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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Nathalie, thank you. Good morning everyone, from my side of the world. I hope you all are doing well and thank you for joining for this call. I would like to ask staff to do the roll call please.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you, this is Nathalie. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening everybody, and welcome to the APRALO monthly meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2014.

On the call today we have Siranush Vardanyan, Holly Raiche, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Maureen Hilyard, Toshio Tachibana, Ali AlMeshal, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Pua Hunter, Pavan Budhrani, Tomohiro Fuksaki, Stish Babu, and Hong Xue.

We have a few apologies from Julie Hammer, Yasuichi Kitamura, Yannis Li, and Gunela Astbrink. From staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Nathalie Peregrine.

I'd like to remind you all to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much and over to you Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Nathalie. I would also like you to add the apologies from Sunil La, who just send an email via mailing list, so we'll also not his apologies not to be able to join this call. Okay. We have a couple of things to discuss today. So, Olivier, the floor is yours. There are a lot of

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things going on, on the ALAC table, so please share with us [inaudible] please.

Olivier? Are you online?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. I certainly am online, sorry. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening everyone. It's Olivier speaking. Sorry about this. I'm faced with a few technical problems to get on the Adobe and that has made a mess of my morning already, before it has even started.

Open statements at the moment on the ALAC policy side of things. There are not that many of them that are listed in our policy development page. If staff could please put a link to the actual policy development page on the Adobe, then you can see that there is four of them at the moment. One of them, sorry, two of them are in drafting mode.

And they are to do with the introduction of two character domain names for a set of top level domains. So the two are effectively the same, the same, well it's effectively just the same statement, there we go, that's the word. So, it's effectively looking at the second level of domain names. So you've got a top level domain, and then at the second level, two character domain names, [inaudible] guidebook are reserved for, or the ones that are reserved [inaudible] top level domains, country codes, there we go, it's a bit technical.

Then those are on reserve basically. And there are some thoughts that they would be... The extension of these for any second level, two

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character domain names would be reserved. What the applicants want to do is to effectively remove that, and there are a number of other requests that are made regarding this. They're all a little bit different than each other, and they all will be at the second level [inaudible] two character domain names, things like dot com and dot net already exist.

But in the new applications are not allowed. Dev Anand Teelucksingh is currently drafting a statement, and it will be very soon followed up on the wiki, for you to be able to comment on. Universal acceptance of top level domains draft road map, this is a statement that was drafted by Satish Babu. The ALAC is currently voting on it, and then the report supporting the domain name industry, the underserved region, regions.

This is the very last one where you are able to comment on this. We are actually quite late on submitting this statement. There was a bit of an error with the new website, not reflecting, sorry. The old website, having not reflected this which was put on the new ICANN website. Submit this, and we now have spoken to the staff member in charge. We have until Wednesday, this Wednesday, to be able to comment.

And so there is a small draft that's currently on the wiki. I invite you all to have a look at it, and to comment on it. These are the four main ones. There were several statements which the ALAC has decided not to comment on, which is, for example, the introduction of the approved [inaudible] program at the dot [inaudible], or the services evaluation process request, introduction of technical [inaudible] for dot NGO and dot OMG, and several others that you'll be able to see through that table.

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And that's currently the policy development that is taken place. There is some new current public comment period that are opening up a number of things. The hot topic at the moment, and I think it's not only on the ALAC, but pretty much the whole, all of ICANN, was the transition of stewardship of the IANA function. There was a meeting that just finished last week in London, this meeting where a number of first steps, if you want, for the group to start looking at the transition of stewardship of the IANA function.

I will [inaudible] there, [inaudible] ALAC call later on, well at least for me later on, maybe for you tomorrow, in a few hours, let's say, and there will be much discussion on this and we'll have a proper update at that point from the people that attended the coordination group [inaudible]. For the time being, I'm open to any questions or comments.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Olivier. Any questions to Olivier? Yes Holly please.

HOLLY RAICHE: Holly Raiche for the transcript record. Just a couple of comments. Issues that will be coming up in ALAC. Olivier did mention the IANA transition. Actually there are two parts to that. One is actually looking at the mechanisms for transition, but the other, the issue of accountability. And there probably will be a working group formed on that, and [inaudible]...

