
NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Okay, thank you. Good evening, everybody. This is the 3rd of September of 2014. On the French channel, we have Baudouin Schombe, Fatimata Seye Sylla, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Michel Tchonang, Didier Kasole, Dr. Alioune Badara Traore, and Aziz Hilali.

On the English channel, we have Philip Johnson, Said Mchangama, Pastor Peters, Hadja Outtara, Alan Greenberg, and Adetokunbo Abiola.

We have apologies from Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Seun Ojedeji, and Janvier Ngoulaye.

For staff, Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and Nathalie Peregrine.

Interpreters today are Claire and Camilla.

We ask you to say your name when you are going to take the floor and to speak slowly for the interpreters to do good work. Thank you very much. Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Nathalie. Good evening, everybody. It's a pleasure to be together with you once again. We are going to begin our conference call of today, the 3rd of September. The agenda is on the Wiki, so we're going to begin with the open public comments. You have the [open subject] comments that are closed. You can see them on the Wiki page. The current comments are the introduction of two-character domain names in the new gTLD name space and this is about consultations to give your opinion on the modifications proposed on

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this project for new [register] services to introduce two-character domain names for the new gTLD name space.

Then, in the same subject, we have another item on which they are asking comments. This is the introduction of two-character domain names – for example, [inaudible], etc.

The second item is the project for the changing of the GAC recommendation. Actually, the GAC, when it has to take decisions, we have a simple majority of the vote, and for the GAC's advice. There are some changes that have been proposed that needs to be – we have to give our opinion on those changes. We have to respect the [compatibility] with the actual rules of the GAC.

Then we have the mechanism of rights protection for the domain names. We have to [inaudible] the right protection needed for the name that has been put out of the register name [log].

The third item is about comments on the working group report on the NomCom for ICANN, and these recommendations will give an increase of the number of people needed for the [ISOC] and a reduction in the nomination on the amount of persons and the NomCom committee should go from 21 persons to 25 or 27 persons. This is for the first item about public consultation. Do you have any comments on that item? Or we can move to the next item of the agenda.

Okay. Do you want some more [inaudible]? Alan Greenberg is with us. He's an ALAC representative and he can explain some other – we can hear some more clarification. If there are no questions, we can move to the next item, and as usual, we are going to move to the report and we

are asking the representatives from ALAC to speak about their recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. Please, the AFRALO members who are representing AFRALO into ALAC can take the floor. [Beran], Tijani, or Hadja, can you take the floor? Do you want to take the floor?

Okay, [Beran] is not with us. Hadja or Tijani, do you want to take the floor? Okay, Hadja, you have the floor. [Beran] is not with us. Hadja, can you take the floor? Are you with us, Hadja? Please, Nathalie, can you tell us if Hadja is with us? Okay, Tijani, if Hadja can't speak, can you speak about the recent and upcoming activities of ALAC, please? Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay, Aziz. Thank you. You said that [Beran] was going to take the floor, but I think she's not available. So I can understand. I hope she will be with us soon. I'm going to speak about the recent activities of ALAC.

First, there is the ALS activities. I'm going to speak about the ALSes that are waiting. There is one waiting for our positive advice. It's called [Our Right] and there is another one waiting for the due diligence. Then the second item about ALAC is the charter. We are working. It's a cross-community work for the supervision of the ALAC function. So we are going to work on this charter. It has been proposed, and one of the work of this cross-community group, one of its obligation is to work on this charter. Now we are voting on this issue.

There was a proposal for an amendment for clarity issue, and there is another proposal made by ALAC also for a clarity reason, and we have

proposed to the ALAC members to tell us if they want us to present the amendment for this charter.

Then we are following the implementation of the second phase. We had a summit in London. We were really satisfied about the work we made during the summit. So now we need to do the follow-up of the recommendation of this summit, so as to have the result of our work. So we need to see how we are going to implement this follow-up, who is responsible for that, what do we have to do and we need to draft a report on the post-summit activities that will take all these details into account. Okay, I'm finished.

Okay. Now I'm going to give you the link, to post the link in the chat – the Adobe chat room. I think the other item I think will interest the ALAC members is the meeting of ICANN in Los Angeles – Meeting Number 51 in Los Angeles. We need to work on that meeting.

We [ask] a meeting for the working group, so they work on the plans for this next meeting, because there is a big opportunity for the ALS. They are going to be able to work on their hub to manage a hub on their region, so people can go there and follow and participate [life] into the Los Angeles meeting of ICANN. So it is a good opportunity for the region and we will have a lot of activities for the public in general. There will be conferences on different subjects and all the ALSes can work on this hub and ICANN is going to reimburse all the money you will spend to participate to this hub. So it's good news.

In ALAC we have spoken about ICANN Academy and we want to do another capacity building for leaders as we made in London. So it will be

the second session of the ICANN Academy. It's very important. It's an idea of a [inaudible], and the idea is to work on this global ICANN.

And then there is the IANA function and the governance of the ICANN. So all those activities are important for the other working group who will debate about those issues and who will work on accountability of ICANN. This working group is also going to work in a cross-community way with a group that will be created after the adoption of the charter.

