
OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening everyone. This is a briefing webinar for the ICANN 51st Meeting that will take place in Los Angeles. Today is the 30th of September, 2014.

The aim of this webinar is really to introduce members of the At-Large community to the meeting that will take place in Los Angeles. As you know, you are able to follow both by being in LA in the room, but also you're going to be able to follow remotely. We are trying to get more larger numbers for remote participation. As you know, it's expensive to go to all these meetings. Remote participation is something that will help our community in being able to take part in not only the monthly conference calls, but also in the meetings themselves.

Now, the webinar that we're having here is going to go through the whole program of meetings that we have in Los Angeles. For those of you that are not going to LA, you'll probably be quite happy by the end of this call seeing that you'll be able to at least choose the sessions you go to and sometimes maybe not need to wake up as early as the people who are there on the ground.

Indeed, most of the days start at 7:00 AM and don't finish until 7:00 PM with very little of a break in between. But, of course, the people who have signed up for this know exactly what to expect, and hopefully, they will be able to also share some insights as to what to expect in the sessions that they will be running. The working group sessions –there are many of them here – and also the RALO sessions, the Regional At-Large Organizations that will meet face-to-face.

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The first thing that I should advertise to you is the At-Large ICANN 51 Workspace. This is connected to the agenda of this meeting and that actually is a master page of all of the activities related to Los Angeles. We've got the meeting agendas that are all linked to that page on a daily basis. Then we've got the action items which we will be looking through at the end of that week in Los Angeles. We also have all of the meeting reports that members of our community that attend meetings outside of the At-Large meetings will be filing. We've got the participation in the leadership training programs, and Sandra Hoferichter who has joined us will be speaking to us a little bit about that.

We've got a page for the remote hubs. This is something that's pretty new, having remote hubs. Several of our At-Large Structures have applied to run a remote hub with the local meeting that you will be able to follow the proceedings taking place in Los Angeles, and have their own local conversation and feed in to the discussion in LA by remote participation.

There's a lot more information on that page that I've just advertised to you – the LA Venue Map, the PowerPoint template for people who have to make presentations in Los Angeles. You've got a template that's here that you can make use of.

We've got those Essential Questions Workspaces that we fill before we have meetings. For example, the Los Angeles Global Stakeholder Engagement Questions Workspace is there. The questions with the Board, the questions for the GAC etc. That's the master page.

I now invite you to look at the first day of our meeting in Los Angeles. So, scrolling back, going to Sunday, the 12th of October, 2014. By that time, we'll still be very happy. Some of us might be tired from the travel, but this is nothing compared to what's coming up during the rest of the week.

One thing to note at the moment when you look at the agenda is that we have translated them in French and in Spanish. Since the agendas have just been finalized, the column in Spanish and the column in French are not correct at the moment. We'll concentrate on the left-most column which is the one that is in English and that's the only one that's working at the moment. We should have the translations pretty soon.

I note that Heidi is on the call – or Gisella actually. How soon should we expect the Spanish and the French translation on these?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Hi, Olivier. This is Heidi and we expect them within a week or right prior to the start of the ICANN meeting.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay. Thank you, Heidi. That's great. We'll have them by the time that the meeting starts. Now we can get going.

The first day of course is the Sunday. We'll be starting at 9:00 AM, which isn't too late, and it's not too early either compared to some of the other days of the week. The morning of the Sunday, we usually have a number of people coming to visit us. Now, on this occasion, I just spoke

to Heidi regarding a possible shuffle of our Sunday because I hear that Fadi Chehadé and Sally Costerton might not be able to make it in the morning and might make it in the afternoon. The timings are approximate at the moment and don't make an issue of them. But the people that we're seeing, we will actually be seeing.

Heidi, I know you just put your hand up. I gather you were about to say what I just said. Is that correct?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes. Thank you, Olivier. No, I was actually saying that Sally has confirmed that she will be there for the part of her session and her vice-presidents will be there for the entire session, so that should be okay. Theresa has confirmed now, so we're just waiting for Fadi for the morning sessions.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay, fantastic. Thanks very much, Heidi. What we usually do is to start the week speaking to Fadi Chehadé, the President and CEO of ICANN.

There we go. If we undo the sync, are you able to look through, Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON:

Yes. Thank you. All good now.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much. So coming back, we start with the meeting with Fadi Chehadé for about half an hour. That really is the time when we

can first listen to what he has to tell us from what's happened since the last meeting that we had with him. Of course, he will have plenty to speak to us about knowing all the topics that are there.

Then we'll have a discussion with Sally Costerton and her full team of Global Stakeholder Engagement Regional Vice Presidents. As you know, they started out with one and two regional VPs and now we have one for every region of the world. On this occasion, we'll actually start with the Australasia and Pacific Island representative Save Vocea. He's usually the one we do last and he never gets a word in, unfortunately, since the number of questions that get asked in this session is pretty good. We'll introduce the Regional VPs to say a few words about what's going on in their regions going from, I think, in reverse order on this occasion.

But we will also be asking questions. I just mentioned earlier, the Global Stakeholder Engagement Questions Workspace has the questions that we will be asking. There are actually four questions in there. The questions are as follows:

The first one is asking what is being done to make ICANN accessible to global end users? Like a reduction in acronyms, clearer concise language in publications, etc. The questions are all, by the way, sent in advance to Sally Costerton and her team, so she will have answers for us when we meet with her.

The next question is how does the GSE (Global Stakeholder Engagement) team identify gaps in stakeholder representation and how does they act accordingly. We'll have to rewrite this one. This is not

proper English. Sorry. “How do they act accordingly?” That’s the second question.

The third one is with reference to the ATLAS. That’s the At-Large Summit Declaration Recommendation 12. That’s a recommendation that asks for ICANN’s current plan for communication to raise awareness and expand education programs across underrepresented regions. We ask a question that asks specifically this question to Sally and her team.

Then with reference to the recommendation 21 of the ATLAS II Declarations, the question is how can ICANN and At-Large effectively work with Global Stakeholder Engagement and ICANN Communications Teams to engage and implement an ICANN-specific program that meets this proposal?

These are the four questions and we only have half an hour with Sally and her team. Actually, we have more. We have 45 minutes. Sorry. That should be able to give us plenty of time to speak to her.

Then we have a coffee break, and immediately after that, we have Theresa Swinehart who’s the Senior Advisor to the President on all matters of strategy. Theresa is pretty much in charge of the IANA Stewardship Transition process and also in charge of the ICANN accountability process. These are two very hot topics. In fact, you’ll see throughout our weeks schedule that you will have plenty of time to discuss these issues. On this occasion, she will speak specifically to us about the ICANN accountability and transparency activities.

As you might or might not know, there has been a lot of push and pull between the community, the Board, and ICANN staff on the setting up of this accountability process. It's a full accountability review of ICANN that is needed in the forthcoming months. You will have seen some of the announcements to ask for observers, to ask for people to join mailing lists related to the accountability process, etc. So, it will be good to ask for a status update from her and then ask the potent questions that we will have at the time. No prescribed questions in advance. This will really be a full interactive discussion – 45 minutes on that.

