
GISELLA GRUBER:

We're going to start the call. I'm sorry, Gisella. Good evening everyone. Welcome to December's AFRALO monthly teleconference. It is today, Wednesday December 10, 2014 at 18:37 minutes.

We have, on the English channel, Barrack Otieno, Beran Gillen, Pastor Peters, Adetokunbo Abiola, and Nkem Nweke.

On the French channel we have Etienne Tshimimbi, Michel Tchonang, Aziz Hilali, and Tijani Ben Jemaa.

We have received apologies from Fatimata Seye Sylla, Hadja Ouattara, Alan Greenberg, Heidi Ullrich, and Philip Johnson.

From ICANN staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Gisella Gruber.

Our interpreters for today will be Camila and Claire.

And may I please remind you to state your name when you take the floor, not only for transcript purposes, but also for the interpreters to be able to identify you on the other channel, that is the French channel. Thank you. Aziz, you know have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Gisella. Good evening everyone, and welcome to our monthly December teleconference. We're now going to start, as usual, with the open public comment period. As you know, the agenda has been posted on the Adobe Connect room.

Sorry, is there someone who wishes to take the floor?

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. No, go ahead, go ahead.

AZIZ HILALI: Does anyone wish to take the floor? Okay. So I'll go on. There is an echo, someone said. Aziz speaking. So as I was saying, you have the agenda which has been posted on the Adobe Connect room. If you agree with me, we'll start, as usual, with the open public comment.

We have six items, which are currently in their proper consultation period. We first have the NomCom, this is the third time I've discussed this because the comment period has been extended. But may I remind you that this is about comments. On the NomCom report, the CWG NomCom report, which made some recommendations, which are up for discussion, even if anyone would wish to make alternative recommendations and to see whether the recommendations of the group have been as well.

And we also have the dot Madrid introduction, that the introduction of two [inaudible] launch program. There was application from the [Spanish] de Madrid. Those programs which have been launched and approved. Thirdly, we have the ICANN operating, ICANN draft five year operating plan. The ICANN community is discussing this item. This is an operating plan for five years.

I think the title is pretty self-explanatory. And ICANN has proposed a five year operating plan for the next period, which is from 2016 to 2020. Then we have the option rules for the new gTLD in the cases of indirect

contention. ICANN is also seeking to receive comments from the community regarding the auction rules in the cases of indirect contentions.

Then we have the cross-community working group, the naming related functions of, and their draft, transitions of the proposal. This is a cross-community working group for the transition of the IANA function stewardship on the naming relating functions, naming related. So, following the announcement of the NTIA to transfer the stewardship of IANA to ICANN, they have asked ICANN to summon a multistakeholder process for the collaboration of the transition plan from the hands of the NTIA and the US government to the community.

So as a response, ICANN has created a working group which is very well represented in geographic terms, because there are representatives from all regions. And that group is going to send a proposal to the NTIA. They have recently published a draft proposal that I invite you to read, and then make your comments. And [inaudible] because as you know, there is a deadline, four weeks to come, it must be submitted. So we would like to have the user's viewpoint specifically.

So all users must intervene here. Lastly, we have top level domain IDN variance regarding the [inaudible] generation rule set. ICANN has the intent of allowing the panel first generation of the labels to act. That panel is made up of volunteers from the community and so they have to suggest rules for the label generation. This regards a particular script used within each community.

So those are the six items which are up for public comments right now. On the wiki page, we have a link to each of these comment periods, and on the wiki we will see as well which has already been adopted, or those for which the comment period has already ended. If no one is going to ask for the floor, we're going to move to the following item on the agenda. Will anyone like to take the floor regarding what I just said?

No? Okay then. So we're going to move on to item number three. Yes, who is this? Is anyone asking for the floor? No? Okay. It's just an echo then. So, item number three is items for information. The first item that we're going to discuss is the review of the African strategy for ICANN Mauritius. As you know, AFRALO's leadership, which would be Barrack Otieno, Tijani Ben Jemaa, and myself, have taken place in this meeting which took place in Mauritius for two days, to discuss this review of the African strategy of ICANN.

This is the second review as the first was already carried out two years ago in Mauritius. So the idea of this meeting was to discuss the ICANN African strategy. In the middle of its duration, the GAC sent its representation. The African Registrars Association also sent representatives. So the African strategy was reviewed. We have identified a number of contributions based on what we had learned from the first part of this strategy from this five year plan of ICANN, which is going to end in 2017.

