NATHALIE PEREGRINE:	Good evening and good morning everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO call on Wednesday, July 30th 2014. On the French channel we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Aziz Hilali, and Fatimata, who told us she'll join us later. We are going to begin. Aziz? We are just beginning. Can you hear us? Aziz is telling us we can begin. Thank you. Fatimata told us she's already here. On the French channel we have Tijani, Aziz and Fatimata.
	On the English channel we have Mohamed El Bashir, Otunte Otueneh, Pastor Peters, Philip Johnson, Beran Gillen. We have apologies from Pierre Dandjinou, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Baudouin Schombe, Hadja Ouattara and Alioune Badara, and Pierre Dovonou Lokossou. From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Nathalie and our interpreters, who tonight are Claire and Fernanda.
	I want to remind you to speak clearly and slowly during the call so the interpreters can understand you. Please state your name before speaking. Thank you everyone. Aziz?
TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	Aziz, can you hear us? Apparently he's not with us anymore.
NATHALIE PEREGRINE:	Aziz is still on the AC, but only on the AC. It's better to ask Adigo to call him. We have asked Adigo to call Aziz. They are going to call him and he'll be with us in two minutes. Adigo told me they are having problems joining Aziz. There's problems with his line.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: If you want, we can ask Mohamed, the Vice Chair, to begin the meeting, as we wait for Aziz to join us. Aziz is telling us he's in his room. Can you hear us, Aziz? Are you there? No, apparently…

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: I think to save time, and until Adigo connects Aziz, I can start the conference call and we can proceed.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: It's better to begin.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: We are trying to call Aziz.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Aziz, are you there?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, I'm on the phone. I can hear you well.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Let's begin.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: We need to connect Aziz back on the French channel.

PASTOR PETERS: I'm sorry, Aziz is asking if we can begin, so I'm going to tell him to begin, no?

AZIZ HILALI: Pastor Peters, can you hear me?

PASTOR PETERS: Yes, I can hear you. Please wait a minute.

AZIZ HILALI: Good evening everybody. Hello Nathalie. Now we can begin, if you want.

PASTOR PETERS: There is only one channel on the AC, and it's used for the French. You don't have the English channel on the AC. Is this normal?

CLAIRE: Pastor Peters, I've explained why we don't have the English audio on the AC. Aziz is asking to begin.

AZIZ HILALI: Good evening everybody. I'm sorry we had some technical problems. As usual we're going to begin with the open public comments. We are going to go very quickly. The first one is about the WHOIS requirements

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and national law conflicts. The second item is the study to evaluate solutions for the submission and display of internationalized contact data. There are some experts who are going to give us some solutions for the submission and display of internationalized contact data.

The third item is about the .ngo and .ong registry services evaluation process requests. It's about the introduction of technical bundling. The fourth item is about the .web agreement amendment, the introduction of third level domain [names 00:13:00]. The fourth item is about .paris and the introduction of the launch of the program. The fifth item is about the introduction of two character domain names.

The sixth item is about the comment on the domain name project. Item number eight is about the two-character domain name project. If you don't have anything to say about that, we are going to move to the next item. I'm going to check what the comments are, and if you have some questions about that I'll give you the floor.

If that's not the case we're going to move to the next item, about the Summit, about the [pending 00:14:00] of all the ALSes. Tijani is going to speak about that. If you don't have any comments about that we'll give the floor to Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Aziz. Firstly I want to ask Nathalie and staff to notice that there is a problem with Aziz's voice. We have a big problem with the connection of Aziz. There is a delay and it's very difficult to understand what he's saying. Aziz is chairing this meeting and we need to have a

good translation. The interpreters are having problems hearing him and we have a technical problem with Aziz's audio.

I'm going to speak about the ATLAS II Report. We've been working on it for a few months. There's been a big effort made by the community and At-Large people to organize the Summit. It was organized. The problem was that some ALSes weren't able to come because of the visa problem. This problem was highlighted by the authorities during the Public Forum, and everybody has been very sorry about this problem.

