NATHALIE PEREGRINE:	I'm going to start with the call then. We'll begin. Good evening, everyone, and welcome to AFRALO's monthly teleconference on Wednesday, October 1, 2014.
	On the French channel we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Hadja Outtara, Michel Tchonang, and Aziz Hilali.
	On the English channel we have Seun Ojedeji, Philip Johnson, Beran Gillen, Mistura Arurna, Mohammed El Bashir, Adetokunbo Abiola, and Mwendwa Kivuva.
	We have apologies from Fatimata Seye Sylla, Dr. Alioune Badara Traoré, and Baudouin Schombe.
	From staff we have Silvia, Vivanco and myself, Nathalie Peregrine.
	The interpreter for today will be Camilla.
	I remind you all to please mute your lines either on the phone or Adobe Connect in order to prevent interferences. Please speak at a reasonable rate so that the interpreter can work properly. And remember to state your names for interpretation and transcription purposes.
	Thank you, Aziz. You have the floor.
AZIZ HILALI:	Thank you, Nathalie. Good evening, everyone. I am very glad to meet you for this teleconference – this monthly October teleconference. As

usual we're going to start with the agenda, which you have in front of you. And as usual, we'll start with open public comments.

On the agenda, you have a link for ICANN's Public Comments. Those which are currently being consulted are two items. On the one hand, the introduction of two-character domain names for the gTLD space. They are open for comments, the 1st. And then today on October 1st – and each of these two items corresponds to different lists of TLDs which have been proposed for the new registry services, which would then allow as I've said the introduction of two-character domain names.

Next we have the proposed bylaws changes regarding the consideration of GAC advice. That is an item I had already mentioned last month. The comment period will be closing in one week. It is actually a proposal to review the current bylaws, [inaudible] the simple majority of the Board for a vote, and the amendment proposed suggests a number of changes, and the changes have been published for comments. [inaudible] is that they remain compatible with our current bylaws.

Then we have RIPE protection for domain name collisions and we have to determine what the requirements for the appropriate RIPE protection would be for blocked SLD domain names.

Then we have the enhancement of ICANN Accountability 2.0. That is ICANN's accountability processes.

It is upon the community's request that ICANN open this public comment. This period will be ending on November 13th on the enhancement of ICANN's accountability processes, which was published on August 14. Given the importance of this matter, they have allowed

for longer periods so that they will receive more comments from all stakeholders so that everyone has enough time to examine the proposals and the matters so that they can send their inputs.

Next item regards to GNSO and the number of changes which are proposed for their operating procedures. So the idea here is to comment on a number of amendments which have been proposed. They regard the meetings procedure for instance for the GNSO Council, the Council's capability to waive a certain number of proposition for votes or their procedure outside Council meetings. It's mostly for the GNSO [team] and the guidelines for the working group and the level of the working group consensus.

Next we have the new staff, new TLDs. That regards territory remains within the new .star TLD. It is a project on which there is a public comment regarding the registration. So the idea is to implement a proposal that was sent for registry services which would allow the registration of domain names, the territory domain names within the registry.

Last item before we finish then would be the Board Working Group Report on the BWG NomCom. On ICANN's website regarding public comments, you will find the report that this group has published regarding the Nominating Committee and the recommendations that they have made. Such recommendations, should they be approved, will implement the recommendations of both groups, ASO and the NomCom. These two people could appoint members.

For instance, GAC's recommendation upon the implementation of these recommendations, then GAC's representation could increase from 21 to 27 people. That is the first item on open public comments, open public comment periods.

Are there any comments otherwise? We can move on to the next item on the agenda. In the absence of comments, we'll move on to item number three.

Item number three regards reports. We have recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. We have three colleagues representing AFRALO at ALAC. That is Beran, Tijani and Hadja. I wonder who would like to take the floor to tell us about the recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. Beran, are you with us or is Hadja or Tijani? Who would like to take the floor? Hadja, do you wish to take the floor? Alright, Hadja wishes to take the floor. Go ahead. No, Hadja we cannot hear you.

