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TERRI AGNEW: Good morning, good afternoon and good evening. This is the AFRALO taskforce outreach for African, for more African representation in ICANN leadership positions, on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2014 at 14:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have Fatimata Seye Sylla, Mwendwa Kivuva, Barrack Otieno, Mercy Moya, Seun Ojedeji, and Tijani Ben Jemma.

I show no apologies.

From staff we have myself, Terri Agnew.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much and back over to you Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you. I have very strange voice, I have a cold. Today only have major items in the agenda, to discuss the strategy document that Barrack has sent. And I already made some remarks on it. I don't know what do others think about it. You have time to look at it?

Can you go to the strategy document? It has been loaded Terri?

TERRI AGNEW: Yes, I'll bring that up for you. One moment.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you.

TERRI AGNEW: You should be able to see it now.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Yes. I added, at the end in red, I believe you can do that. Just add some minor edits. I think I would congratulate Barrack for the work, Barrack, [you are also able to edit, I think?].

Can you go to the last...? Terri? Can you go to the last part of the document?

TERRI AGNEW: Yes, and you should... On the document, Fatimata, you should be able to move it yourself. Is that what you're asking?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay.

TERRI AGNEW: Yes. You should, everybody has the ability to move the document themselves.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. So I made some notes, at the end of the document, in red. I think it's under edit. I think we should go further in our recommendations,

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and even suggest an action plan, to be implemented [inaudible]. And to move the timeline we adopted during our LA meeting. Here, I think we wanted one more to be more [inaudible]. And if we could even put it like [inaudible], there we can put what, when, where, who, and [inaudible].

I think it would be much better. So that will be all practical, and [inaudible] to see what we're asking them to do. I mean, that's my view. What do you think?

Anybody?

What do you think about the [inaudible]? Or you think it's fine like this?  
Tijani Ben Jemaa.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Fatimata. Tijani speaking. I'm sorry. I didn't read the document, so I will not be very active during this teleconference, regarding the document. But I will [inaudible]...

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Okay. So the way the drafting committee present the document, Tijani, they, I mean, [inaudible] statement. So Barrack talked about how the idea of creating this [inaudible] came in, and also talked about what we would like to do, when [inaudible], how to request the [ALS?], [something we would like to be?].

And then we could [inaudible] through [AFRALO]. That [inaudible]... website, reaching out to the applicants, it is through this [inaudible]

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Barrack, I have a question for you. Perhaps [inaudible]... When you say, reaching out to the African community [inaudible]...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fatimata?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I don't think that the first thing we have to do [with the methodology?] is to refer to design, what [inaudible] they are meeting for.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yeah.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: It is important because, we do, on our outreach, we may have people interested in [inaudible], but it will not be the right [inaudible]... First of all, I think, we have to find [different files], and then, we have to go [inaudible], find all the [inaudible] with the mailing list, everything. And contact face to face, etc. But first, what we want, who we want to come and to apply for this [inaudible]...

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. [That's a good suggestion?]. To decide the profile, the profile is not...

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Exactly because...

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yeah, the profile, we're looking for... You know, each year. It will be each year, right? So for example, this year it will go [first?]. I agree that that is one place, this is [inaudible].

Okay. So that's one thing. So Barrack, you will add that to the... Okay.

And then, the [methodology] [inaudible] etc. etc. And I think, Mercy wants to talk? Okay, go ahead.

MERCY MOYA: Hi everyone. I agree with Tijani's contribution that we have to define the proper... of the positions that needs to be filled. [Inaudible] talk of all of the positions, of all the leadership positions in ICANN, or we have to first to consider the positions that needs to be filled before we go on to this defining of the [inaudible].

Because from my understanding, there are a number of leadership positions in ICANN, and I don't know if we have the capacity to define these roles of each leadership position in ICANN. Thank you very much.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, thank you Mercy. You're right. And this is why I think the document, should show you the leadership positions that are available

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for this year. And we go into ICANN's website to see what is required for. Tijani?

Tijani, do you want to speak?

Tijani?

TERRI AGNEW: Tijani, this is Terri from staff. Are you able us since we are unable to hear you? Oh, I see.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: He's saying yes.

TERRI AGNEW: And Tijani, I see your Adobe Connect is unmuted, and also your telephone is unmuted.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, do you hear me now?

TERRI AGNEW: Yes, we can.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, great. So, what I wanted to say, the positions are very known each year, so it's not a problem of defining the positions. As for our

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ability to define [to provide?] for all of the positions, I would think so, because first we have people who have experience in the NomCom. And second, because even for the GNSO, we know more or less...

Because, what are the positions? Typically if it's the GNSO, it must be a TLD, and this is not, I don't think this will be difficult to provide. You have to pick from this [inaudible]. If it is GNSO, we may know what is needed for this solution. But mostly, we are looking for the Board members and for the ALAC members, and those we know very well. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Tijani. Any more comments or input for this document? Well, I was reading something, because I have a question for Barrack. This is number two, reaching out to the African business community, [which is a question then?], to participate actively in the domain name business, to engage businessmen from other regions within the ICANN community.

[Inaudible]...for the regions. [Inaudible]... from the regions. Barrack, can you help me on this?

BARRACK OTIENO:

Hello? Can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

I hear you.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes Barrack.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay. Thank you. I was thinking, the fact that most of the participants in ICANN meetings are normally businessmen from within Europe, we could actually use the line to encourage the business community that we can come and work with their counterpart, as well as use the opportunity to participate in the various communities that are building their businesses, especially Internet businesses.

That was my thinking.

Does that make sense?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes. So you asking the African community to engage with the other regions?