Nobody knows what to do, because there was a special group made to solve this problem, but they weren't able to do so, and those people weren't able to come. Apart from this problem the Summit was a big success. We had the five TGs, which studied five themes, and there was a Report on these five themes. These five TGs did their work, and we have formed a Drafting Group, which has produced a final document, which was the Final Report.

This Report was given to the ICANN President on the last day of the London Meeting, and everybody was very happy about that work. It was very good work. Now we're doing the follow up of this Summit. We are trying to carry on working with the TGs. We are trying to put these people from the TGs in existing groups, so as to continue the work and so all the ALSes are still participating in ICANN's policy development.

It was one of our big follow up decisions we made. I'm not going to speak more on the Summit. You were there so you know what happened there. I think the important part was the strong participation

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and the TGs did very good, rich work, that was compiled in the Final Report. I'm going to finish here. I hope Aziz's sound is better.

CLAIRE: I'm going to carry on. Can you hear me okay on the English channel? Okay.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Aziz told me he's going to reset his computer.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I understand. Can we try for the next Item to have Mohamed speaking? Maybe that would be better, then we won't have such a problem with Aziz's audio.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: I think until Aziz is ready and set I can take over and continue the meeting Agenda Items. I think we're in open public comments, Agenda Item #2.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I think we're on Action Item #3.2, which is back over to Aziz. Tijani's just spoken on the ATLAS II Report, and I think we're now doing the General Assemblies. Perhaps either you or Tijani can review the GA?

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. I will hand over to Tijani to see if he can provide an update on the GA, until Aziz joins.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you.   I'd prefer Mohamed to speak about the Coordination Committee, because this is an Item on which he's going to speak. We're waiting for Aziz and Mohamed can speak about this Item.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sure.   Basically, ICANN has started a new Working Group that will coordinate the IANA transition.   The Working Group consists of 13 community representatives and a total of about 30 Members.   The Working Group should work to consolidate a final proposal coming from different communities, to be submitted to NTIA for acceptance and consideration. The deadline for that is [inaudible 00:15:13] …Send that proposal before September next year.

Basically, the Committee had its first meeting in London, from 17th to 18th of July. I've been selected to represent ALAC, with Jean-Jacques Subrenat. We are the two representatives of ALAC that were selected after submitting…   There was a nominations call and there was a Selection Committee to select people. We have a ccNSO representative for [each RALO 00:26:09], five GAC representatives, three gNSO representatives, two gTLD registries, VeriSign, and another registry.

We have [ICP 00:26:26] and [unclear] representative, International Chapters of Commerce. We have Internet [unclear] representatives, and two representatives from IETF, and two from ISOC, and two from the

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Number Resource Organization. We have [A deal 00:26:53] from Africa, one of the two representatives. RSSAC has two Members. This is the Root Server Security and Stability Coordination Group. There's ICANN's SSAC Group, which has two Members. There is an ICANN Board Liaison, ICANN staff expert.

This is the Group Membership. The outcome of the first meeting is a Draft Charter, which you all can review online. The Group currently is working to draft an RFP, which is a document that could guide the community to submit proposals for the IANA transition. ALAC have established, and At-Large has established, an IANA Working Group. I ask every one of you to participate. That is an At-Large Working Group and it'll give you an idea about the [sections 00:28:13] within At-Large about the IANA transition.

Along the way, whilst we formulate our proposal, we can be aware of that and we should participate in the RALO on this process. This is what I can say about the Coordination Group. It's very critical work. This work will reshape the future of the Internet governance, and IANA function, which is critical for us all. I'm not sure if we have Aziz online or if I should continue chairing the meeting. Can you please update me?

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much Mohamed. We are very happy to know that an AFRALO representative is in that Group, and we're happy to know that Africa is represented in this Group also. I don't know if you spoke about the General Assembly? If you have already spoken about the GA… We

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didn't? Okay, very quickly, after what Tijani said about the Summit, there was a GA with 17 delegates.