HADJA OUTTARRA: [inaudible]

AZIZ HILALI: I heard the lines are very bad. So Beran,, do you wish to take the floor? Are you there? I hear you very well. Oh, Hadja, there you are. We hear you now.

HADJA OUTTARA: Good evening, everyone. Can you hear me now?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, go ahead.

HADJA OUTTARA: ALAC has been working on the preparation of ICANN 51 at Los Angeles. So there are several updates on the meeting's agenda. The usual work program has been reduced and they have had to add new meetings in order to [inaudible] the maximum of participants for parallel meetings. Like I said, our schedule has been reduced.

So, let's take Monday. We'll be starting at 7:00 in the morning, instead of 9:00 as usual, with a joint meeting of ALAC and the NCSG. That will be followed by the meeting on questions of interest presented. After that meeting we shall have a meeting of the Cross-Community Working Group on the IANA transition.

If I take the agenda for Monday, we'll be working from 9:00 to 6:00 p.m. at different meetings. So, you see that there are probably going to be changes still, but it is already a big change since it is different from what we usually do. There are going to be a number of sessions dedicated to ATLAS II. And Steve Crocker, President of the Board, has even [after] ALAC summarized the recommendations to the Board in two or three pages. So, we've had to summarize the recommendations of ATLAS II then.

At ALAC, there has also been a discussion on the vote for ALSes accreditation. It is anonymous. There is a group of ALAC members who actually asked that the process be more transparent. So, there was no

consensus on the discussion, because some people considered this was not a priority, and they decided to create a working group which will be proposing the amendment, or that the debate be simply held on ALAC's discussion list, which was the proposal adopted. So, consequently, this discussion will start on Monday on ALAC's mailing list.

Then, the chair of ALAC, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, thanked everyone. It was his last meeting as chair, because, at the end of the Los Angeles meeting, he will be handing over to Alan Greenberg. So that is the gist of the past meeting, and it is also a summary on our overview of ICANN 51 Meeting that we held yesterday. Thank you, Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Hadja. Would Beran or Tijani like to add anything? Beran, would you like to add anything? Any comments? Any information? Tijani, you have the floor. Beran is not answering. So, Tijani, you have the floor. Tijani, you are muted. Please take care of that.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Aziz. I thank Hadja very much for this overview of ALAC's activity. I'd like to say, firstly, that the meeting with the Board will not be exclusive to the implementation of ATLAS II recommendations, but rather, the recommendations from ATLAS II will be one of the main points.

Then I was not present at the last ALAC meeting, so I'm not sure about what happened with the vote, but I can say that one of the other

activities of ALAC was the discussion on the IANA Stewardship Transition and the matter of ICANN's governance. We have two ALAC members at the ICG. Mohamed El Bashir, our vice chair, is the vice chair of the Coordination Group as well.

And then] there was a teleconference with the ICG yesterday. Or, rather, at dawn today, so I couldn't be there because it was the middle of the night to me for that meeting to take place. Then there was also a mention of a meeting with the GAC. We discussed the results of our past meeting with the GAC, and there was a comment period on the processes presented by staff. It's a period of 21 days, which will be ending soon, and for that, ALAC proposed a statement, together with other SOs and ACs, with other constituencies as well.

Another subject ALAC is working on is the new gTLD round. We are thinking of the implications of having a new round of gTLDs. There was a discussion on that matter, and ALAC is concerned about the implications of this new round and considers that a number of aspects should be improved in order to mitigate the negative effects we've already had with this present round.