Immediately afterwards, we have a meeting at that point with Chris Gift who's the Vice President for the Online Community Services and also with Steve Allison the product manager for ICANN.

Why are we meeting them? On this occasion, we will be speaking about the status of the At-Large Website Update. Yes. Yes, indeed. We have been so used to having a website that is out-of-date and obsolete and finally, after so many years, there is an enormous amount of work being done at the moment.

Steve Allison has been working with Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Anthony Niiganii and myself to basically build up on all of the interviews which were undertaken a few years ago, all of the needs of the At-Large community and Steve is now working with contractors and with website designers to build a new website.

It will be really a fantastic opportunity for us for 45 minutes to see, to have the first view, the first wireframe as they call it, of the At-Large Website. They are hoping they can get a first wireframe ready by then.

Hopefully, they might be able to get maybe a few screenshots or some visuals for us to provide our feedback. Us being pretty much everyone because this website is for the At-Large Community. This is not just a ALACs thing. That will be a great moment to be able to provide very early feedback and certainly very helpful for Steve Allison and for Chris Gift.

Immediately after that, we'll have an update on the GNSO Review with Larisa Gurnick. She is the Strategic Initiatives Director and, a name that you know, Matt Ashtiani, a Strategic Initiatives Manager now. They'll be able to speak to us about the GNSO Review.

Alan Greenberg, could you just provide us with two words on what this GNSO Review thing is, please?

ALAN GREENBERG: It's happening.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's all. It's happening?

ALAN GREENBERG: You asked for two words.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, maybe more than two words then.

ALAN GREENBERG:

There are cyclical reviews that are done periodically. They used to be done every three years. They're now done every five years. The GNSO is, I believe, the first on the cycle, which means the ALAC is coming eventually, and the process has started. They're doing a self-study to start with and so is the input from anyone who cares.

There is a questionnaire you can answer about the GNSO if you would like to influence the outcome on how this is done. So far, very few people have answered it. The date has been extended until I don't remember when – I think the end of October. Anyone who cares about the GNSO may well want to put their opinions in. Exactly how this will unfold, I'm not 100% sure. I believe they will be engaging an external consultant to do a review once the initial self-study is done. But I, to be honest, have not kept up on it in great detail. It hasn't been the highest priority on my list. But it is ongoing and there will be a session on it at the meeting sometime. I could probably tell you when, but I don't remember offhand.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much for this, Alan. I have a question for you on this. How does this affect end users?

ALAN GREENBERG:

Well, one could imagine. This is not supposed to be at this stage a revamping of the structure of the GNSO. But presumably, if something major comes up with that regard that could be one of the outcomes.

We have claimed for a long time that users should have and not just registrants, which is what it is right now, but real users should have not only a seat at the table but a voting seat at the table. Clearly, that has not been the case. The last review completely changed the structure of the GNSO, but still restricted it to registrants. To what extent the various non-contracted parties choose to reflect interests of users in addition to registrants clearly is their prerogative. But there is no mandated representation at the Council, and certainly I and others believe there should have been. Conceivably, this could be an outcome of this study. Probably not, to be honest. But it's certainly something that we would want to raise.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Alan. The other question is: is it possible for At-Large members to take part in this GNSO review or is this purely a GNSO affair?

ALAN GREENBERG: No. As I said, they welcome input from anyone.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: There's a difference between input and a difference between part of the – I mean, is this as a working group? When the ALAC conducted its review, it had an internal working group of volunteers and so on.

ALAN GREENBERG: Olivier, the working group came about after the report was issued. We're way far before that at this point. This is a preliminary phase before the formal review starts. The GNSO is doing effectively what was originally conceived of as a self-study, but they are accepting input from others as well. We're way before the stages that ALAC went through of implementing the outcome of a review.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Alan. So effectively, the GNSO review currently is being undertaken by I gather staff or the GNSO Council itself?

ALAN GREENBERG: The GNSO Council. One of the counselors took responsibility working with staff to put together what is essentially a self-study.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you. We'll have just 15 minutes as a quick update as to where they are, where they're going, and how soon they will be soliciting further input and perhaps even involvement.

ALAN GREENBERG: That soliciting is going on at the moment though.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks. I gather it will still be open by the time we meet with them?

ALAN GREENBERG: I believe it has been extended until passed the meeting, but I'd have to check on the date.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Perfect. Thanks very much for this. There's a hand up from Heidi Ullrich.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, Olivier. Thank you. Just really quickly, the ALAC Review is going to start its initial activities by the end of the year around December. So Perhaps since Larisa will be there and Matt, that might be just a good chance to talk a little bit about that as well, if there's time.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's great. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Continuing on that long, long day and we have barely reached the lunch hour by that time, should people still be alive by then, we then have a lunch break which will be helpful to recharge, replenish batteries. For that occasion, we'll actually have a proper lunch break.

Immediately after lunch, there is an Academy Working Group – Next Steps. As you know, the second instance of the Leadership Training Program will take place before the ICANN meeting in Los Angeles in the

week just before the meeting. We'll hear from Sandra in a few moments about this. The session there will basically be providing the ALAC some feedback about the Academy and also include an explanation of the difference between the Academy and the Expanded Academy Working Groups. There's a whole nuance between the Academy Working Group and the Expanded Academy and the Leadership Training Program etc. Anyway, we'll have Sandra in a moment speaking to us about this.

Immediately after that, we have a meeting with Ashwin Rangan who is the Chief Innovation and Information Officer. We actually have half an hour with him. He has started working – well, maybe not that recently, but we've met with him on one occasion. I think the ALT has met with Ashwin on one occasion.

It's time for the ALAC to meet with him specifically because one of the recommendations of the ATLAS II called for a more integrated policy development system that would do all sorts of things and help with volunteers being able to manage all this flood of information that comes through their mailbox and be able to really work on a topic-based system. Earlier this week, there was a call of one of the working groups with a follow up of the implementation of ATLAS II recommendations.

I know Dev Anand Teelucksingh was chairing that. Do I see Dev here? No. Dev isn't with us right at the moment, but he has put in several action items for the working groups to prepare and speak with Ashwin when you meet with him and bouncing ideas off.

Oh, Dev is back. Dev, do you have the ability to say just a couple of words on our meeting with Ashwin. What [inaudible] be asking for?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. Are you hearing me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, absolutely. Please, go ahead.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thanks for that. One of the key recommendations coming out from the ATLAS II was regard a policy management process system. It was the view of the thematic groups, and of course now the ALAC and At-Large, is that our current policy management process is broken. Broken is a strong word. Let's just say it has not kept up with the times of integration and social media.

There are several aspects in which the system can be improved. What we're going to be doing during that discussion is at least highlight some of the flaws that we have noticed with the policy management process system. Often, it's a very manual process. Whenever translations appear from Language Services it appears silently on the ICANN's policy website. There are so many ways in which we think this can be better improved.

