
GISELLA GRUBER: Mercy Moyo has joined the English channel. We're now going to start, on Tuesday October 28th at 13:00 UTC. On the English channel we have Barrack Otieno, Kris Seeburn, Seun Ojedeji, Alan Greenberg and Mercy MOyo. On the French channel we have myself, Gisella Gruber. We have received apologies from Aziz Hilali and from Michel Tchonang. From staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Gisella Gruber. I remind everyone to please state their names when speaking for the interpreters to identify you on the other channel. Our interpreters today are Claire and Camila. Thank you Barrack. You have the floor.

BARRACK OTIENO: Thank you very much. I hope I am clear. I made some slight amendments to the Draft Strategy. Basically, by including a timeline, it fits in with the timeline, and an Action Item, as we had agreed in the last meeting. I hope we [unclear 01:43] room, so that we can hear feedback on whether it is as we had agreed. I was saying that I have come up with an updated version of the Draft Strategy document, which includes a section with a proposed timeline, as we agreed in the last meeting. Probably we can start by commenting on that. Am I clear? I can't hear anyone.

INTERPRETER: I'd just like to confirm that Barrack is still connected.

Note: The following is the output resulting from transcribing an audio file into a word/text document. Although the transcription is largely accurate, in some cases may be incomplete or inaccurate due to inaudible passages and grammatical corrections. It is posted as an aid to the original audio file, but should not be treated as an authoritative record.

BARRACK OTIENO:

I'd like to confirm I'm still connected. What I'm saying is we agreed in the last conference call to improve on the Draft Strategy document, and to include a section with a timeline, and also to ask the Members of the Working Group, those who are available to take up some different responsibilities. If you look at the new draft document, I hope it's been uploaded. You'll find that at the bottom I have included a draft timeline. In the last meeting we appointed Mercy and [unclear 04:58] to work on one or two aspects of the document, and the first item is creation of the first draft of the strategy document, which was due by the 20th of October 2014, which I did.

Then we agreed that we would identify Africans who would start on various positions within ICANN, so that we can use them as a motivator to those who want to apply for different positions. Mercy's submitted a draft document. Thank you very much Mercy for keeping within the timeline. The other aspect was to develop a website or a portal where this information, which Mercy has sent to us, will actually be put, including the profiles of various Africans who are sat in different constituencies within ICANN.

I think that to move forward in terms of developing the website or portal, we would need to get approval from the AFRALO Leadership. Probably this Draft Strategy needs to be presented in the next AFRALO meeting, to the AFRALO Leadership, and if they give it the go ahead then we'll actually proceed with development of the portal, which will take approximately one month. Mwendwa Kivuva agreed to work on this portal. We'll see whether we can get support from staff on this as well. The other item is outreach to the African Internet community. I have

proposed that we use the At-Large Structures, once the strategy has been approved by the AFRALO Leadership.

Probably it would take a month, considering that the next ICANN Meeting, which hopefully will be held in Marrakech, is coming up. We can try for one month to see. Finally, also sending Ambassadors to regional Internet meetings across the continent, using the CROPP facility. The suggestion that I had put forth in the updated strategy document is for instance if a meeting is taking place in West Africa then the ALSes that are in West Africa can send a representative to pass our message to the different stakeholders that are present in that meeting.

This should go on throughout the year, because each and every time there are open positions for Africans or members of the African community to [buy 08:00]. I think with that, I'd wish to invite any comments from colleagues on the call.

SPEAKER: Hello?

BARRACK OTIENO: You're breaking up, but...

SPEAKER: [unclear 08:37].

SILVIA VIVANCO: Barrack, I have a question regarding the points of the strategy. There is a point that requires, or it is suggested to create a website. Do you mean an actual website, or would a Wiki page be required to post the information to?

BARRACK OTIENO: Thank you very much. I think probably at this point I'd welcome suggestions from Members, because we're looking at a web interface that will be able to market the initiative. We're looking at Africans that are sat within different ICANN constituencies, with the Board or NomCom. We want to put their profiles on this page and encourage the local Internet community on the continent to refer to them, just to give them an idea of what's expected of them, and also just to show them what [unclear 10:43] are doing in their respective countries, and how they're contributing to the industry.

I'm not sure if a Wiki is the best interface, but I'd like to hear from colleagues on what they have to say about that.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: There is some connection issue on the French channel. Barrack is leading the call on the English channel. I'm connected on the French channel, because I didn't hear anything on the English channel, and now I don't hear anything on the French channel.

SILVIA VIVANCO: It seems we are having some issues with the French channel. I'd like to see if Tijani and those on the French channel, can you hear me? Can you hear the interpreter?

CLAIRE: Yes, Tijani says he can.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, thank you.

BARRACK OTIENO: I have managed to enter the AC room. Was my presentation heard?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Barrack, you are on the AC room.

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes. I was just asking whether everyone was able to hear my presentation well?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I can see it, and hear you.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay. I wonder if there is any feedback, because we were basically to update the draft document...

SILVIA VIVANCO: Just one more comment regarding the first point on the creation of a website. We are updating the At-Large website. An idea would be to add to that website and build one section with this information on the African leaders. That could be one way to do this and move this forward. Thanks.

BARRACK OTIENO: Perfect. That's okay. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Barrack, we can hear you. You can talk.