Then there is the matter of At-Large's website on which ALAC is working, and it was said that at the Los Angeles meeting, we will have a meeting with ICANN's IT staff. And then I would also like to add the fact that, at At-Large, we have a Facebook page and a Twitter account, and so we expect that navigation in this social media being easier, the younger members of the community will get engaged. That's all. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Tijani. If there are no other comments, then we will move on to the next item. That is the recent and upcoming activities of AFRALO members. Now, would any member of AFRALO wish to take the floor? Right. So, we can move on to the next item. That is items or information, and we'll start with the ICG on the transition of IANA's stewardship. Yes, Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I asked for the floor. I wish to discuss the activities of my ALS. My ALS has actively taken part at the ICG forum organized yearly. We participated at a parallel meeting on IPv6, which we organized, and I was proposed to be the general reporter for the forum. So you see that our ALS had a very prominent role throughout the event. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Tijani. Could you please publish a summary on this activity on the Wiki space regarding AFRALO members' activities? I'll be moving on to the next item, now. That is item number four, on At-Large community for the NTIA IANA Functions' Stewardship Transition Coordination Group. So, Mohamed is in charge of this subject. If he could take the floor and explain to us what this is about, he can have the floor. Mohamed, you have the floor.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Aziz. And I'm glad that I will be [inaudible] IANA Transition Coordination Group.

AZIZ HILALI: I'm sorry, sir. I cannot hear you properly. Can you please speak up?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah, sure. Thank you, Aziz, for giving me the opportunity to provide feedback to AFRALO regarding the IANA Transition Coordination Group activities in the last period. There were very important outcomes from face-to-face meeting in Istanbul, and two teleconferences and lots of e-mails exchanged on the mailing list.

The first important document released by the IANA Transition Working Group is the RFP document, the request for proposals, and it's very important because it outlines the requirement in the proposals for the transitions. That will be submitted by the Operational communities within ICANN [inaudible] and the numbering communities, which is basically the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs). Among them, AfriNIC and [inaudible] communities represented by IETF.

So that RFP document has been released, and it requires the different communities to ensure that they have an open process for interested stakeholders, which are [elements] and end users and anyone could participate in the development of those proposals and have more people engaged.

So that was a very important milestone. After that, different communities have started working on the proposal developments. The RIR, among them AfriNIC, have mailing lists [inaudible] new proposal, and I encourage you to update on the mailing list.

Within ICANN there's a Cross-Community Working Group working on the proposal. Tijani is [inaudible] of that. And also it would be good to have AFRALO members also [inaudible]. Bear in mind, the submission of proposals is early January. Then the Coordination Group will review the proposals [inaudible] and put forward the final proposal by June. The proposal will be consulted. Also there will be comment periods on the received proposals. There will be comment periods for the [inaudible] as well. So that's regarding the RFP [inaudible] and document and activities.

The ICG as well have published an RFP for an independent secretariat to support the ICG work. Although ICANN is providing the funding for the ICG work, but the ICG members, they want to have more independence from ICANN, because ICANN is one of the affected parties by the IANA transition. So for the work of the ICG [inaudible] independent secretariat] to have ICG [inaudible] group for the future. It doesn't create any issues about ICANN's role in supporting ICG.

There will be an [inaudible] in ICANN Los Angeles with the whole ICG members, and it will have about one hour for questions and answers and open mic forum, so the communities and everyone could talk and provide their feedback about the transition [stuff].

So I encourage you all, if you are attending the Los Angeles meeting, to participate in this meeting. There is also an ICG meeting with ALAC, and for the 15th of October. Also, it would be good if you are attending the meetings [inaudible].

This is a summary of the current work on the ICG.

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INTERPRETER: Please speak louder.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: The work now has been shifted from the ICG to the communities to develop their proposals. Until we receive proposals, ICG will maybe internally work on issues about later how we are going to evaluate proposals and how we are going to make decisions. But for now, the real work is within the operational communities and within the CWG to develop the proposals that are going to be presented to ICG. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Mohamed. I'm not sure whether colleagues will have any questions, but I, myself, have one. I would like to know whether, from the ideas that you've seen already, what the trends on the transition of IANA stewardship would be, what the ideas are.

INTERPRETER: Sir, you have the floor. I cannot hear you. Hi, sir. Mr. El Bashir, can you hear me? Hello? Can anyone hear me on the English channel?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, I can hear you. I hear.

INTERPRETER: Great, Silvia, thank you. I was just checking that I hadn't disconnected.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sorry, I was muted. Can I speak now?