This GA had a lot of success with 30 persons, and the work, which was presented, was about ICANN and the African region in ICANN. Pierre Dandjinou spoke about the African strategy, and we have also spoken about the AFRALO, between Dakar and London. We also spoke about capacity building, and it was a pity, but we have tried to work on some aspects of AFRALO.

We decided that as we only had half an hour, we weren't able to finish the work. Unfortunately we had to decide to follow up on this Item, and this Item is on our Agenda for this region. We spoke about a way to improve the participation of ALSes within AFRALO. We had three Items of importance.

ICANN staff has to work with AFRALO, so the brochure made by AFRALO can be made available online and be on the Wiki page. We're going to ask the ALS to update their data and activities on this page. We also want to ask AFRINIC a question that was addressed during the GA. We had some statistics about Africa, and this is an AI with ICANN staff.

The data collection is another important issue for us, about the rules – we're going to speak about that later. If we have no questions here we're going to move to the next Item. This is the Report on the London Meeting. Philip is with us. Philip, you have the floor. Nobody is asking for the floor, so I'm going to give the floor to Philip.

PHILIP JOHNSON: Thank you very much Aziz. As you can see, our Report is now available now on the Wiki page. AFRALO participated in all of the ALAC Meetings and discussions. We noted in our Report that we could [receive 00:34:10] from ICANN, London 50, it was a record. There was a large number of participants at that meeting. There were also several delegates from Africa, [unclear 00:34:29] communications that attended ICANN 50.

The official ceremony, as you [unclear] please [unclear]. Delegates attended [unclear] included many people from [unclear] telecommunications from different countries. There were more than 200 meetings. We had meetings with various SOs and ACs in our regular meeting, and there was a vast number of remote participants who also attended the meetings.

[unclear 00:35:25] attending the meeting was [unclear] of the next ICANN [meeting], which is to be held in Africa. You can follow up with this page on our Report, where we gave a brief summary of our AFRALO participation in the London Meeting. Thank you very much for the time spent at the Meeting and for your comments. Thank you very much.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Philip. I think we can say that this ICANN Meeting in London was the Meeting for the start of the process of the transition of the IANA function for the community. I'd like to say that the process started in London. In London an important topic was discussed. It was ICANN accountability and the transition of the IANA function. This Coordination Group started in London, but we agreed on the creation of this Group

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and its function, and now GAC has added three supplementary Members.

We also discussed that there was a succession of topics that At-Large received and proposed [APB 00:38:07]. This succession we understood started to work, and Mohamed can talk about this, about the third [Member 00:38:20]. There are 11 Americans from America. One from Canada. There are 12 Members from the North American region. At this point it's not balanced.

Most of the Members [unclear 00:39:01] the proposal is that [unclear] from the industry [failed]. [Attica 00:39:11]] from At-Large was now…

AZIZ HILALI: Tijani, I think there's a line that's making some noise. We'll move to the next Item. Philip has just talked about this, regarding the ICANN 50 Meeting. Tijani has spoken about this. There was [stratification 00:39:49] because there was almost 3,100 participants. ICANN has supplied this resolution at the London Meeting. In Marrakech we will continue on, in 2015. We are very happy that there is an ALS that has placed a demand for this Meeting in Africa.

We're not going to talk about this Item now, but we are requesting you to reflect on it from now, and to send proposals and resolutions to the mailing list. We will propose for the Meeting for ICANN, for AFRALO, that it should take place within three months. If there are no other questions we will move to the next Item. I'd like to ask Tijani to take one minute on the participation of AFRALO in the African Internet in 2014. Tijani, could you briefly summarize your participation?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Aziz. I'd like to say that [unclear 00:41:40] AFRALO was a Member of AFRALO who participated, because I was a Member of the Organizing Committee of IGF Africa. I was the Moderator of a Panel and a speaker. The Secretariat directed my [unclear] in that capacity, but the participation, as I say, [unclear] moderating the Panel about the safety of the Internet. I talked about the conditions in another Panel. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Tijani. We will now move to the transition Item. I thought that it's [unclear 00:42:59] to know that one of the Members of the Leadership of AFRALO was able to participate on behalf of Africa. This is very important.