And there is another item. This is the CROPP 2015. The new procedure is different. It is going to have better visibility for different kinds of events. For example, if there is an interest for the community, an outreach interest for the community to participate in the region, they will be able to go in this region and to participate in this event. And we will have two nights and three days available for us to participate in those events. I think I have spoken about the main aspects.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Tijani. Thank you for the work of the ALS as you presented it. Now we are going to speak about the new requests. But now I'm going to give you the floor at the end of this meeting to give us more [inaudible] for the new ALS application. And it's good news to know that the ALS will have a hub to connect all the participants of their countries. So if you have no questions for Tijani, I'm going to ask you and to repeat you again. It's better for you to participate, but if you can't participate, please send us an e-mail to tell me that you won't be available, so we know who is going to speak instead of you, if you are not going to be present in the teleconference.

Didier, you have the floor.

DIDIER KASOLE: I wanted to speak about the charter. I have seen the model that you have proposed and I think it's—

AZIZ HILALI: Didier, I'm sorry, but you have a lot of problems to hear what you are saying. There is a lot of background noise. It's very difficult to understand you. Please, can you stop that noise?

DIDIER KASOLE: Is it better now?

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, it's better. Yes. You have the floor, Didier.

DIDIER KASOLE: Thank you. So I'd like to have some more [precisions], some more details on the two-characters you are speaking about for the new gTLDs, for the new domain names, because all those domain names, they all have more than two characters, so I don't really understand why they are called two-character domain names.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, I am going to answer.

AZIZ HILALI: Didier, this is your question?

DIDIER KASOLE: Okay. My question is that I want to understand—

AZIZ HILALI: Tijani, do you want to answer Didier's question?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. Okay, I'm ready to answer.

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

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Didier, you are right. We are speaking about the second level characters. Did you understand what I said? Okay.

PASTOR PETERS: Pastor Peters, [inaudible] speak, please.

INTERPRETER: Just a minute. I'm going to finish to translate what Tijani is saying.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Didier, there is an echo on your line. Please mute your line if you don't use your line.

AZIZ HILALI: His computer is muted, so it's not his computer that is giving this echo. There is an echo on his line.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: This is not Aziz's line. This is Didier's line. Didier, please can you mute your line when you have finished speaking?

AZIZ HILALI: Hello?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Aziz, you can speak. Let's go.

AZIZ HILALI: So you are finished, Tijani. So are there any other questions?

PASTOR PETERS: Pastor Peters, please. Pastor Peters, want to speak.

[AZIZ HILALI]: Okay. Pastor Peters, you can speak [inaudible]. You have the floor.

PASTOR PETERS:

All right. Thank you very much. There was a [inaudible] when we will be told about the plan to have capacity building for ALSes in Los Angeles [inaudible]. The question I want to ask is [inaudible] any ALS leaders who can [inaudible] to Los Angeles will be reimbursed or what? I didn't get the full picture or the full information. [inaudible] Los Angeles, even though I applied for the fellowship. I was [inaudible] for ALSes to [inaudible] in Los Angeles and were encouraged to come on our own, but [inaudible]. I want a clear picture and [inaudible]. Thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI:

Tijani, do you wish to reply? Go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Aziz. So with regards to the new leadership at ICANN, at first the intent was to train the new ICANN leaders so that they wouldn't start at zero, so they would have some prior training, and by the time they joined they would have some knowledge. If we only trained the newer members of leadership, they won't interact with the older members. So we will not be able to interact and know what the actual volume of work awaiting them is.

At ICANN Academy, may I remind you, which is not ALAC now but it was created by ALAC, but it's actually an ICANN Academy, there was an initiative of ALAC who is currently only a contributor. That is to say that the academy still needs contributions for its ongoing work and for its [session] next year. At the Academy, we are going to train the new leaders so that they can learn and interact with our older members.

That's the general principle. It's nothing to do with ALSes, but instead it's leaders. It's GNSO council members, ccNSO council members, ALAC members, GAC members, etc. So it's not all members on the council who are trained, but rather it's two people per constituency. So that would mean it's two from ALAC, two from ccNSO, etc. I hope I managed to reply to your question.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thanks, Tijani. We were talking about the Spanish, actually, and the beneficiaries of the fellows are funded by ICANN. And that's not only for ALS representatives. It might include ALS representatives, but it would be one member from the ALS or someone else. I cannot remember the names of the people who have been selected, but it's about 40 people who are going to participate at this fellowship training, which is organized by ICANN, but not by ALAC.

Now, are there any other questions regarding this item or can we move on directly to—

PASTOR PETERS:

Hello, hello? Pastor Peters, please.

INTERPRETER:

Yes, Mr. Peters. Hold on, because I cannot interpret. Didier is asking for the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: Go ahead, Didier.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Heidi is asking for the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: Oh, Heidi. I'm sorry. Yes, Heidi, you have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Aziz. I just wanted to comment on Pastor Peters' question and to all ALSes who are not able to make it in person to any of the ICANN public meetings, and that is that remote participation is available for all of the meetings – for most. For the vast majority of the meetings, and all At-Large meetings. So those ALSes who are not able to be at ICANN public meetings can participate in the meetings through the remote participation aspects. I think that's something that everyone does not take advantage of. Thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Heidi. I think Pastor Peters is asking for the floor once again. So you have the floor.

