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GISELLA GRUBER

Welcome to the AFRALO call on this Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 18:30 UTC. On the English channel, we have Barrack Otieno, Alan Greenberg, Beran Gillen, Pastor Peters, Otunete Otuneh, and Philip Johnson.

On the French channel, we have Aziz Hilali, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Hadja Ouattara, Philip [?], Michelle [?]... and [?]. Members of staff are Silvia Vivanco, Ariel Liang, Gisella Gruber, Terri Agnew, and Yaovi Athohoun.

The interpreters will be Camila and Claire. And may I remind you to state your name at the time of speaking for the interpreters to identify you on the other channel and for transcript purposes. Also bear in mind to speak at a reasonable rate so that the interpretation may be accurate. Thank you have the floor Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Gisella. Good evening everyone. Welcome particularly to those who join us at this teleconference for the first time. As usual, I'm going to start with public comment. We have more or less, eight issues on which ICANN for the committee input. The first is the public comment on IDN, including those corresponding to country code, which would be IDN ccTLDs.

The second point is very important for us, for our African region. As we have already made a statement at the Buenos Aries meeting on the African strategy, and for future ICANN meetings. As you know, several meetings from the working group [?] with this matter, they had made

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proposals. You are more than welcome to check the proposals made by the working group.

I remind you that it is Tijani who represents AFRALO in that group. And that working group then has a purpose of optimizing the logistics of the meeting, and if you have any questions on this point we can always come back to the details at the end. And item number three, open policy issues, are domain names in the DNS and the risk of DNS name space collision.

Then we have a transfer policy between registers, that is the initial report, inter-register policy, IRCC. We have a preliminary issue report on the work – of the working group, and the particular audiences that work on the BC charter. Number five we have the ICANN Strategy Panel, who published their draft report for comments, and they ask for our comments to see the reactions on the proposed recommendations.

I'm not stating that the conclusion of the [?] comment and reply, both were connected on the Adobe Connect can see on the screen what the stakes are. Otherwise you will have all of this on AFRALO's agenda on the wiki page. There is another point related to – proposition related to the user based TLDs, that's destined to industrial sections, recommended for the current implementation of the generic domain names program.

And there is a draft implement on the WHOIS lines on the report, and finally, point number eight, there is ICANN ask for comment on the draft report that the GNSO counsel has asked for, regarding the possible changes to the rules and the rapid suspension procedures for NGOs and

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for governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations relating to their domain names.

There is a point that I would like to add, which is not here, which is also more important. It is the call for public participation on the subject that is very important. It being the proposal on the principle and the mechanisms of elaboration of a proposal. As you know, we made a statement on the [?], not us, actually the US government made a statement regarding the transfer of the IANA function to the world community.

So I would like to invite you all to participate on this item. It is actually an item on our agenda, and only I think it would be Tijani who would be speaking about that. That's more or less what I have to with regards to public comment. Before I move on to the next item, I would like to know if there are comments, remarks that you would like to make?

I see that no one is asking for the floor. Olivier are you with us or not yet? Great. We are going to item number three [AUDIO FADE OUT]... so I wonder if [?] would like to take the floor to tell us about the [AUDIO FADE OUT]...

HADJA OUATTARA:

Hadja speaking. Hi this is Hadja. I think [?] to make a report on the Singapore meeting, and to send an email suggesting that she make a report on the Singapore meeting and that I make this summary of these ALAC activities.

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AZIZ HILALI: Great. Hadja you have the floor.

HADJA OUATTARA: Thank you. And so for ALAC activities... This is Hadja speaking. The main activities, or the main focus was actually stressed on the London summit. That's a summit for all ALSs to be represented. There are several working groups dealing with the London activity. Several from communication. There is a website that has been especially created for this meeting, and then for information. So that would be the content. Tijani can fill in if I make a mistake or forget something.

So, we deal with the way ICANN work. And at that session, all ALSs will participate. As we – activities that ALAC will have at the London summit...

AZIZ HILALI: Wonderful. Thank you Hadja. I would like to know now if Tijani has anything to add?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Aziz. This is Tijani speaking. I'd rather [?] ...if there is anything else to add, I would fill the information. I'm very glad to have Hadja and [?] with us. They have both been very active throughout the Singapore meeting. And I think it is only fair that they take the floor, and if there is anything else, I can always add that later.