I could go in to long details as to our current system, but I think that's a short summary of it, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's great, Dev. Thank you very much. Very helpful. I think it will be a very good meeting with Ashwin. He's very approachable person. I would say a next big step for At-Large participation in ICANN if we are able to move forward and work with him on this topic.

Everyone across ICANN is complaining about the overload and much of the overload is due to management of information. The dreaded 200 e-mails in your mailbox when you turn your computer on. When you just think, "Well, look. I don't have the time for that," and you want to delete the whole thing in one go. Thus missing out on discussions etc., particularly difficult for volunteers. They're not paid to read our e-mails. This is all time that's taken off. So, it'll be a good meeting, hopefully. After that, we'll have a coffee break that we'll need to wake us up.

I note that Heidi has put her hand up. Is that an old hand or is this a new hand? You might be muted, Heidi Ullrich. I'm not hearing you. Okay, is anyone hearing me?

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Yes. We can hear you.

RON SHERWOOD: I'm hearing you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Ron. Everyone's hearing me. Heidi's not hearing me and she's frozen with her hand up. We'll get back to her as soon as she falls away. There we go. She's gone. Let's continue.

After the coffee break, we'll have a meeting with the SSAC with the people that we've seen in the past, Patrik Fältström, the chair of the SSAC, and Jim Galvin the Vice-Chair of the SSAC.

I don't see Julie Hammer with us today. No. She's not on the list of people. She'll be running that part of the discussion.

The SSAC (Security and Stability Advisory Committee), they've had a number of additional what they call FAQ Advice. There are documents that they publish that deal specifically with the security and the stability issues related to ICANN, the DNS, etc. We'll have a good update on that.

Last meeting we had half an hour in London with them and we really outrageously ran out of time such was the intensity and the interest in the discussion. On this occasion, we'll have one hour and I know that we will have plenty of things to discuss. Some of it may be with the transition of stewardship and the IANA contract, but a lot of it also with regards to domain names and this whole category I domains. The whole thing of having [inaudible] name certificates, probable domain collisions, etc. There's an update on this and it will be very good indeed to see the update and to speak to the people who are in charge of this.

After that, we will have two hot topics. The two hot topics are related, actually. The first one is ICANN Accountability and Transparency, and the second one is the NTIA IANA Function Stewardship Transition.

The primary reason for having these two on the ALAC Meeting is to have a follow-up on what we had heard in the morning from Theresa Swinehart and also for the members of the working group that deal specifically with this topic to share some of the issues and some of the points.

As you know, the ALAC has got two people on the IANA Coordination Group. We have Jean-Jacques Subrenat and Mohamed El Bashir. It'll be a good time for the ALAC to really find out what's going on and where we are today. It will be a good time for Mohamed and for Jean-Jacques and of course for the other members of the working group to be able to listen and see what points we should try and focus on. These are two huge issues.

Rather than cramming everything into one single session, we've scattered some sessions a little bit here and there around the week including a full ALAC session on Sunday, but also some working group sessions during the rest of the week.

Finally, the last thing that we're doing on that day is just a wrap up where I'll be going on my knees – probably not on my knees, but I'll be asking for members of the community that are present in Los Angeles to also go to other sessions out there and be able to report to us on what's happened in the sessions. That's just our Sunday and it's taken over half an hour to go through.

I was going to ask if there were any questions. By the way, if you have any questions, just put your hand up at any moment. It's probably

easier than having to wait to the end of a full day to ask questions having to scroll back.

We can now move to Tuesday. What am I saying? Monday. Sorry. Monday starts very early. It starts at 7:15 with a meeting of the ALAC with the Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group. The reason for this is the meeting was supposed to take place on Thursday, but things were moved around and the time was taken up by ICANN-wide sessions Thursday. This was plugged at the only time we had left which was that early in the Monday morning.

Two big issues to discuss with the NCSG, the IANA stewardship transition and the IANA accountability processes. The reason for this is because the NCSG also has some representatives on the Coordinating Group. They also have a working group that's a mix of these issues, and so there could be some lining up of points and ideas between the NCSG and the ALAC.

Just also to remind you, there is an informal ad hoc small working group between the NCSG and the ALAC that is in place. It doesn't have a mailing list or a Wiki page. It just has a quick Skype channel. Informal, as I said, and it's a good quick back channel between the NCSG and the ALAC.

After that, the President's ceremony. As you know, there is singing and dancing and things that we usually have at the meeting. There's the President's ceremony.

Then there is a high interest topics from the supporting organizations and advisory committees. We'll pass over this as well. It has not been

announced yet. The high-interest topics themselves have not been fully announced. There's still some discussion among SO, AC, and stakeholder group chairs to find the topics to discuss.

Then, there's a meeting of the Cross-Community Working Group to develop an IANA Stewardship Transition proposal on naming-related functions. That's again, a public meeting of the working group.

Then, there is a high-interest session topic 2 – All Things WHOIS. I think a lot of us will be interested in going to that session as well. As you know, we have a working group that deals with WHOIS issues. But we also have had some members that were in the Working Group that designed a new directory services systems. Is it Next Generation Directory Services I think it was called and then another high-interest topic.

That takes us all the way to 16:30 and that's an update on the next round of the new gTLDs. However, because we have just so much to do, some of our working groups are going to be meeting around that time. The Metrics Working Group will be meeting from 15:00 to 16:00 and for this, I think that we might wish to have Cheryl Langdon-Orr take us through that.

I know that we're not going through the agenda by going in to all the ALAC meetings first and then all the Working Groups presentations, but it probably is easier [inaudible] for this working group to Cheryl for this session. You have the floor, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you very much, Olivier. My phone is sounding a bit rattly. Is it okay for you all?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: You sound fine.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Fine. I'll put up with the rattle at this end then. Not a problem. The agenda is in front of you all and I just want to make it very, very clear. Obviously, there's a little bit of administrivia in terms of welcome, attendance, and review of last meeting, but the majority of our 40 minutes of our hour is talking about and going to be working in more of an interactive session on working towards harmonization metrics and main performance criteria across the regions.

To that end, it would be extraordinarily important if we got to do with recommendation number 43 from ATLAS II. It would be extremely useful to our subcommittee if we could have as many non-Metrics Working Group members on the call. This will be an opportunity to quite literally use pretty sticky papers. We've colored dots and squares of Post-It notes and work on building consensus on a number of the things that we've already identified as key performance criteria.

I think the major thing from my perspective as chair of this working group is to make sure everyone understands this is very much open. It will have remote participation and we would seriously value input from any At-Large, or indeed interested person, as well as regional leaders

and ALAC members who can join us. I think that's enough from me then, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Cheryl. I just realized, of course, we're going through the agendas on a day-by-day basis. Our own call agenda was calling for looking at all of the ALAC sessions first and then going through each of the working groups. Maybe it's better just to go through the day-by-day a bit more chronologically. Otherwise, we'll be jumping pretty much all over the place during the week.