PASTOR PETERS: I really just wanted to the information that was [inaudible] that there are plans for [inaudible] ALSes from the region who can make it to Los Angeles [inaudible] and will be reimbursed. I heard [inaudible] whether there is a [inaudible] for ALS leaders who do want to come to Los

Angeles on their own expense. [inaudible] information that was passed on the course of this meeting. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: I'm not sure whether Mr. Peters conveyed his question properly. Is it that he's asking whether all ALS managers or leaders should participate at ICANN meetings?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No. It's a comment. It's a comment about the people who want to participate from ALSes.

PASTOR PETERS: Can I answer that?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, go ahead, please. This is the question [inaudible]. If you ask – have you just said should all ALS leaders should participate at ICANN meetings?

PASTOR PETERS: No. Somebody was giving information [inaudible] about the plan to train ALS leaders on how they can organize remote calls in Los Angeles, and that ICANN was ready to reimburse any ALS leader who could make it to Los Angeles. I only wanted a clarification whether ICANN is saying that every ALS manager who wants to come to Los Angeles on their own can come or who are the ALS leaders they are referring to?

I know the difference between fellowships and other scholarships. I know [inaudible] for the fellowship. I am not referring to that. I was responding only to the comment made by somebody – I [cannot] provide a name – [inaudible] try to explain that there are plans to train leaders and ALSes from AFRALO who can attend [inaudible] participate in training.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Pastor Peters. I see Heidi is asking for the floor. Please go ahead, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Hi, Pastor Peters. I did hear your question now, and I think there was a misunderstanding. ICANN is not paying for ALS leaders to be in the Los Angeles meeting to do the hubs. It is only reimbursing ALSes who meet the technical requirements to serve as hubs that they will reimburse, up to \$1200, for their expenses in serving as a hub. So I have just put in the hub information in the chat and that has all the technical information, all of the details that you will need to know to apply to be a hub. I hope that answers your question.

PASTOR PETERS:

Okay. Thank you very much.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you.

PASTR PETERS: Thank you very much. I'm okay.

AZIZ HILALI: Wonderful then. Are you ready to move on to item number three, Marrakech upcoming activities of ALAC and of AFRALO. Would anyone like to present their ALS?

Well, in the absence of comments, I might as well speak about my ALS. As you know, we're organizing the second meeting in [inaudible] for February. I think it's the 52nd meeting at Marrakech in February next year. We expect to have all AFRALO members ready to work and to collaborate for this meeting, which brings us to Africa once again – will be as successful as possible. In any event, Tijani and I are very happy to see that an ALS is organizing the 52nd meeting at Marrakech. We'll have the chance of speaking further about this at our next meeting.

But would anyone want to contribute [through] their ALSes? I see that Tijani is asking for the floor. Tijani, you have the floor. Tijani, you have the floor. But Fatimata is asking for the floor as well, so maybe she should go first, if Tijani does not object to that.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I just wanted to say that in the framework of this partnership with AFRALO and AfriNIC, my ALS and its members have applied for this training that AfriNIC organizes since Dakar. And several members from my ALS have applied for this training. I know we don't have much time to speak of all ALSes, but I think this would be important and that this

belongs in the framework of our partnership within AFRALO and AfriNIC. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Fatimata. Now Tijani will have the floor. Or Baudouin will have the floor, rather.

Hello?

BAUDOUIIN SCHOMBE: Yes. Good evening, everyone. Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, we hear you. Go ahead.

BAUDOUIIN SCHOMBE: On our side, we're working on the national Internet forum with different players from the [APC]. But from [inaudible], we're still looking at our deadline of October, from the 9th to 11th of October and we expect to organize a webinar in the framework of the IGF. Those are the two activities we have upcoming.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Baudouin. We're going to pay attention to [our] activities. Now, Tijani, are you there?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I'm here. Thank you, Aziz. My ALS is going to take part at a [forum]. Our participation is done in two ways. Firstly, we organize parallel events, and then have general reporters who will let us know about all activities.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Tijani. If there's no further interventions, is there anyone wishing to take the floor? No? Then we will give the floor about this item for information – we're going to start with the Coordination Group for the transition of IANA functions. That's the ICG.

As you know, one of our AFRALO members is representing us there at the ICG. Mohamed, are you with us? Are you online or should Tijani report on this perhaps?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: I'm sorry, Aziz, but Mohamed is neither on Adobe Connect nor on the phone.

AZIZ HILALI: So Tijani will take the floor then. May he report on this?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Actually, Mohamed is not there as a representative of AFRALO, but as a representative of ALAC.

AZIZ HILALI: Actually, we have one AFRALO officer representing ALAC at that group. You're right.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Exactly. Then, on the other hand, this Coordination Group, as you know, started off with some confusion. At first there were two people from each region and there was three members from each region, so that would make 12 people – 13 from the same region, because there were several from the same country.

Then [inaudible] leadership, ALAC worked very hard to make sure that our representatives would not come from the same region [inaudible] representatives at the ICG.