The first draft of the review is going to be published for public comments, but before I give the floor to Tijani, there might be something else to say. So I'm going to post a link at this point of the draft document, and of the summary of the activities of Mauritius. Now

I'm going to give the floor to Tijani to see whether he would like to discuss anything with those days.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Thank you. Aziz has already laid out the [inaudible]. It was a meeting to review ICANN's African strategy. Personally based on the experience we have gathered this past few years, and to see what was included, but was it for what we should change, what we should do from now on. And then secondly, to put together a new African strategy in view of ICANN's five year operating plan, because the first part of the African strategy has to do with the ICANN's plan for 2012.

So we tried to align the strategy on the current five year operating plan, because ICANN will not allocate any portions of its budget if it is not something that will match what was said in the African strategy review meeting. So we discussed those ideas and we tried to realign our strategy to the plan. We drew experience we gathered this past two years of work.

We shed some light on a number of aspects that we have learned on the basis of our experiences, so none of the strategies supposed to be more realistic and more in line with the new operating plan, and with new strategic plan. So that is pretty much what the meeting was about. Thank you Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you Tijani. At Mauritius, in the case of the CROPP, there was participation from Barrack and myself, and the AfriNIC level.

And there was a training activity at the African Network Information Center. So Barrack, if you're with us, please, will you take the floor and give us a report on what went on at that activity in Mauritius? Barrack, you have the floor.

Aziz speaking. Barrack, may I stop you now? Please, you're on the French channel speaking English. You're supposed to be on the English channel. So I'm going to ask Gisella to switch you to the English channel so that we will only hear the interpreter, because we cannot hear both of you.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Gisella speaking. Aziz, Barrack you're going to have to use your phone line in order to get connected to the English channel, and then connect to the Adobe Connect, but mute your line so that we can have interpretation in French on the French channel. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Barrack, there is no need for you to disconnect. You just have to log in using your telephone, because on Adobe Connect, there is only one channel which is the French channel. You have to be on the English channel so that people on the English channel can hear you, and for the interpreters to be able to interpret you into the French channel.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Okay [inaudible]... Good. Barrack go ahead.

BARRACK OTIENO: Hello? [Inaudible]

GISELLA GRUBER: Yes, we can hear you.

BARRACK OTIENO: Anyway, I hope I'm here. Okay. Thank you. Apologies for that. Yes, to go back to the beginning, so I would say, the AFRALO chairperson, Aziz, Tijani, and myself attended the AfriNIC [inaudible] meeting, [inaudible] to [inaudible] 2014. So this training was organized under the [inaudible] between AfriNIC and AFRALO. Basically we attended a training on Internet Number Resource [inaudible] training.

That [was held] over a period of [four] days. I'm going to share the report briefly on the member list, on the chat. But the objective of this training to [inaudible] AFRALO as [inaudible] and appreciate how the regional Internet registry [inaudible]... So after a couple of training sessions, we had an opportunity some of the AfriNIC staff, who planned how AFRALO could be able to work collaboratively to make sure that the African community [inaudible] take advantage of the [international] topics that are [inaudible].

So the last day was dedicated to last sessions [inaudible] African [inaudible]... session with the head of [inaudible], it's called [inaudible]... I hope that's the correct pronunciation. And during the meeting with ATLAS, we stressed the need for [inaudible]... understand the importance of IPv6, and basically understand the importance of taking

up [inaudible] that are [inaudible] for our [inaudible], and participating in AfriNIC [inaudible] process.

Now [inaudible] some of our members like, some of our members are actually like [inaudible], are very active in AfriNIC. [Seun] is actually the co-chair of the policy development process, and he also have one of our other members [inaudible] starting to be one of the leaders on the creative team. So we're encouraged that we see more. According to AfriNIC's staff, the last policy was developed six years ago [inaudible] accept the African community must really participate actively in the policy development for this, and there was need for [inaudible] community and AFRALO was a really good [network] between this.

So that is the summary, what we were able to [complete] in two days, in which we were in Mauritius. We have two more days that we spent also in the ICANN African strategy session, but Aziz has talked about. Thank you chair.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you.

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes I'm done.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much Barrack. This is Aziz speaking. We're now going to move on to the next item. Sorry, is there anyone else wanting the floor? Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. I'm not on Adobe, so I cannot raise my hand, I'm sorry. I have something to add regarding the training. The first [purpose] of the training was to understand the policy development process of AfriNIC, so that we can participate more accurately in those policy development processes in the future.

