
GISELLA GRUBER: Okay we are going to begin soon. Tijani please, we are going to speak at the normal pace for the interpreters.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Good evening. Good day everybody. Good morning. We're going to begin this teleconference on the rule of procedures of AFRALO.

Last time we have decided that today we were going to discuss and finalize the issue of individual applications so as the participants of the working group could send their opinion on the Wiki List. Unfortunately, there was only one reaction from those members. Fatimata told us that she told that we needed to create a new ALS for individuals but, Fatimata think that we need someone taking care of that. We are going to create an ALS in which we are going to put all the individuals but, we have a problem with the rights. So, we want those people to have the same right as all the ALS and this is the reason why we are going to create this other ALS.

For now, the individuals can participate in our work without being in AFRALO. For example, there is a [1:47 inaudible] who is more present than some of AFRALO members. He discusses and participates into the working lists, the working group but he's not from any ALS. So, people who are working with us will be, in the future, more organized or better organized and they will have the opportunity to express themselves and to vote.

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So, I was saying that we had only the Fatimata's opinion. Nobody has made any proposal. I want to remind you that the individual application has some problems but can also avoid some problems because; a person without any affiliations also without any membership outside of ICAN can come into our structure with new ideas. That's good but, can also give us some problems. So, we will have an ALS so that everybody can say what they want to say and that won't create any problems into our RALOs.

We want to have some more African person who will participate into our work discussions and contribute with their participation. I think it will be very good for our RALOs and I think we are going to have a benefit from this new rule. I wanted to remind you that all of the RALOs have accepted the individual application. Most of them have created an ALS for these individuals. NARALO, didn't for it doesn't look like that. In NARALO, if there is an individual who wants to work with them, he comes and works with them. In NARALO, they have adopted this principle of creating an ALS for those individuals. So, I think that today we need to discuss this issue and if we can reach a decision, we are going to draft a new rule of procedure with these new rules into it, if we can reach an agreement.

This is what we need to do today. So, I've given you those elements about the individual application. Now, I want to hear your opinion. Who wants to speak? Who wants to give his opinion? Yes, we can hear you Baudouin. Yes, you can speak. You have the floor. Okay, Baudouin is speaking.

BAUDOUIIN SCHOMBE: The question I want to ask is how AFRALO and NARALO have reached this decision to accept individuals, how did they make it?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: It's important to say that nothing is telling us that we can't do it. From beginning in the United States, they had individual and ALS working with them. So, we can do it. The rule of procedures of the ALAC allows us to do that but it was not a way we'd normally worked because an individual is not an ALS. So, in NARALO they didn't want to work that way because they had some problems before. So, they didn't want to work that way but EURALO from Europe decided to create one ALS in which they put all the individuals so they have a framework into a their RALO and these ALS has one vote because in North American, they can discuss, they can participate but they have no vote. In Europe, in the RALOs from Europe or from Asian Pacific, they have created a special ALS for those individual members so, they have one vote. Did I answer your question Baudouin?

BAUDOUIIN SCHOMBE: Yes, Tijani. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Another question? Can we use this same mechanism trying also to define the role, the function of these individual members? How can we organize them as ALS in AFRALO? That is the question. Yes, it is the function of our conference call today. We want to validate this decision and we want to write, to draft something about that today together to

say what are the precaution that we have to take and what are the rules we are going to apply?

GISELLA GRUBER: Tijani, the mission wants to speak. Okay Tijani, I'm sorry. Philip is asking for the floor. So Phillip, you have the floor and then Michele you will have the floor. Philip you have the floor.

PHILIP JOHNSON: Thank you very much. In a weekend speech, I was making a comment to what [08:44] [inaudible] but we should create a problem with individual in that [08:51] [inaudible] so that these individual members can join this group. I was looking at the issue of what if the individual would have to have preferential treatment to this particular group. My second thought within that action, I was asking how will we consider or what we define the individual members be. Would they be people, somebody who resides up in Africa or anyone who have interest in internet use up in Africa? These were issues. If you check on Wiki List response, I made some comments and some [9:45 inaudible], also look at that. Thank you. That's the contribution I wanted to make. Thank you, very much.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much Philip. Yes, the members of this ALS from individuals are individuals coming from Africa and they are internet users because, we are the African Organization of Internet Users. So, those members will be people who want to integrate AFRALO without being in the ALS. So, they will be internet users in Africa, only in Africa.

