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TERRI AGNEW: Thank you. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the AFRALO Taskforce, Outreach for more African Representation in ICANN Leadership Positions, taking place on Monday the 6th of April, 2015 at 17:00 UTC.

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

On the French channel, we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Michel Tchonang, Fatimata Seye Sylla, and Baudouin Schombe.

I show apologies from Aziz Hilali.

From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Terri Agnew.

Our French interpreters are Isabelle and Claire.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much and back over to you Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Fatimata on the phone. We also have Michel, back, I believe, Seun, Tijani, Baudouin and myself. What about Michel? It seems like his microphone, or his phone is offline, the connection is offline?

Michel is here? He's present? Yes. So we're going to start right now. So we have this meeting, and ever since last year we engage into some

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activities in order to motivate people, because we want to encourage having more candidates.

And now we have the results. And we have a report on the candidates. And the goal is to have the request accepted. So we are going to share the results of our work. And so this is what we have at this point. In terms of the leadership position that has to be filled for this year, there are three members of the Board, two members from the GNSO, three members from ALAC, and one from the ccNSO.

As far as the African region, we wanted to have a request for the two GNSO members, for the three ALAC, and for the one ccNSO. And so we have met with Tijani in Mauritius, and there was also at that point, communication to the members in order to promote ICANN, to promote leadership within ICANN, and to ask better classification from the African community.

Next slide. So as far as 2015, the number of requests, application request that we received and processed, as far as the NomCom, we received 156 application requests. And out of those 156, 81 were completed. And they were accepted. And so they will be reviewed at this point. So these are the statistics per region, so as far as the total in Africa, the number of candidates that we have is excellent. So congratulations.

Asia Pacific, we have 10. They didn't pursue Board membership, so that's what happened. EU 20, Latin America 22, so same thing with

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Africa. And as far as North America, seven. So now let's move on to the numbers. Next page please, thank you. That's it.

So this is, we are only considering what is of interest to us, for Africa. So I think that you might have skipped one of the slides. There is another one. I'm not sure that's it. I don't know if I remember exactly why I had that. I'm looking for a number, there we go. So this is diversity. I have to look for a slide that I'm missing here.

Well, I'm just going to talk about it then. So there should have been another piece of information here. So as far as the Board. The African region has 16 candidates, and with Latin America, there was a comparison of the two, and I don't see this on the slide. But that is something that will be included in the final report.

So there are 16 candidates for Africa. I have, I'm a little bit mixed up here, sorry. Okay, 16 candidates for Africa. I'm sorry, it's 15 for the Board. Okay? And as far as the GNSO, there were 12 candidates from Africa. As far as ALAC, Africa and Latin America have the same number of candidates, with a total of 41 candidates, 16 for Africa, I believe. Latin America, 16.

And Asia Pacific, nine. For ccNSO, 12 for Africa. So I am now going to go back to the slides that we have. Now for ALAC, we have 16 candidates. So this is the composition that we have. Now as far as diversity. So you know, the number of women and the number of men. So there are 12 women and 69 men, total. So for Africa only, congratulations Africa

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because really, you have a pretty high number of women, we have a pretty high number of women.

For the other ones, you can see on the screen, I'm not going to detail this. So in Asia Pacific, you have two women and eight men. In EU, two women, 18 men. And you don't have any women in North America, but seven candidates total. And for Latin America, three women and 19 men. So this is, overall, what we have so far, in terms of the number of candidates.

That's it for the results. And so I would like to open up the lines now for questions and answers and time.

Anyone? Can everybody hear me?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, I can hear you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I'm not sure who that was.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: If there are any comments. So personally, I am very satisfied with the results. Congratulations to all of us for that. Yes, Tijani, you have something to say?

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you Fatimata. I think that the results are excellent. I think that the work that we did succeeded. So we need to continue these types of campaigns, we need to continue to develop people who are of interest. So over the next year, we need to have a place in the Board. As far as the constituencies, that is not a problem.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, Fatimata now. Tijani, are you there?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: You didn't hear me, Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Ah, now I can hear you. I didn't hear you earlier.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: So Tijani now. The results are excellent, is what I just said. I think that the conclusion that we can draw is that in the future, every year, we need to keep campaigning so that we might gain a high number of persons who are interested in these leadership positions within ICANN.