But the other larger issue, this isn't really a policy issue but one that I'm becoming very aware of, is the information for registrants. It's a much

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larger issue since the beginning. That group to highlight, it's coming up [inaudible] that I'm working on. So there are a couple of issues that aren't necessary policy, but probably will be issues for ALAC, and certainly stuff that APRALO members could get their teeth into. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Holly. Oliver?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Siranush. Just to add, it's Olivier speaking. The accountability track is one that is coming up. I didn't mention it because we still don't know how this is going to be launched. These tracks are being launched by ICANN, and [inaudible] and they're interlinked with each other. And whilst the IANA track has already now been launched, and in fact, there is going to be another parallel launch on the cross-community working group on IANA stewardship transition, the tracks of those of accountability doesn't appear to be completely launched yet.

So you will have to have further updates very soon, hopefully in the next few weeks. And of course, you'll all know about that via the email. We will, we're likely to need quite a few volunteers for the accountability working group. Either a separate working group as part of the work of one of the [inaudible] working groups. Similarly speaking, I'm a little concerned that not that many people have joined the IANA stewardship [inaudible] transition.

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At Large mailing list on the working group. You're invited to join, and if you are interested in these issues, then please email staff and they'll point you to the right location to log in. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Olivier. No other questions for Olivier at this point? Okay. So let's move forward. And as you may remember, we had a great APRALO General Assembly in London, and there are a couple of action items mentioned there. One is that I hope now everybody in APRALO, all members, are subscribed to the mailing list, and I hope staff also made sure all of this was done, and it's clicked done in the space, in the wiki.

We, as you also know and remember, that we discussed APAC hub and APRALO strategy document. And Holly, Maureen was in charge of collecting all of our input, and we will come back to that as Holly has something to update for all of us. And also for [inaudible] volunteer to be a liaison and to come up to us with APTLD and APNIC updates.

And we also have an update on that part related to the upcoming webinar organized APNIC, and I'll talk about that a little bit later. And any questions on that side? No. So, let's move to agenda item four, APRALO CROPP submissions. And I would like Ali and Cheryl, if there is anything to update on that part please.

ALI ALMESHAL: Hello?

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Hello Ali. The floor is yours.

ALI ALMESHAL: Okay. Cheryl if I may start, I will just give the comments and I will leave the others for you. Okay. New CROPP proposal has been put in place for Holly and myself to participate in [inaudible] in Cook Island. And this was done on the 17<sup>th</sup>, no, the date has been submitted. And there was some delay getting the feedback from [inaudible], and we get some feedback and comments, and this has been taken and handled by Cheryl with the rest of the team.

The latest update, Cheryl has just updated all of the review team about that today. And I think I will leave the rest of the floor to Cheryl to give us an update.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you Ali. Yes, it should be a matter, a simple pro forma matter from here on. There was additional information given by [inaudible] who operates in the [inaudible], well actually, he really operates in the Pacific area, not [inaudible] operating in Oceania. But certainly in the Pacific area with the VP office under, [inaudible] quite appropriate for him to give him the engagement by certain engagements done in the region's opinion.

He gave more opinion on the structure of the actual application then was needed nor necessary. We trimmed that down and simply took the information from the VP office that was required, which was, whether or not the [inaudible] ...the criteria for the engagement strategy and it's

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done. So with that, having giving the 36 hours for further discussion on the third, I lodged it today and I will assume the rest of the list will take a day or two to formulate any comments that they may have.

In the absence of any comments, it will be picked up by the staff admin and go through to the next stage. And I cannot foresee much more [inaudible] to come back and be modified, but it could be [inaudible] ...by the ALAC.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Okay. So this is our [inaudible], sorry this is Ali for the record. This is the first FY 15 proposal. And I would encourage all of the APRALO team to look into whatever potential opportunities that is there to plan it, in advance, as much as possible, because you know the CROPP process takes around six weeks. So just put an eye on any coming events that can be used and utilized. Thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you Ali. It's Cheryl again for the record. Just to remind everybody, there is only five slots available. And I do apologize for my slurring, I've had oral surgery today. [Inaudible] There is only five travel slots available, assuming that the [inaudible] for those of you in the Adobe Connect room. The [inaudible] is there for you to have a look at.

And staff might also circulate to the chat, the link that will take you to that page, and can look at that page if it's updated at any point in time. But that does leave only three, yes three, other travel opportunities.



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I mean I would very much like to see that this CROPP travel support is utilized fully in this financial year. So look out for worthy events which cannot be, please make sure you are aware of that, cannot be an ICANN meeting in any way shape or form, it has to be external to ICANN. Which will occur, and can be finished within this financial year. In other words, the trip itself would have to be completed before 30 June 2015. Thanks for that.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Cheryl. Thank you very much. And [inaudible] also posted the fiscal year 15 [inaudible] request form. The submission from APRALO for having a workshop at IGF in Istanbul. Unfortunately, I would like you to know that this request was not approved by IGF, and but instead of that, another workshop was approved related to accessibility and disability issues.