And then there's chairs and co-chairs, one of which is Mohamed, and so the leadership is a bit more balanced now. And there's different people with different functions as well. there was a charter that was drafted and in it, it is clearly said that operational parties cannot occupy any such position. ALAC is not an operational party, as you know, but the idea is to increase participation.

So in the end, all group members understood what it was that concerned us, and so they would be ready to follow in the propositions of all operational parties. That's the current state of affairs. They're going to meet in Istanbul and we hope to get [inaudible].

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Tijani.

[MICHEL TCHONANG]: Aziz, this is Michel. Can I take the floor? I'm on a hard line on the telephone. I would like to take the floor as regards to ALS activities, because I didn't manage to connect earlier.

AZIZ HILALI: We're done with that, but go ahead. You have a minute.

[DIDIER KASOLE]: Thank you, Aziz. Good evening, everyone. I just wanted to say that I have an activity that took place in July that I would like to comment on, and since I was on holiday, I could not tell you about it last month.

We organized the symposium in [inaudible] from the 15th to the 18th regarding stability and security. So I would like to take this chance to take all of my colleagues, and mostly ICANN who was a partner of ours at this event. Pierre Dandjinou was instrumental here. And I would also like to mention Sébastien Bachollet. And the people responsible for this activities, you'll know them.

So I just wanted to take this chance to thank ICANN for their contribution and the level of [their] activity. Thanks for that. We are in better communication with the community. So those are the activities we organized that month. Thank you all very much.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you. I would like to ask you Michel, Baudouin, Fatimata to please publish a short paragraph regarding these activities on the Wiki, our Wiki space, which was especially created for ALSes. Some people might be interested in such activities, so please try to summarize in at least one sentence what your activity was. All your ALSes are very active and we thank you very much for that.

Are there any requests for the floor? Philip Johnson would like to take the floor. Go ahead, Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson, you have the floor. You can go ahead.

INTERPRETER: Philip Johnson, can you hear us? This is the interpreter speaking. Aziz just gave you the floor.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Aziz, why are we in silence?

AZIZ HILALI: We're waiting for Philip to take the floor.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Oh, okay. I thought there was something wrong.

AZIZ HILALI: No. But if Philip won't take the floor, we're going to move on to the following item regarding the NETmundial initiative that was for [Beran] to present, but I don't know if he's here. Nathalie, is [Beran] here?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: No, he's not here.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, then, we're going to move onto the following item. That's items for discussion. Yes, go ahead. We're going to move on to the following item, then. That's the AFRALO-AfriNIC cooperation. It's Tijani who has to present this, because he's in charge of this. Tijani, could you present this in three minutes and let us know where we're at with this coordination between AFRALO and AfrICANN. May I remind you there's already been an MOU between them to establish [inaudible] coordination in the activities of both. Those are AFRALO's and AfriNIC's activities. AfriNIC also participated joint meetings for [inaudible] AFRALO activities. Go ahead, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: [inaudible] coordination, which already existed, but I propose a number of items that they reply to and I thank them very much for it. The first [inaudible] ALSes was that there would be donations [to thematic] contributions. So there's no objection for that. We thank them for it. But not all information can be followed by everyone. We thank everyone for this training initiative. It was a great experience. Fatimata

already mentioned the training. She mentioned as well the training that AfriNIC funded in Dakar.

The second idea is that specific training sessions should be designed by AfriNIC for AFRALO leaders so that their participation in the development of policies for AfriNIC be effective and they said there would be no objection to that.

AfriNIC or AFRALO should systematically participate at all AfriNIC events, and [inaudible] AfriNIC should participate actively at AFRALO-AfrICANN joint meetings which are organized at every ICANN meeting. And also collaborating the drafting of the statements.

It is certainly true that they haven't participated much, because they had a number of other applications, but that indeed they would dedicate themselves more to these activities. On the other hand, AfriNIC should participate further at all AFRALO activities to which they apologize because they said they had not done enough and they promised to try and do it [inaudible] knowing that they do not have enough resources.

So in general terms, out of all the comments made by AFRALO, there are no discussions. They only welcomed our appreciation. But there are certain conditions and pre-requirements to some of these.

On the other hand, they appointed two contact people so that they can further work on these observations we make, and we're happy about the current situation because we see that Adiel indeed understands what we are saying.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Tijani. Once again, we're going to give a good example to other RALOs through this initiative. The following item—

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aziz, sorry, can I have the floor?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I participate in a working group that's in charge of negotiating the former partnership with AfriNIC. If such a partnership is indeed decided upon, what would be the content of the charter? Tijani just quoted some of these [inaudible] items. Would there be any content that would be helpful to ALSes? Or not ALSes, actually, because ALSes understand that this is for the better interest of AFRALO. But there are some countries where AfriNIC organizes these training sessions and we do not feel represented there, so [what would] the comments regarding this matter be?

AZIZ HILALI: To be clear here, it's not that there's a working group— I hear a strong echo. Can you hear me?

As Tijani says, it's about truly launching, because an MOU has already been signed and [inaudible] right before our Durban meeting. It's about

joint activities, and the idea was to write AfriNIC so that we would implement a coordination program between both [institutions].

Adiel has to contact these people. Now, as regard to your participation and the working group that you're mentioning, the idea is that ALS leaders who would like to work with Tijani at this task are more than welcome to do so. Okay.