Of course, they're going to participate with us so that we can make up the AFRALO community between both of us. So we're going to have AFRALO's training sessions for AFRALO's ALSs, so training will be delivered by Aziz and y Barrack, according to what they learned at their meeting with AfriNIC, regarding the policy development process, of course.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Tijani. Now in the absence of other comments, is there anyone else who wishes to take the floor? So we're going to move on to the next item on the agenda. It is still within the items for information, this is a cross-community working group to develop an IANA stewardship transition proposal on naming related functions, sorry.

Now, do we have [inaudible] with us? He's not connected. So, I'm going to ask Tijani whether he would like to take this subject. I will first say that this ad-hoc working group has a remit of discussing the transition of the IANA stewardship regarding all manners connected, because we know that there is already a group that coordinates the

transition, the different proposals of the transition, that is the ICG where Jean-Jacques Subrenat, Patrik, Mohamed participate.

Mohamed being the vice-chair of this group. There is equally a number of groups such as the IETF, ISOC, etc. who are interested in this subject, it being a subject that is an object of much debate amongst discussion in the community to date. There was a meeting in Germany, I'm not sure whether it was Munich or Frankfurt, yes and [Seun] represented AFRALO at that meeting.

So, they had to put together a proposal to be consolidated, and which will be presented for public comments. The charter of this cross-community working group was written by the draft team of the Board, GNSO, etc. So ALAC adopted the charter, and sent out a call for comment and for volunteers for that group. I'm not sure whether perhaps Gisella knows why Michel is not here with us.

Now whether Tijani or Barrack have anything to say regarding the group, they will have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Firstly, I would like to explain what the situation is a bit better, because it's a bit confusing. I know that there is the CCWG, the CWG, the IECG, there is a number of groups here. I would like to give you a clear idea of what it's like. There is a coordination group that's called the ICG, that's the IANA coordination group. This group is going to receive the proposals for the transition, and they're going to consolidate them and then put them out for the community to discuss them.

Who is going to send those proposals to them? Well, three groups that were, the three functions on the operating communities. So gen represents the naming related functions community with a cross-community group for the naming functions, for naming related functions.

And there are two operating communities which have been gathered into groups. On the one hand there is the [inaudible] which is a group made up of regional registrars, that is AfriNIC, LACNIC, ARIN, and I'm missing the other. And RIPE, RIPE NCC. So those are the five regional information centers, and they work on the naming related functions. That would be IP addresses.

Together, these five information centers have created a regional group that is called the CROP, and they're going to consolidate the proposal from the five regional registries. And so CRISP, which is their group, is also going to send the proposal on naming related functions to the ICG, who is going to consolidate all of the proposals. There are different tracks on the protocols.

There is the IETF and it's the IETF itself working on a proposal for the parameters. They have already published a draft proposal that they have published for comment, and the three groups that work on IANA functions are going to feed their proposals into the ICG, the coordination group, from them to consolidate it and then send the final proposition to the US government. That would be the way the transition is going to be performed.

The CWG, that's the cross-community working group, which is dedicated to this specific subject, has [Seun] as a representative. And they have drafted a proposal which is not unanimous. That includes end users throughout the world, not only AFRALO but ALAC, at the global level. So within 24 or 48 hours, we're going to have to make comments on the proposal, because this time as there is a lot to be considered to be put back into them. And so I invite you to read the proposal that they had drafted.

There is also a group within At-Large that's called IANA issues. All of the At-Large community are a member of this group. They all belong there and they all discuss the proposal and the discussion that are currently going on. And so they're going to discuss now the CWG draft proposal on the naming related functions. That's it Aziz. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much Tijani. Aziz speaking. Yes, this is, for this reason that AFRALO with the help of the staff, is going to organize a webinar in which we are going to explain all of those topics. So please, I invite you all to participate in this webinar. Gisella and her staff from ICANN are going to send a Doodle for the availability of everybody, so you can participate to this webinar on IANA stewardship transition.

We are going to hear [inaudible] from AfriNIC, Olivier, [Seun], so you are invited to participate. It is also the topic of our activity in all the groups. So it's very important for you to participate and to ask questions. You will hear experts explaining all of those topics. You want to take the floor Tijani? Okay Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much Aziz. Tijani speaking. I wanted to remind you that in 21st [inaudible] we are going to have a webinar organized by the capacity building on the naming functions. It is on this topic exactly, and during this webinar, we are going to finish, to explain the At-Large position on the proposal made on that topic. So please try to participate. Olivier is going to do the presentation part, then you can participate in the discussion.