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AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you Tijani. Beran, would you like to speak about the Singapore meeting? Actually, before we give her the floor for that report, I would like to know whether there is anything else she would like to add about ALAC activities? Beran, would you like to complete anything about ALAC activities? You can take the floor if you want and I'll let them know in the channel.

Beran, you might be muted because we're not hearing you. Very well. So I have to wait for Beran. Perhaps Tijani would like to take the floor?

BERAN GILLEN: No, actually I am on the line. You just can't hear me.

AZIZ HILALI: Oh, okay. I hear you now. Do you want... [CROSSTALK] You were muted. We'll let Tijani finish and then you can go.

BERAN GILLEN: No problem.

AZIZ HILALI: Wonderful thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: ...many groups in the organizing committee where we have several groups working on several aspects. On the one hand, we have events.

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And issue groups are in the same group. Then we have social events that will be taking place in London as well.

There is several aspects in communication. There is sponsoring. There is many groups working on those aspects. Preparation is well underway with quite a lot of them. And we will have two full months before the London meeting. Two main exhibitors we will have before London is ALAC [?]. So we have put together a schedule, and this evening, at the end of this teleconference actually. And I would like us to end on time, because I have these other meetings to go to.

And so we're going to have a teleconference to establish the date for all of the training sessions that will take place, before the London meeting. That is something essential. And we wish to have the ALSs that will be coming to London with a knowledge and a necessary information to participate actively and effectively at the summit.

We wouldn't want a certain ALS representative to come and attend without being able to contribute too. We will expect that they will contribute in the decisions that we will take at the summit, and therefore we have scheduled this training session. That's all as regard to summit, and there is many other activities as well of course at [?].

And the participation of ALAC, for instance, at the – within financial work department. And the main results that we see are supplementary requests, which are now being discussed and which will be adopted very soon for us all to be able to participate and to attend some events that will take place at the beginning of the fiscal year.

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And then the CROPP program that you all know and that we will discuss a bit later. So I would like you all to participate because it is very important. There is the strategy for ICANN meeting. We're going to see this a bit later, but as Aziz said, it's in the public comment period right now, so if you have anything that you would like to say, a remark, a comment, do it as soon as possible.

The deadline is April 21<sup>st</sup>, so that's very soon. ALAC is preparing a statement for that comment period. If you would like to contribute and be a part of a statement framework of ALAC, you can send your point of view to the staff to be a part of that working group. I'm going to leave it here, because I think I'm taking too much time, and Beran can give her report on Singapore activities where we discussed everything that was of interest to ALAC.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Tijani. This is Aziz speaking. So, let's see whether Beran can take the floor now. Beran, if possible, you have the floor. You are welcome to complete whatever Tijani and Hadja forgot to say about ALAC activities, and to make a report about the Singapore meeting. Beran, you have the floor.

BERAN GILLEN:

Yes, this is Beran. Can you hear me now?

AZIZ HILALI:

Yes, perfectly well.

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BERAN GILLEN:

This is Beran. Okay, great, excellent. I just wanted to add to what Hadja and Tijani said about the ATLAS meeting. As a first time person coming in for the first time into the ALAC, I realized that some of the ALSs in the African region, their details are missing on our wiki page, where we normally keep all of our contact details for the African ALSs.

So I don't know whether there is a plan. I was hoping that maybe we would give ourselves a deadline, perhaps by next week, to get those ALSs on there, because I think we only have about 23 on there, and I think we are supposed to have about 30 or so when I checked. So that is a concern I have. With the ATLAS II coming up, I was hoping that maybe we could get our house in order before we start doing those training sessions that Tijani spoke about.

Now with regards to the Singapore meeting, I think it was an eye-opener for me. I learned a lot. It was my first meeting in ALAC, because I missed the Buenos Aries meeting. It was very informative, especially the NTIA announcement that happened just a week or so before the meeting.

The ALAC released a statement, very much in line with what the other ACs and SOs did with regards to the NTIA statement basically stating that we are ready to be on board and also be part of the global effort to – for the changing of the leadership of the IANA function. Another thing that came up in the Singapore meeting was we created a video.