We don't accept someone coming from somewhere else that won't be in Africa.

The first thing you told us, it was not a question. You told us that you have read Fatimata's comments and it's Okay. Okay, I hope I have answered your second question and I will write it on the Wiki afterward. Michele, you have the floor.

MICHEL TSHONANG:

Thank you Tijani. I hope we will have a good meeting about this issue which will be very important for AFRALO, a kind of resolution. About the question, the issue we are speaking about I'd like to propose because I agree with what you said to Tijani that any individual can enter and belong to this ALS but using the ALS word to represent these individuals is not a right for me. We have to find another name for this special ALS.

There is another problem because we know that the individuals have no responsibilities and in AFRALO, these persons can make some problems. So, I'd like to propose that even though if we are deciding the creation of an annex group into AFRALO, all those persons it should be good to recommend that it's those persons will be first observe for some time before to be accepted into this ALS that will be created into AFRALO, all these annex that will be created into the AFRALO.

The second idea is maybe someone who has been accepted into AFRALO won't be agreeing to belong to this ALS. What are we going to do with that person because; some people want to be omnipotent so, I think that's the problem we are going to have. After the drafting of this

idea, the problem we will have is at the group level because, when we are going to consult all the ALS, all ALS have a value. How does group of persons are going to work together to name or for example, take a position regarding an election? For example, we want to draft a rule of procedure, how are we going to work with those persons?

GISELLA GRUBER:

Okay, Michele. I've written two important issues. How those people are going to belong into this ALS? How are they going to vote? How are they going to participate and to discuss? The rest I think we are talking about Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

The ALS will be for people to participate in our work. These people will have to comply with our rules. If we create an ALS for these individuals, it will be the case and we can say that. Now, the tendency is to accept individual because it's an important contribution and we need those contributions. We have a problem about that so, the more people we have that can contribute, the better it is for us. So, we have to accept those people and we have to accept the individual applications.

You also spoke about something else but, it seems to me that those two items were the most important. If you want, you can send it to the Wiki list so we can remember your comments and try to solve or to answer to your comments. Fatimata, you have the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I'd like to answer one of our items Michele spoke about. If people do not want to belong to these ALS, what are we going to do? Well, if this situation appears, what we want finally is that the people belong to an ALS and so these individual will have some rights as an ALS. You also proposed Michele that we leave some time to observe those persons. I think it is okay. It's a good idea and it's easy to do but, if we have an expert who says that he doesn't want to belong to the ALS but wants to give some ideas, we are an open environment and we can receive the ideas of these experts but this expert will never have the possibility to vote, for example but, he will be able to express himself. If he belongs to an ALS, the ALS will be able to vote for his idea, for example. Each one is free to decide that.

Okay, you don't want to use the ALS name. Okay, if we want to give a name to this organization we need to use the ALS name. This is another issue. How are they going to take decision? I think that first there are some RALO who are always using this system. So, the ALS will have a representative and when you have a group of people, everybody can speak. So, this group of people has a representative who will speak and who will say where we stand, the opinion of the group. This is what I wanted to say.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you very much Fatimata.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Michele and Fatimata, you have the well expressed the way the system will work. If somebody doesn't want to belong to the ALS, it is okay but

they don't have any right as the vote right. They won't be able to do some lobbying. That we discuss, that we try to convince, it's Okay but, no more than that. If the majority is not with that, they will not be able to do more than that. If this person belongs to an ALS, the ALS is going to give him some more rights. The ALS will be able to push toward a decision, toward an idea of that person.

The second item, the test period, I think it's a good idea. If we have a number of persons who want to enter AFRALO and create this ALS as individuals, we will create that ALS and to be member of AFRALO, you need to belong to an ALS. So, we will tell them we have created a special ALS for you and as Fatimata said, there are some more experienced in other RALOs but it's like all ALS. You have to have some consensus and the importance is to have those people engaged, wanting to participate, wanting to contribute and they will be able to participate in the democratic way. Everyone will be able to answer and to give his opinion. I think it's a good experience to do. We can try.