And now we're working with staff with the support of Cheryl and Olivier to try to shift this opportunity, and to have the approved workshop funded for two participants, instead of the one which was not approved. Maureen, please, you had your hand raised, and then next, Cheryl.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you Siranush. This is Maureen for the record. I would just like to, in this particular point in time, thanks APRALO and, for putting forward such a submission, such a proposal as to enable to APRALO leaders to attend our conference in the Pacific. We really do appreciate it. And

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also to thank CROPP for considering it, and [inaudible] both of those applications are successful. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Maureen. And I couldn't agree more with what Ali and Cheryl said here. CROPP is a little bit challenge. What challenge at least for the first [inaudible] for APRALO, and we really need to use it properly in this new fiscal year. And I think that participation of different regional representatives in other regional events is good outreach opportunity for the whole region.

And this makes us really diverse. And that's why sometimes it's challenge. It is maybe time consuming, but it is important for the region to be a part of this. Cheryl, please?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. Cheryl for the record. Siranush, you've raised an important point, and that's not why I put my hand up, but I will just pick up on that before I go to the thing I wanted to raise, which was [inaudible] for the Istanbul trip, just a point in that month. It is vitally important that we recognize the importance of the diverse region that we are, beginning to work as a [inaudible] whole.

It is very easy for our region to become insular in its sub-regions, and [inaudible] southern Asia, or western Asia, or Oceania, or the Pacific. And we really do need to remember that we are the Asia Pacific regional At Large organization. We must take an holistic view of all of these things. And one of the things that I give my absolute support to having

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this particular outreach taking on by your regional representative from AFRALO, at [inaudible].

I've been remotely participating in [inaudible] for many, many years now. And I have not seen only growth of understanding, or At Large interest, or greater engagement in ICANN coming out of consistent ICANN presence since 2007. There has been an ICANN presence, barely, in the room, and I'm quite sure there is a picking up of the old bar bill and dinner bill.

And indeed, ICANN are cosponsoring, I believe, this very important event in the Cook Islands. But since I've been keeping a close eye on this activity, and certainly since 2007, there has been no growth of engagement in ICANN, directly attributable to that ICANN presence in the [inaudible] meeting. And what I am expecting to see, [inaudible] return on investment, from this vitally important [inaudible] in the Cook Island, is a change in that.

And part of that, obviously, will be building on the fantastic energy that has come out from you all having your ATLAS II. But I just wanted to put that for the record, that there have been a presence, [inaudible] of ICANN since 2007, and we [inaudible] since before that. And [inaudible] so I expect some growth coming out of this.

Now why I put my hand up after all, was I just wanted to ask a question Siranush, as you know as I was quite supportive and very engaged in this community request form, when it was to fund people to present top [inaudible] an accepted workshop for IGF in Istanbul. I'm very happy to

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have it transitioned across. I think this particular form may need a small annotation. When one raises the, it's the first of two travelers.

And whilst there are a number of people named, some of those people will presume will already be attending Istanbul meeting in some other capacity. So we need to identify that, and perhaps we need to identify travelers, and perhaps alternative travelers to be funded, because whilst there is hopefully an ability to transfer travel support for two people to [inaudible], knowing who they are and how costly that may or may not be, may help.

So I just wondered if one of you might pick up on [inaudible] with the financial controller. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Cheryl. This is Siranush. As Heidi mentioned, I also sent an email to ICANN Controller, mentioning that our workshop was not approved by [inaudible], and I have also send to the staff, to Olivier, to the leadership of the new request, which we would like to be shifted. Yes, you are right, there are several people also from APRALO already that have funding to come for IGF.

But there are two people also listed there, as Gunela as the person who should run the workshop on accessibility there, and myself. And if... We'll see if there will be funding to come for these two people. Though I also applied to ISOC Armenia to have their support, so we'll see if I'll get funding from their side, and we'll have another person to come for that, for IGF to use this opportunity.

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But is in the process of discussion, and I think that we will still need to finalize what will be the decision from ICANN staff [inaudible].

ALI ALMESHAL: Siranush?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes Ali?

ALI ALMESHAL: Yes, Siranush, I'm not on the Adobe so I cannot raise my hand. I'm just want the floor [CROSSTALK], yeah. This is Ali for the record. [Inaudible] to support your statement for the CROPP request, such as the cross-community, which I like it. As well as Cheryl's when she mentioned the holistic view. I'm certainly agreeing and I supporting that the region [inaudible] are looking to that as a benefit when we look into the holistic and the cross-community update each other. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Can't agree more Ali, with you. Thank you very much. That's all for that topic, and let's move on to agenda item five. We have discussed this main focus areas for the region. And Maureen has a very detailed summary of all of the ideas. Maureen, maybe you will do a brief update to all in the call, please.

