
AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. We're going to begin. We're going to start, and we will try to join Mohamed. We are going to begin regarding, for this call, this means everybody.

GISELLA GRUBER: And welcome to this AFRALO call, of April 1st, 2015, 18:30 UTC.

On the English channel, we have Beran Gillen, Gabriel Ramokotjo, Seun Ojedeji, Barrack Otieno.

And on the French channel we have Aziz Hilali, Hadja Ouattara, Cédrick Kinanga Yindu, Tijani Ben Jemaa, and Michel Tchonang.

We have no apologies.

And ICANN staff, we have Silvia Vivanco, Heidi Ullrich, and myself, Gisella Gruber.

Our interpreters are Isabelle and Claire.

And please, I remind you to state your name, not only for transcript purposes, but also for the interpreters, so they will be able to identify you on the other channel. Thank you, and Aziz you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you Gisella. Welcome everybody for this AFRALO meeting of April. And welcome to the new member joining us for the first time, for this meeting. As usual, we are going to begin our meeting

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with the open public comments. Fatimata told us that she is going to be with us for half an hour. So we are going to give her the floor.

So if she needs to have the floor. So first, the open public comments on which ICANN has to do some comments. First item, it is for the domain name, for the country and territories code. We have new gTLD, IDN [inaudible]. This public comment is asking comments from the community on the new domain names, so this new domain names could be registered for countries and territories names.

You will see that on the ICANN website. The second item is about the [inaudible] organization, for the second level. ICANN is developing new references on this IDN TLD. This is called LGR. It is to be used in a new assessment process. And then aim is to facilitate and improve this ability of the operation for the new gTLDs.

So, the community is invited to give its input on this new system. You can also consult the website about that. Who is asking for the floor? Okay, Aziz you can go on.

Okay. The third item is about the final report of the, about, it is the final report on the expert about WHOIS. And this report proposed due diligence for 12 new categories for, it is about comments. You have to do some comments for the items. I am following, I'm speaking about the current [public comment].

Those which are closed, you will find them on the ICANN website, and you will find the comments for them. The fourth item is about the protection of rights. There has been a first assessment for the right

protection that has been implemented to mitigate the issues for the new gTLD introduction.

And the last item is the ICANN plan, operational plan. And you will see that on the ICANN website. ICANN is asking the community to comment on that plan. And on the next plan of the ICANN. So I'm finished now with the first item of our agenda.

As Fatimata is going to leave us, so I'm going to ask her if she needs to take the floor, if she wants to have the floor. Fatimata.

Okay. There is no answer from Fatimata. Tijani is asking for the floor. Tijani has a comment? Okay, Tijani you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much Aziz. Tijani speaking. About the agenda, this item of the agenda, this item comes back every month. This is the review of the open public comments, and the object is to have you to help all of the members of our RALO to participate in the public comments. So, currently ALAC is giving its opinion through its, through the public comments. And the idea is to reflect the point of view of our community.

But the RALOs are not forced to participate. So I want to make a proposal. I would like to find another way to, not to check if you are listening, but the idea to force people to participate. So next time, we are going to try to take all the items in which ALAC is interested and wants to make some comment, and I'm going to ask the AFRALO members to give their opinion on those items.

So we will have the opinion of the African ALS in the ALAC opinion, and that will be shown into the public comments. Because we need to find a way so you can participate a little bit more, because Aziz is reading all of that, but you don't participate.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Tijani. Aziz speaking. You are right. I like to remind you why we are reading all of those open public comments. And this is what Tijani just said. We have seen, and other RALOs have that problem, we are seeing that the members, our members, don't check the open public comments. And once a month, people can be informed about what those public comments are.

There are some issue about, in which our region is really involved. For example, there was an item about the facilitation of the registry creation. I think it is not necessary to be a member of AFRALO, to be an ALS to make a comment. Anyone in the African region can make that comment. So I think it is important, and when you hear me, you have an idea about what are the items on public comments.

And I hope that each ALS participating into that meeting will send this message to its community, so people can participate and send the comments. Okay. Now I think, for myself, this is the idea. I want to inform you about the public comments. I'd like everybody to participate, and make some comment, make some inputs.

Some items are not very interesting for our region, but it is always interesting to know what are those public comments. It is open to

everyone, if you have some proposals, you can do them. Okay, about the public comments, do you have something to say?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Okay, Aziz, I would like to add something. I think what you have done was very well down, but I wanted to say is that we want people to participate more to the public comments. There are some public comments that are not interesting for our region, I understand that. But as I've said, there are some comments on which, as ALAC needs to give its opinion, I would like to have some ideas from our ALS to include them into the ALAC opinion, or the ALAC report.

