
AZIZ HILALI: Okay, let's start the meeting.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Good evening everyone. Welcome to AFRALO's Monthly Teleconference on Wednesday, November 5th. On the French channel we have Aziz Hilali, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Fatimata Seye Sylla. On the English channel we have Barrack Otieno, Mohamed El Bashir, Seun Ojedeji, Mistura Aruna, Yaovi Atohoun, Nkem Nweke and Said Mchangama. We have apologies from Beran Gillen and Hadja Ouattara. On staff we have Silvia Vivanco and Nathalie Peregrine. Our interpreter today is Claire. I remind you all to please mute your lines in the AC in order to present [unclear 00:01:04] and speak at a reasonable rate so that the interpreter can work properly. Thank you Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Nathalie. It's a pleasure to be here with you. Good evening everyone. I'm very glad to be here and begin our monthly call for AFRALO. We're going to begin as usual with the open public consultations. You have the link with all the open public comments that have been adopted by ALAC or ICANN. For the actual open public comments you have a link and you have the period for the comment and the end of the comment. There are currently three. I'm going to begin with the opening of country and territory. This consultation is pending on the Registrar Agreement to implement the political process of the registry service, to allow the registration and the [unclear 00:02:39].

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The second Item is about the process of inter-registry policy transfer, what we call in English the inter-registrar transfer policy. The PDP is reviewed by the ICANN Board. Here we need to do some statement on the 18 recommendations of the gNSO, and the deliberation of the PDP between registries before to be reviewed by the ICANN Board. The third item is the Report of the Working Group on the NomCom. I think it's the third meeting we're speaking about this topic. This is very important for ICANN and for us too. We need to do some comment on the work made by the DWT NomCom.

As you can see, the comment period has been extended until November 30th 2014, and the answer period has been extended too, until January 9th 2015, because of the interest showed by the community during the last meeting in LA. It's very important also for the future governance of ICANN. This Report of the NomCom, the DWT, it very important to generate some recommendations. These recommendations from the Report, the Report is proposing to increase the number of persons named by the gNSO and a reduction at the same time of the gNSO nominations, and the GAC representation also should be increased.

In summary of all of this, the NomCom side should go from 21 persons to 25 or 28 persons. I'm finished with the first Item, that is the public consultation. Do you want to add something about this Item, about public consultation? If not, we are going to move to the next Item. I'm going to give the floor to Barrack. We are going to move to Item #2. This is subject for information. Barrack, you have the floor. Barrack is our new Secretary from AFRALO and he's going to speak about the meeting.

BARRACK OTIENO:

I have a brief report about the ICANN Meeting that was held in LA, California. The meeting was quite exciting for lack of a better word, and there were a lot of activities that took place. Most importantly it's to note that it was just about [unclear 00:07:19] things; Jon Postel, [unclear] and so on, and so most of the people in the meeting actually took the opportunity to honor his contribution to the global domain name system. It was also interesting because the meeting was being held at one of the areas where the Internet was basically built. AFRALO participated in various ALAC Meetings.

We had an ALAC and Regional Leadership Working Session on Sunday, which was the first meeting and was moderated by the then outgoing Chair, Olivier Crépin-Leblond. Some of the highlights of that meeting was a discussion with the GSE, which was led by Sally Costerton. We got a brief of what is happening in different regions in the world, and we had presentations from the different Vice Presidents from different regions in the world. We also had a short discussion on ICANN accountability and transparency activities, by Theresa Swineheart, one of the Advisors to the ICANN President, as well as an update on the status of the new At-Large website, by Chris Gift, the Vice President for Online Community Services, and Steve Allison, the Product Manager of ICANN.

Subsequently there were various other activities on Tuesday and Wednesday. For the benefit of those on the French channel, let me post a report I've written, on the AC, and then I'll continue with my update. We also had a joint meeting on Wednesday, AFRALO/AfrICANN Meeting, which was addressed by some of the key Internet leaders from the

African continent. The meeting was chaired by our Chair, Aziz Hilali. Speakers included Olivier, the outgoing ALAC Chair, Sebastian Bachollet, outgoing ICANN Board Member, Adiel from AFRINIC, Pierre Dandjinou, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Mohamed El Bashir, and Fatimata.