It was [AUDIO BREAKUP]... region, Africa, Latin American, North America, Europe, and [AUDIO BREAKUP]... And we created an one



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minute video for the ATLAS II event in London. In the video, we were all able to speak in our local languages, and of course the international languages: English, French, Spanish, you name it, Portuguese, German. It was very interesting video, it lasted about a minute and we are hoping that it will be edited and be ready to be released, shortly before the ATLAS II meeting.

And this would be targeted mainly at the ALSs, and this will be coming to London, telling them what to expect and how they can get more involved. It's very punchy and it's very interesting, and I'm sure you would like it when you see it. Another thing that also happened at the Singapore meeting, at the opening session we had really long meeting, very long meeting, this was my third ALAC meeting so they were very long meetings.

A very [AUDIO BREAKUP] ...learned a lot about the – our procedures [AUDIO BREAKUP] ... to almost three or four [AUDIO BREAKUP] ...

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Beran. We are going to come back with you, and the communication – and the problems with the communication are solved. Okay. We are going to the next item, recent and upcoming activities of the AFRALO members. Those who are on the line can speak about their ALS. Okay. Do you want to have the floor? This is the moment for the AFRALO members.

Well, Aziz is saying, I can speak about my activities I'm going to organize in May, a conference with some workshop on IPv6. It is organized by the IPv6 taskforce. It is a taskforce depending on ISOC Morocco, and we

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are going to organize it with Africa, AfriNIC. And also, we are going to work with the ICANN and have some help from the ICANN.

If nobody wants to speak about their activities, we are going to move to the next item. Item number four. Okay, nobody is asking for the floor. Okay. Tijani. Tijani you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Aziz. Tijani speaking. My ALS is participating to the preparation of the IPv6 forum organized by Tunisia. The ICT Forum, I'm sorry, organized by Tunisia. And this year we have participated through the preparation of this meeting. We have organized some meeting for this event, and we are taking part into the decisions about the procedure, and the meeting, and the topic of the meeting. Thank you very much. I'm finished.

AZIZ HILALI:

Okay. Aziz speaking. I'm sorry. I was speaking... I was on mute. Okay. Now we are going to move to the next item. Item for discussion. And we are going to speak about item number four, items for information, I'm sorry. We are going to speak about community regional outreach pilot project regional.

I'm going to say that ICANN has an outreach program, a regional outreach pilot program, in which each one of the five RALOs can ask for some funding, and we have five trips in our region, in Africa, in our case. Those funding aim the outreach project in the region. So we have to use this money before the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2014. It's among the

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participants, and we were going to tell it by the other participants by May.

If some people are interested to participate in this outreach program, you have to ask for it. You have to do a request. This request will be sent to ATALS, to the CROPP team. And I'm going to give you the link. I'm going to past the link on the Adobe Connect, so you can send your request.

And so, you can apply for this funding with an online form. You have to do it eight weeks before to travel. You have some conditions to region to reach some condition that are in – clearly written. That you can find on the link that I'm going to send you. You have to know that AFRALO presented a request. We have five requests. It is a request to participate in [?] to a summit which will take place in June 2014.

Tijani, wants the floor. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Tijani speaking.

PASTOR PETERS: Also Pastor Peters. Pastor Peters wants to speak after Tijani.

TRANSLATOR: Pastor Peters, okay. I am going to say to Aziz that you want to take the floor, but please let me translate.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay. Tijani speaking. I think that if we have five slots, five possibilities to travel into our region. If we use only one, it is really a failure. So I ask you to try to find a good [?] in Africa before June, before the end of June, and to do the request. The request, the ATLAS or the ALAC request must be sent to the region team called CROPP region team.

So we can review your request and correct the mistakes that can exist in your request. So as your request to get accepted. So it is the best way to work. CROPP is not a perfect program. There are problems, that's for sure, but we needn't be discouraged. We need to try to find a good event, and of course the CROPP is not paying everything. CROPP is not paying the visa, for example, but we have to do some [?] so as this CROPP project will exist [CROSSTALK]...

...some proposal to improve this project, this CROPP project, and to remove barriers. This is all public. Everything is on the wiki. All of the links have been posted, so it is on the mailing list. Staff put it, post it on the mailing list after each conference call. So please try to use, to improve, to use that funding we have.

