
GISELLA GRUBER: May I wish you a good evening, and welcome you to this AFRALO call on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 18:30 UTC.

We have Seun Ojedeji, Barrack Otieno, Mohamed El Bashir, Holly Raiche, Otunte Otueneh, Beran Gillen, Chris Mulola, on the English channel.

On the French channel, we have Aziz Hilali and Tijani Ben Jemaa.

We have received apologies from Fatimata Seye Sylla and Alan Greenberg.

From ICANN staff we have Yaovi Aohoun, Heidi Ullrich and myself, Gisella Gruber.

Our interpreters for the evening will be Camila and Claire.

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 accurately identify you on the other channel. This is for every time you take the floor. Thank you and Aziz, you can go ahead.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz Hilali speaking. Thank you very much Gisella, and good evening everyone. As usual, we always start this call by saying we hope other people will join us. I hope more people will get online, because we're not many right now.

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We're going to start with the open public comments. First we have the pilot report on WHOIS, WHOIS address pilot study report, which was published for public comment. ICANN would wish to receive input and comment from the approach that they had proposed, and on the format of their work.

So that is the current status update project. And there is also the potential changes to the registrar accreditation insurance requirement. ALAC is participating in this public comment period. So we're still voting in the ALAC. For those who ask us about the situation for registrars, I'll say that ICANN took the initiative for the different regions of studying and revising their insurance requirement.

So they have undertaken this consultation of how they should go down the matter of insurance. So ICANN, once again, seeks input to decide on the best way to implement the potential changes to this requirement, or whether they should reject them all together. From what I've heard, there have been a lot of comments already, but it is still an important matter.

Number three, is IDN TLD, that internationalized domain name, on the LGR procedure implementation. It's about adding this script in Eurasia. Item number four, which is up for public comment, is the GNSO policy and implementation working group, and its recommendations report. The group has proposed a number of recommendations on matters related to GNSOs. Once again, they wish to receive input on these recommendations.

So I would please invite you all to read the report and see whether you have anything to add. Item number five, is the related country and territory names with the dot [inaudible] dot Hamburg and dot [inaudible] TLDs. So, the comments they would like to receive here should regard the recommendations regarding this agreement, which would allow for the release for this country and territory names, which are currently reserved, pursuant to the registry agreements.

The next item is the draft report on rights protection mechanisms review. There are a number of measures to protect rights, which would have a potential impact on the program that ICANN and also 2000 [inaudible] mainly, that new gTLDs. Now, that as regards, open public comment period. So would anyone like to add anything else? I think Tijani wishes to take the floor, so go ahead Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Thank you Aziz. Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI:

Yes, I hear you, says Aziz.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani takes the floor. Great, thank you. Good evening everyone. I just wanted to take the floor on the public comment regarding the insurance requirement and the potential changes to the registrar insurance requirement. You will probably remember that during our AFRALO meeting, we discussed this item because we made a recommendation.

We agreed that we should suggest a solution regarding the place that registrars should have, at least at the beginning. And to discuss the treatment of this insurance requirement.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Tijani, is that it?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No. Can you hear me? I'm back. Okay. Tijani speaking. I'm on Adobe Connect now, sorry, because my line disconnected. I was saying that we ask for action to be taken to either cancel this insurance requirement, or whether we should replace insurance. And we identified the potential issue there. Out of which there was this matter of currency in its country.

So ICANN has now proposed this amendment of the RAA, the registrar accreditation agreement, regarding this insurance requirement, which is one item, in that agreement. ALAC had already identified this issue. And so after having identified this, ALAC reiterated its views. So this is just to let you know that we have not forgotten this discussion, we had that's in AFRALO and ICANN.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Tijani, and thank you for this clarification. Thank you for clarifying as it is important, and I think it would be important to specify this so we all know the situation with this work, for the work we have undertaken for this public comment period.