So please participate with that webinar.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Okay, thank you very much Tijani. So we are now going to move to the next item. Item number four, IANA steward transition coordination group. Mohamed is not with us, so we are going to move to the next item. This is the taskforce outreach for more African representation in ICANN leadership position.

This is after the NomCom 2014 with no African selected to, in one of the functions that were needed. So you have received information for those new functions. We have tried, in more issues, we have tried to do some reach out with Fatimata. Fatimata was the leader in a working group, a taskforce if you, she has done a very good job.

And we have printed some documents in French and in English. We have given those documents to all the participants. Those documents were about the kind of person we were needing from Africa into ICANN. What kind of [inaudible] was needed for those persons. I hope now

that we all of this reach out, we have a better representation from Africa for those functions.

So now the floor is open. I don't know if you want to add something. Octavia, did you ask for the floor? Are there any comments on that item? Okay. Thank you Silvia, thank you to staff. They just happened to post on the Adobe Connect this list I was speaking about. You can see the English version, and there are three seats to be filled at the ICANN Board of Directors level. There is also a seat to be a member in ALAC, a position to be filled in ALAC.

There are also two positions to be filled in the GNSO, and one position to be filled in the ccNSO. So as you can see, there are lots of possibilities, and we are looking for direct skills at the ALS level, or the ALS can recommend some African people who can fill those positions, who have the skills to fill those positions. Are there any comments? If there are no comments, we are going to move to the next item.

This is items for discussion. The first one is something very important that we're doing now, thanks to Tijani and his team, and it's item review of the AFRALO operating principles. I think Tijani, you can tell us what you are doing on that topic.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay. Tijani speaking. Thank you very much Aziz. Yes, we have made, have done good work. We have a deadline that is the end of next year, the end of the year 2015. We would like to finish before because we have to send our recommendation, and then we will move to the implementation. So, we have seen three topics. The first was the

individual membership. We had some difficulties to find consensus. For an organization that will be...

While we decided to try for a year, with a system with the right that would be no vote, no right to vote. These individuals can participate to the discussion, but they can't vote. That is the first decision. Then we spoke about the weighted vote and ask the discussion after debate, after two weeks of debate and discussion, we decided that we are going to advise... The majority of the group decided to advise that in the future, the vote for each ALS will be according to the [inaudible] of ALS in the country.

Then we have decided about the performance of the AFRALO members. And we have a proposed a set of performances, and we are going to add another performance to the list we made. And all of that is in the wiki page. You will see it on the list, and I'm asking you please to participate, to go to the wiki page and to give your opinion to our work. We are working into the working group, but afterward, we will present our work to the AFRALO members, and they will give us their opinion.

So now we are working on the performance, on the metrics, and then we will work on the performance metric for the future. It is very important for the future of AFRALO. We will speak about accreditation of the ALS members. We will speak about this accreditation also, so there are a lot of important things.

Then we have a document with a clear proposal, so as to present it to AFRALO, and AFRALO will be able to accept it, or to reject it, and then it will be adopted or not by AFRALO and implemented if adopted.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Tijani. This is a very important item, yes. I think that a new working group is doing very important work, and I think that once the project will be finished, it will be a formal question, formal path to go through to the AFRALO members and receive the opinion of the AFRALO members. Okay, we are going to move to the next item. It is our traditional meeting.

As you know, the next ICANN meeting take place far away from Africa, not in Marrakesh but in Singapore. And I invite you to think about the theme of the meeting of the AFRALO, African meeting. The theme of the meeting was on the transition of the IANA stewardship role, and the ICANN accountability. Now as the discussion is still going on, I propose you to discuss on that item during our next meeting, AFRALO, African, on those topics.

But the condition is to have some concrete decisions afterwards. Who wants to have the floor? Tijani, okay, Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Thank you Aziz. I think that for the next meeting in Singapore meeting. We need to address another topic, a very important one too. As you know, the NTIA, US government wants to decide it to work on the transition of IANA stewardship role. We also decided to work on accountability measures, no? And about accountability.

With this transition process, there is another process launched some months ago that is the first community group on accountability and governance. So there will be, there is a cross-community group with, in which I am a member from this group. And each constituency has some members. ALAC has five members, and I'm one of those members from ALAC.