After the session on the metrics, we have back-to-back sessions – again a clash between an overall ICANN session, the ICANN Accountability and Governance Cross Community Group meeting. That's the group that is just being formed at the moment which will have both members and also it will have some observers. It's a little bit of a messy one and we don't know how this is all going to turn out. There will be a meeting on that process between 16:00 and 17:15 local time.

Simultaneously, we'll have the Capacity Building Working Group and that will be led by Tijani Ben Jemaa. Tijani, could you say a few words about what you are looking to achieve on that session?

Tijani, you might be muted. Have we lost Tijani? There is nothing from Tijani so far.

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisella Here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Gisella?

GISELLA GRUBER: Tijani is not muted on his end, so he should be able to speak.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. He appears to have a technical issue with Tijani's line. If you could please check with him. We will continue in the meantime. As soon as we hear from Tijani, we'll be able to go back to the sessions back to back. In fact, somehow, gotten halfway through the Capacity Building Working Group session, there's also the high-interest topic 3 new gTLD update.

Tijani, did I just hear you?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: You hear me now?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Now we can hear you. Go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. In LA, we will have the Capacity Building Working Group [big] topic meeting. It will be focused on three main issues.

The first one is the follow-up on the ATLAS Capacity Building program. What worked, what didn't work, and what can we do to make the upcoming webinars of the capacity building session work better.

Then we will develop a general program for the upcoming year and it will be centered on RALO feedback because we are asking the RALOs about what they think will be the most important issues that the ALSes needs to have the Capacity Building for, and also to be done according to the ATLAS II surveys, since we had the survey and we know the topics that were provided by the ALSes. Finally, we'll include the hot topics [and the discussion] now before the IANA transition and the ICANN accountability.

The third main issue on the agenda will be the follow-up on the ATLAS II recommendations implementations. I don't know if you know but we have two recommendations that were assigned to us to the Capacity Building Working Group. The [inaudible] already gone about that and working on LA we will try to finalize that . We don't expect that you will have the follow up done by LA, so perhaps we will present a [inaudible] to the Board. Those are the main—

There is another issue also that I want to discuss in LA which is specific actions for specific requests. We already received the request from one RALO about a series of webinars to transmit the notice the RALO received [inaudible] from AfriNIC to the other members of AFRALO. So, here's one specific action for a specific request. I hope that we'll receive other specific requests so that we can serve the community. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this update Tijani. As you know, capacity building is very important for us to be able to grow our membership base. If you are following remotely, you're extremely welcome to take part in the discussions that will take place then. It really requires input from everyone, not just the few people of the working group itself.

I forgot to mention that all of the calls, all of the meetings of At-Large are open. If you see At-Large Capacity Building Working Group this is not a meeting that is restricted strictly to Working Group Members. And because it's geared as a face-to-face meeting, it might actually be a good time for you to just listen in and think, "Hey, maybe this is something I might wish to be involved in and to help out with."

Partly simultaneously with this, there is the high interest topic 3 – The New gTLD Program Updates. Also simultaneously, immediately after the Capacity Building Working Group finishes, We've got the At-Large ATLAS II Implementation Taskforce. That was a taskforce that was set up after the At-Large Summit to take all of the recommendations that were included in the ATLAS II Declarations to expand on them and to implement them.

Some recommendations go to the Board, some are going to the ALAC, some go to other parts of ICANN, some go to the At-Large Community. Wherever they're going, they need to be implemented or they need to be expanded and that's what this group will be doing. It has already started, as you've heard already from a few people. The Implementation Taskforce has already assigned some of our working groups with some work to come back with some expansion, some feedback.

The importance of the meeting on the Monday is that there will be the At-Large Summit follow up will be a major discussion in our meeting – the meeting of the ALAC with the Board the next day. That taskforce will be effectively synchronizing all of the feedback that it has received in order to be able to speak to the Board the next day.

After that, the At-Large New gTLD Working Group. For this, on the call, do we have Evan Leibovitch on the call for the New gTLD Working Group?

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: You do. I'm not on Adobe, but I am here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. Evan, you have the floor to tell us a little bit what the New gTLD Working Group will be looking at when we meet face-to-face in Los Angeles. Evan?

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: Thanks, Olivier. We're going to be focusing on two things and now a third has been put in front of us.

The first thing has to do with the issue of public-interest commitments within the current round of TLDs. This has been a long-running issue within At-Large in that the concept of public interest commitments which was a fairly late addition to try and alleviate concerns that the GAC and that we had a vote. TLDs for sensitive strings – that is strings that could be manipulated that have public trust issues such as financial

industry, health industry, and so on. The TLDs in these sectors should have additional safeguards to protect public trust. The current picks that exist are deemed by both the GAC and by At-Large to be far from sufficient. There's ongoing work to try and either strengthen them, or in the case of some ideas that have been put forward in our community to actually replace them with something called Public Advisory Boards. That's one of the issues that is going under.

The other that is being discussed is the noise that's going on within ICANN right now about creating a new round of TLDs. This is more than just mumbling going on. This is a significant discussion within some parts of the organization. There's a concern within At-Large that we have not seen the fallout to the consequences from the way the first round was handled from doing a second one without taking any time for a breather to analyze what happened. It could potentially just be piling on one set of problems on top of another set of problems.

There's also concern by some members of our community that want to have – if there's going to be a second round that it should be limited to community applications from those in developing economies as a way to catch up based on deficiencies that we saw in the first round. So those two things, the public interest commitments and the issue of future rounds of TLD applications are the two main ones.

We are also going to be looking at those components of the ATLAS that have an impact on the work of the TLD Working Group. That's it, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Evan. That's the end of our Monday 7:00 PM. I wasn't kidding when I said we start at 7:00 and we finish at 7:00.

On the Tuesday, should people still be living by that time, we have the At-Large Accessibility Working Group starting bright and early at 7:00 AM. For this, I hand the floor over to Cheryl Langdon-Orr.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:P Thank you, Olivier. Again, this is an open meeting. We are somewhat disappointed with the early hour because that often for working group meetings which are not the same as highly motivational to join. I can imagine people may be more tempted to be having their breakfast than joining us.

But I do want to make it clear, it is an open meeting and we would very much like to have anyone and everyone who's interested in the accessibility issue to join us. Again, this is going to be very much a hands-on breakout session meeting. The agenda, which I can't scroll to yet, is in front of you. If you have opinion or interest in the topic, it's an ideal opportunity to be engaged in the breakout sessions.