PASTOR PETERS: I would like to speak.

AZIZ HILALI: We'll now move to the project of [mobilization 00:43:22] for the regional. I'll give the floor to Fatimata.

PASTOR PETERS: I want to speak on the IGF 2014 please. I just want to quickly observe on the 2014 IGF, that is in Istanbul next month, I don't know whether other ALS Members from Africa are having the same problem we're having

with the Secretariat of the IGF 2014. We submitted the names of our Members who'll be attending the Forum, upon the date.

The Members have already confirmed. I've written a submission of the applications to the IGF Secretariat in Geneva, and the response I got was that they were trying to deal with the applications on an individual basis, but as we speak now I've advanced the argument to support the fact that entities that have been involved with the WSIS process, from 2003 to 2005, up until when the IGF was set up, and up until now, that as an NGO on that [unclear 00:46:06], we actually qualify.

They say they're looking into my argument. My question is this: I don't know if any other ALS from Africa is having a similar problem that we're having, and if the intent by the organizers is to either frustrate, or mistreat, or prevent participation by NGOs in the 2014 IGF. That's one issue I'm having a problem with right now, as we speak. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you for your question. I did not understand what you meant, but I participated in the procedure of the IGF, and I'll propose a reaction that would either be accepted or refused. Every year it seems that two times we've represented this. This year Tijani talked about this and we proposed that it was Tijani who'd lead this. Unfortunately, our proposal was refused. AFRALO is not participating at the IGF 2014. I'll now give the floor to Barrack and then Tijani.

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BARRACK OTIENO: I think on Pastor Peters question, the issue of participation in the IFG is handled on an individual basis. Remember, there is the responsibility of the Secretariat, and then there's the responsibility of the local host. It's the responsibility of the local host to make sure that participants are admitted into the country, once they've been duly registered by the Secretariat.

I say this from the point of having worked at the IGF Secretariat, and having faced similar challenges when I was there. I think it's good to encourage our participants to register individually, as much as possible, and whenever one of the Members has, for one reason or another, not been registered, then we can deal with it on a case-by-case basis.

Some of these issues start with some countries and it becomes really tricky, because different countries operate under different legal jurisdictions, and they can decide whether to admit someone or not. It's almost a similar case to what we faced in London. We may try to make an intervention, but the country has the right to admit or not admit a Member. For one reason or another that right has to be respected. That's the intervention I'd like to note. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: I didn't have any problem in the online registration. This was perfectly fine. I did a preliminary registration and then the final one, so I don't understand the problem. If Pastor Peters would like me to help, I can. He can send me an email explaining specifically what the problem is, so I can help out. We can move forward.

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We'll now move to the next Item, which is the Report concerning ALAC activities. Beran, would you like to take the floor?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Aziz, Beran indicated earlier that she is only on the AC room and cannot speak to give a report.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I will describe the ALAC activities. As you know, everybody is dealing with the ICANN IANA transition, ALAC is aimed in that direction, but besides… One moment please. There is… Can you hear me? …The establishment of ALAC was on the establishment of that Working Group on Accountability of ICANN, and another aspect. ALAC has worked on the follow up of ATLAS II.

The [unclear 00:54:14] of IANA. As I said, there's this group. There is also a Cross-Community Group that is working across ICANN on the transition. Since the Coordination Group is not in ICANN, but it's larger than an ICANN Group. This Group is led by the community, not by the ICANN Management, and it includes all the [SSIs 00:55:04].

It's a group that gives the point of view of the ICANN community, on the IANA transition. I'm in the Drafting Group for the Charter of that Working Group. We have found some issues, for example the Group would be a Working Group that only concerns the homage function of IANA, while normally it's called Cross-Community for the IANA Transition Function, it's for all the functions. It concerns the whole community.

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So there's a small problem. There are other meaningless comprehension problems. We have some issues in the Drafting of the Charter, therefore. We talk about cross-community in At-Large. As we said, we'll work on the constitution. Several persons of AFRALO are working in this Working Group. What else? We talked about the Academy and the experience of the Academy in Los Angeles. The first was in Buenos Aires, and the second one is going to be held in Los Angeles.