We can have a best project, a best program next year, but we have to use the funding we have this year. So, for example, for the summit, the African Summit for Internet, we have submit for one slot, and we can send more than one person to [?]. So if you are interested, please fill the form. And if you have any problem, you can contact Aziz our president, or contact me and I will help you to complete the form, the online form.

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The last point, this program is not – it is a program with a follow up. Each slot which will be assigned will need the person to do a report after this person travels, because when we do – when we make a request, we have to say what we want to do, and afterwards we have to say what we have – what we were allowed [down?], or what we were able to [down?]. I'm sorry.

So please, try to find the good events. The events you are interested in. There is an African summit on Internet. For the African people, it's a good thing. Just ask it. Do a request. If you don't know how to do, we can help you. Please, try to do it. I will regret [CROSSTALK]... possibilities we have.

Tijani, Pastor Peters is asking for the floor. And I'm asking those who are interested to take the floor too. Peters, you have the floor.

PASTOR PETERS:

Thank you very much Mr. Tijani, and good evening everybody. What I was going to say, I think Mr. Tijani has addressed it. I was going to request that the staff of ICANN post the link to our [?] email addresses, apart from the wiki link. I don't use wiki, but I am good my email address. So I will look at it.

And I also [?] Mr. Tijani has also support ALSs, whom we want at this time, in filling out a form when there are problems. So we look at it, and I'm sure we'll want to send some of our members to the event. [?] It is a work in development, [?] Africa, ATLAS, thank you very much.

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AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Thank you Peter. I have sent the link. I don't know if you are connected on Adobe Connect?

PASTOR PETERS: No, no. I'm not connected. I want it on my email list. I'm not connected to Adobe Connect.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Aziz speaking. Okay, thank you. We are going to send you the link. Tijani, you will want to have the floor? Hadja is asking for the floor. Okay, Hadja is asking for the floor. Okay, Hadja you have the floor after Tijani. Tijani, you're first.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you Aziz. Tijani speaking. I propose to have an action item, saying that staff is going to send an email to the AFRALO mailing list with the forms for the CROPP review team needed by each person asking for a slot. This is the first part. The most important part. The first step.

And then we are going to send the guidelines, the guidelines of the CROPP program. Okay? For all of the mailing lists. Recording those deadlines, recording that we need six weeks for the CROPP stuff and two weeks for ALAC. These two weeks can be short and if the request is clear. It can be a little faster, but we have to respect the six weeks for the CROPP step. Okay?

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AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Tijani. Hadja, you have the floor.

HADJA OUATTARA: Okay. I wanted to ask Tijani to send an email, because I'm interested. And I need Tijani to help me, so I'm going to contact him. I'm going to send the request.

AZIZ HILALI: Very well, perfect. Aziz speaking. We are going to move to the next item, election of Board members directors chosen by the At Large. The committee was chaired by Tijani. Tijani, you have the floor, you have two, three minutes to speak about those elections. Who allowed us to elect Rinalia.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Tijani speaking. Thank you Aziz. I think you all received the email giving the result of the election and the process. It was a pleasure to share this committee which was responsible of the election of the Board member chosen by the At Large. And I can tell you that it was a very important experience, and very interesting experience for me because we were a little afraid of having a tie. So of not having only one member to have to choose between two persons, or to have to do the election again.

Because we had the goal to finish this election during the Singapore meeting. So everything was okay. We have five candidates, we receive five candidates from the committee who was in charge of the selection, and of checking the candidates, etc. So we have five candidates. During

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the first run we eliminated two candidates. The second run we had two votes. On the first vote, nobody was winning so we had to eliminate one person.

And because we had a tie, we had to vote again. But finally, everything was okay and we were able to choose the Board member by the At Large, and it was Rinalia Abdul Rahim from Malaysia. She's young, she's a woman, she's from a different country. So it's a perfect choice. And I hope she will serve ICANN in a general way and the At Large community. And I want to thank all of the candidates who participated to this selection, because they work for this selection to be really a democratic selection.

So, thanks to them and thanks to everybody. Aziz you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Tijani. Now we are going to give move to the ICANN mentor program, the item six. And it is a program launched by ICANN just before the Singapore meeting. And this program, this mentor program, for new leaders, for new ICANN leaders, is aiming to improve the capacity of the ICANN community and the civil society community to understand better the ICANN world, and the multistakeholder model.