What we have done and if you are joining us, it would be nice to have taken the time to just go to the site, the page linked from our agenda, which shows the key objectives that we are currently working on. We are putting them into a set of orders which are analyzed in a number of ways. We're looking at how smart they are – simple, measurable, achievable, timely – not cleverness, what sort of [SWOT] analysis can be done on them and also a set of rankings that are currently being done online, which gives them a priority on short-term and long-term

objectives, how long they will actually take; and indeed, how generally important they are to the work of our committee. So we will be hands-on again with pretty-colored pieces of paper and flip-charts. We look forward to having more than just the usual suspects in the room. Thank you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Cheryl. And of course it is an early time, but it's a very important topic. Just one question: because it will be a very hands-on session, how is the ability for people to participate remotely?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Aha! As you know, we are also very keen to make sure that barriers to participation are as minimal as possible. I'm not sure that we will have transcription running as a live module, but that would be ideal in the room. But [inaudible], we will work with the technology we have at hand and tweak it. Glenn McKnight is part of our working group and he's going to come up with a clever way that we can actually share what goes on in the breakout session, at least visually, and I will certainly be giving auditory blow-by-blow descriptions on what's going on.

So we'll do our best operating with the tools we have that's available, recognizing that it is a working group session and we're not going to break the budgetary bank on things. But we'll do our best to be sure that the Adobe Connect rooms are as loaded as possible with video feed-out from what we're doing.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Cheryl. So immediately after this meeting, we have an ALAC meeting with the Board. And as I mentioned earlier, the two topics have already been set. The first one is discussion of the ATLAS II recommendations and observations, and the second is a question to the Board. It might be a yes or no answer. Who knows? The question is does the Board of ICANN believe that ICANN itself, the institution, is a stakeholder in the IANA stewardship transition proceedings and the accountability process? We might expand on that and say how and ask Board members to expand a little bit on this.

Next, 10:00. Thirty minutes after the end of the meeting with the Board, we start ALAC Work Part I, and first with an update on different working groups. There will be first an update on the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Transition of U.S. Government Stewardship of the IANA Function. Yes, yet again.

And then immediately after that there will be an update on the At-Large Working Group of Future Challenges. For this, I think we could just have a quick word from Evan on what we are to expect on this. Evan Leibovitch?

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: Thanks, Olivier. I will keep it quick, because essentially the agenda for the Future Challenges group typically tends to be fairly wide open. We are broadly addressing the issue of ICANN [inaudible] specifically as it relates to public trust. There is talk about possibly doing a white paper that will contribute overall. The intention is not to duplicate other efforts, but to try to take a bird's eye view of this, a high-level view of

the whole issue of ICANN's accountability [moves] and public trust and to try and make At-Large proactive about this rather than just reacting to the various things that ICANN tosses at us. So that's in a general sense what the agenda is.

There will be some materials presented to help drive the discussion, but that's basically it. We try not to have too rigid an agenda to [drive] what we do. Thanks, Olivier. That's it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Evan. Back to you again for the New gTLD Working Group. You had spoken about this a little bit earlier. Effectively, will that just be an update on the working groups' work that will have taken place on the Monday or earlier?

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: Not necessarily, Olivier. There's a possibility that the group may actually come out of this wanting to propose a motion or ALAC action later in the week. So it's possible that [inaudible] time may be used either for drafting or consideration of specific action to go forward that week.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Evan. And then, after that, there will be an IDN update. That's Internationalized Domain Names update with Sarmad Hussain who is the IDN Programs Senior Manager, and [Jia-Juh Kimoto], Business Intelligence and Program Management. As you know, the Internationalized Domain Names are being rolled out and there are still issues with regards to variants, with regards to number of topics. It's a

good time to have a quick update on this. It's only 15 minutes, but it will be very interesting, indeed, and important for our regions. Bearing in mind, the IDNs affect all parts of the world.

The Compliance Update afterwards is taking place for a half-an-hour. Maguy Serad will be joining us to provide us with details of what the ICANN Compliance department has been up to.

I think we should ask specifically that Maguy takes us again through some of the web pages, transparency that the updates – web pages about their activities. Since one of the recommendations in the ATLAS II is specifically for compliance to enhance its transparency and provide maybe more detailed reports.

After that, we'll just have a discussion with the 2015 NomCom – that's the Nominating Committee – leadership with this year's chair, Stephane Van Gelder. And we'll have last year's chair, Cheryl Langdon-Orr. We'll also have the 2015 associate chair.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I'll still be the chair at that time. I don't self-destruct until the end of the meeting.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, Cheryl. Thanks for this. We'll make sure we'll be far from you when we self-destruct.

And then after that, we have, for the RALO meetings, LACRALO will be having a monthly meeting, and for this, I might ask just for a few words

from Alberto Soto I believe who is on the call. What's LACRALO going to be speaking about?

ALBERTO SOTO:

Thank you, Olivier. The aim of this meeting is to continue working on our analysis so far. We have made quite good progress within our Governance Working Group. We hope to have the Metrics Working Group comment period open by the time we get together. We also aim at amending our procedures or Rules of Procedure, and we are also aiming at amending our operating principles.

We have modified or changed our meetings. We now lay more emphasis on capacity building and we try to hold two 20-minute sessions per meeting. On this occasion, one of the topics to be addressed will be the IANA transition. We have a working group devoted to this topic and our guest speaker will be Rodrigo de la Parra who will be speaking about synergies within our region. Those are the highlights of this meeting. Thank you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much for this, Alberto. It's good to see RALOs having their own discussions about the hot topics and also forming views. It's also good to see that there are advances with regards to these overall bylaw changes, etc. And I know that all of the RALOs are now looking at their own bylaws as well, and there is some good discussion also at secretariat level.

Now, immediately after this, at 14:00 the ALAC is meeting with the GAC. That's 2:00 PM the ALAC will be meeting with the GAC. I have had an exchange of e-mails with Heather Dryden who is the chair of the GAC. We have proposed questions, topics to her and she has come back. And so these are, for the time being, the questions that have been agreed on.

Topic 1, Public Interest Commitments and GAC Category 1 Safeguards. The question will be asked as follows: "The GAC leadership has discussed this topic with the ALAC at previous ICANN meetings. The GAC communique has made recommendations with regards to Category 1 top-level domains. What follow-up activity has there been with regards to these domains? Are GAC members concerned by the current mixed message regarding the public interest that the public interest commitment 6 appeared to have a very basic part and it's part of the Registry Agreement (Specification 11) and one unclear part that some purport to be voluntary. How could the compliance and the dispute resolution procedure be strengthened to better serve Internet users?" That's the first mutually-agreed topic.

And the second one is the IANA stewardship transition. That, we'll just be taking stock. The reason for it being that the GAC has not yet had a chance to discuss the IANA stewardship transition as a group, and so it is unlikely that it will have any kind of concerted formulation as to what their positions are by the time the ALAC meets with them on Tuesday. So taking stock is a very broad term, just saying we'll probably be sharing what the ALAC has done in this topic and how we operate and perhaps the GAC will be interested in finding out more and seeing how they could operate themselves.

Now, I have notes. Aziz would like to speak. Is that for the AFRALO session or immediately?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Olivier, [inaudible] saying for the AFRALO AfrICANN meeting.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Aziz. We'll be coming to that shortly. So in the afternoon of Tuesday, we have a full afternoon on the transition of U.S. government stewardship of the IANA function. The ALAC will be meeting first with the Address Supporting Organization, Address Council, and the Address Supporting Organization, Number Resource Organization.