INTERPRETER: Speak very loud so that I can translate properly.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: No problem. So thank you, Aziz, for [inaudible] and now we don't know [that] the details of the proposal is going to be submitted, but I can give you maybe some of the issues that those proposals need to handle, or at least address.

One of the issues is decide who will be replacing IANA for the U.S. government oversight in IANA functions and what are the mechanisms for accountability and checks that need to be happening. The U.S. government was having an oversight [inaudible] and they have some sort of checks and balances to the IANA function. [inaudible] let's say disappeared, a new entity or the new community or the new, let's say, group that will be suggested – how that entity or group or community will handle the same function that the U.S. government was doing.

So no one really can [inaudible] what the proposals are, but the U.S. government has requested some items critical to be in the proposals, or principles for the proposals.

One of them that the proposals need to have a wide consultation and support from the global Internet community. Then the proposal needs to ensure the security and stability of the [DNS] and [inaudible] the

proposals should not replace the current function by a government or inter-government organization.

So the [inaudible] proposal should not be replacing the U.S. government role by another government or by an inter-governmental organization. As an example, ITU or others. And I think, lastly, the proposal should ensure the openness of the Internet.

So those are major principles, but exactly who and how that new entity or how it's going to manage those function [inaudible]. So I encourage everyone really to participate in the development of those proposals, especially the proposals from ICANN which is very important, specifically related to accountability of ICANN – ICANN as a responsible entity of the IANA function was accountable to the U.S. government [based on contract] [inaudible].

So what does AFRALO say in terms of – or suggestions how to fill that gap and how to ensure that ICANN will be accountable, to whom and how. Those are all questions. I encourage everyone to participate actively in terms of to have a say in shaping these new proposals for the future.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Mohamed. Indeed it is a very important subject and [inaudible] the African community consider your participation at the ICG a matter of high importance. And as matter for the joint effort of AfrICANN meeting in Los Angeles, we have chosen to speak precisely of this matter, so we're going to try to state what the opinion of the African community is on the matter.

Tijani has been asking for the floor for a while, so Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Aziz. Mohamed, I have a question regarding this morning's meeting since the ICG held the meeting very early this morning at 4:00 UTC. I think the matter of the Frequently Asked Questions was also discussed during the meeting, so maybe you can tell us whether you have already established what the Frequently Asked Questions will be.

AZIZ HILALI: Mohamed, please be brief because we don't really have a lot of time for this.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. [inaudible] today's meeting was really a very difficult time, timing, so I was not able to complete the meeting. The main objective was this meeting we need to finalize the [inaudible] document. Currently I'm [inaudible] on it. It needs to be finalized. Hopefully before the meeting in Los Angeles.

And by the way, on [inaudible] meetings, it will be a different time zone and this was done for this meeting and the last meeting just in terms of [inaudible] to have other ICG members have the conference call in good timing for them. But the document is still in the finalization. Hopefully it will be finalized soon.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Mohamed. We will move on to the next item now. That is [inaudible] participation as the NETmundial initiative in Geneva. Barrack, you have the floor. Please tell us about this subject. Barrack, you have the floor.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay, thank you very much. Am I clear? Hello?

INTERPRETER: Yes, we can hear you. Go ahead.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay. So I think I'll just go straight to the point. So I attended the NETmundial initiative meeting in Geneva. This was a follow-up to the NETmundial meeting that was held in Brazil that I also attended.

Just to give a bit of a background is that the NETmundial meeting in Brazil partially arose from the Montevideo statement of which ICANN was particular or the [inaudible] participant by virtue of being in the ISTAR Coordination Group. But I understand that the Internet governance conversation was in a way a bit too broad for the mandate of ICANN, and therefore because ICANN was playing a leading role, it decided to look for [inaudible] champions who could be able to carry forth the [gains] that had been made in Brazil.

Basically, ICANN working together with the World Economic Forum organized the NETmundial meeting in Geneva. It's important to note that there's been a lot of complaints about the Internet Governance

Forum being just a talk shop and nothing coming out of it. So this is a [inaudible] to try and [set] the Internet governance conversation to [inaudible] influence other [inaudible] meccas.