And this mentor program aim to mentor – to do the mentorship of one person per region, to accelerate the Fellowship Program. It is a Fellowship Program that is already in the ICANN [?]. So we hope that this mentor program is going to take shape after the Los Angeles meeting. That is to say, after the next [?]. So, Tijani, do you want to add something about this program? This mentorship program? Do you



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want to add something Tijani? Gisella is asking for the floor. Gisella, you have the floor.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you. I'm not asking for the floor. It was a mistake.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. Okay thank you. I'm really happy to see that the ICANN initiatives are going – every time more [?] and before we never, we never had new things. When we wanted to change things, it was a problem everything, everywhere. So now ICANN is proposing new things, an initiative from ICANN. The mentorship program is from ICANN.

So new things, new proposals from ICANN. It's a very good, very good thing. This program, I want to remind you that AFRALO and the African people were the pioneers of this program, because we wanted to help the local community in Durban, and it was – we wanted to do, or we tried to do a mentorship program with new students, and teachers, and civil society members who were invited in Durban, and who participated in Durban meeting.

One of the persons taking part in this membership program was [?] one of the persons who came to Durban. So this program was is very interesting. This year, he – it was organized at the last minute, so we

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had problems to fix everything. We can do better. But even though everything was fine. And we have one person from Africa, one person from Canada, one person from Asia.

So we have three persons, and those persons have received their membership in Singapore, and between Singapore and London, we are going to go on working with them, discussing with them, and helping them to understand better and to integrate better in the ICANN world.

And in London, they are going to come, and they are going to participate in the London meeting, and we hope that those persons are going to be future members, future leaders of ICANN.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you Tijani. Philip, if you are here. Do you have something to add? Do you want to add something Philip?

PHILIP JOHNSON: Yes. I would just like to add... Hello?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, we hear you. This is Heidi. We hear you. Please continue.

PHILIP JOHNSON: This is Philip speaking. Okay. At the Singapore meeting, I just want to add that we had a very fruitful meeting. The AFRALO, African community, that meeting we read a statement, and the statement was debated, and we also made some amendment and other modifications

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on the statement. Very soon, the modified statement will be loaded to the wiki page, very soon.

We also have some fruitful meeting, as the other speakers have just said. We participated in all of the policy meetings at the ALAC level. And we also took part in all seven discussions. I don't have much too add, just a little of it on the Singapore meeting. I will be making a full report and it will be submitted very soon on the Wiki page for all of you to read. Thank you very much. Aziz.

INTERPRETER: We are looking for Aziz. Gisella, can you check if Aziz is still online?

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry, Tijani. Gisella speaking. Aziz is on the Adobe Connect. He is trying to speak but we can't hear in – there is a problem. Can you call him? Okay. Okay. Aziz, do you want us to call you? Aziz, please send us a telephone number by Skype, so we can call you back. Thank you. Gisella speaking. We are going to call Aziz. So just wait a minute.

PASTOR PETERS: Quick. Can I ask a quick question please? Can I? Hello Gisella, can I ask a quick question? Hello?

GISELLA GRUBER: Yes, yes please. Gisella. Yes, you can ask the question. I'm going to translate it.

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PASTOR PETERS: Can I also do this conference call by Skype?

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisella speaking. Okay. Pastor Peters, you are connected.

PASTOR PETERS: Yeah, I know. I was asking if I want to join the conference by Skype, is it possible also?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello Pastor Peters. This is Silvia Vivanco from staff. I believe you are asking if you can dial the Adobe line with Skype, and yes, the answer is yes. Correct. You can dial in the number, the Adobe number, via Skype. Using Skype when you call from. Thank you.

PASTOR PETERS: All right. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. I'm going to give the floor to Olivier Crepin-Leblond, who is asking for the floor.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Tijani. Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. I was going to answer, because we have some time, we are waiting for Aziz. I wanted to answer the question of Pastor Peters, if you have in Skype an

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account on which you can call telephone number, that means you have some credit into your account, you can phone.

It is possible for you to phone to the free phone number. I mean, free phone number. Beginning with... This is a toll number, and you can call any number you want. So toll free number, so you can call the number for ICANN. You have the zero eight, zero, zero from the United States. You have another one in France with another number. There is another number for England, etc.