Then it will be meeting with the IANA Coordination Group. We are, with the GAC, the only two groups in ICANN that are going to have a separate session with this worldwide IANA Coordination Group, bearing in mind there are people from the IETF in there, the Engineering Taskforce, all the Regional Internet Registries. Also the International Chamber of Commerce, members of ISOC, etc.

It's an important meeting there. It will be interesting to have a full interaction with the Coordination Group. And then, immediately afterwards, the working group that deals specifically with the transition of U.S. government stewardship of the IANA function will be meeting obviously following up on the discussion that they just had before that. And in the evening, should we all be awake, there's music night.

Now, we go to Wednesday. It's taken a long time to reach Wednesday. And on Wednesday, we have a lot more activities for the Regional At-

Large Organizations. First, in the morning again at 7:00 AM, the RALO leadership will be meeting with the At-Large Leadership Team. We're going to be discussing – well, first, there's going to be a quick discussion with David Olive, the director for policy development in ICANN. And then we will have an extensive discussion on the Regional At-Large Organizations and the metrics.

As you might know or as you might not know, the At-Large, starting from the chair of the ALAC all the way to the ALSes is engaging to a system of metrics to find out how well we are doing. This has all to do with accountability of the people that the ALSes elect in their RALOs, the accountability of the people that the RALOs select in the ALAC, etc. We all have responsibilities. It's the metrics [inaudible]. So there's going to be a discussion on how this whole thing is going to work together, and certainly how RALOs can do their [inaudible].

After that, APRALO is having its monthly meeting [inaudible]. Maybe I can ask Siranush to tell us a few words about the APRALO meeting. Siranush Vardanyan?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we can. Go ahead, Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So APRALO will be holding [inaudible] meeting in Los Angeles and we have quite an ambitious agenda for it. We have several priorities set for the region to be discussed while we're in LA. The first point will be APRALO APAC Hub Pilot Framework, and this discussion started in London. And together with regional VPs, APRALO leadership has discussed the strategy for the future cooperation and priority areas for the region. [inaudible] based on the feedback and contribution provided by APRALO ALSes. So we are planning to finalize the strategy document and set the activities to be implemented to achieve those goals.

And APRALO regional [support] for focus areas, which are communication, languages, outreach, and capacity building. The strategy document will be prepared based on these focus areas.

The second topic we are going to discuss is the result of CROPP program, first time used by APRALO members for participation at [inaudible] and discuss the outcomes of our participation and how we can improve in future usage of CROPP program.

The third point and the important one also is outreach, how we're going to encourage the current members of ALSes and how to improve our outreach activities, especially in the areas where we don't have any ALSes.

And the final point will be discussion of ATLAS II recommendations, the 28th, 29th, [inaudible] recommendations will be discussed and we're planning to come up with a set of activities on each recommendation to be shared with other RALOs and At-Large community.

That's all for APRALO. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Siranush. Immediately after the meeting of the APRALO monthly meeting, there is an At-Large policy roundtable. That is set in two parts. The policy roundtable has been a very successful format of inviting speakers from others parts of ICANN and having them discuss specific topics in an open forum. We usually have it on the Monday. On this occasion, it's been moved to the Wednesday morning and there are two topics.

The first one is the privacy and proxy services. That, of course, ties in with the WHOIS discussions, which we will have heard from on the public meeting on Monday. But also, the privacy and proxy registration discussions that have been taking place in the Generic Names Supporting Organization. So there's quite an extensive discussion there with privacy and proxy services.

The second panel is about AlterNIC and it monitors DNS. The DNS is one of the many – well, maybe not many – one of several different parts of ways to address things on the Internet, so we will be looking at the policy and updates on services that do not make use of the DNS like CORE, for example, like BitCoin.

And also looking at [inaudible] way to use the DNS, a slightly different way with programs. New gTLD with a different approach. We've got someone coming in from the company behind the programs.

And then a discussion also about those second-level domains. Would they be offered to the consumer? How abuses and disputes are addressed, etc. Second-level domains being the domain that is a

geographic domain at the second level, like co.com. It would be “co” being Columbia.

Now, after this – and I apologize for going through this a little bit fast. I realize we are running out of time as well. After this, there is the NARALO monthly meeting. Garth Bruen unfortunately is unable to take us through this, but Glenn McKnight is here. So Glenn, could we have a few words please on the NARALO monthly meeting?

Hello? We cannot hear you, Garth. Sorry, Glenn. Glenn McKnight, are you able to speak? Okay. So Glenn has not got [inaudible] yet. Okay, let’s move on then. We’ll come back to you for the NARALO monthly call. After the NARALO monthly call – in fact, not after. At the same time as the NARALO monthly call there will be an At-Large IDN Policy Working Group meeting.

I mentioned this a bit earlier in our call, the universal acceptance of IDN top-level domains. An update on the root zone label generation rules project. That, of course, will be picking up from the information you will have received from Sarmad Hussain earlier in the week.

Then we have from 12:30 to 14:00, that’s around lunchtime, an At-Large Regional Leadership meeting. That’s where the different RALO leaders and secretariats will be meeting together to discuss performance metrics and the rules of procedures, which we touched on earlier today. And also touching on the CROPP program (Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program) and the activities between the RALOs and the Regional Internet Registry.

After this – yes, it’s a very long day – the AFRALO AfrICANN joint meeting. Tijani Ben Jemma is here. But I see Aziz is on the call now. Aziz Hilali, please give us a few words on what the AFRALO AfrICANN will be addressing on this occasion.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you. You have the agenda at hand. We have organized a joint meeting within AFRALO, AFRALO members, and AfrICANN which is the entire African community. So the agenda for this time, which is the main subject, we have proposed to approach on Wednesday at 2:00 PM will be the IANA transition and ICANN accountability [inaudible] by the African community. We’d rather speak of accountability than responsibility in this domain.

Olivier has been invited as ALAC chair. We have Adiel as chair of AfrINIC, Pierre Dandjinou, the VP for [Africa] and Tijani who’s the VC for AFRALO. Sorry, Mohamed is the AFRALO vice chair.

So we have already started working on the introduction of the topic and we expect to be able to present the draft statement at the meeting as usual. Then we’ll discuss it, amend it as necessary and adopt a statement, and then we shall discuss each RALO recent and upcoming activities as usual. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Aziz. And the work of AFRALO with AfrICANN, [inaudible] in every ICANN meeting, it’s great to see the tradition

continue and the work continue from meeting to meeting because the topic there being very much a hot topic, so great to see that.

Now, I hear that we have Glenn McKnight back on the call. So, Glenn, you have the floor to let us know about the NARALO monthly meeting. Glenn McKnight?

