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JULIA CHARVOLEN:

Okay. Julia is going to do the call. Thank you Aziz. Good evening everybody. Welcome to the AFRALO meeting, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of March 14, 18:30 time UTC.

On the English channel today we have Mwendwa Kivuva, Adetokunbo Abiola, Barrack Otieno, Philip Johnson, Alan Greenberg, Otunte Otuneh, Mohamed El Bashir.

On the French channel, we have Aziz Hilali, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Pekango Coulibaly, Phillippe Batreau, Michel Tchonang, Delmo, and Etienne Tshishimbi.

We have apologies from Pierre Dovonou Lokossou. And the staff is Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, and Julia Charvolen. The interpreters are Claire and Fernanda. Thank you. Please stay on mute when you're not speaking, and when you take the floor state your name for the interpreters to identify you on the other channel and for the transcripts too. Thank you very much. Aziz you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI:

Good evening. Thank you Julia. I'm very glad to meet back with all of you during this teleconference of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2014. Before we begin, I'd like to have a short thought for Fatimata, our sister. She's not able to be here with us today, and all of the ICANN community with her, had terrible drama. Her husband last Wednesday morning. So I wanted to give her our support, and we hope that the two families will

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have a lot of courage to cross this difficult period and this deep difficult time.

Please Mister Delmo, you are speaking. Can we mute Mister Delmo? To ask – if you want to ask for the floor, first you have to raise your hand on the Adobe Connect. Okay. Do you want to ask something on this drama that happened in Fatimata’s life? Tijani do you want the floor? Tijani you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Aziz. It’s a real drama. Fatimata, our last chairwoman, the [?] in our organization, Fatimata was our sister. She was very [?] very [?], she love everybody and everybody loved her. She lost her husband, and it’s a drama [?] ...you to transmit – to tell her that we are thinking about her, that all the members of this conference call is thinking about her.

She deserves our support. I called her twice on the phone, she was in a very bad state. She was very depressed. So I think she needs some words from us, from the members of this conference call. I think it should be something very good.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Tijani. Aziz taking back the floor. Thank you Tijani. Do you want to comment some more? I can’t see any hands. So before we begin, I want to welcome to welcome two new ALS. We are thinking about ISOC Kenya. I don’t know if Barrack is here with us. I want to congratulate them, as numerique Ivory coast with Phillippe Batreau and

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Delmo, so welcome both of you, and I hope that your work will increase AFRALO and its activities.

If there are no other interventions, I'd like to begin with the second item of the agenda, that is the open public comments. Do you want to have the floor? Somebody wants to have the floor? Who is speaking please? Delmo? Who wants to speak? Delmo? Delmo, you have the floor. Okay, Delmo you have the floor.

DELMO:

Good evening everybody. It's a pleasure for us to be here, and to take part into the work of your community. I'm very glad... Mister Delmo, we have a problems hearing you. There is a lot of background noise. I'm sorry but... I don't know if the interpreters, if they were able to hear you. The sound is very bad. Okay.

Delmo is speaking again.

AZIZ HILALI:

Okay. Aziz is telling him that the sound is very, very bad. If you want to speak, we have to call you back, and we are going to give you the floor later on. Okay. Does anyone want to have the floor? Anyone else want to take the floor again. Okay. As I said, we are going to begin with the first item of the agenda, or the second item of the agenda, open public comments. As usual...

Okay. As usual, we are going to begin with the open public comments. So as all of the AFRALO members can follow, follow up the open public comments. It's very important to give your opinion, to have the opinion

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of your region. So, the comments that are currently in public comments, in open public comments, you have them on your – on wiki page, and on the Adobe Connect.

So the first item is the second accountability, transparency review team, the ATRT II final report and recommendations. From 21<sup>st</sup> February to the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, the second item is a qualified launch program for new gTLD registries. From the 28<sup>th</sup> of February to the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, the third item is the proposed [?] mechanism to address persistent, and consistent expert determination of string confusion objections.

It is the review process for string confusion or confusion of string on the gTLD program. It's the expert decision on the confusion for dot cam and dot com. The confusion between those two domain names. Then it's from the 12<sup>th</sup> of March to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, the fourth item is ICANN future mission strategy about the strategy of ICANN's meetings for the future. So I want to remind you that we have, as AFRALO, we're the African community of the ICANN, we had a meeting in Buenos Aries, and we submitted statement asking ICANN to follow up the meeting as they are...