So in the absence of any other interventions, we are very late, so we're going to move on to the item on the joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting. As you know, we have always organized the meeting at each ICANN meeting. With them, it should be a joint meeting between AFRALO and AfrICANN so that we can join all of the AfrICANN community. There [have] been consultations with the members of AfriNIC. We have agreed and you have [shown to be] seen a message regarding the consultation at which we decided to work on the IANA transition and to reconsider the participation of ICANN and its community.

Fatimata is working with this committee, this group, and she has [inaudible] to present to us this initiative. Go ahead.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you, Aziz. Well, I don't want to repeat what Aziz just said. We have worked on the subject that was proposed and accepted by the community, by AFRALO and the Internet community from Africa and the working group has been created and we are ending a draft that is going to be circulated so as everybody to be able to give his opinion. The draft will be circulating next week and you will have a copy of it, and we are asking you to contribute to this draft and give us your input.

And those who are not coming to Los Angeles, please, it's very important for us to have your input. So Aziz just gave you the [subject]. We have told you our point of view of the Internet community from Africa and you will have to tell us what is your opinion about that next week.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Fatimata. Do you have any questions about Fatimata just told us? Okay. If there are no questions, we are going to move. Sorry? Okay, we are going to move to the next item. This is the revision of AFRALO's Rules of Procedure.

INTERPRETER:

Michel is asking a question about AFRALO-AfriNIC meeting.

MICHEL TCHONANG:

I know that you are actively preparing this meeting, but just to know the AfrICANN opinion, I'd like to propose if we have time to organize a roundtable that will allow us to have some intervention and to hear the AfrICANN entities. We can have a representative from the private sector, from the civil society, from the universities, too. This will give us a vision of the practical aspect of the team we have chosen, because we are a little bit too [inaudible] in some cases and now our region is a little bit late, so we will have the opportunity to see concrete cases that will improve our knowledge.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Michel. This is a good idea. Okay. When Fatimata is going to send us the draft, you will be able to do that observation and to add what you just told me. Okay, now we are going to move to the next item. This is the revision of AFRALO ROP. There is a committee with a lot of ALS representatives working in that committee. This committee has been created to work on that issue and there is the president, the chair, and the vice chair for this committee and a reporter. So I'm going to give the floor to Tijani and then to Michel or Didier to speak about these AFRALO ROP revisions. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay. We have a chair, vice chair, a reporter. And during the meeting, we have understood that Peters is not able to participate to all the meetings because he's a nurse and he has different schedule and he won't be able to participate to some meetings, so it's difficult to have him to work as a reporter. So Fatimata proposed the functions to be changed. Peters accepted but Michel did not accept, so these change of functions won't be made and each one will stay in his position, and if we have a problem with Pastor Peters [inaudible], we will take another reporter – a person speaking English and French, so will be able to do to good work and efficient work in both languages, keeping Philip as a reporter and keeping Michel as vice chair. The next meeting is going to take place next week. We don't know when. Please, Michel, wait a minute. The next meeting will take place next week. I'm finished. Now I'm going to give the floor to Aziz. Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Tijani. Michel or Peters, do you want to take the floor? You have something to add?

MICHEL TCHONANG: Personally—

PASTOR PETERS: Pastor Peters.

INTERPRETER: There was confusion between Philip and Michel's names.

PASTOR PETERS: Oh, okay.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Michel, you are finished?

MICHEL TCHONANG: Yes, I'm finished, Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Thank you, Michel. Okay. Pastor Peters, you have the floor.

PASTOR PETERS:

I don't think it is about whatever position one occupies. Let me be very clear. I did not say I will not be present at meetings. I only said, just [inaudible] that if we fix [Friday] and [inaudible] time, not everybody could be free. Fatimata even said she [might] not be free some Fridays, so I only echoed by saying [inaudible] and I work shifts. So if we fix a particular time, that may be different, but that does not mean I cannot attend meetings.

With that being said, on this issue of offices, [inaudible] vice chair of [inaudible], I must first propose [inaudible] and then it was changed to Michel and then I was actually taken the [inaudible] for the vice chair and I was asked if that was okay by me and I said yes. So how did [inaudible] on that day [inaudible]. I was asked and I said it was okay by me. So as to how this would bring confusion, I don't understand. But [inaudible] like I said. It's a matter of what we're able to [inaudible] further forward. So that is just what I have to say.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Peters. We have understood. Anybody is asking for the floor? No? Okay, let's move to the last item about the new ALS application. There are four new ALS applications: [Our Right] from Nigeria, [inaudible] from Africa, [inaudible] from Nigeria, [inaudible] Gambia. ALS application from ISOC Gauteng chapter. It is an ISOC chapter – another one from South Africa. Gauteng is a province from South Africa.

So I'm going to give the floor to Philip and he's going to tell us where we are speaking about those four applications. Philip, you have the floor.