If there is no position for us to accept individual application and create an ALS, we will see the detail and this is our work. Each one of us will contribute to that work. As I said, last time, last week, two weeks ago, teleconferences are not good place to draft something. To consider something literally, we need to discuss, we need to reach a consensus or to vote through the conference call then, the drafting part, we can do through the mailing list. We need to do that work and we need to decide what we want or what we need as a safe-guard. As Baudouin told us, we need to see the rules that we will use to manage those ALS. So, I'm going ask Baudouin to send us his opinions on the Wiki list and

I'm asking Michele too to give his personal view of an ALS that will be working. I'm going to give my personal opinion on this Wiki list too and I ask each one of you to write down your opinions on the Wiki list and then, next time we will adopt or refuse this text. If we refuse this text, we will need to find another way to reach a consensus and present it afterward to AFRALO. Fatimata, you can go already. You're raising your hand. Do you wish to take the floor?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Oh no, I forgot to take my hand down. I'm sorry.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Are there any other comments?

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: Yes, I would like to take the floor. I think this is a good option. I think we can also provide information on line to see how we can implement the safe guards we were discussing. I think an ALS is also a formality. So, I think there are two different cases and I agree on the fact that they are still potential contributions to be made here.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Any other comments?

We're going to be finishing our trials and finalize them but since we haven't prepared anything, I think we could try to develop our descriptions somehow and if it is further developed, we can present whatever we have reached. So then, between the next two meetings,

we will reach a decision. I don't see any hands raised. So, I would tell you how I think this should work.

All individuals who will constitute one ALS together, ALS being an annex structure. This is not contradictory to all the rest of the ALSs. Why should we better do this? That is because that ALS will have the same rights as all other ALSs. It might be useful to actually draw a difference between the rest ALSs and this so that it will not be different. We should mark the fact it's got to be an ALS in the same rights as all the others.

So, individual members of that ALS will chose a leader, a chair or whatever it will be for that ALS. So they're going to choose the leadership for their ALS. Then, it's also going to be periodically voted on so that it is not something eternal. Then, they have to see how they will reach their decisions. It has to be a clear mechanism and the ALS has to have simple procedures so that they don't complicate matters because if they say, this is absolute, they will never be able to define the roles. So, they should also have a rule for consensus reaching for voting and exception. So, the ALS should reach decisions by consensus. If you don't agree with the other members, you should try and try to reach to consensus before you vote. If you do this, the results will be acceptable to all individuals. There's always going to be a winner and a loser. If there's a winner and a loser, then, it's going to create friction and every time a decision is to made, they will all defend their own individual interest. So, we should clearly state in the rules that decisions are to be reached by consensus.

The idea is to be able to reach decisions quickly. If they don't reach a consensus quickly, they are going to have to re discuss the matter several times in order to reach a consensus. It should work as all other ALSs. If we are to create this as an ALS, we'll see that they could have trouble as all of the rest of ALSs so, we should applicate this periodicity of leaders so that they can change and they should be granted the benefit of the doubt. What I mean to say by this is that we kind of depreciated whenever there's an issue. We can apply not sanctions but measures to correct the differentials that might be. So, we'll whether it is progressive. We have to see how they are going to work.

AFRALO is not a company. We are a group of internet users so; there are always different viewpoints because we are different individuals. If we do not reach a consensus, we can never make decisions. I mean, it's going to the same for the ALS, the individual ALS. The idea is that we always try to work through contributions instead of being confronted to others, instead of fighting. So far, we haven't done anything for the case of individuals because we've always thought it would pass but if there was a fight or a difference of opinion, people wouldn't be able to put it behind them but, if you don't take a minute to think about it and discuss and try to reach a consensus that would be negative to all of AFRALO. That is my mind at least regarding this particular situation. So, we should avoid confrontation which it should integrate individuals into one ALS in order to have their contributions and input and their behavior at AFRALO that we can benefit from what they have to say.

If you do not agree with this, by all means, let me know. Michele, yes. Go head. I cannot hear Michele. Tijani, can I take the floor. This is Gisella

speaking to him. Go head Gisella. Yes, Gisella. We have lost you. We cannot hear you. Gisella, I have a hard time hearing you. You can hear me. I cannot hear you. Alright. So, Gisella, what are you trying to say. Could you please repeat? This is a teleconference. So, Michele was asking for the floor. Go ahead.

MICHEL TSHONANG: I have a suggestion.

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: I have a suggestion that I'd like to make.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Go ahead Baudouin.