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MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Siranush. Maureen for the record. Yes, I did send the summary of my original report. A couple of comments that came up in our discussion that we had after [quick left]. I sent it to [quick] and received a response from Calvin, acknowledging receipt of that request. But also saying that he would like to know if there are any other comments that people might want to make.

I sort of wondered about that because everyone had contributed. But then again, other people may have thought of other ideas, or something that may have wanted to say and didn't. So you do have an opportunity to put further ideas to [quick] and Calvin, and it might be a good idea perhaps if you let everyone else know what those ideas are as well.

But that was the letter I got from Calvin was on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, so I hadn't had anything since then. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Maureen. Yes, we still don't have any specific follow up on that document, but during the summer period, we'll work with our VPs, with [quick] and Calvin, and we'll come up with some strategic document I hope. But one of the suggestions, yes Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thanks. It just struck me, we do also need to bring to the whole of the APRALO's attention the strategic planning document that was put together for the [inaudible] strategy, with the support of [inaudible]. And some of us had the opportunity of meeting in [inaudible] earlier this year. So that document does need to be revisited, and I would

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suggest, it's the sort of thing that if not all of us, perhaps a small group of us, needs to access [inaudible], because whilst it's not a specifically At Large structure, or RALO designed document, there would be a large number of strategic points in this plan, which we should also be stimulating or having [inaudible].

So to some extent, I think some of our strategic outlining for the next two or three years could be born out of some of the work already done on this wider engagement strategy, which is included [inaudible] other parties, and business, etc. So, perhaps in the not too distant future, myself, Elaine, and Ellen, I forget Maureen because she is part of the APRALO listing, as well as perhaps four or five others, no more than three or four others, I would think, maybe four or five, I guess, might want to own that as a new piece of work. [Inaudible]

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Cheryl. Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you Siranush. Maureen for the record. [Inaudible] Cheryl, I sort of like thought about that afterwards. Although I don't think that document seen circulated amongst the members to actually have a look at, but those ideas, there are certainly ideas in there that put, certainly be incorporated and I'd be happy to be part of that team to discuss that. Thank you.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Any questions on that topic? Okay. I think that we'll have more updates later to come up with that new strategy document. But one good point, as a result of our discussion, we also treat the importance of having capacity building opportunity for APRALO members. And I'm happy to announce the full list, capacity building webinar organized by APNIC.

Just to share with you the current status. Staff has sent a Doodle for APNIC members to find out the best time for the second week of August. And there a very short time is given to them to identify timing of, and during the upcoming two or three dates. The Doodle will be sent also to APRALO members to find the best time for our members to join this webinar.

I think this is a very good opportunity to learn what APRNIC is doing on policy development stuff, and also for identifying the areas where APRALO members can join and support in this policy development. And APNIC have agreed to run this webinar for us and to present all the stuff which is being done by APNIC. And I also would like to have this in the note that my thanks goes also to Rinalia to initiating this discussion, and to also involve APNIC people to the discussion, which later became an organization, resulted in organization of webinar by APNIC, [available] to APRALO members.

So this was a little [inaudible], please be attentive to your APRALO mail, emails, and participate in the Doodle. This will be a really good opportunity for us to learn more about the policy development region wide, by APNIC. Any questions on that? No?



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The next agenda item is IGF. I have talked already about this. There is no result and no information yet to share with you, but as soon as we have the final information from the staff related to IGF participation, I will share this with you via mailing list. I think that also Olivier, Cheryl do you have any news or announcements related to Nomination Committee member selections? To share with APRALO members? Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thanks very much Siranush, it's Olivier speaking. So we've got, out of the five regions, I believe that three of them have got nominating committee members that are eligible for being re-conducted onto the NomCom. And I will be issuing the call later on today, on the ALAC mentioning that the [inaudible] or to be conducted onto the Nominating Committee.

I've been told that it all worked extremely well. There is no real reason for [inaudible]... They can be automatically passed on to the next year. Of course, it's for the ALAC to do that and for the RALOs to provide the recommendation [inaudible] for the RALOs [inaudible] concerned that there are fine with having their representative on the Nominating Committee one more year.

The two regions which have a new Nominating Committee member, because their number has reached the term limit, are LACRALO and EU RALO, and EU RALO have already made their choice at the General Assembly for next NomCom candidate, so that's already in the books.