As you know, the World Economic Forum is basically a melting pot of global leaders, be it in business or presidents of different countries. So one of the things that came out of the NETmundial meeting in Geneva was a 12-point strategy regarding the way forward based on the NETmundial principles as agreed in Brazil.

One of the things is that the World Economic Forum [gave an undertaking] to [disseminate] NETmundial principles among membership who are basically influential global leaders, and the objective is to move the conversation from just talking to real action.

The World Economic Forum also undertook to energize the debates around the NETmundial principles, as agreed in the Brazil meeting. So within the next six months, we are going to see a number of meetings organized by the World Economic Forum around the NETmundial principles as agreed in São Paulo.

The other issue is ICANN undertook to give a lot on enterprises [inaudible] for Internet governance, and of course the community is going to participate in this process of establishing the enterprises [inaudible].

ICANN also undertook to support the development of an incubator for projects that will come out of the NETmundial principles.

The last item is development of an issue to solutions mapping projects on Internet governance, which will be undertaken by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Basically, this will take some of the good ideas that came on the floor during the NETmundial initiative and tried to translate them into actions.

So in summary, those are some of the key issues that came out of the one-day meeting in Geneva. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Barrack. We will now then move on to the next item which is the NextGen@ICANN programs. This is a program that was just recently launched by ICANN. It is very interesting and it is exclusive for youngsters. It is to help young people understand how Internet works and to give them a higher chance of making their voices heard.

If Phillip is here with us, he can take the floor. Phillip, are you with us?

PHILLIP JOHNSON: Thank you, Aziz. This is Phillip Johnson on the line.

INTERPRETER: Yes, we hear you. Go ahead.

PHILLIP JOHNSON: Okay. First, the NextGen@ICANN, this program is [inaudible] in one of the RALOs in [inaudible] education. I happen to [inaudible] success in

Singapore at ICANN 49 and also in the [inaudible] in London. They had a successful involvement from [inaudible] to contact [inaudible] similar for ICANN 52 in Marrakesh, Morocco. [inaudible] proposal that such an event [inaudible] young people.

[inaudible] from the local universities or local institutions take part in ICANN programs [inaudible] so many things. Young people are very interested in the program from Africa. [inaudible].

INTERPRETER: Are you only on Adobe Connect?

INTERPRETER: It's very hard to understand you. Your voice is cutting off.

INTERPRETER: I cannot interpret like this because I hear one word out of four.

INTERPRETER: Correct. We cannot interpret you.

PHILLIP JOHNSON: [inaudible] to take part in ICANN meetings from local universities [inaudible]. So there is an outreach education [inaudible] at one or two of the local universities—

SILVIA VIVANCO:	We will call you back. I'm so sorry for interrupting you, but we cannot hear you and the interpreter is having problems interpreting you. So if you will be so kind to hang up and we will call you back please.
PHILLIP JOHNSON:	Okay.
SILVIA VIVANCO:	Yes, thanks.
AZIZ HILALI:	Thank you very much, Phillip. [inaudible] Phillip that I would add that this is a program for the different communities and agencies and African, Arabic regions [or] the West Asia region. I would ask AFRALO members to come [seize] up the program so that people can propose themselves.
	So the ideas is that each of us will make a presentation for 15 minutes on a different subject at each ICANN meeting. Whether it is on research, on working meetings or on activities. If you will, maybe we can move on to the next item very quickly. That is regarding AFRALO brochure. I would just like to report that the small booklet we make on the work of a description of each ALS which was published that is the work of Ariel.
	I would like to ask all ALSes – unfortunately, I don't have them all here – but to ask them log into the page, especially the new ALSes that just joined to check that they're on the brochure and that the information on them is correct. If no one wishes to take the floor, we can move on

to the next item since we are a bit late. We're running late. And we should really address the preparation of the joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting at ICANN 51.

As you know, the subject adopted by the majority of the community, whether AFRALO or AfrICANN is the transition of the IANA stewardship and ICANN's accountability. There was the committee, welcome committee, that I have already [inaudible]. There was Fatimata and Gisella there. Tijani, Hadja, Mohamed, [Sayid], myself were all there.