Each community that's part of ICANN has to give two names. One name should be a new name for [a passage 00:56:58], so that everybody can have a [transmission/transition] of experiences for the new ICANN. We now need to move on. Please could you move away from your microphone. I've finished.

AZIZ HILALI: Which are the Items we've dealt with? Can you leave the Items for the next meeting? Fatimata, I'd like to give you the floor to talk about this. I'll propose that we move to the Items of the drafting of AFRALO for 2014, for the presentation of candidates, then Items for discussion. This is our next AFRALO Meeting, then the last Item, which is the tracking of the new ALS applications.

For the drafting of the Operating Principles, we're not going to decide what to do. There's a Working Group working on this review, of the Operating Principles of AFRALO. I'll give the floor now to Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Good morning everybody. For the CROPP I'm going to be very brief. Just a reminder to say that we have the CROPP for outreach. In any case, for an exchange of information, I'd like to speak and report to the African community about ICANN and the priority of AFRALO. So far we are not very happy about our performance. They've received a request, which was accepted, but unfortunately was not accepted in the end, for the timeframe.

It wasn't accepted because it wasn't completed in time. The request is pending, so as not to be outside of the outreach. Are there any questions about the CROPP? Otherwise I wouldn't like to speak further, because we don't have enough time. In our region, I'd like to say that we need to reinforce capabilities for information, to expand to maximum the number of participants and the activities of AFRALO. That's it.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Fatimata. Please, after what I've just heard Fatimata say, could you propose your candidacies? We'll now go to the election of the 2014 Members. There are two Items. The representatives of ALAC AFRALO. Tijani was nominated for this position, and for the position of AFRALO Secretary there are two candidates – Barrack and Philip. Barrack for Kenya and Philip. I'd like to give the floor for two minutes to each of you, to introduce yourselves.

The elections for AFRALO will take place when the acceptance of the nominations are confirmed. We'll now move to the elections. I'll give you the floor. Who's going to start? I'll give the floor to Philip.

PHILIP JOHNSON: Thank you very much Aziz. I am Philip Johnson. I've been serving as Secretary from [2013 01:03:13] [competing term]. [unclear] selected, there was a big [unclear] of [unclear] term as Secretary. I've been serving as Secretary of AFRALO completing Aziz's term. I'm looking forward to serving another term as Secretary of AFRALO. As you know, it's very good to always accommodate people who are willing to learn, and to work with everyone.

I expect that in the upcoming election I'll be able to look forward to you vote, as the Incoming Secretary at this time serving my term as Secretary of AFRALO. I thank you very much Aziz for the introduction.

BARRACK OTIENO: My name is Barrack Otieno from the Internet Society Kenya Chapter ALS. I want to thank the people who first nominated me, and all those who have extended their support towards my nomination. I'd like to say that I'm honored and I accept the term. I also appreciate Philip for the work that he's been doing, as well as Tijani and Mohamed, as well as Aziz. I have been participating in AFRALO and in many other African ICANN community initiatives, and my forecast has basically been to enhance collaboration among our ALSes as well as coordination.

It's also been to make sure we align our activities to the current ICANN Africa strategy, just to make sure that we are more responsive to the current needs of the continent. Otherwise I also look forward to your vote, and I thank you very much.

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PASTOR PETERS: Can we ask the nominees some questions please?

AZIZ HILALI: Pastor Peters, you have the floor, but please be brief.

PASTOR PETERS: Thank you very much. I want to ask the contestants a question, and also appreciate their [overspeaking 01:06:48]. My question is to Mr. Barrack. Without prejudice, and without trying to contest this election, I want to ask what exactly is it that you think Mr. Philip has not done well, that you think you are able to do well if you are elected? That's number one.

Number two, if you are elected as AFRALO Secretary, are you going to seek a second term in office? If yes, why? Number three, don't you think it's wise, in the face of unity, to have allowed Philip to do a second tenure in the form of continuity, and [unclear 01:07:43] after that? These are my questions to Mr. Barrack. Thank you.