So we can rotate between along the five regions of ICANN, and Africa is still among those meeting countries, because the ICANN meetings are getting bigger and bigger, and more and more expensive. And it's very difficult to receive the hosts of these meetings, the ICANN meetings. So we are asking ICANN to adopt a principle to work with each region. And if we can't find a solution for one region, we can try with another region.

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The other item is, on the open public comments, is the IDN variant TLDs, and it is IDN variant TLDs, as you are processing your implementation, maximum taking about [?] is now open for public comments. Then we have the litigation, the risk of DNS domain space collisions. Then we have the – well, this is from the 31<sup>st</sup> March and to the 21<sup>st</sup> April. Then we have the initial report in the register, transfer policy, IRTP part PDP, and the report that is posted for comment.

Part 12, draft a report – draft proposal. This working group ask the public for its comments in Africa, especially Africa. The last item, the eighth one, is the ICANN strategy planners, the draft report. This draft report has been published for public comment, and they are asking for comments and reactions, and recommendations.

So I think I didn't forget anything. The period is from April the 30<sup>th</sup>. And the end of this period is not indicated, has not been decided yet. So now we are going to move to the next item, unless you have any questions on this open public comments. Okay. Tijani is asking for the floor. Tijani you have the floor. Okay Tijani. We are listening to you, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay. Thank you very much Aziz. I just wanted to tell you that the reply period is not, is mentioned – this two [?] represent. The first one, the end of the comment period, and the second one represent the end of the reply period for these comments. So, for example, for the last case, the ICANN strategy panels draft report, the end of the comment period

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is on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. So you can post your comments. It is open. It is going to end the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

And when it is finished, normally there is a reply period for this, in this case, there is no reply period. This is why you have no date but for the other item, there is a date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, for example for the end of the comment period, and the reply period is ending on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. For example, for the seventh item of this open public comments... Okay. I'm very sorry...

AZIZ HILALI: This is Aziz. Olivier, do you want to add something, Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Olivier speaking. Can you hear me.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, it's okay we can hear you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you. Olivier. I just wanted to add something. Thank you Tijani, and I wanted to tell you that it's like a pipeline, it's something that is constantly updated. So I hope we were able to put that [?] page [?] so we can refer to this, you can put on your browser, web browser. And once a month, you can look at the evolution of these comments. You can do it all the time, once a week, once a month, once a day if you want.

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It's a continual process. It is something that is constant, constantly updated. Okay. Thank you. I'm not on my computer, so I can't tell you more about the chat, but I wanted to add that.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Aziz is taking the floor. Thank you Olivier. I'm sorry, Mister Pekango is asking for the floor. Pekango you have the floor. Pekango Coulibaly you have the floor.

PEKANGO COULIBALY: Hello? Hello? Yes, can you hear me? I just wanted to tell you that I'm new in your family. It's a pleasure for me, to work with you.

AZIZ HILALI: Welcome. Which country are you from?

PEKANGO COULIBALY: Ivory Coast.

AZIZ HILALI: Ivory Coast, yes. Welcome. Welcome Phillippe, and welcome Barrack, and welcome Pekango too. Okay. We are going to move to the next item. This is the report, recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. Normally, the ALAC members are Tijani and [?] working on that recent and upcoming activities. Who wants to take the floor, [?] or Tijani? [?] is not here, [?] either. Okay, Tijani you have the floor.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay thank you Aziz. Tijani speaking. Okay. So, in ALAC we are working on the Singapore meeting, preparing this meeting. Singapore is a very important meeting, because it is going to be the last step for the preparation of the summit. So we have a lot of work to do in Singapore to finish the work for the summit, so we can begin the implementation after the Singapore meeting.

And it is also very important meeting because it is the meeting coming before the global conference in Brazil, San Paulo, to work on the future of the Internet governance of ICANN. And there is a lot of discussions on the ICANN list on this issue. The internationalization of ICANN and of IANA. We prefer to say globalization. We would prefer to speak about globalization because it means that all of the countries...