And you can choose where you want to connect, or with which number you want to connect for free. [?] also a free number, so you can participate to the conference call by Skype. This is something I do when I am somewhere where I don't have a very good phone connection, but I have a good Internet connection. Skype is working fine in condition with some network, some good network.

I hope my answer will help you Pastor Peters, and I hope you will be able to participate to the conference call. I know that in Africa you have some technical problems, and Internet... It can be useful for you to know all of those positions.

PASTOR PETERS:

Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani is asking what is happening with Aziz. Hello? Okay. Aziz we can hear you but very, very faintly. Tijani speaking. Aziz, can I please do a statement on the summit.

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AZIZ HILALI: Okay. It's better now, it's better. Okay. You have the floor Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you. Tijani speaking. I'm moving to the next item. The second At Large summit, ATLAS summit II. As I told you, we have a committee working on that summit, and we are working fine, with several groups working on the different activities of the summit. We have the capacity building, we have the social events that will take place in London during the summit, and there is the group on the [?], there is the group on the different topics which will decide the topics.

And there is a group on sponsoring chaired by Olivier Crepin-Leblond. And there is also a group working on investment on communication, etc. Olivier is asking for the floor. Olivier you have the floor. Okay. Olivier, you're not asking for the floor? Okay.

So Tijani speaking. So, I wanted to tell you that everything is going fine. We are going to need your input about the group in which you want to work, to discuss the topics in London. And we are going to send you an email because there were some changes on the topics to discuss because of the last even about the transfer of the IANA function and the stewardship of the IANA function.

So, we – because of those changes, we are going to change the topics. But please, you have to choose the group in which you want to work, because we need to discuss before London, about what we need to prepare, etc. Okay. I think I'm finished. Aziz, you have the floor.

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AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Aziz speaking. Thank you Tijani. Anyone else want to have the floor or can we move to the next item?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I'm sorry. I have to leave. I have a conference call beginning now, so good meeting.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. The next item is on the US government announcement of the transmission of IANA function to the global community. And Mohammed ask for the floor. Mohammed, are you with us on the English channel? If Mohammed is not here, I'm going to ask Olivier to speak up about that.

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisella speaking. Mohammed is not with us.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Thank you. Olivier, can you please speak about that?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Olivier speaking. Thank you Aziz. What is it you want me to discuss?

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AZIZ HILALI: I would just like you to give us some information on the US government announcement on the transfer of the IANA function to the global community.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Wonderful, understood. This is Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. I'm going to speak in French about this subject for the first time so it's going to be quite tricky, I expect. The IANA function, that's the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority is a function that consists of four agreements actually. The first of which, regards the protocols on the Internet. All these protocols were created by the Internet Engineering Taskforce, the IETF.

And there is a second agreement, or contract if you will, on generic names, the domain names, that policy discussed within the GNSO. Those generic names would be dot com, dot net, dot org, etc. And there is another agreement regarding country code domain names. So, dot FR, dot UK, dot CA, etc. Those are the country code space on the SO. They are the ones [?].

And there is a fourth agreement concerning numbers, that's IP addresses which are distributed to the different regions in the world through what we call the Regional Internet Registries. So the regional organizations for the Internet. So for instance, in Africa, it's AfriNIC who holds the numbers. Those are the four agreements in place, they are all controlled by the IANA.

The US government has a right to oversee those agreements. So let's say there is a change in the main zone, that's what we call the A root.



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That's at the summit of the pyramid of the Internet. So every time there is [?] change, the US government should agree with the change proposed. In the management, for instance, dot UK for the United Kingdom, if it were to be transferred from an organization to another, they would have to make a request and the US government should give its clearance for this transfer to be made.

The function itself was controlled by Verisign, that's a private company. So you see, there is many different players here. And now the US government, through the national telecommunication infrastructure administration, that's the NTIA, and through [?] in the US Department of Commerce, have decided to withdraw from this function, which leads the way for many changes.

The big question now would be, whether the agreement signed with the US Department of Commerce for all of these aspects will be taken on by someone else? Who will be in charge? How is this certification going to be made? There is to rules for these changes. We don't know how it is going to work for the time being, because we are only just getting started with this debate.

But I think one of the main discussions that are going to take place not only at the ICANN level, but also at the International Governance level. The US government did say that the verification system, and all the changes made should guarantee that they system will not lie in the hands of a single government or a single governmental organization.