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Hi, good morning, everyone, or afternoon or evening. The first session that was originally going to be chaired by Garth — unfortunately he will not be there at the 7:00 early morning meeting. The dominant part of that meeting is the result of the RALO chairs meeting the night before on Tuesday evening. And so David Olive, the VP on policy, will be speaking to the group and giving a synopsis of the meeting before and actually dealing with other policies, as well.

The second thing is we're going to be dwelling into the RALO and metrics issues that have been touched upon as well, and then lastly is the next steps. And that's the early morning breakfast, so a nice breakfast for you to get a great day started and then followed by the APRALO meeting.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much for that, Glenn. So that's for NARALO. Jumping further down again, after the AFRALO and AfrICANN meetings from 16:00, so 4:00 pm to 5:30, the ICANN Academy, and of course that will be a follow-up on the activities of the Leadership Training Program that

took place the week before. Sandra Hoferichter is with us. Could you give us a few words on this, Sandra?

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Hello, Olivier and all. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we can hear you, Sandra. Welcome.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: As you mentioned already, our first agenda point will be a review of the second Leadership Training Program. For participants of this Leadership Training Program, it's mandatory to participate in these sessions. Apart from providing feedback through filling out a survey, they will be invited to give an oral feedback during that session, as well.

This helps the working group and staff, of course, to develop a program and draw the conclusions for possibly and hopefully next edition of that Leadership Training Program.

The second part, we get an update on the online learning platform, which is now called ICANN Learn. It's already accessible on Learn.ICANN.org, and we will get a short overview on the possibilities on this learning platform. I think it's a very useful tool, especially for those RALOs who are running individual or regional capacity-building programs across. You really have a lot of possibilities to use this tool for your [inaudible] for the program that you want to run.

The third part will be a review of the scope of this working group and an outlook of if this working group is still needed, because at the moment the activities of this working group are limited to the Leadership Training Program only, but originally we had a much broader scope. But for this, we need more support from the community and also from [staff side], and I hope we can discuss this during that session, and find the solution or find the conclusion on how to proceed with that working group. Everybody is invited to participate in that working group. I would be very happy if I see many of you and those who are participating on the Leadership Training Program, please come to that session and see if [inaudible] for the community. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Sandra. We look forward to having the feedback from the participants of the second year of the training program, and of course that will start before everyone else is even in Los Angeles. Great thing to see a new year of Leadership Training Program.

Glenn McKnight, you mentioned that you had not touched on the NARALO meeting. If you can think about this now, please give us a rundown of the NARALO meeting that will take place. Glenn McKnight?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Great, thank you so much. Sorry about that, folks. My phone died on me, so I missed a couple minutes of the dialogue. But we'll have our normal monthly meeting, which is normally in the second week on the

Monday, but we've moved it to correspond to a face-to-face meeting here.

We're going to be looking in detail on the ATLAS II recommendations and the actions taken by the RALO for discussion and, as in the morning, the performance metrics issues across the board will be the second item. Our particular cross-RALO discussion will be looking at the ROPs in particular going and looking at the AFRALO Rules of Procedures and LACRALO and APRALO. One of the discussions we've been having as a RALO, the adoption of which other RALOs have done as a vice chair position, so that's going to be one of our discussions at the meet. We also will have an Ad Hoc Working Group presentation on the IANA Transition issue.

Number five, the RII activities. Number six, we'll be talking about how we're approaching the FY15 CROPP program, what programs we're going to and how it's fitting in with the outreach strategy.

The other thing that's not on here is other business, the actions we're taking to look at a MoU with ARIN. ARIN is similar to RIPE in other locations, so I know that other RALOs have created an MoU, so that will be one of, hopefully, the updates of the business.

Okay, thank you. Back to you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Glenn. Looking at this day, it seems to never be ending. It continues with the Future Challenges Working Group from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. But please note that this works in parallel with the

ICANN Academy Working Group. What you might wish to do is to actually be in one meeting and listen to the other one remotely, or be in two meetings at the same time remotely by having the session open on each side. And, believe me, folks, it can be done. I've not done it, but I know of someone who did and who still does very regularly.

The Future Challenges Working Group — Evan Leibovitch, could we have a few words on this, please?

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: Thanks, Olivier. To save time, I'll just refer to the words I said earlier on about the group, so not much more to add.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you for this. After that, we have the Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program, the CROPP. That's a process which has managed to get a lot of our ALSes and ALS members and also regional leaders to go out to local meetings to try and get more At-Large Structures signed up to perform outreach.

Dev Anand Teelucksingh will be running that show, or should we say, that session. Dev, a few words on the CROPP, please, and what will you be addressing in Los Angeles?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thanks very much. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, go ahead, Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you very much, Olivier. The At-Large CROPP meeting on Wednesday will be looking at a review of the At-Large CROPP procedure, which has changed for FY15, for fiscal year 2015. And one of the things we'll be looking at is to see how this could be better explained so it could be shared with RALOs so that the RALOs themselves can use this program more effectively.

Another part of the discussion will be to have a review of the RALO reporting from what has happened with running – the experiences CROPP and other things that worked or didn't work. Then one of the things we'll also be discussing is the ICANN staff in charge of the CROPP program have relieved and released an administrative report for what happened in the fiscal year 2014. They made some observations, one of them being that – one of the concerns expresses that approximately for this year and for possible future rounds of the CROPP program that the purposes, outcomes and goals be more quantitative rather than qualitative.

We'll be looking at and discussing that administrative report, and looking to see how best we can, moving forward, try to address some of these concerns in the administrator's report. I think that's the summary of what we'll be discussing on that meeting. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Dev. After such a long day, we will have the NARALO Outreach event. Now, part of it will be broadcast live as if it had remote participation but of course it will be a lot better to be there yourself.

So I'm not going to expand too much on there. We have the luck of having Jacqueline Johnson, the Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians that will be coming to speak to us. And a bit later there will be a hoop dance with introduction by Laura Taylor and performance by Derrick Suwaima Davis, who is a world-known incredible hoop dancer. It'll be very good to have all of this recorded, and I think we'll cherish the recording of this for many years to come, and that finishes the Wednesday.

And so we have the Thursday, officially the last day of the ICANN meeting, where as I mentioned earlier, the schedule has been moved around a lot, so there are a lot of public sessions on the condition of stewardship of the IANA function, on the accountability issues, large sessions. Of course, there's the public session in the afternoon, and the Board meeting. Therefore, the ALAC has had to split its wrap-up meeting into two parts.

An early part in the morning, again from 7:00 to 7:30 for the action items, then we have 45 minutes with the Country Code Names Supporting Organization. It's going to be a very high-octane meeting, because we have to touch on a number of issues in such a short amount of time with the ATLAS II Declaration follow-up and also the shared IANA and accountability issues.

As you might know or might now know, the ccNSO – or rather, the country codes- have four seats on the IANA Coordination Group, so that’s quite a number of seats. But some of them are allocated to the ccNSO. Some of them are allocated to non-ccNSO members because some country codes are basically not members of the ccNSO. It’s a complex one here.