So the next statement from AFRALO, or the next discussion from AFRALO should be on that accountability issue. So I will want it to speak about this group, so as you know that this group has been created and the first meeting of this group took place yesterday evening. And I wanted to tell you that.

AZIZ HILALI:

Okay, thank you very much Tijani. Aziz speaking. Now Barrack, are you still with us? Yes. Normally we organize a committee who will be in charge of the discussion, to launch the discussion on the mailing list on the topics that the community wants to propose. Normally it is the AFRALO secretary who takes this, who is responsible for doing that. Barrack, are you still with us? Barrack, are you still with us?

Barrack, can you hear me?

Barrack, can you hear us?

Aziz speaking. Barrack has a problem with his line. Barrack, please, can you hear us? I wanted to do a proposal as action item. So Barrack, as AFRALO's secretary, will send on the mailing list, the African list, we will send that, we want to ask the community to do some proposal about

the topic for the AFRALO African meeting of Singapore. And to ask everybody to send their proposal, so we will have some proposals so we can choose among those proposals, and then there will be a group, a committee, which will do the follow up of the activity of this group until the drafting of a statement.

So Tijani, do you want to belong to this committee? Okay. It is noted. So action item is, if Barrack comes back, we are going to give him the floor. Now, do we have proposal or comments? Does anyone want to take the floor?

Okay, Barrack is telling us that he will do that as soon as possible. Okay. We are going to move to the next item. That is to say, the new ALS application. As you know it, we had a lot of new applications. We are now to 36 ALSs, accredited ALSs, so AFRALO is growing. It's very good for us. We still have two applications that is pending. ISOC Gambia, we are still waiting for the answer from ISOC.

ISOC Gambia is going to vote. We are waiting for the results of the new elections for the, to give our opinion. And then we have [inaudible] for development. We are waiting for some data about them. I will be sincere. I have received an email from Nathalie, but I have not read in detail that the answer from Nathalie. Maybe Barrack can tell us some more? Okay, if you want, we can do that by email about this ALS. We are still waiting for the answer from [inaudible] for development to send our opinion, our advice.

Okay, nobody wants to comment? Okay. Now we are going to move to the last item, that is to say the report, ALAC report and ALSs report. So

first we are going to hear the recent upcoming activities of ALAC. Beran, Tijani, or Hadja, Hadja is not with us. Beran, are you with us? Can you speak about these recent activities of ALAC Beran?

BERAN GILLEN: Hi yes, I'm here. Can you hear me? Can you hear me?

GISELLA GRUBER: Beran, go on. Yes we can hear you.

BERAN GILLEN: Yes. Okay. Just to give a short report on what's been happening with the ALAC. It's interesting, it seems that AFRALO is working on some of the same issues that ALAC has been working on in regards to who [inaudible]. ALAC is currently constituting a group of individuals, [inaudible] of the different At-Large personal. You don't necessarily have to be an ALAC member to be a part of this group, so I would urge some of the ALSs or anyone who is part of At-Large to join this group.

And what this group will do is to come up with an updated rules of procedure for ALS on certification and decertification. So it's an interesting topic that we're currently discussing in the ALAC. Another thing that recently happened within the ALAC is we've voted in a new president, or a new chair. His name is Alan Greenberg. He is taken over the reins from Olivier Crépin-Leblond.

He is now going to be leading the ALAC forward. Another thing that's also been happening is, we've chosen five people from the five different

regions to represent At-Large for the CCWG working group, which Tijani mentioned earlier. And these five people are from the five different regions within the At-Large community.

I think we also discussed the IANA stewardship transition coordination group. I'm sure Mohamed is not around, so he won't be able to give us an update. So this is also something on we've been working on with Mohamed and Jean-Jacques, who are our two representatives for ALAC in this group.

These are just some of the things that we've been working with on the ALAC. I don't know if Tijani wants to add something to it. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Tijani, you have the floor. Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Beran for that information. Now we give the floor to Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you. I haven't participated to the last ALAC meeting because I was travelling, but I wanted to tell you that we are working a lot on the IANA functions and on the accountability. Those are the topic topics that are interesting for ALAC, on which we are working in ALAC. There is also the new ALAC leadership that is important, and we are reviewing the sub-committee.

There is a new organization into ICANN. We have a person taking care of the development of the program with ICANN staff. So, it is something important. And for the ALAC internal organization, we are

working on the transition of the IANA function and on accountability. Those are the two important, most important topics.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much Tijani. Are there any comments on those two items? Or can we move to the activities of the ALS of the AFRALO members? Do you want to speak about the activities of your ALS? I remind you, Tijani is asking for the floor.