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes, business associations within our countries. The ALSs can engage with the business associations within their countries to encourage, especially Internet entrepreneur, through actively participate within the ICANN community, so that they can be able to forge strategic partnerships with their counterparts in Europe.



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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Oh, okay. So you're talking about having them work with the other RALOs, other regions.

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes. [CROSSTALK] ...refresh the statement.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes. I know that you're talking about DNS business, I know that.

BARRACK OTIENO: Yeah.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I'm just [inaudible]... Okay. Thank you. Okay, so I'm going to read number six, methodology [inaudible] ambassador to regional meetings. This can be achieved through taking advantage of the CROPP [inaudible].

Number four, [item five] is to find qualify people in the African region. The focus is, would be done, after the work on the profile. But also, talking about the profiles. What do we have, the positions available? But also, when the NomCom launches the application, the call for application, they are specifics that we can use in order to leverage the needed profile. So that's something we can use.

So any other questions regarding methodology?

[Inaudible], Mercy, go ahead.

MERCY MOYA: I [inaudible] to point number two, on the methodology, with the possibility of... Hello?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes Mercy, we can hear you.

MERCY MOYA: Can you hear me?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes.

MERCY MOYA: Yes. I want to refer to point number two, on the [face?] methodology about the possibility of reaching out to the African business community with their view of encouraging them to participate actively in the domain name business. I think that might be tricky because for one to take up this position, they have to be like interested, to have the passion to do it.

So if we just, [inaudible] so that they can like, they can link up with the European business community, or business community from others, that they can, for their own benefit, not really for the benefit that we are seeking of getting more applicants involved in the ICANN leadership position.

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So we have to be careful about that, because there are many people can come with hidden agendas. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Yeah, thank you Mercy. But I think, if they're interested in [participating with] other regions, in the DNS business, anything that they need to be in a leadership position too. Because that's the, that's where the business community is taken. And that is where they need to be able to push for their meeting, and for what is likely to have ICANN to [inaudible], because the DNS is really the business of ICANN.

[Inaudible]... as Mercy was saying, be careful because if we're going [to invite] the DNS business people, the DNS business to come and link up with the other regions, it will be for their business, and not particularly to be involved ICANN leadership positions. And she was just asking to be careful about that.

Is it okay doing that?

Is it okay?

Now, I think it's even important for the business community to come [inaudible] because that would be a good motivation for them. It would be a good motivation.

Okay. Let's...

Okay. Most of you are okay with this now?

Okay, yes, Mercy, go ahead.

MERCY MOYA: Yeah. I didn't say there was a problem with them coming in to develop their businesses. Please get me right. But we have to make sure that [inaudible] expect people, that participate. Because sometimes, that's... in for the development of their businesses, failing to understand, like what we are seeking to achieve here.

So I was just advising that we should be careful on our selection. We don't want to end up with the wrong candidates. Then we go back to the drawing board, again. Go back to where we are right now. That's why I [inaudible]. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay.

Okay, thank you. I think we got that message. Thank you very much. And again, we would be just selecting potential candidates. We're just explaining to them that the work [inaudible]...

Okay. So, can we move on? Or is there any other...?

Okay.

So, at the end, I would say that we should go further. Barrack, [inaudible]...

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: ...end of the...

BARRACK OTIENO: Hello?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Barrack. Yes?

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Was this the end of the document? Because I just added that we needed to go further because it looks like this was the end. In our recommendations, as the most [inaudible] about what exactly we have to do. I mean, we have what in the methodology stuff. And who will then do it? How it will be done? When this is going to be done? [Inaudible]. Okay. I think we need to go further.

What the other drafting community think about it? Barrack, as the Chair of the drafting committee, what do you think?

BARRACK OTIENO: Hello?

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes. Yes, Barrack?

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes. Can you type again in the chatroom? My line is not very clear.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: You want me to read it?

BARRACK OTIENO: To type the comment in the chatroom, Adobe.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Have you seen what I wrote in the document?

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes. Yes.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, so that's what I'm talking about. [Inaudible]...

BARRACK OTIENO: I think it's okay. I agree with you. We can go by the timeline.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: So have you seen the timeline?

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Okay.

TERRI AGNEW: Barrack, it's from Terri from staff. Are you able to hear now? [Inaudible] just typing on the Adobe Connect is taking place.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I can hear.

TERRI AGNEW: Wonderful. So, Barrack, if you're done with your assignment, can we move to the next item of the agenda? I think it would be good to send to the mailing list, the different activities you won't to be involved in. You have like, four activities, with the website [inaudible]... recommendations. And designing for files [inaudible]...  
  
...the timeline, I think it would be good to share the list of activities you want to do, [with] people assigned to those activities, and you can send online what you do, we'll be sharing it with the first [inaudible], I think it would be wonderful.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: And the next meeting will be on Tuesday, [inaudible]. I hope by then, it will be finalized. At least the draft.

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Tijani [inaudible].

Mercy you fine with this?

Okay.

If everything is okay with everybody, I think I would just have to thank you all. It was a very good meeting, I think. I mean, we just need to keep it [inaudible], you know, shortening things, but good and [inaudible]. Thank you all. And I'll see you next week. Bye-bye. Thank you Terri.

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you...

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: And thank Gisella for organizing this for us.

TERRI AGNEW: I certainly will. And you'll want the next week, a Doodle sent out for being next week after Tuesday, correct?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Tuesday.

TERRI AGNEW: Oh, for next Tuesday.



FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yeah, for next Tuesday.

TERRI AGNEW: Great. We'll go ahead and get that taken care of as well.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much.

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you, and I sure will thank her. Have a good afternoon everyone.  
That does conclude today's conference call.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much. Bye-bye. Thank you Tijani. Bye-bye everybody.

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