And I like that you bring up what we discussed during our AFRALO ICANN meeting. So Yaovi wishes to take the floor. Yaovi, go ahead.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Can you hear me? Says Yaovi.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, we hear you loud and clear says Aziz.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Yaovi speaking. Thank you very much Tijani. Thank you AFRALO for this wonderful work. On Wednesday the 18th at 14:00 hours UTC, we have organized a webinar, the purpose of which is to discuss the accreditation of registrars in Africa, and to see why what Tijani just said, would be important to us.

So I think it would be important that we share, during that webinar, this project, this work that is being done. So I will confirm to you the organization of this webinar, the date and time, and given that we would still be within the public comment period. I think we should add that to the webinar so that people can contribute to this discussion, because AFRALO is going to help us do wonderful work for this area of interest.

So that's what I wanted to add regarding the webinar that will be confirmed tomorrow, hopefully.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Yaovi. In the absence of other interventions, I suggest that we give the floor, if we have Holly, please confirm to us whether she's still here, because she asked us to take the floor early because she has to leave for work. I cannot see, but Gisella can you please confirm whether Holly is with us?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, this is about the At-Large review, says Tijani.

AZIZ HILALI: The At-Large review, that's right, says Aziz. Holly, are you with us? Holly, if you are there, you're welcome to take the floor.

HOLLY RAICHE: I am thank you.

GISELLA GRUBER: Aziz, Holly is on the English channel, and she's ready to start.

AZIZ HILALI: You have the floor then, says Aziz. Go ahead Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you and good morning. It's Holly Raiche for the transcript record. I think what is happening now is the slides that were used at the Singapore meeting are being uploaded, which is a very good thing. There they are. Could we go on slide to the second page? And that will

start with what we're doing, but before that, no. Actually, stay there, go back to the first page.

The reminder of what I am actually now chairing the At-Large review team from the ALAC. Every part of ICANN is reviewed as part of a review cycle, as part of the accountability, transparency processes that ICANN has in place, and we're part of that.

The last review that just took place was of the GNSO. Our last review started in 2008, it took a year, and we'll look at the cycle in a moment of what the process will be. If we could go to actually the third page on, actually, do I have...? No, wait a minute. Let me go to the... This is the one. There is a timeframe. We're in right now the January to June phase, which is to develop the actual plan for a review of ALAC.

A working party has been formed. There are two representatives from each RALO, Fatimata and Barrack, thank you very much, would be the two from AFRALO. The other main item that will be happening between now and June, and this is being done by the structural review team onboard, is to select and examine what we as ALAC are doing. And this is all RALOs that are doing this, is to get together, each RALO, and have a think as to what questions should be asked as part of the review.

And who are the important people in your view? Who need to be interviewed? I will be talking to all of the RALOs, to ask the question and would ask that your two working party members, and that's Fatimata and Barrack, could lead a discussion, so that within a month, you can report back to me and we can have a meeting as the working party. And Barrack will be bringing back to that meeting the views of

AFRALO, as to what are the important issues from the AFRALO perspective on what needs to be asked.

We will, as a working party, then work with the examiner, who will have the expertise in conducting this review, so that we have an overview of the issues that need to be addressed, and a sense of who is particularly important, is interviewed. Now there are still some items that are ongoing from the last ALAC review. What did not happen in the 2008 review because the RALOs had just been established, was to look at the actual structures of the RALOs and the ALSs.

So the focus of this review is going to be on the RALOs, on the ALSs, and on your efficiency in terms of, what are our goals in ICANN terms, and are we achieving them? So really from now until probably the April AFRALO meeting, the action item on a review, is to get together under Barrack's leadership and Fatimata's leadership, to come up with some questions.

Now, I have control of this, so this is the review cycle that every part of ICANN goes through. It starts with a plan, which is where we are now. The review will then take nine to 12 months. It will encompass probably the Dublin meeting, and it may end wherever the first meeting in 2016 is. Then we have to get together as a working party and work through how do we implement the recommendations that come out of the review.

All of that then takes another nine to 12 months, so it's going to take some time. We're just at the beginning. Where we will go from here, obviously, June through March, so that will be Dublin and probably one

more meeting. And then the working party will be set, will work on an improvement plan, which will then be implemented.