Okay. Aziz speaking. Okay, I remind you that there is a wiki page, and there is a spotlight in the wiki page in which, and that will be one of the criteria, or the ALS performance. We want you to speak about your AFRALO activities. It's very important for everybody to participate so that we know that all, not only AFRALO, all the communities know what your ALS are doing in your countries. So, if there are no other comments... Thank you Silvia, you just posted the link, the link of the spotlight. Thank you.

Barrack, Beran wants to say something. Okay, Beran, you have the floor.

BERAN GILLEN:

Okay thank you Aziz. This is Beran for the transcript record. I just wanted to ask a question regarding the documentation for the leadership, the average for African representation in ICANN leadership positions. Have we adopted the document? Are we accepting the document as AFRALO? I must admit this because I just, I did leave for 10 minutes to [inaudible]. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz is saying that they had problem to understand what was the question, they problem to hear what was the translation. Beran, can you repeat please?

BERAN GILLEN: Yes, the question was, in items for discussion, we had point number six, on the items for discussion number three, point number six enrollment, outreach for more African representation in ICANN leadership positions. We presented a document, as part of the taskforce that was created, we presented a document in English and in French for the outreach. Now what we wanted to know from this meeting, the working group wanted to know whether the AFRALO leadership has accepted and adopted this document, officially. So that's what we wanted to know.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much. Aziz speaking. Thank you Beran for your question, it's a very good question. We have already answered that question. We have accepted this document, and as I said, this document has been sent to the staff. So the document can be printed and send and given to everybody. And I have been there when Tijani was speaking.

We didn't give you the details, but in Mauritius we had two meetings on the African strategy for two days. Three days, it was a lecture. During the first morning we had the work on AFRALO. I had made a presentation of the AFRALO's activity. Then Tijani may have spoken

officially spoken about the taskforce, and about the representation of the African people into ICANN to have, to hear the functions into ICANN.

And he had a lecture, a presentation on that topic. So Beran, our document has been accepted, has been printed, and has been given to all of the participants during the AfriNIC meeting 21, and you will see that this document is posted on the wiki site and everybody can see that document, and can have that document.

If you want to propose some African people for leadership functions in ICANN, I hope that I have answered your question, Beran. Tijani is asking for the floor. Just a minute Tijani. Beran, Aziz is asking if you are satisfied. Okay, Tijani you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Aziz. Beran is right. What AFRALO has to adopt is the strategy document during that, the last meeting Fatimata asked that we adopt this strategy document so we can move. So I think that we need to present it during this meeting, and to adopt it, officially adopt it. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Tijani. Aziz speaking. I thought it had been adopted. So you're speaking of the document from Mauritius [inaudible]? Tijani, is that it? [Inaudible] of the document that was distributed at Mauritius.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. No. That is an outreach document. There is a strategy document which was [inaudible]... Which has been discussed at the present meeting [inaudible].

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Do you wish to [inaudible] for the next meeting, because there are people who haven't had a chance to see it in detail.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. I suggest the leadership send it to the mailing list and make the call for consensus on the document, and for us to set a deadline which isn't far away so that it is adopted quickly.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Great, so that is going to be an action item for staff to send the strategy document... What is it that it is called?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: African strategy document says Tijani. It's two pages.

AZIZ HILALI: Right so that document, says Aziz, is to be sent on the mailing list for comment and then for its adoption. Very well. Thank you all. Now are there any other business you would like to discuss? No? Yes Michel, go ahead. Yes I hear you. You have the floor.

MICHEL TCHONANG:

Michel speaking. Thank you Aziz. This is not a question for say, I would merely like to thank Barrack for his report. He just sent it, the report regarding the meeting he had in Mauritius regarding the African strategy. I think this type of report allows us who weren't there to understand what was done. So I would like to see this done. I would like to thank Tijani and Beran as well for their report.

But I think from time to time, having it written down allows us to read it carefully, and it allows those of us who don't always get a chance of following what is going on to catch up. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you Michel. I will join you in this. I would like to thank Barrack as well for the report that he put together. It's true that having it in writing allows us to know what has happened once we come back. Are there any other interventions at this point? In the absence of comments, we're going to adjourn the call. For once, we're going to stay within our schedule.

I thank you all and I adjourn the meeting, and invite you to join us next month. I would like to thank Silvia, Gisella, Claire and Camila, and thank you all for having participated today.

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