We are not speaking about countries, we are speaking about the private sector, the international organizations, these countries, etc. So we speak about globalization of the Internet. So this Singapore meeting is very important because we are going to prepare the Brazilian conference. The second item on which we are working is the summit of London, the London summit.

We made a lot of work about the summit, this London summit. We are almost finished, the agenda is almost ready. And we are preparing now, the social event, what we are called social event, what we normally call the showcase. In that case, we don't want to call it a showcase because it's a different approach. It's going to be a networking space, a connection space – space for connection among the people.



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We are going to give each RALO a table for each RALO to put anything they want to make them known. I ask for a visual system for each RALO, because as you know, a screen is very important than paper, so we are going to organize this event. So please... I'm not finished. If I can speak about that, people are not going to understand.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz is asking for the floor. Julia, can we mute this person, because they are disturbing Tijani. Julia told me that she was going to mute that person. Okay.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

So we have the social event of London summit, and we have the agenda of the summit, it's almost finished. We are coordinating that with the meeting staff so as to see in which rooms we are going to work, the venue, etc. We are informing the group, because as you know, the summit will be – will give a statement at the end. It will be the addition of different thematic groups that we are forming, which are going to work on the different topics in which you are interested.

You answered about this question we made to you, and I thank you. The topics, the more asked topics will be addressed. And we have another consultation about these topics that you prefer, so you will work on that topic. We didn't have a lot answers, but we had some answers. I urge you, please can you answer to this survey? This is a questionnaire with only one question. Please answer to it, so we can organize and include you in the group you prefer.

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If not, we are going to work without knowing your choice, and you won't be in the group you are more interested in. So please, I urge you, can you answer to the questionnaire. This is only one question. We are also working on the capacity building that we are going to give before the summit for all the ALS, for the ALS and their representative to come already prepared, and for them to be able to participate to the summit activity of course.

We are working on that item too. We have adopted these kinds of things, and now we are going to choose the hour and the day of each activity in our agenda program. I hope we will be able to do that in Singapore. So we can finish the organization in Singapore. So the summit is getting fine, and I hope – I'm sure, in London we are going to have an excellent summit.

So then afterwards, we have a major event for ALAC, and this is the selection of a member of the Board selected by At Large. And so we are working fine. We had an evaluation committee for the candidates, which did its work, and chose five candidates. Those candidates are on the Board paper. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, next Sunday, we will vote, and we will have a first round to reduce the number of candidates to three candidates.

So the idea of the first round is to reduce the number of the candidates to three. We are going to get rid of two candidates. We are going to do it on Sunday, next Sunday. As we normally do, the end goals then, afterwards in Singapore on Saturday, I'm sorry, on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, we are going to vote, it will be the second – on Saturday, and it

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will be the second round to elect the member of the Board for the next years. And normally this election will end on Sunday in Singapore.

It will be a face to face meeting, everybody will participate. People will vote. We will have voting paper, and if we are lucky, we will have a candidate with more than 50% of the vote. If we are not lucky, we are going to be forced to vote a third round on Wednesday to choose to have a candidate, that we have more than 50% of the vote. Yes, so now we need to finish this vote, this election.

We are almost in the last step of the voting period, that is the election of the candidates. We are working... In ALAC we are also working on the additional requests for budget. As you know, the budget department is asking us to express our budget request for activities not organized in the ICANN budget. And we did it to participate with a workshop in the next IGF.

And we are working on the outreach activity, and as you know, ICANN has implemented a pilot program for outreach activities in my region. And each RALO is allowed to have five trips. AFRALO has identified only one event, the African Summit of the Internet, which will take place in [?], and we have asked – we have made, we have presented a request for budget. So, in ALAC.

And of course At Large and all ICANN members are working on the preparation of the Brazilian conference to discuss the future of the Internet. And I can tell you that all of the ICANN community is very busy, and very concerned with this event, and the globalization of ICANN and of the IANA function. How to have a more globalized

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Internet acknowledged by everybody, etc. I think I'm finished. I think I'm finished, it was all I had to say.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Tijani. You anticipated the other item, so we're going to consider as if we had already to discuss. I will take the opportunity to say that there – this is a specific meeting. There is a lot of work, [?] candidate to ask questions. If you want to speak about a specific topic, Tijani has just talked about, please vote on items currently in the [?] activities.