PHILIP JOHNSON:

Thank you very much, Aziz. I spoke [inaudible] in the front. We are in accordance with the rules of procedure of AFRALO. We [inaudible] aware that we have to give regional [inaudible] organization. For example, [Our Right] [inaudible] several ICANN meetings. I'm sure the other ALSes, I may have also met some of the leaders. So we just make a simple comment and sent it on our mailing list, and after we have reread due diligence and applications, we make a simple paragraph [inaudible] to ALAC who then votes to accredit these new ALSes.

So we have already sent information and I've gathered several information from [Our Right], ISOC Gambia. Several people have given comments and we accept them as members of our ALS if they are voted by ALAC. So we [inaudible]. I want to say that we are [far behind]. Staff wants to get the [inaudible] where you can make a comment and send it in there. Thank you very much, Aziz. [inaudible] with this new ALS.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Philip. I wanted to add something. We have to give today our – because those ALSes, [inaudible] ALS, have already given their opinion on [Our Right] and we have received about ISOC Gambia. Yes, it is true. Okay, we have received some opinions on ISOC Gambia. So today we have received a due diligence for those two ALSes, for [Our Right] and for ISOC Gambia.

So I have read those due diligences, and I think it's okay. Tijani, too, thinks it's okay. So if you want, we can take a decision for those two ALSes. We can give a positive opinion to ALAC for those two ALSes, to

accept them, to accept their application. What do you think about that? Who wants to take the floor? Fatimata first, Tijani second. Fatimata, you have the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much, Aziz. I was asking for the floor because I thought that maybe you had forgotten the issue. I wanted to add that is to say the outreach taskforce for new representatives of Africa within ICANN leadership teams. About your proposal, I have only three minutes to participate to this meeting, because I need to leave, so I'd like to take the floor.

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

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I will advise AFRALO to investigate a little more to be sure, because we don't know clearly. I have not investigated [inaudible], but I can say that both persons who make those comments were very serious persons and I think now we need to spend some more time to investigate this ALS to be sure.

INTERPRETER: He is speaking about [Our Rights].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: For ISOC Gambia, there are no problems. I can sustain support ISOC Gambia, but for [Our Rights], I prefer us to do some more investigation, to investigate a little more [Our Rights], this ALS.

PASTOR PETERS: Pastor Peters. I want to speak.

AZIZ HILALI: Pastor Peters, you have the floor.

PASTOR PETERS: Well, [inaudible] AFRALO. So far so good. I've been in ICANN. This is the first time [inaudible] worries after what [inaudible] in AFRALO. I want to say with every fiber of truth from the [inaudible] ICANN, [Our Rights] is just one [NGO] who are the most [inaudible] commitment to ICANN at their own expense, time, and energy. [Our Rights] have attended ICANN meetings at their own expense not once, not twice. And the records are there.

So what are we [inaudible]? There have been ALSes that have applied to be members of AFRALO that have not participated in any ICANN activities, and yet [inaudible]. So I am surprised as to [inaudible] about [Our Rights]. Everybody [inaudible] London saw the [inaudible] of [Our Rights] and saw the [inaudible] involvement in all activities. Even in London, the [inaudible] part of ICANN and they are [inaudible] formal application to become AFRALO [inaudible].

Now, if they didn't meet the qualifications set down by ICANN, [then] I can understand. [inaudible] I am from Nigeria. [inaudible] and I can speak for them and I've endorsed them. Other ALSes who have [inaudible] other ALSes before now from [their] country, nobody [inaudible]. So I don't see why [Our Rights] who ought to be put [inaudible]. What is the [inaudible] do? The secretariat [inaudible]. I'm done.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Peters. Do you want to take the floor, Philip? Do you want to answer to Pastor Peters?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Aziz?

AZIZ HILALI: Fatimata, you have the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Aziz, I'm very sorry, but I need to leave. I can't participate furthermore to this meeting. I have to leave to [inaudible]. I told you I wasn't able to speak, so bye-bye. It's a pity because the item I wanted to speak about was very important, so it's really a pity.

AZIZ HILALI: Baudouin, wait a minute, please. Fatimata is finishing.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I'm going to speak just for one minute about this outreach taskforce for more representatives of Africa within ICANN leadership teams. We have seen that there were so little leadership from Africa in ICANN leadership teams and we wanted to remediate to that, and I suggested to create a working group for that issue and I'm going to work with them so as to do some outreach to correct this problem. So I'm going to ask who wants to work with us in this working group? I don't want this working group to be as usual with the same persons, so please can you present yourself? I have only one person who applied, so if there are some more persons who want to work with us, it should be very good.

AZIZ HILALI: Fatimata, can you give us your opinion on [Our Rights], please?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: There was some reserve on them. This is the reason why I was agreeing with what was said. Some respectable people have admitted some reserve, so I want to wait a little bit and investigate. But Pastor Peters, don't worry. Investigate, it's not something very complicated. We want some clarification. We have made that with other ALSes. It's not only with that ALS.

And now I need to go. I need to leave you. Bye-bye, everybody.

BAUDOUIIN SCHOMBE: Aziz, I am asking for the floor.

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

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: Okay, can I speak?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes.

