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TERRI AGNEW: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. This is the AFRALO Rules of Procedure working group on Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, 2014 at 15:00 UTC.

On the English channel, we have Barrack Otieno.

On the French channel, we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Michel Tchonang, and Hadja Ouattara.

We have apologies from Fatimata Seye Sylla.

From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Terri Agnew. Our French interpreter today is Claire.

I would like to remind you, not only for transcriptions purposes, but also for our French interpreter, to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much and back over to you Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. Tijani speaking. Thank you very much Terri. Good evening, good afternoon, good morning. We are going to move to the third item, that is the weighted vote.

We have a text made, a draft made by Pastor Peters. Pastor Peters is not with us. And there was only one reaction on the wiki page, it was mine. And I guess another version, another draft. So now I like you to tell me what you think about the two drafts. The draft made by Peters and the draft made by myself.

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So now I'm going to give the floor to whoever wants to speak. Okay, Barrack, you have the floor.

Barrack, you have the floor. Okay, Barrack, which draft do you prefer? I can summarize if you want, says Tijani. Peters proposed to have the weighted vote. Each country would have only one vote. And this vote will be the result of a consultation among the ALS of the country, and then we have only one vote all together.

BARRACK OTIENO: Hello?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: My answer, just a minute please. My answer that the end was in that, that the end was not to give only one opinion for one country, it was not the idea. The idea was to keep the diversity into the country, so we need that each ALS can give its opinion. So we will give a vote to each ALS, so each country will have the sum of all the ALSs voting.

I propose that, and I criticize Peters opinion because within the same country, there are some different opinions and we can have some problems. We know that. So, if to give a position of a country against another country, will have, as a reserve, the important of the problems, the policies, the policy problems of the country into AFRALO. We don't want to do that.

So the consultation, the coordination is good, but at the end, everybody is agreeing with the rest and voting the same way, we will have a share

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of the vote for each ALS, and all of that will give just one vote. This is Tijani's opinion. Okay.

BARRACK OTIENO: Hello?

[CROSSTALK]

CLAIRE: ...wants to speak.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, Barrack you have the floor, then Michel you have the floor. So, Barrack, let's go.

BARRACK OTIENO: Thank you. I want to agree with Tijani. It is difficult to force ALSs that are in one country to speak in one voice. They may have a different opinion of our subject's matter, depending on their particular interests in the subject. So I wouldn't go for a position where we force them to, rather we subject them to make one decision, because it would be [inaudible] quality in terms of diversity of views, when we want to make a sound decision.

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So I just want to agree with Tijani on that. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you Barrack. Tijani speaking. Michel, you have the floor.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Okay, Michel speaking. I think both opinions are good. This is my opinion. And I want to say that if we depend on the object of the vote, if we are in the framework of a representation of the role, I think that we will need to have the capacity to decide the amount of vote for each country, because we are not in the same numbers in each country.

Then the opinion of Aziz that I share, for opinion on technical issues, if we need to give our opinion for the technical issues, I think that we need to collect first all of the votes in an [inaudible] way, and I think it will be possible. And indeed, an instructive way, the management way, and the organization of the way, for the ALS structure. I think, I fear that if we don't define the [inaudible] for each country, other countries will be losing, if we need to take important decision.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Tijani speaking. I wanted to say that on, for [inaudible] we are agreeing. It's not a problem. I agree with you. What I don't accept, is to oblige the ALSs to have the same opinion. And if they only have one vote, this will be the case. Each ALS needs to express its own opinion. This opinion will have weight, and the sum of all of those opinions will give one.

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That is the same if all of the ALSs have the same opinion, it's okay. It's just like, if there is only one vote, and if they have different opinion, yes, we can have 10 ALSs with different opinion, and some time will never be able to gather them. It won't be possible. So we know that in the [inaudible], the difference between my proposal and Peters' proposal, is that he proposed one unique voice.

I'm proposing a vote with all of the ALS consenting to this vote, where I don't want to oblige all the ALS, all of the countries, to have an unified voice. Tijani, Hadja is asking for the floor. Okay.

HADJA OUATTARA:

The only difference, if I understood well, is that the proposal of Peters will give a consultation among the ALS within the country, and for your proposal, it is more transparent.

And at the end, it will give the same quarter... I am [inaudible]...