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: There was a chart that you had proposed which was very interesting so, I'd like to suggest that for individual members, maybe we should add them to our mailing list or have them discuss with us on this matter so that we get to follow their debate and they can follow what we're discussing as well. Otherwise, I don't think they'll understand the logic between that individual's ALS. I think there should be a harmony in our exchanges. That's what I mean to say.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: So, you suggest we create a Wiki in order to integrate them? Michel can you speak? We cannot hear you? Baudouin, I agree we could do that. Surely they'll it's not the same as for all the other ALSs but, at least we

can start working that way and then work our way into an improved procedure for that ALS. Are there any other comments? Michele?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I have a say in the matter? I think this is a very important matter. This is individuals for whom we are creating a new ALS so; I think we should make sure that the people who are going to participate at that ALS have a legitimate interest in participating.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, you're right Baudouin. Fatimata do you wish to take the floor? You're not speaking?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, here I am. I think Baudouin's idea isn't bad. I suggest we believe that we consider his idea. I think we should all consider the way we're going to select those people that are going to participate in the individual ALS because we cannot take care of their activities all the time. It would be a huge responsibility to be aware of what the activities of that ALS are going to be.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, thank you Fatimata.

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: I agree.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Right, before that, I would need a draft. We need to have a text for this rule. So, each of us should try to draft a version for this section for the creation of the ALS and in order to integrate the notion of individuals ALS into our group of procedures. So, I would like to ask you all to each try and draft a version of that rule of procedure and then we will all share what we've each done to see what we can take from each proposal in order to then, of course, reach a final version of that rule. Baudouin, Michel, Fatimata, Philip, everyone will you please prepare some text. Michele?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Tijani, excuse me but, I just think we should propose all of them to draft some version of the rule and we should give them a deadline by which they should submit what they've done.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Fatimata but, I think it's rather those who have had an idea or a suggestion who should work on the drafting of a new version. That's why I said Baudouin, Michel and Fatimata because you are all people who have something to suggest. I think it would be interesting that you contribute with a version of that. Once we have that, I'm sure the rest of the group will be able to contribute to the drafting of the final version based on those contributions but, I think it'd be better if you wrote your contributions down first.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, agreed.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I understand your point. Michele, I hope I can hear you now.

MICHEL TSHONANG: Actually, now that you've suggested we write these different versions, I wouldn't have much more to add. I think we should take these precautions of creating the individual ALS.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I'm sorry Michele; I didn't understand what you said. You were too faint. So, please can you repeat what you said but speak up so that I can hear you and understand you. I didn't understand what you said. Can you please repeat?

MICHEL TSHONANG: I was saying can you all hear me now? I know you can hear me.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I can hear now. Go ahead.

MICHEL TSHONANG: I was saying I actually have no more to add regarding the matter because actually, your suggestion leads me to accept what you suggest to make something we should then combine the different propositions. I think it would be a special kind of work, a procedure and it is interesting. That's what I wanted to say. I like what you proposed.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Michel.

MICHEL TSHONANG: Thank you very much.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Fatimata, are you still raising your hand but, Silvia Vivanco wishes to take the floor. Silvia go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello Tijani, thank you very much. Just a mention that I have in this chat to [39:06] [inaudible] drafted one of them is RALO who now is accepting individual members and the other one is NARALO who in the past until now they accept individual members and they both have an interesting and distinct model because they both do not need to create an ALS but, at the moment of those things all the individuals come together and designate a representative. This representative, if you person cast the vote in the name of all the individuals. That's another model that you may want to take a look at. I will also put it in the Wiki page so you have an idea and you can compare and you can create your own rule that is more appropriate for you RALOs. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Silvia. So, you added the length to these rules of procedure of RALOs and NARALO on the Wiki, is that correct?

SILVIA VIVANCO: I just put it in the chart. If you see our chart in the AC room but I will also put it in the comment section of the Wiki. I will put those two links with your rules so you can have those available for you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Silvia. I cannot see them on the chat though that's why I'm asking you. Thank you very much. Thank you Silvia. Are there any other comments? I have just received a comment from Hadja Outtara.

HADJA OUTTARA: Individuals can fully participate at most things but they do not have a right to vote.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: If I understand what she means is that the vote counts at one. Hadja, you have the floor. Go ahead. Hadja go ahead. You have the floor. Can anyone hear me? She's having communication issues.