The process itself, and actually, I'm going to go to this slide because this is what we, as the working party will do, which we're helping to, with the independent examiner, with the outreach and the engagement with ALSs, there will be what's called a 360 review, that's internal web based team. And we'll be thinking about who needs to do that. We have to help with coordination of interviews, and obviously that's going to include people on AFRALO, and then provide any clarification or corrections.

And we will be the ones that start to prepare the implementation plan, once we have a final report with recommendations. That's where we're up to. We have here, the GNSO was just reviewed. There are some very interesting things that you can understand about review process itself, and what you can learn from the GNSO review. I don't think, no.

Gisella, what, if you can put in the chat. There is a link to the, there is a specific page for us on the ALAC page, that will take you to really two reviews. One is the documentation from the 2008 review, that includes the final report, it includes the implementation plan, it includes a range of documents, and that is very useful. The other space is for this current review. These slides are on that page, in addition, there is a FAQ, which was prepared by the structural improvements review committee of the Board.

And it has some basic answers to some basic questions about this review. And Barrack, it makes a very useful read for all of you to

understand what we're doing when we look at ourselves, and we actually ask, are we being efficient and effective? Are we meeting our objectives? But that's where we are up to. Now, are there any questions?

I don't think so.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much. This is Aziz speaking. Thank you Holly. Indeed, it sounds like an important project, and of course, RALOs are going to be interested in it. So, are there any questions for Holly right now? Because Holly has to go, she has to go to work. It is currently very early in the morning, on her side. I think we might have one or two questions for Holly, is that right?

No? No questions? All right then, so we'll move on to the next item. Thank you very much Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

And so we're going to go on to item number four, that's report regarding the recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. So, who wishes to take the floor right now? Beran, Tijani, or [inaudible]? Reports, recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. Who is going to take the floor?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. Can you hear me better now?

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz is speaking. No, Tijani, I think your sound is better on Adobe Connect. Your phone is not so good right now.

Thank you very much Holly. I don't know if she's still with us. I know she needed to go, so Holly, if you can hear me, you're free to go. Thank you very much for that presentation.

If there are any questions to Holly, as Chair of the review working group, let us know. We'll send them to her. Beran, do you wish to take the floor?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. If no [CROSSTALK]... I'm ready.

AZIZ HILALI: No, but Beran is saying she wants to speak, says Aziz. So Beran, you have the floor, go ahead.

BERAN GILLEN: Can you hear me?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes we hear you, go ahead.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay, yes. I just wanted to give an update regarding...

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Go ahead, I can hear you.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay, yes. I just wanted to give an update of some of the ALAC activities that have been ongoing recently. I think the first one I wanted to talk on was the ALAC review, which Holly has just given us a brief overview of. The second thing I wanted to talk about was the contribution of the finance and budget subcommittee. We've discussed, in ALAC, very extensively, and we have decided that the finance and budget subcommittee would be made up of one member of the ALAC from each region, and one member of the RALO leadership of each RALO.

Our representatives for the finance and budget subcommittee are Tijani, who is representing the ALAC, and Aziz, who is representing the RALO leadership. But all members of AFRALO are also welcome to join as [inaudible], myself included, [inaudible] of the finance and budget subcommittee.

The second thing I wanted to give update on is the reconstitution of the CROPP review team, which is currently ongoing ALAC discussion mailing list. There are CROPP review team, it was suggested that it would be made up of one person from the finance and budget subcommittee representing the region, and one person representing the region from the outreach committees. So this is still under discussion, and has not

been confirmed, as we still have some members of the ALAC that are saying, or insisting rather that we need to limit the membership of the CROPP review team just to outreach and the finance.

Some members are saying that it should be opened up to the rest of the At-Large community, and the RALO leadership should be free to choose from the RALOs as a whole, and not be limited to the outreach committee. The last thing I want to update on is the taskforce we're creating. We're on the verge of creating a taskforce that would look at over the criteria and expectations of the ALSs from the ALAC perspective.