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: Aziz, I wanted to speak about the procedures that we have that we need to [accept] the ALS application. We had a case of this kind and our duty is—

INTERPRETER: Okay, we have a problem with Baudouin's connection. We can't hear Baudouin anymore. Michel is asking for the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: Michel, I'm going to give you the floor, but Baudouin was speaking. I want to know if we can put him back on the phone. Okay, now we are getting late. We are 20 minutes late, so I want to make a proposal. It was made on the chart and you can see it. [inaudible] is proposing to make a Wiki page in which we can give our opinion on the ALS application not only for [Our Rights] but also for the other ALSes. Do you agree for this proposal? Because you know that AFRALO, when there

were requests application for a new ALS, we wanted to agree unanimously. So I prefer to take a decision unanimously with all the AFRALO members so as to have the RALO from Africa, a very efficient RALO from Africa. This is the idea.

Baudouin, I don't know if you can speak now. Tijani is also asking for the floor. Didier is asking for the floor. And Michel is asking, too, for the floor. Baudouin?

PASTOR PETERS: Pastor Peters, too.

AZIZ HILALI: Baudouin, can you speak now?

INTERPRETER: Pastor Peters, I am going to tell Aziz that you want to speak.

AZIZ HILALI: Michel, you have the floor.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Okay. Thank you, Aziz. I think that all the questions that we have for this item number six will depend on our evaluation assessment tools. I think that I'd like to propose you that when we have a working group trying to think about the future of our function, I propose that we won't be able to suspend the new application.

And for the application we have now, well, I think that the Wiki page is a good idea, but it's not a solution for that problem because it's an assessment question. It's not only a democracy question. So I want to remind everybody that the assessment of an ALS is not only about participation of the ICANN meetings. The first issue is the local credibility and the activities they have, and some – to know if the activities they are organizing are corresponding with the ICANN activities.

So I wanted to say that. It is very important, because if there are some doubts for an ALS, we need to evaluate this ALS application.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Michel. I agree with you. And as you are a member and the vice chair of the group [inaudible], please can you take that into account and can you revise the criteria that are used since the creation of AFRALO, the criteria that are used for the ALS application?

Now I have Fatimata, Baudouin, Tijani, Didier, and Pastor Peters asking for the floor. Can we have some more minutes, ten more minutes, or do we need to close this teleconference? Nathalie, please? Okay, I'm waiting for the answer from the interpreters.

INTERPRETER:

It's okay.

AZIZ HILALI:

Okay, I am waiting for the answer and I'm giving the floor to Tijani.

INTERPRETER: Aziz, it's okay. Ten minutes more from the interpreters.

AZIZ HILALI: We have ten minutes. Please respect your time. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you. I want to say that we are not rejecting this ALS. We are just asking for more precision. We need to investigate. We do it normally. We always do it. We ask the ALS some more questions and we always work like that. Baudouin told us about the ALS which had been rejected, and it's normal. It's our procedure. It's our way to work, and this works for everybody. Those are the rules that we apply for everybody. I didn't read the due diligence and I haven't read the application, but I have received some reserves from very trustful people. So we need to investigate a little more.

Now, speaking about the criteria for the [inaudible], all the ALSes need to be accredited on some criteria. Those criteria exist. Peters was really angry, but I sent him the link on which you can read all the conditions for the ALS to apply. It does exist. So everybody is conscious that those rules are a little bit old, but we have the rules. We need to apply them. We can't change them now.

Okay. I know that there are some reserves, but I don't know why. I won't express myself in my own name, but I know that if there are some reserves, we need to investigate a little more.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Thank you very much, Tijani. There are some questions on Adobe Connect the criteria that are applied, that are used, in AFRALO are the criteria on the link in Adobe. You can apply with an online form. Didier is asking—

PASTOR PETERS: [inaudible] I will not waste time, Aziz.

INTERPRETER: Pastor Peters, just wait a minute, because I can't translate.

AZIZ HILALI: AFRALO is recommending to ALAC to accept or not this ALS. The final expectation is made by ALAC and the criteria are really precise and they are on the ALAC link and the AFRALO leadership will receive a due diligence, which is not [party] to all the ALSes. It's [inaudible] information. It is not posted to everybody and the leadership will read that, and we ask the AFRALO leadership to read that and if there are some reserves, normally it's not the first time we have this kind of problem. We ask for more information on this ALS. We have asked for more information and sometimes the ALS is right and everything is okay, and sometimes we realize that the association applying are not so trustful as it looks on the online form. Okay, Didier, do you want to have the floor? You just have one minute, please.

Didier, can you hear me? Didier is still not with us. So that brings us to the end.

PASTOR PETERS: Pastor Peters, please.

INTERPRETERS: Yes, Mr. Peters. Please hold. I have already relayed your request to staff.

AZIZ HILALI: Are there any objections to ISOC Gambia? Okay, then, Mr. Peters, you now have the floor. Please go ahead.

PASTOR PETERS: Thank you. Well, [inaudible] with the Rules of Procedure for ALS applications. Now I don't want to [inaudible] on this issue. The secretariat asks for [inaudible] report to AFRALO at this meeting, and if I get the secretariat [inaudible] through Philip, they said [inaudible] ISOC Gambia and [Our Rights] from Nigeria for ALAC, why they are [inaudible] the other ALS applications.

So if they [inaudible] due diligence as charged by the ICANN Rules of Procedure and they are in [inaudible] comments would be made, [inaudible] be made, when the ICANN staff publish the applications and request for comments.