That's their main message. So we need a multistakeholder model in order to carry out this verification. For the time being, we've only

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mentioned the international community so that all users and all players, whether it is the ICIF, the RIR, whether it's the GNSO, the CGNSO, ALAC, all players, will have to agree and work together on the issues, and find a solution to make this verification that guarantees that after the transfer, the Internet will still work as it works today.

All of this work will come to a close in 18 months, so the transfer will be effective at the end of 2015, if I'm not mistaken. That's when the agreement will be terminated. It is merely an extension of a couple of months, but I have foreseen that stop, but what is clear for now is that this process should move on quite quickly. If you do not follow the discussions we held at Singapore, you're most welcome to the session on Monday morning at Singapore, which was quite a crowded session, and then there was another session on Monday evening during the Singapore meeting as well.

All of those information were sent, and ICANN staff drafted a single document which was published today, which prepared together with the community. And that document said, we hear what you want to say, we hear what the challenges are, what the formula you received to tackle this [?]. So now it's up to us to present volunteers to work on this matter. I think I've taken a bit more time than I expected, but I hope it was comprehensive as an explanation. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Olivier. This was Aziz. That's very clear and I think it is very important that we dedicate some time to this issue as it is very important. As you said, everyone is invited to follow the debate. In the

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next couple of days we're going to trust on this transmission. And so, I think everyone should know what was discussed.

We have [?] to have – a participation to have in this process, and we will not have it unless we participate in this discussions that will take place over the next few months. As you said, it's in September 2015 that the agreement will terminate, and so it's up to us to give our advice, to speak up about what we think of the transition, and how the way we think in the [?] to be managed in the future.

Are there any questions on what Olivier just said? Yaovi? You have the floor.

YAOVI ATHOHOUN: So I have no questions. This is Yaovi speaking. I wanted to mention another subject.

AZIZ HILALI: Right. So we have two more items in the agenda and then you can have the floor for the other business you would like to mention. Do you think that's correct?

YAOVI ATHOHOUN: Yes, that's fine.

AZIZ HILALI: Wonderful. So we're going to move on to the last item in the agenda, which is items for discussion. That is [?] in London meeting. We're just

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starting, there is all of the ALS committee that will be present in important meeting. It will take place at the same time as the general assembly, which will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup>. That will be Wednesday during the ICANN meeting.

We have the secretary who is dealing with this matter. So, Philip will tell us whether there is any proposal for subject on this joint AFRALO ICANN meeting for London. You have the floor Philip. Philip, we cannot hear you, maybe you might be muted.

PHILIP JOHNSON: Yes...

INTERPRETER: Hello? Mr. Johnson? Philip Johnson are you there?

AZIZ HILALI: This is Aziz speaking. Philip is not there. We're going to add this to our action items. This would be then to discuss on the mailing list what the themes for the joint AFRALO ICANN meeting will be for London. So we're going to make a call for suggestions through the mailing list.

Gisella will have all of our ALSs present there. We're going to have a general assembly during the London meeting. I would like to ask you whether there is any proposals for subjects to be discussed during this meeting? You're also welcome to send us an email with your proposal, to effectively participate at the general assembly, and to suggest how you think it should take place.

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There would be [?] as well. And we'll have the joint AFRALO ICANN meeting from 2 PM to 3 PM, and at the end of that, perhaps the AFRALO General Assembly. Are there any questions on this subject? If there are no more questions, Yaovi you can have the floor.

YAOVI ATHOHOUN:

Thank you. This is Yaovi speaking. I wanted to take the floor before because I was almost leaving, but since we are at the end of the call, I agreed to wait. I actually added a link to the Adobe Connect, inviting us to a meeting in [?] on May [6<sup>th</sup>?] So I would like to ask you to broadcast this information, to retransmit it. We will be discussing domain names and their protection.

I posted the link on the Adobe Connect chat, so that you can go to the site and retransmit this information. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Yaovi. This is Aziz speaking. Would anyone else like to take the floor? If no one wants to take the floor, I am now in the position to say that we are at the end of the meeting. I think it has been a wonderful meeting. We are only late by five or six minutes, so thank you everyone. Thank you to Claire and Camila. Thank you Gisella, Silvia, Heidi, Ariel, all of the staff for preparing this meeting. Thank you all, thank you for participating and see you next month.

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