BARRACK OTIENO: I'm basically saying that if the Draft is agreeable to all Members, we will present it during the monthly meeting, before we can finalize it, before we can agree on how to implement it. Basically, what we have in the document are suggested timelines that we will approve once we receive more input from the Leadership and from Members. I have been advised that we can use the At-Large website, to include the section with Africans who have been participating within various ICANN constituencies. I think that's okay, because there's no need to reinvent the wheel if we have such a facility in place. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Barrack, please avoid to use the Google Docs. It's better to use our Wiki because we can do the same thing on the Wiki as on the Google Docs. We can work simultaneously, etcetera, but the Google Docs is not accessible for everyone, and not every one has the possibility to work on it, especially in our community. Please try to use our Wiki. It's much better. Thank you.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay Tijani. I'm sorry about that. I think the idea of Google Docs came in through the Working Group, probably it was an [overtime 21:58]. We will get the document onto the Wiki.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you.

BARRACK OTIENO: I don't know if Mercy wants to add anything, because she's a Member of the Working Group?

MERCY MOYO: Hello. I don't actually have a lot to add, but I just wanted to ask Members of the Committee if they have reviewed the list that I sent earlier this morning, of prospective Africans who can take up ICANN Leadership for this. If you feel there are any names that have been left out on that list, please feel free to add names to the list, and to list some

that you think are no longer active in the organization, because some of the names I got from the ICANN archive, and some of the publications date back to 1999 and early 2000. So maybe some of the Members might not still be active in ICANN. Thank you.

BARRACK OTIENO: Thank you Mercy. I think another Action Item, just for the Secretariat to assist us. Members to assist the Working Group in populating the list that has been prepared by Mercy, with names of Africans that have been participating in different ICANN constituencies, including the Board, since ICANN started. Mercy has done some, but we need more names.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Tijani, can you speak up?

BARRACK OTIENO: May I speak?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Please go ahead and lead the call.

BARRACK OTIENO: I presume we're on Item #3 on the Agenda. I suggest that if there are any comments to the Draft Agenda, we put it on the Wiki as we have suggested. We welcome comments for the next two days, tomorrow and Thursday. Then we can forward it to the AFRALO Leadership for

inclusion in the monthly meeting Agenda. I can see we are not having any more comments coming forward. Then we can move to the next Item, which is next steps.

SILVIA VIVANCO: A question regarding the calls. Will this group have a weekly call or every two weeks? What's the sequence, and would you need a Doodle to be sent out, and for which week? Thanks.

BARRACK OTIENO: Thank you very much. Currently we have been meeting on a weekly basis, because our last meeting was last week on Tuesday. Basically we wanted to conclude this as soon as possible. I suggest we maintain the same. Probably we can have another meeting on Tuesday of next week, just to get any feedback on the document.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. So we'll put it down for the same day, same time, next week. One more question regarding the list of Africa Leaders. Is there any idea of... Would you contact them afterwards, or is it just an idea of having a list of people? Or would there be a follow up with them to perhaps get some ideas or a brief summary of what they do, so that can help the other African Members to be more inspired? Is that a consideration of this Working Group? Thanks.

BARRACK OTIENO: To answer your question, I think it would be [unclear 30:08] that if any person is listed on the Wiki, he or she is informed that they're going to be listed on the Wiki, and also the purpose of their profile listed on the Wiki. I think this is something that we need to do, otherwise it can bring some challenges if they're not informed that the information is on the Wiki. In case we have any people who want to contact them in their respective countries, to know probably what they can gain or benefit by serving in the different ICANN constituencies. Then they can be able to do that.

Mercy? Probably this is one area we can take note of as an Action Item as well, because we need to contact most of these Leaders and tell them what we're trying to do, so we can get their support.

MERCY MOYO: Noted.

BARRACK OTIENO: I can see Fatimata has joined the room. Hello, Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello.

BARRACK OTIENO: Probably we can give an opportunity to Fatimata?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Barrack, I've been told that Fatimata is only on the AC room, so she's not on the telephone bridge, so she's not able to speak at the moment.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay. No problem.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Just one comment. I see that your comment regarding your objective to inspire people to participate in ICANN. This is just an idea from the Working Group to perhaps, once this list of Leaders is put on the Wiki page and later on the website, perhaps an idea would be to have perhaps a webinar with these Leaders and invite a couple of them to speak and give their experience about Leadership details and what that entails, the obligations, and the benefits, etcetera. That's just one idea that I'd like to share with the group for the next step for this Working Group. Thanks.

BARRACK OTIENO: Thank you. I think that is a good idea as well. Actually, just to add to your idea, because most of our ALSes are ISOC Chapters and they normally have their monthly ISOC meeting, it would probably be a good idea to see whether we can partner with the Internet Society, so we can use that opportunity to have some of our Members speak during the webinar to encourage Africans to participate within the ICANN constituencies. I agree that is something we should note down as well.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay Barrack. Thank you for that comment. I agree, because to only have a static list would not be enough probably. There needs to be a next step, which is to hear from those people and to see what they have done and how that can benefit Africa in general. That's a good idea.

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes. Hello, Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello Barrack. I see that you would like to close the meeting and go to Any Other Business? Is that right?

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes, that's what I'm trying to ask, because I don't see any more comments. Okay, thank you very much. I think we'll close the meeting. If there are no other comments, I encourage all of us to take a look at the Wiki. Is Tijani saying something?

CLAIRE: No, Tijani's not saying anything.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay. That's fine. I was saying that if there's no Other Business then we should adjourn our meeting until Tuesday next week at the same time. We can continue sending our comments to the Wiki. Thank you very much for attending this call. Let's talk again next week at the same time.

[END OF TRANSCRIPTION]