I would like to thank everyone for the work they've done. There are more names on my list, of course. And for those who will not be coming to Los Angeles, there will be remote participation available. I am sure they will still be able to add to our comments, even if they are not there in person.

This is a statement that we'll, as usual, submit to the Board for their consideration. Now, if no one wishes to intervene, we can probably move on to item number six. That is items to review of the AFRALO operating principle, and this is for Tijani, the chair of that group which was created out of AFRALO members for this great [project], because I must say, it is a great undertaking. Tijani is chairing this group, which is to review AFRALO's operating principles. Tijani, you have five minutes to tell us all the work the group has been so far.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Aziz. The working group on the review of AFRALO's operating principles has already had three teleconferences, the first of which was launching on the creation of the group and our

second teleconference was last week and it dealt with the application of individuals.

Throughout that teleconference we said that there were no objections to the introduction of individual applications, but there were a number of concerns regarding individuals. So we decided that [inaudible] via e-mail or on the wiki we would each put [necessary] text to express our viewpoints regarding the affiliation of individuals.

Our third teleconference will be – actually, the group had two teleconferences. Our third teleconference will be on October 24th in view of ICANN's 51st meeting coming up and the issue that we will debate on October 24th, actually we'll discuss on the mailing list and on the wiki until October 24th, hopefully, so that we can reach a decision on October 24th is [inaudible] vote that concerns all AFRALO members. We expect all AFRALO members to take part in this work to give their viewpoints on the different ways in which we can introduce individual affiliation. There is a wiki for this and there is a mailing list dealing with this as well, and on the other hand, I would also like them to express their opinions regarding [weighed] vote – what they think of it, what the advantages of it would be, how we should proceed, etc., so that our online discussions help us move on so that by October 24th, we are able to decide on a final text which will be submitted to the group for their vote so that that final text will be forwarded to AFRALO [inaudible].

Unless everyone raises there voice, unless everyone participates, our work will be of no consequence, and finally, will be to no [inaudible]. So we would like everyone to participate at that. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Tijani. As Tijani said, please do participate. It is very important. This is a new operating principle which will have an impact on the future. So we need everyone to participate, as Tijani was saying.

We're now going to move onto the last item. This is the new ALS application. I remind you that there were discussions on this. The [inaudible] from Nigeria finally clarified what doubts we had, and as chair of AFRALO, I've already sent them the agreement. I still have no knowledge of ISOC Cambia. I think there was a discussion on their application. We have already received different viewpoints regarding ISOC Gambia. And if there are no objections, I shall send them the validation of their accreditation. I shall send it them from AFRALO [inaudible] to ALAC.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you, Aziz. If you allow me, I just wanted to say that we have decided to pause ISOC Gambia's application [inaudible] pending the results of the election and to advise that we get back to this application at the beginning of 2015.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Nathalie. Thank you for this specification, because I had forgotten about it. Thank you for reminding me.

So we have now the [inaudible] for ISOC South Africa. We haven't had the time to consider the due diligence properly so far. Maybe we can

enhance this due diligence, since we still have a bit of time. I have [inaudible] for which we haven't [inaudible] ALS application ISOC South Africa [inaudible] for which we have not yet received their due diligence either, like I said. Thank you.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Aziz, sorry. I sent the due diligence copying Aziz, Mohamed and Phillip and the members of staff. So I sent the due diligence for [Digital South Africa Media] [inaudible] ISOC South Africa [inaudible] due diligence September 24th. That was the date on which I sent it.

AZIZ HILALI: I don't think I got them, Nathalie. Maybe you could forward them to me, please, so that we can move on with these pending ALSes. [inaudible] South Africa Media, ISOC South Africa. By next month we would all be able to vote once we've all seen their application and their due diligence. Are there any comments on that? Do we have comments or questions?

I'd like to thank you all very much. Thank you, Camilla. Thank you, Nathalie. Thank you, Silvia. Thank you all for supporting us, helping us. And I wish you all a very good evening and the recording will now end. Thank you very much. Goodbye.

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