Sorry about the baby crying. So right now, we are constituting the taskforce, would be made up of one ALAC member from each region, and two members of the region chosen by the AFRALO leadership. I believe that's all we have now regarding ALAC activities, in addition to the ongoing accountability mechanisms on the three working groups. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

This is Aziz speaking. Thank you Beran. And we'll thank Beran's baby for adding to the conversation as well. Tijani, do you wish to add anything else?

Go ahead Tijani.

Aziz speaking. Tijani, are you still with us?

Okay, we'll come back to Tijani, if he reconnects. Tijani, no? We cannot hear him. So I think we are now ready to move on to the recent and

upcoming activities of AFRALO members. Would anyone wish to take the floor to speak about their ALS?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Can you hear me? Says Tijani.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Yes, Tijani, we hear you. We lost you for a second, but we hear you, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. Okay, so I'll repeat. ALAC has been working on institutional work, and as Beran said, there is a cross community working group, which has some representatives from ALAC and from Africa. And there is the cross community working group of the transition of stewardship, we should participate.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Tijani. So as I was saying, would anyone wish to speak about their ALS? If not, I could always tell you about my ALS. We have had the privilege in Morocco of having the CEO of ICANN, Fadi Chehadé here with us. He only stayed in Morocco for one day, but it was a full day.

He was in Paris, and then in the Barcelona meeting, and then he had to leave elsewhere, so he could only stay here for one day. But as I'm saying, that day was of his whole activities. We organized two

meetings, with the foreign affairs minister, and we had a conference at university. Those meetings and conferences allowed us to really let the world know what ICANN's work is, and to show the local community, or the work of ICANN. So there are many students in university's who now know ICANN and they know of the success.

And so they have much interest. I have received an email from Yaovi recently, which for many university students, generated and led them to present an application to become members through an ALS. So, that's what I have to say about my ALS. May I remind you that at the same time, that Fadi Chehadé had told us, during the Los Angeles meeting, that if he had the time, he wanted to go to those countries where ALSs are present, so that he could meet them.

I see that we have two requests for the floor. First up is Beran. Go ahead Beran.

BERAN GILLEN:

Hi. Yes, I wanted to give an update. It's not necessarily regarding an ALS, but it is an African [inaudible] that is ongoing now in [inaudible], or it would be on the first of April. So I was wondering if I could give a short description. It's an advanced ITT training for young professionals, will be starting on the 1st to the 24th of April.

It's a three week training course. It will be covering different topics, application development, development of geographical information systems, [inaudible] management, cyber security and [inaudible] protection.

It started with 400 people, and we do have scholarships for 50 people from Ghana, Nigeria, and [inaudible], to anyone applying from these three countries will be covered. So there are 50 scholarships, and it's also available for these people to come on. The closing application is the 20th of March, which is next Friday. I'm just going to post the link here on the chat. If anyone is interested, you can contact me or go to the website for more information. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Can I please ask you Beran, what ALS this is about?

BERAN GILLEN: Well that's the thing. It's not for a specific ALS. I'm speaking on something I'm aware of, and I thought I should share.

AZIZ HILALI: So the activity that Beran was just telling us about, and that information she just gave us, she spoke of an ALS that organizes this training session. So what ALS is this that organizes the session? That's what I'm asking says Aziz.

BERAN GILLEN: Yes, this is Beran. Again, it's not under any specific ALS right now. It's just information that I was sharing with the group, because I thought some of the people on the team would be interested.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Beran. Tijani, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani takes the floor. Thank you Aziz. I have sent an email of the mailing list, asking everyone to suggest what activities and tell us of the activities that they have organized, as Aziz just did for instance. I remind you that in 2014, we had a [inaudible] and a project to hear of everyone's activities on our page. We had a space for everyone to share their activities, so that we wouldn't take up time during the teleconference.