HADJA OUTTARA: I would like to ask whether their addition or their invocation would be an issue besides this voting matter.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Hadja, what do you mean to say by this adherence? Do you mean to say their engagement or participation? Remember, everyone's welcome to participate [42:22 inaudible] for instance, participates fully at our work even more than members perhaps but he is not a member himself. So, accepting him without a right to vote would mean that they would be in

the same position as attendees. I think we should give them some kind of framework so that their participation can in fact be added so that they can provide their input because that's what going on right now but it's not formal.

Are there any other comments? We have six minutes left. Otherwise, I think we should move on to the following item which is the next step. I think firstly that we would have to work between the two teleconferences. That's what next steps mean. Our next teleconference for October is the sixth if I'm not mistaken. No. Since we have the Los Angeles meeting at the time of the next teleconference, we're not going to be able to do that then. So the next teleconference will be on October 24th. October 24th is after the end of the Los Angeles meeting. It would be at the same time as this one.

We're going to address a different matter for that next teleconference but I hope we will have some kind of draft as to the rule of procedure for the creation of an individual ALS from all of these people who have ideas. After that, we will move on to the compilation and we're going to put together all these versions of the contributions as a draft for the rule of procedure on October 24th and we're going to vote on its adoption or on its amendment and if not possible to reach a consensus, I think we are going to postpone that for the following meeting so that we can indeed change it and reach a consensus on the meeting after the one for October 24th. That will allow us to schedule a new teleconference and between teleconferences, we're going to have to work on the different versions and that said, at the next teleconference, we're going to discuss on the proposal submitted. Right. So, we'll

discuss the text that will have been submitted by then. So, for the next teleconference, like I said, we are going to discuss the idea of the vote, the weight vote, this weighted vote matter.

Michele, yes? What are you saying?

MICHEL TSHONANG: Are you discussing the possibility of having a weight vote? That's only for ALSs isn't it? Or is it for this particular ALS?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Not at all. Since the beginning there were six items, we had agreed on the review of our rules of procedure. So, first we had individuals ALS and then item number two was weighted vote. Item number three was a performance for what were the application and then quorum number five and number six, the different applications for ALSs. Those were the particular items that we said. We would consider for each teleconference.

MICHEL TSHONANG: Yes, I understand. I just wanted to know. I thought you said it was something we had to discuss regarding individual ALS.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, not all. We're going to discuss weight vote for all ALSs at the next teleconference, at the next call. So, please consider this issue of weight vote. It is not the same as individuals' applications. We would welcome your contribution at least if it is only an idea but the purpose is to get to

the next teleconference with some ideas or at least thought of with some proposals and suggestions to be made.

Our next meeting, like I said, will be on October 24th at this same time and the matters to be discussed will be the weight vote and the next on the rules of procedure for the application of ALS [47:40] [inaudible] and individual ALS will be something that we will vote on. So, by October 24th, we have to have something already put together. By October 24th then, we should have all the proposals and seen all of them and have put together something on the base on the different proposals. And so, in order to see the time with have at our next teleconference, the idea is that we [48:12] [inaudible] teleconferences in order to be able to have a definitive version by October 24th. It should be something that everyone on the list we're going to make our contributions and post these reminders so that everyone reads them before the call.

Thank you all for coming to this teleconference and if you all agree so far there are no questions or suggestions. I see Fatimata wishes to take the floor. Fatimata, go ahead.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Tijani. I just wanted to stress what you just said regarding the work to be done between teleconferences. If we do not work, if we do not do our best to have the most definitive text possible on the individual ALS, it's going to be complicated. So, we should all strive to reach a decision and a final version on this. That's what I wanted to say.

We all have to contribute. I wanted to be clear. I just wanted to stress what you just said.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you very much Fatimata. Are there any other subjects? Any others, anything else you'd like to mention before we conclude the call? Yes, Baudouin.

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: Is it going to be [50:13 inaudible] in Morocco? What's going to happen for that meeting?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: That has nothing to do with our rules of procedure. We're going to have our next AFRALO monthly meeting on October 1st so; I hope you can wait until then to discuss this. Personally, I have no particular differences or information to add.

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: If you could please raise this matter and ask your question at the next AFRALO meeting on October 1st.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Understood. Thank you very much. Now, if there are no other business, thank you all for having participated at this teleconference and I wish you all a very good evening. Peace. The conference is now closed. Thank you.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you Tijani. Thank you everyone. Bye. Bye.

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