I know Maureen is there. Did I go through this well enough, or would you like to add a couple of things? Maureen Hilyard, our ccNSO liaison?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Olivier. No, I think you’ve basically covered it all. It is interesting about the ccTLDs that are not members in that there has been a lot of discussion about their involvement and some consideration in their involvement in the actual representation. But I think the agenda is actually pretty clear. [inaudible]. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay, thank you very much for this, Maureen. I know from the queue that Glenn McKnight wanted to speak briefly on Wednesday night, but we are somehow running out of time, and Alan Greenberg was also in the queue. Maybe should I just ask Alan? You have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG:

I just wanted to note that the 7:00 breakfast meeting, I had suggested that the time and the announcement make it clear that breakfast will be available before 7:00, or we will end up not accomplishing any work in that half-hour meeting. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you for this, Alan. So, the breakfast should be served before 7:00 on the ALAC and Regional Leadership Wrap-Up.

ALAN GREENBERG: May I request the schedule reflect that, please?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Right, we'll get back to deal with it. Thank you.

Afterwards, the accountability at lunchtime from 12:00 to 13:30, the ALAC and Regional Leadership Wrap-Up has its second moment with any of what we call ALAC action. As you know, it's the end of the year, the annual general meeting. We're going to have a new chair. We're going to have a chair going away, we're going to have a new Board member and a Board member going away. So we've got some time to devote to the Board member who was selected by At-Large from 2011 to 2014, Sébastien Bachollet, where he'll be able to reflect on his time on the Board, and perhaps give us some advice as to where he sees ICANN is going, etc. And of course, we'll be able to ask any questions that we want to ask him on his tenure.

It's worth noting that Rinalia Abdul Rahim will be with us the next day during the At-Large Leadership Team meeting, and we'll be able to speak for an amount of time and get us to find out what her plans are on the Board. As I mentioned, public forum and the public Board meetings take place in the afternoon of Thursday.

Then, finally, on Friday, should we live to reach that day, I think a lot of people will be very, very tired indeed, but the ALAC Leadership Team will be meeting from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, meeting with David Olive, with Steve Crocker, with Rinalia Abdul Rahim, as I mentioned just now, and then also looking at what the next steps are, looking towards Marrakech, next steps for the ALAC course, next steps for AFRALO, since the Marrakech meeting is in fact hosted by At-Large Structures from AFRALO, which is really great to see. And then we'll have half an hour discussing the ALAC strategy development, probably a follow-up on the ATLAS II implementation, etc.

But of course, that will all be run by Alan Greenberg, who will be moderating this since Alan will be the chair at the time. Alan, do you wish to add any more to my quick summary on this?

ALAN GREENBERG: No, but as I already noted, I'm reserving the right to change that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you, Alan. If you do change it, try and make the morning meeting a little later. I would really appreciate that.

ALAN GREENBERG: Not likely to happen.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I have to ask — sorry, Olivier and Alan, I've got to ask. Alan, is your right to reserve to change the fact that you're going to change the agenda possibly, or the fact that you want to change being chair, now you've listened to all of this [fun] for Los Angeles?

ALAN GREENBERG: No, I meant the details of the agenda. Obviously I have little control over the visits that are scheduled with other people, but I have yet to consult with new ALT, which I don't know who it consists of yet, to decide exactly what it is we're going to be speaking about.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I had images of having gone through all of this with everyone in LA, and then [inaudible]. Okay.

ALAN GREENBERG: Just the details of the parts that are not completely out of my control. To be honest, I did suggest that Olivier chair that meeting and I take over afterwards. That was rejected.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's correct, Alan. And that's because I was put at the deep end. And at least you're getting some advance notice about — you have an agenda at least. I was given an agenda when I started. But anyway, let's move on.

We are at the end of this call. Are there any comments or questions on this? I know that there will be a lot of comments probably now saying, “My goodness. That is such a long week!” That’s also a long call. It took us more than an hour and a half, just over an hour and a half, to go through the whole agenda for the week. Cheryl Langdon-Orr?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you, and I’ll stop giggling. I just couldn’t help myself there. For the record, I didn’t necessarily want to be identified with that last comment. Right, I just wanted to mention that on the Monday morning we are expecting but we’re just sorting out sponsorship for the usual Women in DNS Breakfast and for any wonderful women or brave XY chromosome owners who want to breakfast in a sea of morning beauty, we will be posting the details and having an update stuck around the place for everyone to find. We will be having our breakfast on Monday morning.

With the opening ceremony creeping earlier and earlier towards dawn, of course, it compresses the opportunity for meaningful networking and breakfast meetings. But one will assume that if we start at 7:00, we will have people out the door and heading across to the opening ceremony with at least 15 minutes or so to spare. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much for this announcement, Cheryl, and I’ll now ask Heidi Ullrich if she has anything to add on those agendas, or Gisella as well, since Gisella has been working very hard to put those agendas together.

GISELLA GRUBER: Olivier, Gisella here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead, Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER: Just a reminder for all those who are with us today and who are hopefully listening to this recording post-call if they were not able to attend, we will be sending out meeting invitations to all the working groups meeting in Los Angeles as well as the RALO meetings with all the details as well as — very important — the link to attend remotely.

Now, the remote participation information is posted on the main ICANN schedule, and I'm posting the link now in the Adobe Connect chat. It currently doesn't appear on there, but it will appear on the schedule, and staff is always at the community's disposal to assist with any dial-up and to make participating remotely easier for them.

Also a reminder that even during the ICANN meeting, please always refer to the At-Large Wiki page agendas or the updated version. Any timing, any meeting agenda points, the Wiki page is the most up-to-date schedule as the main schedule is already closed. If there are any changes to the main schedule, it may not reflect on the ICANN schedule that I've just posted in the chat.

I don't have anything else to add. Heidi, do you have anything you wish to add?

[Silence]

GISELLA GRUBER: Olivier, we may take that as a no.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much for this, Gisella. I put one more link on the chat – just a reminder link – which is a link to the At-Large activities in Los Angeles. As Gisella said, these are up to date. The main schedule is always out of date for some reason. I guess it's because things change at the very last minute. So I thank you all for being on this call.

We will be paying a lot of importance to having remote participants in Los Angeles, because it's important to be able to not only have the people around the table discuss the matters, but also people around the world who are not able to come. And of course we will be paying much attention to the remote hubs, as well. I'm not sure. I haven't got a full list of the hubs that will be operational. Do any of the staff know of the operational hubs we will have or not?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I've asked Cory from IT for an update on which ten of the hubs that applied will be the ones selected, so I will let you know as soon as I hear back.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you for this, Heidi. And so with this, before I close the call, I have to thank the interpreters on the Spanish channel Sabrina, on the French channel, Camila. Yes, only one person per channel today, so well done to you. It has been probably pretty hard, so thanks. And with this, I therefore adjourn the call. Looking forward to see you all either online or in Los Angeles. Goodbye.

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