Some of the highlights of this meeting is how we can be able to increase the participation of Africans within ICANN, and in particular constructive participation. This was also echoed in the African Strategy Update that AFRALO participated in. Some of the main issues that arose in the African Update Meeting was how as regions we can be able to collaborate and help grow the DNS in our respective regions. There was also a discussion on how to improve or strengthen the African strategy, and discussions were around creations of a Steering Committee or Group, to be able to review the changes made so far by the African Strategic Implementation Group.

The main highlights of most of the meetings that we attended were basically matters surrounding IANA transition. We had several updates and meetings that we participated in. Of course, this issue also featured immensely in the AFRALO/AfrICANN Joint Meeting, where we were looking at how Africans can participate in the process. Other activities that took place included outreach events by NARALO, which were very successful. Some of the officials from AFRALO attended that meeting. Some of them had to attend a .africa function that had been organized in LA as well.

Again, we had a meeting convened by the AFRALO Outreach Task Force. I believe we're going to speak about this. The idea was basically to look at ways of increasing African representation within the ICANN

Leadership positions. The outreach has been meeting and a separate report will be presented during this meeting. The next ICANN Meeting was to be held in Morocco, and during the Public Forum we had a presentation from AFRALO Chairman, who was also one of the key organizers from Morocco, Aziz Hilali, on the preparations they had made to host the next ICANN meeting, ICANN 52.

Unfortunately, as we've all seen on the mailing list, the meeting has been moved to Singapore. I suppose this is something that we will hear about during this session as well. In brief, these are some of the issues that took place, or some of the main issues that were discussed, in the LA Meeting. Emphasis once again was on the IANA transition, and for those who have been following the recent advance for the movement of the meeting to Singapore, you can see that the IANA transition issue is top of the list. For more detail, I will send the report. I've posted it on the AC, so you can read it there. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much Barrack for the work you've made. We are very satisfied to have such a good Secretary, who will be our focal point in AFRALO. I also want to thank you, you said the IANA transition will be the focal point in our discussion. We are going to speak about that. When you spoke about the 52nd Meeting, I want to give some more information about that. As everybody must know now, ICANN has published on its website the decision that the Board has taken that the Marrakech Meeting is postponed until next year. Instead of February 2015 it will be organized in February 2016, next year, from the 28th of

February to 4th March. It's true that it's a decision that has disappointed a lot of people in Africa.

Here in Morocco we have discussed this decision with all the representatives of the Department of the Government, with the different Ministries, and before taking this decision or announcing this decision, a lot of discussion has taken place between myself and Fadi and several representatives of the Moroccan Government. We've also had an important teleconference call with Fadi and the leaders from Africa about that problem. I can't give you all the details of the discussion, but during the teleconference Fadi told us that the only reason to not organize a meeting in Africa is because the Board has decided the meeting will take place in February 2016, and on the Moroccan side we've informed ICANN of our opinion.

We were really sad and thought there was no reason to postpone this meeting, that is to say on the security level, and on the health of the participants. The Board decided to take that decision and we've declared that we respect the ICANN decision and that we hope that the Singapore Meeting will be a success, and as African people we need to fight more. This is the experience I had personally about that issue. We need to fight more so our organization in ICANN can be recognized. We're all ICANN here, and we need to fight more so our organization will really be global and include this.

This is what I have to say about that. If you have some questions, I can answer, but we have a very long Agenda, so I'd prefer to move to the next Item. Fatimata is going to speak about the Joint Meeting, AFRALO/AfrICANN at ICANN 51. Fatimata, you have five minutes please.

you will need some more time for the next Item you'll present today. Fatimata, you have the floor. Nathalie, can you please check if Fatimata is still with us?

Okay. The topic, as you know, was about the transition of the IANA stewardship, and the accountability of ICANN. During that meeting, we needed to provide our opinion as an African community, and the declaration we made, the objective was to contribute to the actual debate and see how this transition is seen by our community. Fatimata is with us. You have the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

I'm going to take over from what Aziz was saying. This time we were better prepared for this joint meeting, better than before, because we made a consultation and we trust the declaration, and it was not only the AFRALO Members who participated in the trust, but also the Internet community from Africa in a larger meaning. We had less discussion, because everything was debated which was debated online, and the trust project, the Declaration trust, has been adopted without any problems.