AZIZ HILALI:

Okay. Aziz speaking. All of the ideas are welcomed. As we said, we can't force people to participate to the public comments, but I think that the ALS function is to follow the [inaudible] to follow the ICANN activities, and to participate to those comments. Okay, thank you Tijani. If there are no other interventions, we are going to move to the next item.

To the third item of our agenda, reports, recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. Hadja, are you with us? Can you speak about the activities of ALAC, or Beran? Who wants to have the floor.

HADJA OUATTARA:

Hi Aziz. Hadja speaking. Okay. Good evening. During the last ALAC meeting, which took place yesterday, we decided to make a report to present ALAC position on the geographic, on country codes, and this

report will be about country codes, and will be about territories and nation names.

We also said that some leaders, some RALO leaders didn't participate to the last ALAC meeting, and that we wanted to have some more reports of the RALO. ALAC is asking for a better presentation of the RALO's activities. So ALAC is recommending a better participation, and [drafting] of the report of each RALO. We also, we have been informed about the work of the CCWG.

I think it is an important issue. And maybe someone, like Tijani, will speak about that issue. And the ALAC Chair spoke about the main issues that ALAC was facing. Maybe Beran wants to add something.

Tijani maybe has something to add. Thank you Aziz. I'm finished.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you Hadja. Okay, about the report of AFRAO. We had a discussion with Barrack and the staff about the AFRALO report for January, February, March. These reports have not been sent. So I think we have talked about with Barrack. I think Barrack is preparing those reports. We are a little late. And I think Barrack is responsible for those reports.

They will be actualized and sent to the Wiki page. I don't know if Barrack wants to take the floor to speak about the AFRALO reports. Barrack do you want to take the floor?

CLAIRE: Barrack, can you hear me? This is Claire.

Barrack can you hear me? This is Claire speaking, the interpreter. Do you want to take the floor?

BERAN GILLEN: Claire, this is Beran. I would also like to take the floor if Barrack is not coming on.

BARRACK OTIENO: Hello?

CLAIRE: Beran, just a minute. We would like to hear Barrack first. Barrack, can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, first Beran and then...

BARRACK OTIENO: Hello?

CLAIRE: Who is speaking? Barrack? Who is speaking?

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes, it's Barrack. Barrack is on the line.

CLAIRE: Okay, Barrack, okay, you have the floor.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay. Thank you. Just to respond on the issue of the report. We posted the report on 20th January, but I think there was a problem. I don't know how come it didn't appear on the system. But we did it, I think, yesterday. I'll do it today again. So apologies for that. Although there are some changes that I believe need to be made on the report. So we should have an updated version tomorrow.

But there was a slight glitch. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Okay, thank you very much Barrack. Beran, you have the floor.

BERAN GILLEN: This is Beran for the transcript record. I just wanted to add on to that report, with regards to the ALAC report. So I just wanted to explain about the RALO reports that we discussed in the ALAC meeting yesterday. I think the Chair made it very clear that a lot of the RALOs are not posting their reports, and if they are posting their reports, the reports are not complete.

And I think also that we have not, maybe getting as much information as we should with regards to our ALSs. So perhaps we have to devise a

plan, maybe between the secretariat and the ALAC members representing Africa, of how to get more information from the ALSs, with regards to their activities. And this would help us a great deal, in getting the information and posting it on the page. That would help.

And I think also, maybe, perhaps the RALO leadership should perhaps, because they gave an example of the Asia-Pacific region and their report, how they've been presenting their reports. So perhaps we should look at that and see how they are presenting their reports on their Wiki pages and follow suit. That's what I had to say. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Tijani is asking for the floor.

TIAJNI BEN JEMAA:

Aziz, first, I would like to answer to Beran. It is a report on the ALS activities, and the responsibility of the AFRALO members. We need to send the well drafted report, this was a discussion we had with Barrack. And I think that AFRALO has always sent report on time, and well drafted.

So with a new secretary, we are trying to see how we can send those reports. So as those reports can represent the AFRALO activities.

The AFRALO report has always been done well, because what is a RALO report? It's a comment on the activities that are going on, and we use to do very complete reports over all of the activities of our RALO. It has been a while since I've been taking care of this issue, but before we

used to spend these for months, exchanging ideas, because, you know, I may have forgotten something, he remembered something.