The organization of this [?] At Large summit, which will take place in London, where all the African ALSs are invited. It's a large summit, around 140 ALSs that will meet from the whole world, from the five regions. 163 ALSs that will meet. This is why it's so important. If you need this information, you have Silvia who has just sent to you the links, and then you have – ask questions to [?], we have here to inform Tijani talked about the selection of members of the Board, which is also a very important topic. Since the five RALOs are going to elect representatives, but it is not an ALAC representative, but the person will come from ALAC.

So we have the possibility to elect. Of course, the election will take place at, as Tijani has just explained the procedure. And about 15 persons, please correct me if I am wrong, around 15 persons are going to vote, and there are five presidents of RALO, three times five. This is the true representative from three members of ALAC that represent each – each represents one region.

So, we will vote, those are members of ALAC, they vote on their own behalf. As Tijani, represents Africa. However, they vote of AFRALO is the president's vote. But [?] guided by the ALSs. This is why we have sent any mail in which we are, we have a preference, or will you prefer the president to vote for one person or the other.

The five candidates, if you have sent them by email, are Sébastien Bachollet, Rinalia Abdul Rahim, Alan Greenberg, Evan Leibovitch, and Jean-Jacques Subrenat. If you also have questions from this election, please don't hesitate to ask them during this teleconference. As Tijani was saying, this was a very important item. The third item [?] RALO will have asked to have a project from ICANN, brought it up [?] the CROPP, the pilot project for the mobilization.

[?] pilot project, each RALO reported activities in certain [?] we will have no [?] representative to do the outreach. These are the three topics for information that we wanted to give you. Tijani explained this very clearly. Please do not hesitate to ask questions, or if you are a beginner, if this is your first meeting, take this up fortunately, if I haven't said this before, I'm going to say welcome to Beran. I know this is your first meeting. We have only met her on the virtual world. She's a member of ALAC, representing the region of Africa.

So please do not hesitate to ask questions. I don't know who wanted to take the floor. Tijani, Phillippe... I will begin by the person that first [?] Michel. Michel you can take – you have the floor. Michel? Well we wait for Michel, I'll turn the floor to Phillippe Batreau. Phillippe? Yes? Yes Phillippe?

PHILLIPPE BATREAU: Hello?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes we can hear you. Yes.

MICHEL TCHONANG: This is Michel.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay Michel, go ahead. You have the floor.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Thank you very much. Good afternoon everybody. I would like to thank the working group, who has tried to in this well organized process organized by Tijani. I am bit worried about the three items. The first item is at the level of the workshop. I know that we have received many topic proposals, ranging from making choices to facilitating work. This question is practical before the work [?] summit. Do you – have you conceived to present motions or work to the region in particular? So as to enable us to prepare our decision in a better manner.

It will be a matter of saving some time. The question is my first concern. Second is at the level of the procedure, [?] procedures. I haven't heard one word about the administrative concerns of the ALAC. Have solutions been proposed or facilitated for the participation of AFRALO, because AFRALO has to answer this question later [?]. My final

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concern is about the vote of implementation. I realize that my concern can hurt somebody.

Only that we, as an African region, we have not [?] provision to have our representative. With our participation [?] why can't have a representative in order to have a representative at that level? Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you. Michel. Tijani, would you like to answer?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, if I'm allowed.

AZIZ HILALI: The floor is going to Michel.

MICHEL TCHONANG: I would like to say all of the ALSs apply to the [?] summit. Everybody can become an ALS before December 31 2013. It's possible to demand after the summit of December will not be able to come. Second item about the directed, you said that the RALO must have the directed vote. This is not the case. It is possible to have a directed vote. It's up to the RALO to decide whether the RALO will direct the vote of the president of the RALO.

But when they decide not to direct the vote of the president, it's a possibility, it's not a duty.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Now I'm going to respond to Michel's question first. Present a motion from summit resolution. Michel, we are to begin by considering the group. Thematic group. Once they are created, we will organize [?] for the summit so as to organize one chair for each group. To organize each [?] document. We will hold training so that the people who are participating in the thematic groups, can participate with knowledge.