So, please feel free to upload all of that information onto the page, so that we can all be aware of your activities. We should go on updating that space we have.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Tijani. Any other comments? We're going to move on to the next item, that is items for information. We're going to start with the IANA stewardship transition coordination group. We have one of the co-chairs of that group with us, Mohamed El Bashier. He is the vice-chair of that group, which has, which are consolidating the propositions and the proposals of the different communities.

So Mohamed, if you hear us, please explain to us where you're at.

MOHAMED EL BASHIER: This is [inaudible]... Thank you very much Aziz. Briefly, I will give a summary of [inaudible] of ICG. And, as you mind before that, ICG has received a few proposals from the protocol community represented by the outreach [inaudible], and the numbers community representing [inaudible] RIRs. [Inaudible] started evaluating those supporters, while you're waiting for the domain names community proposal to [inaudible] from the CWG work, which is currently undergoing the [inaudible]...

The names community has been supporting the work. For instance, [inaudible] on that proposal, and development there will be a meeting [inaudible] for the group members try to [inaudible]...

So the initial evaluation of the [inaudible] that they should [inaudible] requirement, and they almost complete the two proposals would not [inaudible] new mechanisms for any new entity to [inaudible]... Two community proposals have indicated that the current [inaudible] and the current [inaudible] of ICANN, and the community involvement insufficient for the proposals.

One of the issues that I've been highlighting by the RCG and questions one has submitted to the community there for clarification, was the issue of copyrights of the IANA dot org domain name. The name of the IANA [inaudible], and the management of IANA's name. The protocol communities have [inaudible] that this copyright and the management of the domain name to be with the [inaudible], but the numbers proposal did not provide any, [inaudible] about that.

So the ICG, in a summary, will continue working on those two proposals, and we will be waiting for the names proposals when it comes to

compared to other people's proposals. So that's, in summary, [inaudible] of the ICG work. And I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz takes the floor. Mohamed, thank you very much. We've been listening intently to what you said, and we thank you for this report. Are there any questions for Mohamed? Because in the absence of questions, I would like to ask something. Beran, go ahead.

Beran, you can take the floor.

Aziz speaking.

BERAN GILLEN:

I'm sorry, that is an old hand. I'll bring it down. I'm sorry about that.

AZIZ HILALI:

Yes, thank you. I just note that you wrote that on the chat. And Aziz just gave the floor to Tijani. Tijani, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani takes the floor. There is some technical difficulties...

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz is speaking. We cannot hear you well Tijani. We cannot understand what you're saying.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Can you hear me? Says Tijani.

AZIZ HILALI: Yeah, we hear you [inaudible] says Aziz.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. So my question was, what will happen if the suggestion of the names community was not compatible with the two proposals? I mean, it could potentially be contentious, right? It could be a conflict between those three proposals. So, how could we reach consensus? Would we able to find a second consensus? A way to send the proposal?

Now what would happen in that scenario that I described?

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Mohamed, you can take the floor.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much Tijani for this important question. What is [inaudible] ICG will try to see the gaps and overlap, and also the missing components on each of the proposals. For example, if there is something mentioned covered in the proposal, it's called community proposal, if it was missing from the other two proposals, ICG might recommend or propose that, for the final proposal which we put for

comments, because ICG will try to see the gaps, what is missing between the different proposals.

Aziz said if the names proposal is conflicting with the other two proposals. The ICG might suggest a compromise, or might suggest, or might give back to the community and ask them to provide clarity, or maybe provide an update through the [inaudible] proposal. But the idea is that the ICG will fill the gaps of what is missing between the proposals and proposing what can be complimentary to the proposals, and put that as the final proposal for comment.

And they currently, although the timeframe is very tight, we can expect that we have a comment period, even if it's less than ICANN normal, four weeks comment period, we shorten that to two weeks, but it is very important to have comments on the final proposal before proceeding ahead with it. So I note that this [inaudible] question. And I also want to also exercise that we need to remember the comments by NTIA [inaudible] in Singapore when he said that, December is a target date, not a deadline, so if things, let's say, we didn't go as planned, and we reached that [inaudible] having the work of ICG completed and having a proposal presented.