Now, usually we send the adopted Declaration to ALAC and to the Board also, but I think that now we're represented in the ICANN Board – Yaovi's with us – and I hope that today, with the Vice Chair from Africa, we're going to be able to follow this Declaration and go on with our work. We didn't receive a lot of answers about that Declaration for now, a lot of feedback. I think I'm finished.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Fatimata. You're right. We were well prepared, and it's thanks to you, because you managed all the work for this Declaration. You were chairing the Committee that worked on that. Thank you to all the Members of the Drafting Committee – Tijani, Mohamed, Barrack, Said, etcetera. I hope I didn't forget anybody. Olivier also, and Sebastian Bachollet, Pierre, Adiel. As you know, we prepared a tribute to those African men who retired – Adiel, who is finishing, and the other representative from Africa. Tijani is asking for the floor. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I have a question. This Declaration has been sent, and if it has been sent, who was it sent to?

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you for this question Tijani. We decided that after the AFRALO/AfrICANN Meeting we wanted to send it to the ICG, with Mohamed, and to the Board of ICANN. That should have been done.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. It's very important that we send this Declaration to those two groups, whatever the value of importance of this Declaration, those two groups are the most important. The sooner the better, because if we wait, this Declaration won't have any more meaning. Silvia, can you write that as urgent? We have to do that within 42 hours. We have to remind the responsible person to send the Declaration to the Board and the ICG.

AZIZ HILALI:

Okay, now we're going to move to the next Item. This is the Community Roundtable for ALAC RALO Chairs and ICANN CEO, President, and ICANN's Global Executives. It's the first time that we've had this kind of meeting. It was a closed meeting. The people who were invited to the meeting were the only ones to participate in that meeting. It was a meeting with the five Presidents from the RALO and the ICANN CEO. It was a very good debate, very useful, very sincere. As Fadi said, Fadi is the number two of the ICANN, and he said that we want to have the RALOs, and we think that the RALOs are playing an important function, so we want to ease their workload.

We decided that this meeting will take place during each ICANN Meeting, and we discussed the capacity building, we discussed the outreach activities of ICANN, the organization of the Leadership of ICANN, and the ALSes –to invite the ALSes when you organize something in your countries. Please don't hesitate. Try to invite ICANN Leaders to come to your countries. Every time they go to a country, the ICANN Leaders want to meet the local Leaders of the ALSes about AFRALO. I've asked for more help, for more support, for our AFRALO/AfrICANN Meeting.

I want people to ask for the impact that they've seen on the 12th Declaration we made as an African community. What is the impact of that Declaration? How can we enhance the capacity building and the opportunities for our RALO, including the different ways to include and to educate the ALSes on the governance topics? Any comments or questions? Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I just wanted to say that [unclear 00:28:03] advice of the CEO for the stakeholder engagement, this person is responsible for that, and is advising our CEO.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Tijani. Now we're going to speak about the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group, the ICG. Mohamed is on a plane in the sky, flying, so he won't participate in our conference call. If you allow me, I'm going to speak about that. As you know, Mohamed is representing AFRALO and ALAC at the level of the Coordination Group for the IANA Stewardship. The ICG. This group is representing the Working Group that's working on the stewardship transition for the IANA function to the global community. As Barrack said, ICANN, during the LA Meeting and during the three next meetings – Singapore, Mexico City and Dublin – we are going to discuss that topic.

The ground in which Mohamed is the Vice Chair, Mohamed has also made a call for proposals to receive four more answers and among the answers he's going to receive we are collecting all the proposals from communities, from individuals, from institutions, governments, etcetera – all the possibilities to make some proposals about this transition, about the operational relations with the IANA function, about names, numbers and protocol parameters. If there are no questions we're going to move to the next item, the CWG. Seun is the representative of this group for AFRALO.

I want to congratulate the young who have entered our RALO. Mwenda from Kenya, Seun from Nigeria – they're doing excellent work. We are

very happy to see those young people giving young blood to AFRALO. I want to congratulate them for their work. I'm going to ask them to represent their ALS as the AFRALO label. They've accepted. They're doing very good work. You have the floor, Seun.

HEIDI ULLRICH: We've just seen that Seun is disconnected. We'll try to get him back.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Heidi. We're going to give the floor to Seun as soon as he's back. Now we're going to speak about the Task Force on Outreach for more African representation in ICANN Leadership positions. This is Fatimata's initiative. I want to thank her for her input. She has organized a Working Group on that topic, a topic that we've been discussing for a long time in our group. I want to thank all the group, which is doing very good work. I want to thank them because AFRALO is taking a very good direction when you're speaking about the RALOs. It's very good.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Aziz. About the Working Group, [unclear 00:33:47] Leaders' participation, to encourage them to participate more from Africa. As you've said, we've worked in our Working Group – and I want to congratulate the Members of this Working Group – the Group is drafting a Strategy Document that we're going to present to AFRALO. This Draft is almost finished. Unfortunately, yesterday the meeting didn't take place because there were no Members participating in the conference

call. I hope that it won't be the case next week. We decided to work online to finalize a draft document that we'll submit to the Leadership from AFRALO. The date is the day after tomorrow.