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani is answering. It is the same quota, you're right. But I want, I agree with you. I want you to agree with me. We need to consult together. Consultation is good, if people agree to vote in the same way. Each ALS will give its opinion, and all of the ALSs will give them their vote. So, the proposal of Peters and mine is the same, in the case which in the same country, there is an ALS voting for B, we are not going to oblige them to vote for A or for D.

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The first ALS will have a path of this weighting vote. One vote for two, or a third, or the half [inaudible] or the third part of this vote, is it clear now?

HADJA OUATTARA: Yes, this is clear now. Hadja says she has understood.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Tijani. Aziz is speaking. I'm sorry, I had a problem with Yahoo. I couldn't connect myself to the Internet. Okay. So here I am. I am on Adobe Connect, so I'm sorry for the delay. I just wanted to say that I agree with what Tijani said, and maybe I'm going to repeat what I said during the last teleconference.

AFRALO when it was created, the idea was to have several ALSs for the same country, in the same country, for example, Morocco, one ALS placed in the north of the country, one has the same ideas and the same concerns as an ALS located in the Sahara Desert, these don't have the same problem of Internet governance, etc.

So I'm not against Peters' idea neither. I think ALS can come together, I agree together, but however what we can't do is to say that each country would be representative by one ALS, because the multiplication of all of the ALSs in the same country, will be of no use. So we need to give the possibility to each ALS of each country to vote according to its

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quota. If they have one one-fifth, they will vote for one-fifth, and if they can't agree all together, if all of the ALS of a country can get together and agree together, and get to an agreement, a region agreement to have the same vote, no problem.

But personally, I'm against the possibility to say that each country will have one ALS voting in the name of other, the other ALSs. I'm against that idea. I'm not saying that anybody says that, but I have seen an email circulating saying that we can name a person from one ALS to vote in name of the other ALSs. Maybe I'm wrong, but it was what I understood and I'm against that.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay. Thank you Aziz. Tijani speaking. Okay so, there are two proposals. One, being that the ALS of a country gets, consults together and gets and have only one vote, and the second proposal, that was mine, is that all of the ALSs of the same country involved, each ALS votes for what it wants, after consultation, if they agree, they can vote the same so we have the same results of the first possibility.

And if they don't agree, each ALS will have the possibility to express itself without to be obliged to have a national vote. This is what we need to avoid, a national vote. At-Large principle is to have an individual vote. We need to work at the individual level, not at a national level, okay?

Okay, Michel, you want the floor? Michel you have the floor.

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MICHEL TCHONANG: Thank you very much Tijani. Well, I think with all of the explanation, it gets clarified from it, and the first intervention allowed me to understand better the way it will function, and I think there is a concern, it's logical. I think that each country is free to get consultation, internal consultation, etc. But if people reach an agreement in an internal way on an opinion, it's good, it's better.

At the regional level, it will be easier when we are going to vote at the AFRALO level. So I think we have to move on, and we understand that all of the ALSs, the proposal we want to do is to participate to the strong motivation of the ALSs and to the group that will, the gathering of all of them in the country.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Okay, Aziz you have the floor. I have a question Tijani, all of the members of this working group are agreeing on the principle to have a country with one vote, would favor the number of ALS there are in this country. Do we agree on that? Did we validate this item or not?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: We are discussing that item, Tijani is answering.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, Aziz speaking. The answer is, are we agreeing on the principle? So there is no answer.

You didn't understand me, Aziz is speaking. I wanted to clarify what I'm saying. For me, there are two issues, on which we need to take a



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decision. First, each country, whatever is the number of ALS will have one vote. And if this country has any number of ALSs, each ALS will have a weight of, the weight on this vote. Taking the decision that we have to take, when there are going to vote, this ALSs will have, each of them will have part of this vote, but there will be a consultation among them, or there will be just a free vote.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Aziz. Tijani speaking. You are restating what we already said. So now, everybody is preferring the proposal I made. One vote for each country and each ALS is free to express its opinion. This is the final decision of the group.

Now, each one of you please, can you write, if you're not agreeing can you write it on the list or say, please, that you are agreeing for one solution or the other solution? You are agreeing for the first solution or for the second solution? Write it on the list, the mailing list, so we can move to the next item.

So, please, send your proposals. I see Michel is asking for the floor and Hadja too. Okay. Okay Hadja you have the floor. Hadja, you have the floor, Aziz you have the floor.

