussion we're having is pretty hard, if I can say those are quite divergent and perhaps [?] views on that one.

The related topic is the [?], the expert working group. Carlton is a member of that. And so what I've talked, talked to Carlton, but also talk to John [?] who is the chair of the privacy [?] group, I've also talked to other people who attend [?] who some of you may know, is already [?] involved because he is actually on both working groups. So, it's going to be a really interesting two hours, a lot of related discussion not only about privacy proxy, but those related issues that are being addressed in another way in the expert working group.

This other working group, sorry, the other sessions that will happen, and it will happen right before the multi-stakeholder, is... A copy of it came up from the mailing list, with Patrick, it's really, it's [?] in the sense I'm [?] router, anyway. It's sort of technical, and you would think that it's not interesting, but it's actually very interesting because it's sort of domain names that are not domain names, if I could say that right.

And the two people will be co-chairs will be [?] who is actually the head of [?], [?] who some of you may know, and chaired by Evan Leibovitch and it's going to be, I think, a very interesting session. So it's going to be [?] and some pretty interesting talks that [?]... Any questions? Oh, I'm not speaking loudly enough again, sorry.

Now does anybody have any questions, because Cheryl and Carlton, particularly, I'm really interested that you find privacy proxy an issue and I would really like to hear from you as to what topics should be covered in the multi-stakeholder forum on privacy proxy. That specification that actually was improved by the Board in June, is really bare bones.

It has got very little detail on it, and that detail is being worked out in the working group. And I've got to say, what the working group has done, what they're up to right now, releasing a set of questions that they want the SO and AC to apply to, and I think therefore would be a terrific time for all of the people in the room to have a really important discussion on what the general interests of the community are.

So any questions?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, Hong has a question.

HONG XUE: Thank you. No question. I just want to support all of these topics proposed by Holly, especially for the new one, it's not really new, but it is very much... I know through the community, I don't know through the [?] user community, this new privacy and proxy services with accreditation that is very interesting idea. I brought this up primarily because Asia Pacific countries, many countries in this region, are [?] privacy law.

They are enacting new law, or they are rewinding the old laws, so this is very relevant to law enforcement, law compliance obligation for the registry/registrars operating in this community, and it's impacting the user's interest in these countries. So I feel that will be a very interesting topic for discussion. Back to you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Holly and thank you Hong. I'm expecting really very important topic for discussion, and thank you for update. Does anyone have a question related to this? No. So, the next agenda item is [?] candidate seat for [?] election, so just with an update without any names, this Board [collection] committee, completed its work and there is a final slate of candidates which has been sent already to [?]... team and to Olivier.

And the names will be discussed during today's ALAC call. As you may know, we are in the process of selecting [?] Board candidates, which is At Large seat. And we are expecting to have the final name through this year. So the name will be announced in April for this Board candidate. Any questions on that? No, thank you. And the agenda item 10 is ATLAS II in London. And APRALO general assembly.

Just a brief update that we have finalized the reach of ATLAS II. The ALSs that will be coming to ATLAS II, and we have all our ALSs registered and submitted their vote, so we are in good [?]. And we'll be holding our APRALO general assembly there, and all of our ALSs will be there, we already asked [?] to allocate [?] for us. And I would like to ask also the ALSs to join the ATLAS II working team [?] the link to the Wiki for everyone to get acquainted what is going to be London.

And yes, Maureen, if you have something to add, please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. This is Maureen for the record. I just have one query, probably to go to Olivier and to [?], but we do have some ALSs who need to apply for a visa, and they need a letter of invitation and we just

want to make sure that those, all the documentation that is required for a visa is available for the ALSs, so that they can actually make those applications very shortly because it's a very short time frame. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Maureen. Thank you. It's really important your participation, as ATLAS II is gathering of all ALSs, which would mean At Large. Olivier, yes? Please.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much Siranush. It's Olivier speaking. Now on the subject of visas, it's a recurring theme, and of course, very important. And our community is often very much effected by this. In general, I mean, there should be, the constituency travel ought to be able to deal with this if you have any problems.

I mean, does Heidi have any further information on this? Because what we've tried to do sometimes for those people that have had problems in obtaining the right letters, and invitation letters, etc. The invitation letters are provided by the host of the meeting, but constituency travel would help, otherwise I'd say ask staff, the staff account, staff at At Large dot ICANN dot org, and of course we'll have our staff to try and follow up as well and put pressure on constituency travel.