Of course, the issue right now is the Board, because the other constituencies are covered. There are seats there, however on the Board, the results are very bad. And I hope that over the year, we gain a number of candidates for the Board. That's what I wanted to say. Thank you.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Fatimata now. Thank you very much Tijani. I think your suggestion is excellent, and I think that we need to work on that recommendation, to keep going and improve year over year. That is an excellent point.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello, this is Seun. Can you hear me?

Hello? [Inaudible] Can you hear me?

INTERPRETER: Yes, yes we can hear you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Oh, good, finally. All right, thank you. Thank you very much Fatimata for the presentation. I'm actually not on the Adobe, so I'm not seeing the slides. So thank you for the [inaudible]... Since there was very tremendous numbers that you are quoting there, was [inaudible], I think it's good to also see the contingent between past applications from Africa, and this particular 2015, just to kind of see the impact that this particular group efforts had on the overall initiative.

I think it's a lot of difference in the figures. I think henceforth we should be proud of it. And I think we shouldn't see it as the end of this outreach effort. I think it should be a challenge to also improve in the future.

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Further, I would recommend that just in case the taskforce, or this working group, open, and then the situation is see [inaudible] of the outreach next year, or this year rather. One other thing is, it is good to also follow up on those that actually get selected finally, later. [Inaudible] to determine if all of those who are currently applying, some of them are [inaudible] and finally get selected.

It's one thing to have the numbers, it's another to get selected. And I think that is selected, is what we are trying to show how much [inaudible] we have made to the public. Thank you very much for Fatimata for leading this group. [Inaudible] and I'm happy to be a part of it. I think it's a good progress. Thank you very much. [Inaudible].

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Seun. Fatimata now. Thank you very much. I believe that yes, you are right. We need to congratulate ourselves. We really do need to do that, all of us, because we worked together to get to this point. And I believe that what was suggested before, what you suggested is very good. I think it is very important to continue moving forward, because there are other regions that get to the same result.

And especially if you look at Latin America, they also have worked in the same direction for the same goal, and they are a region that is similar to ours. And we can see the fruits of our efforts. So, AFRALO concerned, I agree. I agree, we need to keep working towards that goal. We need to keep talking to each other.

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So, I think that, thank you Seun. Are there other comments on this? So I will go pretty quickly then. We had an hour planned, but I actually involved in another project that I have started. So I would like to ask the group whether you are for pursuing our work within that working group? Who would like to continue? Who would like this working group to continue working?

BERAN GILLEN: Isabelle, I would like to say something. This is Beran for the record.

[FRENCH]

BERAN GILLEN: Hello? I would like to say something. This is Beran.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, Beran, you can go ahead.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay, thank you. Yes, this is Beran for the record. Thank you Fatimata. As Seun said, I think this is a great success, and I think you deserve a big round of applause for leading us to these results. Actually, you took the words right out of my mouth. I was actually going to say that maybe we should make this working group a permanent working group, which would be able to sort of just continue the work that it's doing.

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What I did want to suggest, in addition to making it a permanent working group, is perhaps opening up the scope, rather than just targeting leadership in ICANN, probably getting more Africans involved in ICANN. I don't know whether that will sort of deviate from the scope of the working group, but this is an idea that I think we need to pursue, because we need more people onboard with regards to ICANN.

So perhaps either, continue this work within the working group, or create another working group that would look at more African involvement in ICANN. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Beran. Fatimata now. I would like to ask who is against this? Okay. It doesn't look like anybody is against. So I think that the answer is yes, we would like to continue working within this working group. Now how? How do we continue the work that was done? And I would like to make a proposal, and that is that... Ah, Tijani has something to say. Tijani has his hand raised. Go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you Fatimata. Tijani now. That's what I wanted to talk to. The proposal that I had is that this work group was formed based on the decision by AFRALO, and so the group is supposed to be done now. The work group is done officially. But, and the report that we will give can include a suggestion, a proposal that includes a working group that will work permanently, and do what we talked about.

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This is something that we need to talk about. So normally, you present the report to AFRALO, so you include a proposal that talks about the forming a permanent work group. So this is what I would propose.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

I agree with this proposal. This is Fatimata. So we will have a final report that will go out to AFRALO with the proposal to create a permanent work group, so that the work might continue. I completely agree, and this work group will be created, hopefully, to continue the work. So those are the next steps, I suppose. The work group is done with its mandate.