HADJA OUATTARA:

Aziz summarized very well what I wanted to say. I wanted to clarify, I needed to clarify what Tijani said, and Aziz just did it.

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MICHEL TCHONANG: Okay, Michel says. Thank you Hadja. You clarified the debate, okay. Okay, Michel is speaking. Thank you for giving me the floor Tijani. I wanted to clarify the items of experimentation period of our proposals. If my memory, could I think that we said that we will try our system until 2017?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani is answering, yes this was for individual membership. This was for individual membership Michel.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Okay, Michel speaking. Okay, thank you, you're right, because this is a very important part in the work that we are doing, and personally, I think it is a very delicate issue. And I would like to have some more time to try to give us a framework of time, and go back to that. My concern is the representation we will have.

We didn't involve in the same way, and at the moment about country, we are speaking about several varieties of the countries. So it should be good that everybody is still free whenever there is an election, for example. So I think that we need to have a calendar, and try to think about that.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. Okay. I think to answer your question, I have to say that we have an experience. The RALOs are functioning in that way. So if we were functioning in that way, for example, Argentina should have the most important vote because they have a lot of ALS, for example.

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So this is a way to ensure that the strongest country, a country with more ALS.

And if it works, then these rules will be reviewed after three years. After three years, we are going to review this rule. Relating to the individual membership, it is exceptionally because we weren't able to work on this problem. If we didn't, it shows this deadline. So we wanted to calm them down, and we wanted to choose a very like model, and during one year, so that after one year we will be able to say, "Okay, we are going to give them the individual membership or not."

But for this kind of modification, this kind of members that we want to state here, we are going to experiment this amendment during three years, because we don't have elections every year. So, for the ALAC members, we are voting every three years. So we need to experiment, to try this system, and then if it doesn't work, we can go back and change it. So at the end of the three years, we can add a close saying that this rule needs to be reviewed after three years.

For all the provisions, for all the close, we can do that. For the individual membership, it was exceptional, so we chose another deadline. It was about the decision to give the right of voting for the individual membership, not the member. Okay, are there any other questions?

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Yes. Thank you Tijani. I wanted to just clarify, today we are 36 ALS, accredited ALSs, and two are waiting. And the countries

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that have more ALSs are Cameroon, no I'm sorry, Cameroon has four ALSs, Nigeria has six ALSs, and Chad, Tanzania, Sudan, Somalia [inaudible], Kenya, [inaudible], Uganda, etc. have only one ALS.

So I think that what we are deciding is very important for a good presentation of Africa, a good representation of Africa in AFRALO. It's as Tijani said about Argentina, the example he made about Argentina. South America has a lot of countries, and LACRALO was always represented by Argentina because they had this possibility. Tijani, if I'm wrong, just correct me please.

You know better than me about this issue. But Argentina had... The problem was each ALS had a vote, and as Argentina had the majority among the countries of the South America, they were all, Argentina was always winning.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

I'm sorry, Tijani says. You say LACRALO functions with a vote for each country, and if we see only the Argentina people, it is because these are a majority. But their system is very democratic, because Argentina... With all of those ALSs, Argentina has only one vote. So it works good as it in Latin America. It's a model that has been experimented in LACRALO since its creation, and it functions, it works very well.

They have no problem. So we are trying to take example on Latin America.

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AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. We are the [inaudible] people, we have to avoid to have the problem of having a country with 10 ALSs, for example, and other countries with only one ALS. We need to have the vote by country and not by ALS. This is my opinion.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Tijani is speaking. We will present to have...

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. We will prevent a country with 10 ALSs with 10 votes.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. We want to prevent domination. Silvia, you have the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, hello. Thank you Tijani. Just related to LACRALO, the example that you just mentioned. I wanted to confirm this is correct. In LACRALO, the situation is that some countries have more ALSs, for example, Argentina has eight ALSs. So LACRALO has a formula where they have given a numeric value to each ALS. There are 18 countries, so there is a numeric value.

Then after that, there is a total number of ALS per country, and then there is a percentage of [inaudible] country weighs assigned to each country. So at the end of the day, they try to achieve balance, so that,

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for example, in the case of Argentina that has eight ALSs, they weighted both, it's 0.69, and the total weight is 5.56.