We want to submit this document on that date. In this Strategy Document we're also going to implement a website and we're going to enhance or highlight the names of the African people who work within ICANN. We're going to explain the good parts and also the bad parts of working with ICANN. We're going to explain the positions that are open now, and we're going to speak about the interest for those candidates. I'm going to ask the group and the Members of the AFRALO that please, we have to work so as to submit this Strategy Document, so as to have a version accepted by AFRALO, because today we are on the 5th of November.

We only have three weeks left before the call for candidates will be launched for 2015, for next year. It's very important for us to work together, as is that our Chair asked us to work with the ALSes during the meeting. The ALSes can also give their opinions. We need to do that online, because we don't have a lot of time and we don't have time to discuss about every topic, but it's a very important subject for us, because we have seen that there were no African people. Now, there is some place for African Leadership. There are African experts who have the skills to be at these functions.

We need to organize something for African people to get those positions. About Yaovi, as Yaovi is with us, I think that maybe Pierre wanted to join us also, to know what we are doing – we're going to submit this Strategy Draft, to know what you, as Vice President from

Africa, what you can do to facilitate the activities that we want to implement. I'm finished. Thank you very much. If I've forgotten something, please, I ask the Members from the Group to complete it.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much Fatimata for your summary. Thank you very much for your good work. We've received a lot of email from our Africa colleagues about this ICANN representation from African Leadership. It's very necessary to have more African Leadership positions and more people. Seun is back, so I'm going to give him the floor. Seun, I know you want to make a comment about the ICG. I'm going to ask you to speak about the Working Group from the CWG.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you Aziz. The first thing I'm going to be doing is I want to make a comment on the ICG. I understand that Mohamed is not around, so it's not a question, it's just a comment for our region. The comment is perhaps one of the things that has been said on this call, and that's that we need more voices on these different discussion mailing lists, of the numbers, the names and the protocol parameters, especially the names and numbers. I'm going to paste in the URL for the numbers for instance, and also mention that the AFRINIC Meeting is being held on the 22nd of this month, and there's going to be a session for the IANA transition.

I encourage everyone who'll be attending that meeting, or even participating remotely, to try to respond on the mailing lists. There's a question that's been sent, some proposals that have been sent to the

mailing list, to try to contribute [unclear 00:40:33] now, so there's nothing like [unclear 00:40:37]. Let's just share our thoughts, [unclear] understand it, and let's educate ourselves. This is the African mailing list, so I don't think we should be shy of any of this. That being said, I'll quickly go through the main tasks that have been assigned to the CWG on Stewardship of the IANA transition.

The background information is that I was nominated as the AFRALO representative for IANA At-Large, to be on that Working Group. We've had five meetings. I'm going to post something in the AC right now, and then I'll use that to give some comments. Firstly, [the IANA is 00:41:54] the Charter [has been written] and of course there is the Charter for the Group. Also, [unclear 00:42:04] different Members of the Working Group. During one of our meetings, I think the first or second meeting, unanimously we agreed that we should split up the task into different Sub Groups, so that was done. There are groups that have been assigned. We have different Sub Groups.

We have Sub Group RFC 1, RFC 2.a, 2.b, 2.c, RFC 3, RFC 4, RFC 5, RFC 6. Each of these Sub Groups [unclear 00:43:08], while RFC 1, RFC 2 and RFC 2.b are currently very active, because they are actually preparing the working documents, they drafted the [unclear 00:43:26] CWG mailing list. I encourage anyone [unclear] to participate and to add comments. If there's any aspect of it that you'd like to make comments about, please do so directly to the mailing list, or even on our own African mailing list. Also, the different documents are currently in draft stage at the moment. One of the URLs I have posted in the AC room [unclear 00:44:14] information.