BARRACK OTIENO: Can I respond? Is it okay that I respond? Okay. Thank you very much Pastor Peters. I will go step by step, answering the first question first. If you listened to my acceptance, or rather to the few words I just said, I have acknowledged the work that's been done by Aziz, Mohamed and Philip, and no doubt it's been a good job, but I also appreciate the fact that I've been nominated, so to speak.

Let us look at this from a wise man's point of view, that we're not necessarily fighting. It's just an opportunity to improve on our activities as an African body. I think to this end, I'm one person who believes in democratic processes, and in giving an opportunity.

For me, I don't take it that we're fighting amongst ourselves or there is no fairness, but I think this is an opportunity to strengthen AFRALO and that's one of the reasons why I feel honored, because some of our colleagues have realized that I have something I am able to offer. On a personal score I have contributed to many community initiatives on the African continent, and I have a personal drive, in which I'd like to see the Internet community on our continent at a certain place.

For me, this is why I take this opportunity as a privilege, to be nominated for this. As to whether I will seek a second term in office, again, this is a democratic process and it has rules, which I believe determine what is fair play. If at some point Members feel that it is wise for me to go for a second term, then of course at the end of the day I will not be able to say no. I'd like to say that's a question that's subject to the rules of AFRALO.

I cannot insist on spending more time than what the bylaws of AFRALO stipulate. On the issue of continuity, again, without prejudice, it wouldn't make any difference. If Philip were to win the election, I will still support him as the Secretary. If I were to win the election, I will still need to count on Philip's, and anybody else's support. Let's look at this from that perspective – that it's just an opportunity for us to [start 01:11:25].

I appreciate that Philip has his strengths and weaknesses. I appreciate that I also have my own strengths and weaknesses, but at the same time there are areas that I'm strong in, which I believe are the reasons why I've been nominated. I hope that we can look at it from that perspective, not from the perspective that we are jostling or fighting. I hope that helps.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much Barrack. Now, are there any other questions about this Item?

BARRACK OTIENO: Just to add to what I was saying, I just wanted to tell Pastor Peters that I was involved in the development of the ICANN Strategy for Africa, and I have also been involved in the Africa process in different capacities, and I've been very active in trying to improve how the African ccTLDs work together, in terms of their technical competence, in terms of marketing and administrative competencies.

I have worked with the technical community. I have worked on different fronts as far as the Internet community [matters 01:13:29] is concerned. I think the users also form a crucial component in making sure that the continent fully takes advantage of the Internet and what it has in [terms 01:13:44] continent. I think I have plenty to offer, if I'm given the opportunity, but that's not to belittle what has been done before. Thank you.

PASTOR PETERS: Can I respond, so we can close this subject?

AZIZ HILALI: You have the floor, but this is the last comment.

PASTOR PETERS: Thank you very much Mr. Barrack. One, I want to make it clear that my question is not an indication that I'm opposed to your quest to contest, but my concern and fear would have been that if you're robust at communication, and you're serious, and your knowledge is in the ICANN and Internet activities, yes you are qualified to contest for this.

I've said also that even without being the Secretary of AFRALO, if you are right to contest democratically, you can also give some of your services to support [unclear 01:15:00] also learn from your work experience, but [normally], in a democratic setting, [it would] make a good side-wing. I wish both contestants the best of luck. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much Pastor Peters. Thank you Barrack too. We are going to respect the rules and the bylaws of AFRALO. I want to thank you, to thank the staff for the work they did and for their support in that activity. It's led in a democratic way, and the winner will be the one that has the most votes.