And so we would send the report from one person to the next in order to have a complete, excellent report. And these reports were up to date, and they were not late. So I think that if we have an issue, if the quality of the reports are not good enough, well, we need to write ALAC and say, AFRALO confirms that the reports are being done regularly, the reports are complete, and they do reflect all of the activities in the region. Because you know, a year and a half ago, the reports were excellent.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Tijani. And I would like to confirm what you just said. Hadja, you will be next. You'll be next Hadja. But what I wanted to say is that I am surprised to hear about this issue with the report. I don't know what the criteria are for this.

AFRALO was always a good example, I think, as a member of ALAC. And I am surprised to hear this. Barrack and I, you know, since January, we can recognize that the reports were not up to par, and I think that, you know, we have a new secretary. The secretary is going back on the reports that have been drafted in order to make sure that we always have the same quality in the reports, because we do not want people to start saying that AFRALO draft the reports quickly, too quickly.

Because up until now, our RALO was always an example. Now, Hadja.

HADJA OUATTARA: Aziz, I totally agree with you. Unfortunately, that's what was said yesterday. Of course we can double check on whether any of this is true, indeed, but was said was said. The only RALO that made a good report was APRALO, so Asia Pacific. So that's just what I wanted to add.

AZIZ HILALI: Very good. So in order to close on this point, I would like to give the floor to Barrack, because he is in charge of these reports. I would like to hear from him on that point. I would like to know whether or not they will be ready.

BARRACK OTIENO: Hello? Hello? Can you hear me?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, we hear you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, we hear you.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay, thank you. I think I understand what has been said, and I would like to make the following comments. One, the reports were generally, in February, was [inaudible] including the one for December, by 28th January they were ready. And [inaudible] the report on the Wiki, but for some reason, I don't know what transpired, and it couldn't be found on the Wiki again.

Regarding the quality of the report, as has been mentioned, I did not get it clearly, whether there was a particular expectation over some, but Aziz explained this to me [inaudible], the format of the report. And I think, what I can say is I'm revising them, as for December, that he showed me. I did not get in touch with the other members of ALAC to know what exactly is happening on, as the RALOs are comparing to each other. Because I did see the discussion among the Secretariat, but nonetheless, I've gotten the point.

And going forward, we should be able to have better reports as for the previous standard that has been done. And I think I'll try my best to also coordinate with the ALAC members from our region, so that we're actually able to front one voice. One of the challenges that I have been facing is, most of the report that are given are best from our monthly meeting, and we should look at the month of January, and a bit of the month of February, within our RALO very little was happening among the ALSs, other than the issues that we were discussing on, in our monthly meeting.

And that was basically issues to do with the IANA transition, issues to do with the CWG. And previously issues to do with the metrics of the working group that was being led by Tijani. So, that's the position as it stands, but going forward, we should have much better reports and better coordination with ALAC representatives.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much Barrack. I am very happy to hear this. I would also to commend Tijani also, anyone who would like to do this. And so let's coordinate together before we coordinate with ALAC.

[Inaudible]

...and when you speak about AFRALO activities, what you are talking about is all of the activities during the month, but it is not a report on the monthly meeting. Let us be very clear. The report, the monthly report from AFRALO needs to describe all of the activities that are undertaken by the members of AFRALO, by all the region in Africa. And so when the report is drafted, and when it is approved by AFRALO, you need to involve all of the members.

And that is what you send to ALAC. The report that we draft needs to be discussed within our group before sending it out. We're going to close the points, but one last comment by Tijani first.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I would like to mention that, for example, for the March report, we should include in there what happened in Morocco. We did not, much of this during the monthly meeting, it is extremely important activity in Morocco, within our region. So this needs to be included. So all the activities that might be going on, in the region, should be within the report.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you for this note. Hadja.

HADJA OUATTARA: Thank you. We spoke about the report, but ALAC also requires that the RALOs participate in the ALAC meetings as well. So the leader of the RALO should be present during the meeting.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, that is true, and I asked Barrack to do that because the meetings usually take place in English, and so it would be good if Barrack could represent our region within the ALAC. And so I would like to ask Barrack right now to be our representative during this meeting, during this monthly ALAC meeting.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani. It is good for him to be there, but I think that you should also be there. Aziz, it is not necessary for you to say a lot of things, but at least be there if you have some things so you can say it, but at least for you to be present, for you to be there during those ALAC meetings is important.