We're [driving 00:44:18]... Our next meeting [unclear] URL for the meeting. There is a webinar on the next meeting, on Thursday, which is the 13th. That will be our sixth meeting. We had a meeting yesterday, which was the 5th meeting, and in that meeting we were able to discuss the principles that we'll be working with, and we were also able to discuss other issues relating to the transition. Currently, that [unclear 00:44:57] our own region's concerns. The participation on that list, unless the [names] are not directly relating to the region, the participation on that list has not really [unclear] our region participation as much.

I really encourage that we participate, in particularly in that Working Group list. It's very, very important for us to join and participate. I see that Barrack and Mwenda have actually volunteered to also participate in that particular CCWG. I'd really encourage us to participate. At the moment, Group 3 is the group that's going to develop the draft of what the proposals are [unclear 00:46:14]. There's currently a very interesting discussion that's going on right now. I'd encourage you to try to join the discussion and put in our own thoughts into it.

It's an opportunity we have to get our voices heard, and it's important that after the [opening 00:46:40] we don't come back to say why we're not actually involved in the process, because the process is really open for us all to be involved in. I think I will pause now. I've already said my five minutes. I'll take any questions. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much Seun. I'm very satisfied with the work you're making. Thank you Barrack also. I'm going to repeat what I said. We're very happy to see those young people who joined AFRALO, because of the work and because of the [unclear 00:47:45]. Tijani is asking for the floor. I'm going to give Tijani the floor. I'm going to ask you if you want to comment about what Seun just said. Barrack, do you want to speak about that?

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes please. Thank you very much. I wanted to make a comment on the strategy. I'm not sure if you'd like me to make a comment on that or more on what Suen was talking about?

AZIZ HILALI: Please, about what Seun said.

BARRACK OTIENO: To speak about what Seun said, I think I've been following what is happening on the CCWG, and I agree there is growing frustration because people from our region and our community are really not participating constructively. If you look at the mailing list that is set up by AFRINIC, which is basically being moderated by Mwenda, you can see that I think last week there was only one proposal submitted by an Africa, and Adiel was encouraging many Africans to come up with some substantive proposals and not just dwell on the politics.

Yes, there is the political side of the IANA transition, but at the same time we're going to have implications on the [very public 00:49:53] of

the domain name system – and by that I mean the ccTLDs are going to be affected. For those who are following, we're aware that the African Strategy, or rather Pierre and his team, are really keen on growing the domain name business on the African continent. Actually, there is a meeting going on in Egypt at the moment, where they're trying to grow domain name system entrepreneurship.

The IANA transition is really going to affect how the domain name system will be managed in the future, and I think it's important that over and above just talking or saying what we don't want, we come up with written proposals that we can be able to defend, on what needs to be changed and the reasons why this should be changed. This is the approach that has been taken by the ccTLD through its representative on the CCWG, where we are trying to identify how the domain name system is...

Rather, what does the NTIA contract with IANA say with regard to how the DNS is going to be managed? It's being managed at the moment, and how is this going to change when the oversight changes? I think those are the key issues that I'd like to highlight. I wanted to make a comment on the strategy, if I'm given an opportunity. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Barrack for what you said. You are right. This is very important, as you said, and I ask everybody to share your information with us on the African list and send it to all the African community so we know what work is made, the discussion that takes place currently. As our CEO stated in LA, the eyes of all the world are on ICANN. It's a very

critical moment for us, so please improve the participation of the African community, because there are some people who are working, who are conscious of the importance of all that, so please try to share the information, try to ask questions and answer the questions that are on the African list.

Try to share it with all the region. If nobody wants to speak we're going to move to the next Item. This is the Community Regional Outreach Pilot Project, the CROPP. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

I'm not going to speak about the CROPP. I'm going to speak about the strategy for better outreach, for more African representation for ICANN Leadership positions. I'm going to speak about accountability and transparency, as a Member of the Drafting Group of the Charter of the Cross Community Working Group on Accountability. I'm going to begin with that, because it has to do with the Leadership positions and it's also to do with the supervision of the American Government on ICANN. As you know, ICANN decided to work on this IANA function and the IANA stewardship, and on the accountability of ICANN, that we can translate as responsibility or accountability in French.

There is a process that has been rejected by the community and then after the 2014 meeting in Istanbul, ICANN decided to open a public comment. That has been opened. The result of this public comment gave a new version of this accountability process, and now the CWG that has been created, of which Seun is a Member, now there will be a similar group that will take care of accountability. I'm a Member of the

Drafting Group of the Charter. We've just finished this Charter and we sent it to the Chartering Organization. They accepted our Charter. The SO and ACs will receive it. I think this group will be able to begin its work.