This is why we are going to have the session before the summit. We cannot present something while the work has not been done yet. Second question of the visa. The visa is one of the issues. One of my first concerns. I realize this is one of the first main concerns of most people at ICANN, especially in terms of the summit. You can be assured that in Buenos Aires already, I had mentioned the question twice.

Once during a meeting with the Board, and I said that the concern had to be engage to make sure that all participants in the summit had their visas. The CEO decided the same thing. But, since I'm careful, I ask the question to the person at management, meeting of [?], it's on Friday. I was told we're going to do whatever is needed. We're not going to stop there, the whole preparation of the summit. We're not going to just list the problem.

He was one of those who made the effort to [?] in England, it didn't work over there, he [?] at the summit at the beginning. The visa expires after two months. We cannot start three months the summit. [?] now we are assured that the selector send to the representatives in England, etc. What we continue to mention this aspect because, Bueno Aires we



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see that a group not come, the same. In more important summit, it's important to keep – to hit the item.

Final item, African candidate. Why are there no African candidates on the Board? Candidates selected by At Large. This is not a matter that we cannot respond to Michel.

AZIZ HILALI:

Tijani, can I interrupt you please? You had two minutes and four more people wanted to take the floor, and they wanted to discuss more items. Can you go faster please?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Regarding African candidates, we [?] and aware of somebody, because it will not have [?] that it was important. That's it.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Tijani. The floor is now on Phillippe Batreau.

PHILLIPPE BATREAU:

Good morning. I'm glad to participate in the first meeting and to find some knowledge that I didn't know about. For the discussion, Sébastien... First question is, we are voting for person to follow Sébastien's function or position, to replace Sébastien at his position?

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AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Thank you Phillippe. Tijani is going to say the same, correct me Olivier, if I'm wrong. He was a member of the Board representing ALAC, and he has a [renewal?] date, so he can have his [renewal?] date, so he – he is among the candidates. You can present yourself for three rounds... We have three rounds. The first we have to eliminate two persons, and we have to finish on the second or on the third round.

And the second question, Philippe's second question, I'm going to give the floor to Tijani or to Olivier. Okay, Tijani is asking for the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: About the summit or the ALS who request to come to this meeting before the 31<sup>st</sup> December of 2013, will come to London, they will be paid their trip will be paid. There is a limited number of people, you have some special question? There is one per ALS? Yes, there is one person per ALS, yes.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Phillippe. Tijani, thank you. Olivier, you have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: This is Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. I just wanted to ask something about the visa issue. Yes, it was well explained, but there is something else we asked. There is a way to ask for an invitation letter. For that, you have to ask it to the dot London and partners. This invitation letter will help a lot to have a visa. The problem is that the form you have to complete to have this letter is written in English, so sometimes we have a problem with the ALS who doesn't speak English.

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So we ask that this form for an invitation letter will be translated, and I think it's going to be ready – the translation is going to be ready soon. I don't know if the staff has some news about that, of the translation of the form. We are waiting for it, and we have been waiting for it for a few weeks. Gisella, have you some news about the translation?

SILVIA VIVANCO: No news yet. It's Silvia Vivanco.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. So the chat. No news about that. So we are going to ask about it. As Tijani said, it is no use to ask for a visa today, because the visa is three months visa, so you have to ask for the visa next month at the end of March or the beginning of April, you can ask for your visa.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Thank you Olivier. Phillippe. [CROSSTALK] on the English channel.

PHILIP JOHNSON: This is Philip Johnson on the English channel. Thank you very much Aziz. Thank you Tijani for your very clear, detailed presentation on the activities on ALAC. What I want to add is you have got something about capacity building for ALS, now I would like to know what ALAC has proposed. What medium are we going to these capacity building for our [?] ALS in our region? That's the question I'm – and I want to send it to Tijani.

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What medium? Is this going to be online medium? Is this going to be [?]? What medium is ALS [?] capacity building? What are the proposal put together within the ALAC? Thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI:

Okay. Aziz has the floor. Thank you Philip. Tijani you have the floor to answer to Philip. Tijani is disconnected? Okay. I'm going to try to answer for you Philip. We have talked about that a lot. We have an agenda of the fellowship, the fellowship agenda is already made. It is the same experience as in Dakar, when we had 10 ALS which followed the outreach program, the capacity building program together with the participants of this same program.