But it's a recurring problem. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Olivier. Cheryl please.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. Cheryl for the record. I am aware, and constituency travel is aware, but I'm also aware they often do things a little bit out of sync with the amount of time that is required for some of the countries. I mean, our region to go through what could be quite a protracted, and in some case quite complex, these approaches.

So if I may, Olivier, could I suggest that we get Heidi and staff to make sure that there is a two prong approach, and that the ATLAS II organizing committee may perhaps approach someone appropriate in ICANN, and it would seem to me that this may even come into the regional vice presidents, your area of expertise, to have an ICANN related invitation letter available in advance of what may be a too little and too late host letter, unless they can ensure us that the host letter can happen in time.

And the other thing, of course, is that sometimes it's more appropriate, believe it or not, for some visas for some countries, require more than just what would normally be done in a host letter, and that is a letter indicating that the traveler has their accommodation paid for and taken care of. That seems like a healthy assurance, in other words, repatriation, etc., is also in hand, etc., etc.

Now that goes way beyond host and very much back into the [?] of constituency travel. But we do need to get onto that. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Cheryl. Olivier, please.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much Siranush. And thank you Cheryl for this reminder. Actually I have already sent not only an email but have been in touch with an email exchange with Sally Costerton, who has taken on the lead of some of the organizational side of the London meeting. Certainly with 160 At Large structures coming to the London meeting, it's one of our primary concerns that the issue of visas. There have been some calls that I have sent to Sally for the British government, and the GAC representatives to be involved.

The follow up so far has been, Sally has been contacting several parties, including constituency travel and so on, and things have somehow gone into the ICANN nebula and I haven't heard from yet. I have followed up and I haven't heard from her yet as well. Well, I have heard from her, but she basically said she's waiting to hear some feedback from the rest of the team.

So it's in progress. We still have several months ahead of us, but hey, months pass very, very quickly at this rate, and I will keep the pressure on Sally Costerton and her team. But there is very little more that we can do on this side. The response which said yes, oh, it's the host that does this at the moment, is of course a valid response, but at the same time, as Cheryl has mentioned, it's very important maybe for ICANN to go further than that, and use ICANN letterhead, especially for all of our travelers that will be attending.

So in progress and let's continue pushing on it. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Olivier. And just to let everyone know that registration for London is open now, but we, letters are not issued, invitation letters are not issued yet, so hopefully with the pressure from our people here and with the support of Olivier, we'll soon have all of this set, and looking forward to see all of our [?] in London.

Our last agenda item is providing information that on February 26th, we will have our next monthly call and [?] will send a [Doodle] to identify the time for that. Cheryl, please, you have your hand raised.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. My battery is about to run out. Two things, we don't usually change the time all of that often with APRALO call, and I would encourage us to not constantly Doodle and change times. The UTC time we're usually pretty happy with unless it's something exceptional happens, should probably be stuck with.

But as I would suggest that time, sorry, that day, a number of us may be at the [?] meeting in Malaysia [?], and I was wondering if it might be possible for those of us who are there to gather and perhaps to talk face to face as we join the normally monthly APRALO call. To that end, I'll send a message to the list and see what we can sort out. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Cheryl for bringing this up. So we may choose February 26th meeting [?] ..what is end of [?] event Cheryl, if you are aware?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: It doesn't end until the Friday. So you've got a week of workshop running into the week of the 18th, and then you've got a week of meetings starting in the week of the 24th, running through to the end of the month. And then in the middle on the weekend, you've got the AP star retreat, which is a by invitation only event. So that means on the Tuesday of our normal meeting, number of us may be able to indeed gather face to face.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay, thank you very much. [?] next monthly call one week prior to February 25th, as this is the last call before Singapore.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: No, no. Leave it where it is. I was just suggesting, leaving it where it is and...

SIRANUSH VADANYAN: Okay.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Those of us who are able to gather together can do so in Malaysia, at the same time and dial in.

SIRANUSH VADANYAN:

Okay. Okay. So, we'll keep our February 26th and those people who will be in Malaysia, if possible, can join the call. Now we need to end the call because it's really the last call before Singapore and it's very important call for us to finalize all stuff taking place in Singapore. Thank you Cheryl for bringing this up.

Any other business? Anyone who would like to say something related to what has been discussed during today's call? So if no, I just would like to thank everyone for your active participation, and also once again, welcome our new ALSs to APRALO, and just enjoy those who are enjoying their New Year. And talk to you next month.

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