It's very important. It's about transition. It's not only transition of the IANA function. There will also be a question about accountability that is linked to this function, to this transition, that we have to decide before September 2015, and the Charter has been drafted and the group also worked on the ICANN accountability in general. We will have two tracks, two paths for our work – a track for responsibility and accountability before the transition, and another track for accountability after the transition.

Now I'm going to speak about the Task Force and about the outreach for more African representation in African Leadership positions. I think they're doing good work. The most important part of the Report is what was presented. I think the objective is not that one. It's to list people who are [fierce 00:58:11] and who can work in ICANN. This is what's important. Which persons are not very known in ICANN, or are known but are not working with ICANN – that those people will have their names in a chart that we're going to present, and this chart is going to be very important.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much Tijani. Alan Greenberg is asking for the floor. For those that don't know, Alan Greenberg is our new President. Welcome

to our teleconference Alan. Thank you for being with us. You have the floor Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much. It's always a pleasure to be on these calls. Just a very short note. Tijani was talking about the Charter for the new Accountability and Governance Group. There will be a note going out to the ALAC Announce List saying that the Charter is posted and we're looking for any comments. That note should be going out very shortly after this meeting. It will be open for about a week and then the ALAC will be voting on the Charter, to approve it. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Alan. Now we're going to move to the next item. This is the CROPP. Fatimata, are you still with us? If not, I'm going to remind you that it's a project implemented by ALAC for all the RALOs. According to the Bylaws, any RALO Member can ask to participate in this project, and the new part is that AFRALO and AFRINIC have signed an agreement and AFRINIC is organizing capacity building for the AFRALO Leaders. This will take place in parallel to AFRINIC, which will be organized in Mauritius from 22nd to 28th of November. I ask all the AFRALO Members who are going to participate to inform us of their participation, so we can be altogether organized and organize meetings together.

Those who have presented their request to participate in this, Barrack Otieno and myself, we have two days there. This is the CROPP's rule – three days and two nights. We've asked to participate. Pierre and Yaovi are the ones responsible for the stakeholders for Africa, and Pierre is the

VP for all stakeholders from Africa. They are organizing a meeting and I will represent AFRALO in this meeting. That will take place to present the African Strategy. As Tijani and Barrack said, to present the African Strategy we began two years ago. We'll see what we have. We'll be able to use this know-how for the rest of the AFRALO Members.

Do you want to take the floor? Do you want to ask questions? if not, we'll move to the next Item. About the CROPP, all the AFRALO Members can participate in the CROPP. I invite you to check on the webpage, to know what the conditions are to be able to participate. Now we're going to move to the next Item. That is an item very important for AFRALO. It's the review of the AFRALO Operating Principles. Tijani is the Chair of this Working Group. A lot of people are represented in this Working Group.

It is a very important Working Group because of the Members of AFRALO who are participating in this group, and I'm very happy about that. There are 40 or 50 emails circulating a week about the discussions on this review. Tijani, you have the floor. Please tell us where you are. Fatimata is asking for the floor. Tijani, can I give her the floor first? Yes? Okay, Fatimata, you have the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you. I wasn't able to speak before. I wanted to tell you that with regards to the CROPP, there is something very important, and I want to tell you about the AFRINIC Meeting that Tijani's going to go to. We want to do some outreach during that meeting for the NomCom. This is what I wanted to add about the CROPP. I want to ask all the AFRALO

Members to see the opportunities they have to do some outreach too. We'll do outreach. Please try to identify those events in which you can do some outreach too. There is an event in Dakar in which I'm going to try to participate. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Fatimata. Now we're going to give the floor to Tijani. Tijani, please tell us where you are in the Working Group about the Review of the AFRALO Operating Principles.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Aziz. My Working Group is working on a regular basis. We have a meeting every two weeks. We are discussing an item in each meeting. Our Members can think about this item during the two weeks and afterwards we try to take a decision and compile something. We've underlined two items – first an item on which we need to take a decision. This is the individual membership. The second one is the weighted vote, for which we've received a contribution. I think I'm going to be able to present something before Friday about that. I can tell you that this Working Group is a very active Working Group.