AZIZ HILALI: I understand Tijani. I do understand, Tijani. And that is something that I had already mentioned. I had given the time, I had explained that the ALAC meeting time is really a problem for me. That is an issue. All right.

Okay, so I would like to ask Barrack if he could do everything that he could, in order to represent our region within ALAC. And if I can be

there, I will be there. It will be a pleasure. Now, let's move on to the next point.

Are there people, are there members who would like to talk about their ALS, about their activities within their country? I can see no hands.

I would like to say a few things, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani [inaudible]. As far as my ALS, we intend to organize a workshop on the Internet, towards the end of May, or beginning of June. And also, I will be there as a speaker, I will be there. That's what I would like to say.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz. Well, good luck. That's very good. Next point. So this is an item for information, and that starts with Mohammed, if he is present. And he's going to talk about the IANA stewardship transition coordination group. There was a meeting organized just a few days before ours, and that basically discussed the issues of the ICG.

Is Mohammed with us? If he's not with us, we will move to the next point, and that is the cross community working group to develop the proposal for the transition the IANA stewardship as it relates to naming functions. And so Seun is the one who represents us within this group. There was a meeting in Istanbul, and I would like to ask Seun to now speak and explain to us what happened in Istanbul. Seun?

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you very much. This is Seun for the record. Yeah, thank you Aziz for the intro. So I will quickly give you a brief [inaudible] of activities we did in the CWG. As Aziz already considered, there was the face to face meeting that was held in Istanbul. [Inaudible] 7th of last month. And after that meeting, [inaudible] ...statement from the co-chairs to the community.

These statements were released recently, and I'm going to past the URL to the statements [inaudible]. The meeting was [very] productive. We had there fortunately, [inaudible]... so I participated remotely. We had the opportunity to make sure [inaudible] ...and update, to discuss other questions relating to the different [inaudible] proposal [inaudible]...

At that time, there were several [inaudible] proposals. However, after making five, two [inaudible] proposals, [inaudible] recognized to the top [inaudible] of the CWG to develop further. So [inaudible] questions actually [inaudible]. And there is [inaudible]... proposal actually receiving much attention right now is the one that has to do with the Internet accountability model, which is going to be relying more on the outcome of the CCWG, and changing, [inaudible] bylaw and so [inaudible] bylaw [inaudible].

And the second option is the one that has to do with the [inaudible] model, which is [inaudible]... which is going to be also internal. These are two models which the CWG has asked [inaudible] to actually provide further updates [inaudible], especially [inaudible] how it could [inaudible]...

...I'm sure you may recall in December, that the CWG made a call for public comment. And at that time, it was a proposal that was about contract co [inaudible]. That proposal [inaudible]... of the CWG. So, we have [the five teams right now] which are actually developing different responses with different part of the [inaudible] questions. And the CWG is also trying to develop a particular [document] right now, which is currently [inaudible] two [inaudible] ...actually trying to respond to all the questions asked by the ICG.

The document is information, and [inaudible] for each of the section of the document to write their contents [inaudible] in the document. We are hoping that, [inaudible] is hoping that, before [inaudible]... proposal will be ready and available for comment. The comments would last 30 days, [inaudible] to 30th of May. I think our next meeting is going to be tomorrow, which is the 2nd of April. [Inaudible]... participate [inaudible]...

...questions. Thank you.

[FRENCH]

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Hello? Yeah, this is Seun for the record. I'm done with my presentation. Are there any questions? Okay, just [inaudible]... in the chat room.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much. So we just had a report from Seun on the meeting. And Tijani is the representative for AFRALO. I would like to remind you that this is a cross community working group that works on accountability. And now I would like to give the floor to Tijani again.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. We had a meeting in Istanbul. And the meeting was very helpful, because when you can see people face to face, you are able to better understand, but our work is not done. There will be a second meeting soon. So where are we at right now in terms of accountability, in terms of ICANN's accountability?

So we discussed the main points that we had a consensus on. And first of all, we need to, the community has to have the ability to demote a Board member, or several Board members. And this will be discussed within work stream two, within the second part of our work that concerns the accountability mechanisms that are necessary for the transition.

So, in order to demote the Board, we have discussed this, and we have a common position within the group, which is something that will happen within a group that will be made up of community members. Each member will not have the same weight, but what I can say is that ALAC will have the same weight as, and so forth, as the GNSO and so forth. And the representatives of the SOs and ACs should have the opinion of their constituencies so that if I represent ALAC within this group, I cannot vote in my name.