At the end of the day, when they vote, each country has the same value. Perhaps it's better if I show you this on the screen. So let me try to pull this information from a spreadsheet I have, and I can show you the calculations, how they do it. So you see the example. So if you bear with me for a few minutes, I will try to do it.

Otherwise, I can send you that information by email. But just give me a minute, I will try to see if I can show you. Thanks.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Thank you very much Silvia, but I prefer you to send it by email. I know very well the system. I have the formula, and I know how it works. So please, send this so everybody knows and has the same level of information. Send it on the mailing list.

The result is, as I said, each country has the same weight for the vote, if the country has only one vote, each country will have only one vote, and the same weighted vote. Okay, now, I think, who wants to have the floor? No? Okay.

Now we're going to move to the next item on the agenda, that is to say, the AFRALO members performance. Okay, we are not going to spend a long time on this subject. I'm going to introduce the subject. We're going to discuss a little bit, and then we will discuss on the list and on the wiki page. We have created a wiki page for this issue, and you have the link on the agenda and on the chat room.

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What is the member's performance? You know that today there is a subcommittee named metrics in ALAC. Into the ALAC. This group is trying to find a way to measure each member's performance, the metrics. Why? Because we have noticed that some people, some ALSs, are present, but they have no activities in AFRALO or in ICANN.

So, this situation is not the ideal of the creation of ALAC and AFRALO. We want to region and the members to participate. We want the ALSs to participate. So today, we need to design the metrics, the performance elements for each ALS or each person. The performance elements are, for example, the participation to the monthly meetings, the participation to the vote, the input into the debate, into the policy discussion.

This is very important. Today, we have two new members who are very active and participate a lot in the policy discussions. It is Seun and [inaudible]. And I like to have more participation. And we are not members just to be member, we need to give our opinion. We need to give, to leave a footprint. This is necessary to be considered as a performance ALS.

So I have given some [inaudible] of the performance. Now I'm going to ask you to think about that, and to send me on the wiki and on the mailing list, as you want, as you prefer, please express yourself and tell me what you think about that, what will be these elements to design the performance. And afterwards, we will see, how we can measure those performances. What is the necessary minimum for an ALS or a person to be considered as performance.

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Okay, this is the idea. And this is mandatory because it is the At-Large revision, we need to do that. And every RALO, every RALO are doing that. So it is important to do it. Are there any comments?

Okay, Aziz, you have the floor.

Aziz. Mr. Chair, you have the floor. Aziz, okay, your hand is down? Okay, your hand is up. Aziz. Okay, Michel.

MICHEL TCHONANG:

Thank you Tijani. Michel Tchonang speaking. I think that we have spoken about this issue, without a working on this item. I think, as we are doing now, I think that this ALS's performance will be judged, will judge the performance of this ALS through the activities at the local level, activities that help to transform the local level, and the participation on the conference call, or the meetings that will also have an important.

But I would like to tell you something. We discussed that some years ago, and it was the, well the fact that we give a lot of importance to that performance, but we all need to see the opportunity of the resource of our ALS. This is important, because if I always take the same example. The network, if it's recognized, a network has the opportunity to present action, possible action or launches, but the local organization, they don't have the same opportunities.

So we cannot, and it is very important. It is very important criteria here, we can't support the organizations at the same level of the network. So I want to make a suggestion. At the AFRALO level, we need to reflect on



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the opportunities to mobilize resources to help, to give some better performances of our members.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Michel. Tijani speaking. Thank you very much Michel for your intervention. I want to tell you that the MOU we signed with ALAC, with ICANN, I'm sorry, states that the AFRALO members need to be independent. So, it's just a formal question. It is true that we have to share that, if we take that, if we have some element of AFRALO that will allow us to work on that issue, and speaking about performance of AFRALO's members, this is the performance of the members regarding AFRALO.

Not regarding ICANN, and I would like to add that the local activity is important, but it must exist. For example, this year, something I would like to say now. Just quickly. With the help of ICANN, we would like to work...

CLAIRE:

I'm sorry. Tijani's audio is very bad, so I can't translate.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. There is an echo. We are trying to work on the next project. We are trying to have some actions for the ALSs put into that budget. This is a project, I haven't expressed my projects, but what I want to say is that we need the ALSs to be active, to be really active. These ALS need to share with us, with AFRALO and with ICANN, so we know that there is some activity.