People are very interested, and even [unclear 01:06:33] with the [unclear] I think we'll be able to review all the Operating Principles. There are a lot. We have a lot of work. We have to work on a regular basis, and we can't lose our time. We need the discussion to give us some good results. Thank you. I'm finished. Nathalie, maybe we've lost Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI:

I'm here. I was muted. I was saying very nice things about the group, the group that reviewed the Operating Principles. Thank you very much. This is very important for AFRALO. This will be the basis of the future of AFRALO. There are a lot of proposals, a lot of ideas. I think it will give us lots of good results, I'm sure. There are some ideas on which I'm not really agreeing. That is for example the way we vote. I prefer to wait for you to finish with the individual membership, and then we'll see the next item – that is to say the weighted vote. There are no other comments?

We are arriving at the last Item. I'm going to ask our interpreter to give us some 15 minutes more. Okay. The next Item is the new ALS application. Barrack, please can you speak about that, or do you want me to speak about that? Barrack, you have the floor.

BARRACK OTIENO:

Thank you very much. I think I will speak. I'm just going to emphasize on what has been [unclear 01:09:14] from the training, as items of information. Basically, there is a new ALS application from ISOC Gambia. As you can see, the application suspended. I think it 's an [invalid 01:09:34] issue; waiting for ISOC Gambia to sort out some in-house issues. This is based on comments or instructions from ISOC. We've also received one from the Cameroon League for Development. I think a due diligence...

I'm not quite sure whether the due diligence has been received at this point in time, but as was expected on these, for DigitalSENSE Africa Media we can see [unclear 01:10:17] in terms of participating from

DigitalSENSE, of course regional advice as well still expected. We've seen some comments coming from the community on the same. The other is ISOC South Africa Gauteng Chapter and ISOC Rwanda Chapter. For the ISOC Rwanda Chapter the staff are waiting for additional information. For the ISOC South Africa Gauteng Chapter, regional advice is expected.

I think at this point I'd just encourage all the Members and all the ALSes that when this is processed, if you know anything about these organizations, kindly bring that information forward so we're able to make an objective decision. Again, I wish to stress that during the ALAC Meeting...

CLAIRE: Sorry Barrack. Aziz wants to take the floor.

BARRACK OTIENO: Thank you very much Barrack. I just wanted to complete what you said, because we need to take a decision about... I will tell you those on which we don't have any problem and on which we need to take a decision today. This is DigitalSENSE Africa Media from Nigeria. We've received the due diligence. Everything is okay. ISOC South Africa Gauteng Chapter from South Africa too, here we also have received their due diligence. Nathalie, please can you send me a message or take the floor about the ISOC South Africa Gauteng Chapter, if there is something else?

About the other one, ISOC Gambia, we are waiting for the advice of ISOC, because they told us that elections will take place in 2015, and they advised us to wait for these elections before taking a decision about ISOC Gambia. About Cameroon League for Development, Nathalie and myself asked those responsible for some clarification about their board. We're still waiting for their answer. Among the Action Items I'm asking Silvia to add that please, staff has to again ask these ALSes so they answer our questions. For ISOC Rwanda we have sent the due diligence. They are changing their statute. They were an NGO and they're changing this, so we need to wait maybe.

The first question I wanted to add was do you think that AFRALO can give the ALAC its advice to accept those two ALSes? That is to say, DigitalSENSE Africa Media Nigeria, and ISOC South Africa Gauteng Chapter from South Africa. What do you think about that? Can we advise ALAC to accept those two ALSes? You have the floor.

MWENDA KIVUVA:

This is Mwenda Kivuva from Nairobi. I have been following up on the issues of ISOC [unclear 01:14:33]. I saw that [unclear] policies and they have the regular meetings. The regional advice is probably to accept them within AFRALO.

CLAIRE:

Can you please repeat your name? I didn't hear your name. Can you please repeat it?

MWENDA KIVUVA: This is Mwenda Kivuva from ISOC Kenya. I was saying that we have no problem to [unclear 01:15:33]. We've been following up on how they've been doing their [unclear], and they should be accepted into AFRALO. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Please can you clarify, are you speaking about ISOC South Africa Gaeteng Chapter? I said we need to take a decision today. You agree, if we understand well – everybody is agreeing that we accept the DigitalSENSE Africa Media from Nigeria and the ISOC South Africa Gauteng Chapter. I have an okay from Fatimata and Tijani. Mwenda also confirmed he is okay. Tijani, Seun, Fatimata? Okay. Action Item, please, to send the AFRALO agreement for those two ALSes, and [unclear 01:16:51] the ALS that staff will continue to communicate with the staff, so as they answer the questions of AFRALO.