I need to vote as a member of ALAC. So I need to have the position that ALAC gave me, because it is a very serious decision. And so this decision to be taken very seriously. It cannot be taken lightly. Secondly, the second power that can be given to the community is regarding the budget. So the representatives of the different constituencies can vote in their own name, because the impact is not quite the same, it's not quite as important, but still, it remains a question that concerns all of the budget.

And the [inaudible] plan. This is also something that has to do with the strategic plan, the structure. And also another point that we discussed is jurisdiction. So these three points are points that lead to a lot of discussion, a lot of debate. And as far as jurisdiction, we don't yet have a common point of view.

And so we discussed everything that is necessary before the transition, and then there will be the next part, which is after the transition. And there is a necessity for us to, how should I say? To listen. There was a question asked of the ICANN CEO, and also a question to the secretary I think. So the CEO committed, at the end of this meeting, to keep ICANN within the California jurisdiction. But there were other proposals, and there was a different point in the AOC, especially the point that ICANN should stay in California.

And this is something that we need to think about. Now, in terms of bylaws, something might need to be done. It's not very clear. The idea is not necessarily to talk about jurisdiction, but to find the mechanism, the accountability mechanisms that are necessary in order for ICANN to more properly act during the transition.

So the question that we discussed was that basically nothing was decided. For now, we are just in the process of merging our opinions, but we haven't yet developed a report, or address, or anything. So for now, nothing will be done in terms of jurisdiction. This is still a pending issue. And this is something that remains to be discussed.

Because there are contradictory opinions, very contradictory opinions. So for now, things will remain as they are, but I can tell you that the atmosphere within the CCWG is very healthy. People truly are direct. They don't keep things to themselves. In the end, I think that the conditions of the discussions are very good, and we typically try to work towards consensus.

I think that the work that we do is good, and we really advanced greatly. I will stop here Aziz, but I would like to mention today we discussed transition. We had presentations by Mohamed and by Olivier. Very, very important presentations. I hope that several members of our RALO participated and listened to this webinar. And I would like to advice that we continue doing this. And we will keep you updated as to what we are doing.

In the meantime, if you have not listened to the webinar, I would like to encourage you to consult the website to get the slides, or to ask Gisella if she can provide those. Thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much Tijani for your proposals, because all of these things will change ICANN quite a bit, and this is something that we need to watch closely. He does that, he has, he really gives a great point of

view coming from our region. It is something very important that we are talking about.

As far as the possibility to demote one of the ICANN Board members, those are very important topics. I would like to ask a quick question, Tijani I would like you to answer that question. When you talk about the possibility that the community might demote a Board member, are you talking about the ICANN community? Or, we really didn't define what the community is. Is this the community that we know? ALAC, GAC, and so forth?

Or would possibly be some other definition of the community?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much Aziz for your question. Yes, we have discussed that issue several times. We spoke about that in Istanbul, and it was about the ICANN community. It was in ALAC, GNSO, the GAC. That was what we decided. But I don't think, for example, for those who are not members of the ccNSO, they can ask for the right to be represented, because if they are not represented because they are not members of the ccNSO, but they have some interest in that issue, they can ask to be represented.

What we say in Istanbul was just about the ICANN community. Okay. Something else that I have noticed about the CCWG or CWG. We are still, this is my feeling, it is what I understood, during today's webinar, and I really regret there were no more members of AFRALO, but the September date is difficult to respect, I think. This deadline is difficult to respect.

Tijani is answering, I think that it should be respect. This deadline should be respected. I think Seun just said, just said it before, things are improving after Istanbul, things have changed a lot. So, it is for the 15th of June, the deadline of the 15th of June, is possible to be respected. About accountability, we have no deadline, but we will have to send the necessary accountability mechanisms for the transition.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you Tijani. I haven't heard what Seun said, because there was a problem with the connection, so I can't say anything about that. So we are going to move to the last item of the agenda. Tijani is going to speak about new gTLDs in future rounds.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. There was a new round with 2,000 applications. Latin America and Caribbean had a little more than Africa. Asia was a little better, and then North America and Europe were the best, at the best place. And there are some applications made by community who wasn't made at all, almost at all.

So this situation is not a good situation. So ICANN has formed a discussion group about the future rounds of new gTLDs. And we have been discussing on that item during a meeting. Now we are working a little bit more after this first meeting. But the problem is more about Africa. And it is about the applicant of the developing country and the poor communities.

I have made... We had a meeting yesterday or the day before. So I think that it would can't have a round only for developing countries and poor countries, we have to do something special for those countries during the next round. First about the development seed of these programs. The development part of this program, of this future round.