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The best way is to participate through AFRALO and ICANN elements into these activities. So those activities will be along the AFRALO activities, and then we will be able to count, to take into account those activities. Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Tijani. Okay. I would like you Tijani, to tell us about what the new ALAC president of the new ALAC chair, Alan Greenberg has as a project. There is a lot of noise on Aziz's line. Okay. It's okay, I was saying that Alan Greenberg has, among his projects, the idea to review, just a minute.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Terri, can you mute the persons who are not speaking please? Terri did you hear me? Okay. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Okay. Aziz speaking. My proposal, to speak about the preference for each ALS, I would like to begin with the bottom line and to speak about the ALSs who are accredited into AFRALO, that we don't know, and there are three or four ALS of this kind. We don't know. We have no news about them. They don't participate. They never participate to the AFRALO activities, they never answer to our emails, they never vote, and they don't take advantage of the journeys we organize.

At the ATLAS 2 summit and the Dakar meeting, so I would like to first establish a minimal for the ALS to be accredited and to stay accredited. And I think that ALAC has to do that, because ALAC accredited the ALS.

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So I would like to put into the rules that we are drafting, that we need to apply the rule that will be decided by the ALAC for the decertification. I would like to speak first of all, decertification, before speak about performances.

This is what I would like to do. And if you want to know which ALSs are not participating, I can send you the link. Says Aziz.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay. Tijani speaking. Thank you very much Aziz. If you want, you want to work in a contrary, you want to work in a contrary way. No, no Michel, I'm not working in the country. Please listen to me Aziz. Michel? Please, listen to me. Michel, you have a strong echo, if you are on the Adobe, on the telephone, please stay mute, so I'm answering the decertification. The decertification is the result of our work.

We will work on the certification according to the performances and according to the metrics through access those performance, and who are not reaching those performances, they will be decertified. This is the idea. This is why we are first working on the definition of the performance. I agree with you, there are some ALS that are not working with, but we didn't decertify them, why we are going to decertify them this job.

We need to work with the general rules, it's very important. Aziz, please listen to me and Silvia, and then you will understand. We didn't decertify them last year because we don't have general rules for this kind of problem. Now we are trying to put some rules, so as to say,

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those who are not reaching, who are not agreeing with those rules, will be decertified. This is the idea. Okay?

I hope that you will, that I have been clear. Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI:

Okay. Aziz speaking. When this is what I wanted to say. You don't understand me Tijani. We need many more amount for decertification, then speak about the degree of performance of each ALS. We need to put some rules. And you didn't answer my question. The criteria that will help an institution or which will help the team that will decide the decertification, for the ALS that are not participating at all.

It is easy, and the second item, the decertification, when it will be decided, will be decided by ALAC or by the RALOs or within AFRALO, this is my question. Of course, if it's ALAC, because ALAC is certifying, so ALAC will be decertifying too. It will come from the RALO, and if the RALO doesn't want to ask for that, ALAC can decide to decertify.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

And to answer your first question, you said that we need to have a minimum forward, for the performances. So we are designing this performance to say that this is a minimum for the performance. If you are not respecting, if you are not agreeing with this minimum, you will be decertified.

We are reaching the end of the hour. Someone wants to have the floor, to have the last word? I'm waiting for your reaction on the mailing list.

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Hadja, you want to speak? Michel? No? No. Okay, Hadja, do you want to have the floor? Hadja, you have the floor.

Hadja, you want to add something? Hadja was muted because the echo was coming from her line, so Hadja if you are on the telephone, you can dial star seven, star seven. Star seven, and we will hear you, Hadja. Okay Hadja.

HADJA OUATTARA: Okay. Hadja speaking. Hi, can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Perfectly.

HADJA OUATTARA: Okay. It is well understood. I think as Aziz and Michel said, he's trying to put the cart before the horse. So we first needed to measure the performances, and the consequence of this measurement will be decertification. I think we understood it well. Hello? Okay. Perfect.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Hadja. Okay. The only action item we have, please Silvia note that all of the members of the working group need to express their opinion on, and to decide about the weighted vote. And second one, about the member's performance. Each member needs to express his opinion about the members that are on the list, or on the wiki, before the next meeting, that will be in two weeks.

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Okay, thank you very much. I think we have did a very good job. I'm very satisfied. See you in two weeks. Bye-bye, good evening everybody.

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