And the third contract might be extended through a period that is, let's say, reasonable for the community, in the community and ask the ICG to come up with a proposal, or it could be until they reach an agreement. But [inaudible] question would try to fill the gaps and propose a compromise between the three proposals.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Mohamed. Some people are asking for the floor. But may those questions be short. We have exceeded our time on this question. So Seun, go ahead, but please be brief.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, this is Seun. Thank you very much for the presentation and the [inaudible]. Just one question, one quick one. [Inaudible] explain the [inaudible]... to be submitted, [inaudible] through the community, that is the numbers and the RIRs. I mean the RIRs and the [inaudible], would be [inaudible]... I mean, [inaudible] to some of the issues coming from the names community, [inaudible] that [inaudible] contract if it develops, and [inaudible] to determine [inaudible]...

Was that actually part of the requirement, so for the ICG? Because currently the numbers proposal and the [inaudible] only mentioned that they were going to have [inaudible]... ICG [inaudible]... enough. [Inaudible] to actually using in developing their [inaudible]... Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIER: Thank you Seun for the question. If I understand you...

Yes. Should I go ahead?

Yes, thank you. Yeah, thank you Seun for the question. If I understand your question, you're asking that does the ICG consider the [inaudible] proposal as complete, and what about, let's say, filling the names of committees or best of, filling the [inaudible] more details of names, for example, for committees proposed, if I understand that well.

First, the advice would be considered, the proposals currently we are, we need the initial individual proposal assistance for each one, and then now we have contained in each other's. On the item defined what is between them. Then in the names community proposal arise, it will be also viewed individually. Then it would be compared to the other two proposals.

So there is still some work to be done as well. But if it saves time, that's what ICG's comparing the two proposals together. The proposals just have recommendations for many reasons. The implementation of those mechanisms, it will be a second, it will not be in the proposals, the implementation phase. So for example, if there is an opinion of a review committee, the selection of that review committee is in the implementation phase of the proposal.

So I hope I did answer your questions well. Sorry the sound, the voice was not good. So I did try to really capture what you asked.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much Mohamed. [CROSSTALK] Seun, is just saying on Adobe Connect that [inaudible] answer to his question. Now Seun was going to take the floor in order to tell us about the cross community working group to develop IANA transition, IANA stewardship transition proposal on naming related functions, CWG. So, Seun, please do not take over five minutes because we're late. So go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Okay. Thank you Aziz. This is Seun for the record. I just will give updates on what has been happening so far in the CWG. [Inaudible] summary [inaudible] community [inaudible]... And also [inaudible] to get [inaudible] issues arise in different [inaudible] and finally [inaudible]...

[SEUN'S AUDIO IS REALLY BAD] ...that subscribes to the mailing list and would be able to follow what's, interactions, what is happening on the list. The [inaudible] mentioned that it was ready to provide answers to most of the questions that the CWG have [inaudible]... And that I should also mention that they are going to be face to face meeting of the CWG in Istanbul, between the 25th and 27th of March.

[Inaudible]... to be able to [inaudible]... questions during that meeting. The other major event is that the [inaudible]... so if you think you are just a general volunteer [inaudible]... Also the [inaudible] developing a, [inaudible] developing [inaudible] ICG... [Inaudible]...

...the actual transition plan. So the document is going through [inaudible] translate [inaudible] in the follow up on the mailing list. Finally, at the moment there are five different proposals, [inaudible] thank you to [inaudible]... his currently active on the CWG. We are [inaudible]... that this [inaudible]... I will stop there to answer any questions, if any. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you Seun. If there are no questions, as I see no raised hands, I take it there are no questions. We'll thank Suen for this

information. And now we're going to give the floor to Tijani who is a member of the CCWG on ICANN accountability.

I don't whether all our AFRALO members attend the meetings of this group, whether you'll participate. The CCWG is a working group where Tijani represents ALAC. They work on ICANN accountability. So Tijani, you have the floor, only for five minutes.