There is no reason why we won't be able to do an exception for those countries so they won't have to pay anything. Then we need to organize a program, well prepared program, to accompany these people, to help them to read all the process, the application process. From the beginning to the operation of the gTLD. It's a need, a real need, for all of the communities also, because some communities have asked about that.

ICANN organized, plan to assess if it was necessary for the communities. And the panel was not including those persons. Today, the criteria were not fair, were not [inaudible] criteria, and this needed to be revised, need to be... We need to improve those criteria, and we need to change those panel in the future. We need to discuss among the community and the ICANN members, the gTLDs of the community need to discuss so they will have a better understanding.

I think I'm finished. Thank you Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you Tijani. It is very important what Tijani just said. It's very important for Africa because and for South America also it's very important. Next item is the Buenos Aries meeting, the joint AFRALO African meeting. As usual, we need to reach an agreement on

that issue, and we will ask someone to make a proposal of a subject, or we can send an open consultation on the two lists, African and African, to ask all of the AFRALO members and the ICANN community, or the African community of ICANN, to propose subjects.

Aziz, Tijani is asking for the floor. Says Aziz, I think that even if we have a proposal, now it will remain a proposal, because the final decision a common decision. So we will have to ask the opinion of our members of everybody. Yes, Aziz speaking, yes okay, but we can have some subjects.

Okay, normally, can we ask the ICANN staff to draft an action item for this meeting, asking its opinion through the community [inaudible] to address during the next meeting in Buenos Aries? But I think that we will speak about the transition, the IANA transition, the accountability of ICANN, and the last subject. That is to say, the new gTLDs round.

Okay. Please, I'm going to ask Barrack, Barrack can you take care of that please? And on the list, the request for proposal of subjects to address during the next meeting, during the meeting. Silvia is asking me to repeat the action item, so I'm going to repeat.

I'd like to send a comment, an open comment, on the two lists, AFRALO and African, so they will send some subjects for the next AFRALO African meeting in Buenos Aries. Thank you. I'm finished. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, I was just adjusting the action items. We have to nominate someone, and asking this person to send on the two lists of AFRALO and African. And open a comment, a way to concern everybody to know what the subject could be the for the next meeting in Buenos Aries. Tijani is writing this action item. Barrack, please can you do that? Barrack, you have the floor.

BARRACK OTIENO: I will do that. Hello?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Barrack, I have translated.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Barrack. Now we're going to move to the last item. The last item is about the ALS applications, and there is one application that is high stakes for the Nigerian women, and [inaudible] from Nigeria. It is an association of women in news from Nigeria. I wanted to tell you that we are not going to take a decision on that issue, because we are applying the rule we had before, before the working group who is working on the new rules finish its work.

This rule was that the staff is going to send an action item. Please, an action item. The staff has to send due diligence. So we will be able to take a decision about the AFRALO report on this application, for this ALS. Thank you.

Now there is just one item left, and it's any other business. [Inaudible] on this item, any other business. Yes, Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes, I have two items. First, Barrack has circulated a survey for the members. It's just a minute. There are only three questions. So please, if you didn't answer to this survey, then do it. And Aziz, you need to send something to help Barrack. This is very important. The deadline is tomorrow, or the day after tomorrow so we are asking you to please, to participate to this survey.

You have to send your degrees and your abilities. It's about your degrees and abilities. Send this to Barrack. Now we are receiving the emails about the pilot meeting. I'm asking all of the AFRALO members who will need help to go to Buenos Aries. And those who had a problem last night, last time in Buenos Aries. I'm asking everybody, please, send your name, surname, saying that you need data. That you are going to go to Buenos Aries, even though ICANN is not financing your, or funding your trip.

We have Olga, who is in Argentina, she tried to help us last time. It was difficult. So this time, we are going to begin earlier, to start earlier, taking care about that. So please, those who want to go to Buenos Aries, send me your names and your passport numbers. I'm going to try to take care of your visa with Olga, so we can send some notes to all our participants. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Tijani. Aziz speaking. It is very important. Thank you for reminding us about this survey. Please answer the survey. We are the RALO with less answers to this survey, so please, if you can't answer to this survey, as Tijani said, it is important. Thank you.

And if there are no more comments, I will declare this meeting closed.
Thank you...

SEUN OJEDEJI: This is Seun.

AZIZ HILALI: ...to all the participants. Thank you Claire. Thank you. Have a nice day or a nice evening. Thank you.

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