We also invited this, the representative of each constituency of ALAC to speak about outreach and capacity building for their participants. We also have a program, I don't know if I can give you some more detail. But we are creating a platform. We have some experience on work of this platform, we have the ALAC Academy, or the ICANN Academy for the newcomers, and for participants to form them, to help them to know more about the ICANN activities.

Maybe Olivier can help me a little bit. I think Olivier has some more to say about that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay. Thank you very much Aziz. Olivier Crépin-Leblond takes the floor. You explain it very well. There will be capacity building program, which will be made online. I think Tijani worked on this issue. The working

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group and the idea is that our ALS, when they will come to London, they will already have some knowledge and very good information on the subject that we are going to address during the London summit.

Tijani is back, so maybe we are going to give him the floor. Hello, Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. Tijani is asking if you can hear him.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Aziz, please, I would like to say something. I think Philip's question was about the capacity building before the summit, through webinar, and through the platform. Tijani... And we are going to use the online capacity building platform of ICANN, so this is medium we are going to use for this capacity building. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Aziz has taken the floor. Okay. If there are no other comments, we are going to speak about the AFRALO member's activity, recent and upcoming activities. Do you want to speak about the activities you organized at the local level, Philip? Do you want the floor? Philip you have the floor.

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PHILIP JOHNSON: Thank you Aziz. The ALS at the local level, for example, my ALS, we organized a program. But I would like to briefly some activities, weekend activities, on the level of AFRALO. As you are aware, we sent on our mailing list, a statement and things that we are going to present at Singapore, the meeting between AFRALO and African, we have already received that statement. And that statement will be distributed the response to all of the ALS [?] because a statement that will be representing all of them, yes.

So I leave that... [CROSSTALK]...

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz is saying something very important. We are speaking about the ALS activities, not about the AFRALO activities. Philip, did you listen to the interpreters? Aziz is saying that we are speaking about the activities of the ALS, not of AFRALO.

PHILIP JOHNSON: The activities, okay, we have the spotlight where we present our ALS activities. I think with the recent list, these are [?] on ISOC Liberia, ALS, and also another spotlight [?]... African, Morocco. So I think that all of the ALS are welcome to view the spotlight [?] our new comment [?] use of the spotlight, so that we can get to know more about the activities of your ALS.

I think we can say it with regard to activities on the ALS in AFRALO. Thank you very much.

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AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Philip. I would like Silvia to send the link of the wiki to the [?], ALS can go to that page of activities that were requested by the ICANN leaders, so we can follow a little that activities that are being conducted, organized in each member countries. So now we're going to go to the ATLAS items for discussion.

We have 10 minutes still. I want to apologize to the interpreters, we're going to keep you for 10 more minutes to talk about the join fellow Africans meeting in the Singapore meeting. You have certainly received the email regarding the topic of this meeting. There was an online consultation of this topic, and then a topic that was proposed on the topic – the topic is explore the ways for Africans, AFRALO to sustain the activities of ICANN to attend all the stakeholders.

To inform you, I'm going to give the floor to Mohamed, who will [?] to speak about where we are now. We a bit late. I can hear my echo.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Mohamed is here, for the transcript.

AZIZ HILALI:

...there was a first step by Mohamed, and then a follow up, if you will tune with me to give an opinion. I request the document which is still a work in process. Please continue to this document so that it is ready before the middle of next week, this needs to do before we arrive in Singapore, in order to hold our meeting to discuss a topic essentially, and to validate for the instance of ICANN. Mohamed, are you with us?

Would you like to take the floor to add anything?

PHILIP JOHNSON:

Thank you very much Aziz. Just, as you say, this meeting, AFRALO and African meeting, the team will be exploring ways of which members of AFRALO is supporting [?] for ICANN to reach out to stakeholders. We've had consultations on African, and this is the thing that has been agreed with the wider community.