And LACRALO is [inaudible]... And that's it.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you very much Olivier. And I also would like to join and congratulate Satish for the great work done during this year, in the NomCom, and congratulating also, to have the second term in the NomCom to represent APRALO in Nomination Committee. So great work Satish, and looking forward to another great year for NomCom.

Yes, I join to this, applause to Satish.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Here, here. [Inaudible] chair of the Nominating Committee. You've all made very wise choices, can I just say.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, Cheryl we know how hard is chairing the NomCom especially, particularly. And to work under your chair-ship in any committee. So I'm sure that this group has nothing to do but work.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Oh yes, I work hard, and they work well.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, great work. And looking forward to hear the announcement done by, the result of NomCom in the end of August. So that's good stuff to sum up this call. Well our next monthly call is planned for August 26<sup>th</sup>. I'm not sure how good timing this will be as this is really vacation time, but we will see if there are no objections, or there are not too many [inaudible] with that time.

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We may shift, so please follow up through APRALO mailing list for the announcement for the next call. Cheryl, please.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you very much. Cheryl again for the record. If the APRALO call does go ahead on August 26<sup>th</sup>, I need to tender my apologies now for that meeting, because I will be involved with the AU IGF, so that's during the time that the Australia IGF is running. So I will be an apology for anything that happens on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>... Whichever they put those days. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Cheryl for this information. We no way will not accept your apologies, so we may also shift out meeting and to have updates from the IGF in India, so that will be a great opportunity for us as well to hear what is going on there and what are the results of that IGF.

So we may shift the date. But we cannot move too further, because we have also IGF in Istanbul coming the first week of September. So we'll see which day may work for our region for the call. Okay. Maureen, any...? We can get [inaudible]... Great, Maureen. So we'll also hear from you in [inaudible] idea. Ali, please.

ALI ALMESHAL: Yes, yes, Siranush. This is Ali for the record. If we are done with the agenda, I just have one point [inaudible] which is under the any other business. So if we are done I will go, otherwise I will wait.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: No, no. We're on agenda item nine, so please go ahead.

ALI ALMESHAL: Yeah. I tell you, I was browsing through the At Large website, and I find there are a lot of things that would make this At Large website more interactive and more interesting. So I'm not sure who is looking after the At Large website, but one of the main things that I have in mind, and I would like this to be there and work on it, is to have one additional tab in the options that is available to put some RALO's activities.

Because after my [litigation?] I haven't seen that. What I mean by RALO activities, that we want to have sort of staff, drop down, each RALO, then you select the RALO, have like AFRALO, and you see the specific activity that the AFRALO are doing. Or you could go further down to the ALSs and then the AFRALO. So with that, we can engage all of our ALSs to send an update to whatever activity they are doing. As well as their calendar, so these things can be shared all together.

So it is very easy and simple for any of the ALSs, for any of the member of At Large to access and know what other ALSs are doing around the world, and other RALOs doing around the world. So I don't know. Shall I...? This is going to be discussed in the APRALO or within the ALAC, because that's an At Large in general? Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Ali. I think that, this is really great idea for learning not only about APRALO but also [inaudible] RALO activities or other RALO's

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activities. I think that I would suggest that you write down the suggestions you have, and share with staff. Because staff may send this further to communication team, who I assume is in charge of At Large information and At Large website. Together with this, we all know that there is wiki space where we update about the RALO activities and also they may be the link to those activities for everyone to know.

But please put this on the paper and send it to the staff to send to the appropriate team, to work with. Holly, please.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Look I think that's a really great idea. My suggestion is, instead of just going to staff, why not circulate to APRALO list? Because I'm sure a lot of us have suggestions for the website, the APRALO website. It might be an idea to gather from everybody, rather than us going individually and perhaps [inaudible]...

I think let's make it a team effort for it goes to staff. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Excellent idea, Holly. Yes, Ali, please, I'm sure that a lot of people would have a lot of suggestions related to the website. Please share the link to the website, and ask for some input from APRALO members. And then we'll gather all of this information and we'll have the APRALO input and suggestions for the website to be sent. In order not to send different separate suggestions for them.

And Ariel will be working with communications team on that. So we'll send it to staff and we'll make sure Ariel will share this with

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communication team also, to take care of all of our suggestions and input. Thank you very much for this suggestion Ali.

Any other discussions? Any other business? So if not, yes, staff, thank you for putting this as an action item also, for us to follow up on that. Okay. With that, if there is no one, no hand raised, nothing to add, I would also like to thank everyone for joining this call. Thank you for your participation. I think it was a good discussion here.

And looking forward for capacity building webinar with APNIC. So thank you very much for your participation and talk to you soon.

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