We're going to move to the next Item – that is written and upcoming activities of ALAC. If you agree with me, we already spoke about that. Maybe Tijani or Alan Greenberg have something to add to that Item. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, I have nothing to add. It was very well explained.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, thank you very much Tijani. Etienne, you have the floor, and then Suen.

ETIENNE TSHISHIMBI: Thank you Aziz. In the case of CROPP, the next meeting, which will take place, the IGF, there was a problem, so we won't be able to be there. That's what I wanted to tell you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Etienne. Yes, I know that. We can't explain why. I know that problem. I've been following that problem. For the next time, I've been asking for the rule, there is a form that you have to fill out and you have to fulfill some rules, so if you are interested in the CROPP please go to the website so you can afterwards respect all the rules that you have to comply with to conform to the conditions and to be able to apply to the CROPP. Seun, you have the floor.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. I wanted to clarify about the vote we just did now. We just did it for two of the new applications. What about the other three ALS applications? Are we looking at a call for these three also, or is it postponed until next time? Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Seun. About the other ALS, ISOC Gambia, the staff is waiting for the answer from ISOC Gambia, because they are organizing their elections that will take place at the beginning of the next year, so ISOC advised us to wait for these elections. They told us that afterwards they will give us their opinion about the ISOC Gambia activities. About Cameroon League for Development we have seen some things that were

not really clear, between the application they have presented to an ALS. We have asked the leader from this ALS some questions, and we are still waiting for the answers.

About ISOC Rwanda the due diligence is finished and about the information I have received, they are changing their statute. We are waiting for their new statute to be taken, to present the ALS application to AFRALO. I hope it was clear Seun, and you have understood the current situation. Okay, it is okay Seun?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yes, thank you. It's fine. It's great.

AZIZ HILALI: Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Aziz. It was about ISOC Rwanda. I think it's a very good ALS and I think we need to accept it. Whatever the statute is that they're going to have, the main thing here is that we know those persons. They are serious. They work well. They've been a lot of support to this ISOC Rwanda, so I think we have to accept them.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Tijani for this information. Yes, Mohamed, Barrack, Seun, etcetera, are supporting them. Nathalie, Silvia and staff, according to

the rules, can we accept ISOC Rwanda? Can we give our opinion now on ISOC Rwanda and accept them just now?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: I think that [unclear 01:23:48] we can accept them, but I need to receive the new constitution and now the due diligence. I have the due diligence with the old constitution. I need the due diligence with the new information about their new statute. I'd prefer to wait for this information so as if there are some changes we can ask them to modify. If it's okay, no problem. AFRALO will confirm their positive opinion and we will accept them afterwards. What do you think about that?

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Nathalie for this precision. If everybody is agreeing with the possibility accept Rwanda, I propose you to give Barrack and myself the possibility to send the agreement of our RALO, as soon as we receive the new statute from ISOC Rwanda. What do you think about that? Are you okay with that decision?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: It's okay for me.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. If there are no oppositions to that decision... Seun, Tijani are agreeing. Okay, now I repeat, for ISOC Rwanda, as soon as we receive the new statute, as soon as Barrack and myself receive the new statute from ISOC Rwanda, we will send a positive opinion from AFRALO to

ALAC. Now, the last Item. Is there any recent or upcoming activities of AFRALO Members? Do you want to speak about your ALS activities at the local level? If no one wants to take the floor, I'm going to ask the AFRALO Members again to please try, through Silvia and the AFRALO staff, to participate through the Wiki page and send their ALS activities to the Wiki page please.

Add your activities to this Wiki page. The name of this Wiki page is... I forget the name. It's a special Wiki page for the activities of the AFRALO Members. Now, I'm going to finish. I'm going to give the floor to Yaovi.

YAOVI ATOHOUN:

Thank you very much. I know that we don't have time, so I just want to thank you all for the work you made. There will be a webinar on Monday 10th of November. The information is on the ICANN site. It's an open webinar. The second item is about [SAD 01:27:47], the document number 67-68, and I want you to share this document with the local community so everybody can understand this subject and can contribute. Thank you very much. We're going to work on this topic.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much Yaovi. We still have the Item of Any Other Business. I think we have finished. It was a very good meeting, very fruitful. Thank you everybody for your help. Thank you to the staff, Heidi, Silvia, Nathalie. Thank you to the interpreter. I hope you'll have a good evening.

CLAIRE:

Thank you Aziz. Thank you everybody.

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