TIAJNI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Thank you Aziz. I might not even take all five minutes. I know we don't have much time. I just want to say that we have begun our work to prepare the accountability mechanisms that are necessary for more accountable ICANN, as we had said in our AFRALO statement current mechanisms are not sufficient.

So we're now developing the new accountability mechanisms. We're working on different aspects at once. There are two big groups, sorry, they're actually four big groups, and in each group, we have smaller working groups. So, we are moving on. I'd say we're making progress. But there are no greater challenges. We have managed to work on the basis of consensus at times, we try and find the common ground between us all.

But I'll say that in general terms, the group is able to work fruitfully. We have met a couple of months ago, and there will be a meeting in Istanbul. So we're now working on the mechanisms that were going to suggest for the transition. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you Tijani for having done this so quickly. If there are no questions, I would like to ask Mohamed something on these three subjects that we have just discussed. Maybe, and this is what I'm expecting, it will be able to reply in one sentence.

So the question is, is there a point at which they all deny, do we see the point at which it can all be consolidated? Do you know yet where they're going to know meet what the common arrival point would be?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. No, I think we're still missing one of the proposals for the transition. But we're only working on the accountability mechanisms. So there cannot be a common point towards where we are advancing. We're going towards an accountability system that's going to improve the accountability of ICANN, that's all.

So my group will not participate in that.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Yeah, I'm going to specify and be a bit more clear here. The model that should usually appear, the model in which we work, where would the main points be. Well, what are you advocating for? Tijani? I think Seun is going to be able to reply Tijani.

Aziz speaking. So Seun, you have the floor. Try and answer in one sentence please.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello, this is Seun for the record. It's more of a question [inaudible]...

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. I'm asking what the trend that the majority of people follow, what you see as a trend in what they want. Have you already identified a trend in the new model for the transition? The new [CROSSTALK] model, that is.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, in one sentence, no, there is not particular trend yet. We are hoping that after the model [inaudible] can actually determine what change comes. At the moment, there is no [inaudible] change for now. I hope that answered your question.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Yes, wonderful, thank you. That said, we're now going to move to item 4D, that's items for information. The proposal for 2015 AFRALO IGF workshop. So Tijani, would you wish to take the floor to explain this to us?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani takes the floor. Thank you Aziz. What we have proposed is to present the IGF Secretariat with a proposal to organize a workshop at the 2015 IGF, regarding the multistakeholder model of ICANN, and how it's going to evolve in the life of the new accountability mechanisms that are now under consideration. That is the subject that we have

suggested to deal with during that workshop, that we have proposed to the IGF Secretariat.

We have also presented additional proposals of course. That's all. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Tijani. Is a MAC, that's the multistakeholder advisory committee that's going to decide on the organization of this types of workshop. So, I hope Camila and Claire can stay a bit longer so that we can complete the agenda.

So we're going to move on directly to items for discussion, and Holly has already presented her At-Large review group presentation. So, the other item that we have here pending on the agenda is the review of the AFRALO operating principles. I would like to know the status of this, and may I remind you that we have committed to have our finalized [inaudible] made, so go ahead Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Yes, indeed, we have [inaudible] a bit because of how many people we have in the cross community, on the accountability of ICANN. And that's not it. There is also the transition that we're all following. So of course we have delayed our work a bit, because we have followed this other subject.

So there is teleconferences every other week. There used to be in any event, now we haven't had a teleconference for like a month or two. We're going to pick up the pace and go back to having biweekly

teleconferences as soon as possible, but we're going to have to take a rest here.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Tijani says Aziz. So when do you think you'll be able to start?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. Well, it won't be in a week or two. It's going to be probably after the Buenos Aries meeting.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. After the Buenos Aries meeting? Okay, thank you very much. Thank you Tijani and thank you everyone. Is there any other business that anyone would like to add, or can we now adjourn the meeting?

If there no other items to be added, I thank you all for having attended our teleconference today and for your active participation. I thank Camila and Clair who have been our interpreters. [Inaudible] I thank the staff and everyone, so thank you very much.

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