There is an Item that is written as "activities", in which we have to address now if there is a Member of any of our ALSes, who has organized any activity. Please update the Wiki page for this. I can't see

a lot of activity published on the web page, so please update the web page. Tijani is asking for the floor. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Aziz. My ALS is going to organize a workshop within the Forum organized by the Tunis Government, on the IPv6 migration. I remind you that my ALS participated in the national consultation on the strategy about this IPv6 migration. This was my initiative. There already was some work done, but I have worked on that as a strategy, and it was accepted. Thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Tijani. I hope you'll have a lot of success in this event. Now, if we can move to the three new ALS applications we have. We need to validate those ALS applications. I remind you that these three ALSes have presented their applications. I am going to give the floor to someone to speak about these ALS applications. Philip, you have the floor, if you want to speak about the new ALS applications.

PHILIP JOHNSON: Thank you very much Aziz. As you are aware, we receive applications on a regular basis from new structures within our region, to become an ALAC structure. We have to provide regional advice to ALAC on what is our opinion; we have to provide comment. It's always good not to leave it up to the Leadership alone to make the comments.

We also sent to all our mailing list, to Members of AFRALO, the request to review these applications. Some of the ALSes [were close to

01:20:03] Leadership of these structures. We welcome advice or comments on what to do. Out of all of this period we, as Leadership, will meet and start giving our regional advice to ALAC so that we're able to vote appropriately for these ALSes in accordance with the Rules of Procedure or the Rules and Regulations of ALAC.

At the moment we have an application from [unclear 01:20:38] from Nigeria. We also have an application from [ISOC] Chad. We also have an application from ISOC Mauritius. I propose you send your comments so that in a short time we're able to provide our regional advice to ALAC. I thank you very much Aziz. If you have any other comments on this you can provide them. Thank you for the opportunity.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much Philip. I wanted to correct what you said. We need to accept now. We don't need to accredit these ALSes. We just need to give the AFRALO opinion so that ALAC will accept or not accept these ALSes. We have already sent the request on the mailing list for comments, and now we need to make the decision to give a positive opinion on these three ALS applications. I've seen the due diligence on those ALSes and I think they're correct. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Aziz. I advise to accept those three ALS applications, the Open Source Software Foundation for Africa, from Nigeria – I know the Leadership from this organization, and their request is very acceptable. They are young people.   ISOC Chad is acceptable too, and ISOC

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Mauritius, the President of ISOC Mauritius was a Member of ALAC, nominated by NomCom.

There was some problem within the Chapter, but this is a new Chapter of Mauritius and they've made an application that's very acceptable. We have to accept it. This is my opinion.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, Tijani.   Now, is there anybody who is against these ALS applications? If there are no oppositions I suggest we accept those three applications. We'll advise ALAC to accept their applications. Okay? If there are no oppositions we're going to accept the request of those three ALSes. We are going to send a positive opinion. Okay.

We are going to move to the last Item, which is the cooperation between AFRALO and AFRINIC. Tijani, if you can, very briefly, please remind us what this is about.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Aziz. This Item has been addressed. I have spoken some words on that. This is the vote, the participation criteria… These are items that can be in this review. We can also do some other changes in our functioning principles. Maybe we can form a Working Group to work on the AFRALO Functioning Principles and propose a draft for our next phone call. What do you think about that?

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AZIZ HILALI: Who wants to participate in this Working Group on the Review of the
                            Functioning Principles of AFRALO?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I want to participate in that Group.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I want to participate.

AZIZ HILALI: Are there others that want to participate?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I propose Pastor Peters.

AZIZ HILALI: Pastor Peters, do you accept to participate in that Working Group?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Aziz, I believe he's dropped off the call.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Pastor Peters has left. I'm going to ask Philip to send a mail to
                            Pastor Peters to ask him if he wants to participate in this Group. If you
                            want, we'll speak about that during our next meeting, which will take
                            place at the beginning of September. Now we are late. We have been

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working for an hour and a half. Maybe we'll leave Item #7 for the next meeting.

We'll finish this Item on the next call. Do you agree with my proposal? Okay. Tijani, you agree? Everybody's in agreement? We'll address this Item during the next telephone call. There is no Any Other Business. Thank you everybody. Thank you for your participation. Thank you to staff. Thank you everybody for your help.

See you on the next meeting, on the first Wednesday of September. For those who are going on holiday, have a nice time. Bye-bye everybody.

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