So now comments have been made and the secretariat has recommended. So I'm surprised that other [inaudible] are just coming out Monday [inaudible] resolutions. [inaudible] make known by [inaudible], but if secretariat has done their due diligence and they are [inaudible] to be that we have done diligence to these applications while the [inaudible] anybody have an objection [inaudible].

The idea being [inaudible] does anyone have any objection to the application of ISOC Gambia or [Our Rights], then [inaudible] say yes or no. If you have an objection, state your objection as to why, not a comment or [inaudible] by people [inaudible]. So for me, that is not the proper procedures for doing things. [inaudible]. If the secretariat has done their due diligence, then [inaudible] refer to ALAC and let ALAC vote on the applications. So [inaudible] records as members of the same community.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Mr. Peters. You're right and [inaudible] are respect of the Rules of Procedure. We have to act in accordance with it. But now as for due diligence, we ask for additional information. We do not have replies to those questions yet. These are questions that are sent to the applicants so that he might complete is application by the next AFRALO meeting. So it's merely a report on the decision that was taken [inaudible] decision on the application for the [inaudible]. That's really where we're at now is just reporting our decision.

Now, the debate on the matter is closed. I would just like to ask AFRALO if we can provide our opinions for ISOC Gambia and whether we all

agree on this application for [Our Rights]. Are there any objections to ISOC Gambia?

I guess no one will object that, so Philip is going to send [the stuff] to ICANN staff, our endorsement of this application.

DIDIER KASOLE: Please allow others to participate at this meeting.

AZIZ HILALI: I offered people to take the floor.

DIDIER KASOLE: I was muted, so I could not speak.

AZIZ HILALI: Listen, Didier, I do not know the status of each of our members' microphones if they wish to participate. If you wish to intervene, in any event, it's not me who has muted you.

INTERPRETER: They're all speaking at the same time.

AZIZ HILALI: Sometimes some microphones are muted on account of background noises. I gave you the floor a while ago and you were not there. But since you're here now, how about taking the floor at this point?

DIDIER KASOLE: We have ten minutes left, all of which were used by the moderator himself. If this is a meeting, I think everyone should have the chance to take the floor and participate. It's not for the moderator to use the floor as he wishes or [inaudible]. As I just said, I was muted.

Now the reservations have been expressed were based on grounds of credibility and the same procedures should be applied to everyone I believe. So the questions that we were asked should be the same for all. That's what I wanted to say.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Didier. I just want to clarify that all our teleconferences are recorded, so you may go back to our meeting and verify that, in fact, I did give you the floor. Now, Tijani and Peters are asking or the floor. You only have one minute, Peters.

PASTOR PETERS: My comment is I want the chair to put forward the question to every member here tonight. One, is there any objection to the application of [Our Rights]? [inaudible] recorded. Then we can [inaudible] as to looking into it before the next meeting. Is there any objection to ISOC Gambia? If there is or not, it's recorded. So I [inaudible] one ALS and then the other, because two have been recommended by the secretariat for our approval this evening.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Mr. Peters. Now Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I would like to repeat. I agree with Didier. We all have an equal footing. The opinion of each AFRALO's members have the same value. There are no people whose words may have more value than other people's. I agree with him. But for the matter of special people here. Secondly, people say [inaudible] no explanations or no grounds for objections, please go [Beran's] e-mail, Mohamed's e-mail. You'll see that their reservations have been [grounded]. You may say this is not true, this is false. You can reject their considerations. If it's not clear, the ALS itself can provide further clarification. But no one rejected the ALS here. The problem is since there are people who have grounded reservations we need to ask the right questions so that these doubts can be clarified and so that the ALS can finally be decided upon. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Tijani. You're right. [Beran] sent an e-mail grounding her considerations for these ALS applications. On what she sent, there was some interesting information and we ask that the ALS redo its application, that it be resubmitted. In any event, we're going to pick up on the matter these ALS applications next month and we're going to ask for information, as Tijani said. Would you like to decide on ISOC Gambia's application now or not? If you agree, you can say you're in agreement with this. If you're not, please [inaudible].

I see people voting for ISOC Gambia. They say they agree. Michel says yes. Baudouin says yes. Tijani? Pastor Peters, Philip, you all agree. So

ISOC Gambia [can say] it's endorsed. If we all agree, then we'll say we endorse this application and that we will find out further information about Our Rights app. [inaudible] Silvia will take the floor to let us know in detail about the ALSes that we had for today. Silvia, you have the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much. Just to finish regarding this debate regarding applications, the ALSes applications, we will open a Wiki page so that everybody can post their comments. And if there is a need to ask for more questions to the applicants, as [inaudible] staff, we will be happy to do so. That's all.

I think we also talked about the hubs, so that was already discussed. So that's all I have to say. Thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Silvia. Seeing that there are no other [inaudible] to add, we have no hands raised. Didier is asking for the floor. Go ahead, Didier. Oh no, he just took it down. He was not asking for the floor. In that case, then, thank you all. Thank you, staff, Silvia, Nathalie, Heidi. Thank you for everything. We'll meet again next month. Goodbye, everyone.

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