It was drafting the statement assigned to [?], but [?] to have contributed to that. So now we have an almost final verdict, which is I agree with the ALAC, we need to circulate either end of this week, or maximum next week to the mailing list. So at least before Singapore, AFRALO and African community, we'd have to review the statements of the meeting. Without the statement, we might update that draft statement.

So the terms we are talking about are the strategy and which [?] strategy, and how we can help ICANN to reach out to stakeholders in Africa. So this is all I can say [?] this week, or before middle of next week that statement has to be drafted. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Philip. Aziz speaking. As I said, we have a lot of work to do on this statement still. It can be sent on this, as it is now, this version [?], and I ask the draft committee to work with Mohammed, and [?], and myself. So, this statement will be ready to be sent to everybody. Thank you Philip. Thank you everybody.

There is only one item left on our agenda. This is the welcome to new ALS. Barrack, are you here? I would like to give the floor to Barrack.



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And we would like to know what he thinks. I think it's his first meeting with us. I'd like him to be in Singapore, because he wasn't able to come to Buenos Aries because of the visa issue.

Do you want to take the floor?

BARRACK OTIENO: Hello? Hello?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes we hear you, go ahead.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay. Thank you very much. This is Barrack Otieno from Internet Society Kenya [?]. I believe Mwendwa Kivuva is also online, I hope he'll have something to say. First I want to say that I was in Buenos Aries, but [?] be in the AFRALO meeting there, although I'm not a formal member of AFRALO, but I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the team, to Aziz and to Tijani, and everyone else for making it [?] for us to join AFRALO, At Large. And we look forward to continuing actively, to the AFRALO processes now that we are members.

As we go along, we are still trying to find our seat so that we can [?], but rest assured that as we understand the critical issues we shall be playing our part in contributing, and also encouraging the Kenyan Internet community to also contribute to AFRALO. I don't know [?] can say one or two things. Hello?

AZIZ HILALI: Who is this asking for the floor? Mwendwa, are you asking for the floor? Okay. Barrack was speaking his colleague, who was the person Barrack spoke about? Asking Beran to take the floor. Beran, you are connected. Beran Gillen, you want to take the floor? Are you connected? Can you hear us? Can you take the floor? Do you want to speak? Beran Gillen would like to speak. We would like to hear you Beran.

Julia is telling us that Beran is not connected on the phone. So last item, we are going to move to the next item. Any other business. Do you want to add something? Something we didn't discuss before [CROSSTALK]...

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, hello, this is Silvia Vivanco from staff. I just wanted to say a few words to welcome to the new ALSs, and to please ask them to contact me or contact At Large staff if you have any questions, we will be happy to guide you through the different wikis, and the different resources that we have for you.

So reach out to us and we'll be more than happy to help you. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Aziz is taking the floor back. I wanted to say that there is Julia Charvolen, there is Silvia Vivanco, there is Gisella Gruber, there is Heidi also, which is the chair of the ICANN staff. So the new ALSs, just contact

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them and ask them any questions. You can ask questions about the conference call, the participation on the conference call, or anything else, material or anything.

If there are no other comments, Aziz I'm sorry. I wanted to know if among the AFRALO members someone still implicates in the process of the future of the Internet and some people will participate to the Brazil conference. Because we didn't speak about that. I wanted to ask that question.

Okay, Aziz is speaking. Michel, I remind you that the AFRALO, thanks to an initiative of Mohammed El Bashir, made a statement that we transmitted to the Board, and I think that we don't know who is going to represent AFRALO or ALAC in Brazil. I don't know. We don't know it yet. If you someone has this information, can you answer the question?

Phillippe do you want the floor?

PHILLIPPE BATREAU:

Yes, very quickly. I wanted to thank you for receiving us, as numerique is a NGO from Ivory Coast, we work together with you tonight with [?] and [?] were the other representatives of the other countries of Africa. So thank you, and for the reception, the kind reception you gave us, in AFRALO.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Phillippe. This is Aziz. We can count on you to legitimize AFRALO. Tijani you have the floor for the last comment.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani takes the floor. I wanted to tell you Aziz that if you forgot Arial, when you are giving your thanks to the staff, you forgot Arial, so we need to remember Arial.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Aziz takes the floor. Thank you everybody, and we'll see you in Singapore. Thank you everybody.

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