And the recommendation that we have is to create a permanent work group, within AFRALO, to do the outreach work, and the idea would be that AFRALO will be involved. So this would be the next step, I suppose. So this is something that we will recommend. And I would like to again, congratulate the work groups and thank the work group for their work, because what was done is excellent. The results are excellent.

And it was not easy. I would like to thank Seun and anybody else who was involved in this work. Tijani was also very involved in outreach efforts. The effort towards [inaudible], everybody was very involved, worked hard, and so [Charlie], I would like to congratulate you, to applaud you for your work. Do not forget that we react to the publication of the results from 2014, and we decided, okay, we need to do something.

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And now, the results, and the end, are at the level of our expectations. But I believe this is the first phase. I think that we need to keep moving. And I think that based on these results, the creation of a permanent work group is something that we need to do. And so thank you truly for everything that you have done. Thank you...

BERAN GILLEN: Isabelle, I would like to say something before the meeting is over. This is Beran.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, Beran, you can have the microphone, and then Tijani will be next.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you. This is Beran for the record. Fatimata, I just wanted to ask a quick question. This new permanent working group, would the scope be the same? Would it be targeted at just getting African involvement in leadership positions in ICANN? Or just general African involvement? Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you Beran. This is Fatimata. Well, I mentioned it earlier. I think that this permanent work group, we need to revise the terms of reference. And this is something that will depend upon AFRALO, and so AFRALO will need to tell this permanent work group, exactly what they will do.

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Tijani, you have something to say?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello? Hello this is Seun.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I just wanted to congratulate you on your work.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Fatimata. Thank you very much.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello, this is Seun. Can you hear me? I would like to say something.
Hello?

BERAN GILLEN: Yes, Seun we can hear you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Oh, good, thank you. Yeah, so I think I would like to make a comment in reference to what Beran mentioned and Fatimata's response. I think if we are taking in the line of extending the scope of this taskforce, or this working group, I think it should be better we put it in the recommendation, sending to AFRALO.

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However, I would like to just to also mention that I think we need to, officially if you are looking at evaluating our progress, or our performance, it would be important that we have a well defined scope, well defined, and not entirely open to participation of African [inaudible].

Then we would define the scope of the [inaudible], we use certain working groups which we are expecting that Africans participate in, and the public comment is, we can [inaudible]. For instance, it was very good to determine our progress with this positions that we used. So it would be good for us to have a specific scope of work, so that we can easily measure our performance.

So if we are to expend it, we need to discuss it further, and the recommendation that we're going to be writing to AFRALO [inaudible], perhaps you share it on the Google Docs, so that we can then see how we word it, in the way that [inaudible], they are suggested extending the scope to cover the Africa participation, because that may actually [inaudible] monitor progress easily.

But that you are saying, [inaudible] beyond the current position that was used, but extend to other specific areas of ICANN leadership positions. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you Seun.

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BERAN GILLEN: Isabelle, I would like to say something please.

CLAIRE: Yes Beran, this is Claire. I'm asking for you.

BERAN GILLEN: Claire, should I go ahead?

CLAIRE: Yes, Beran, I am sorry. There is no answer from Fatimata. I don't know what is happening.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay. I'll hold on.

CLAIRE: Okay, if you want, just ask your question. Okay, I'm going to translate.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay. I just wanted to buttress what Seun was saying. Perhaps we need to have some metrics in place. I was actually looking at something that was developing within ALAC. Maybe we could possibly use that, according to our last meeting in AFRALO. We discussed a point that was raised in the ALAC monthly call, that highlighted the need for more comprehensive reports from RALOs.

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And stemming from that, some within the ALAC have actually been developing forms that would sort of evaluate based on metrics. Some of the questions in the form are quite interesting, and I think that maybe we can use that to sort of do what Seun is suggesting, which I agree with completely. Perhaps maybe evaluate how many of our AFRALO or ALS representatives are actually fully involved in the working groups, it's actually the accountability and the IANA stewardship.

And perhaps also look at how many of our ALSs or members of the RALO are actually using the CROPP facilities that are available to us, and other things. So, so many things we can look at, based on metrics. So that's just to buttress what Seun said about specifically looking at involvement and not just opening the scope wide open. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, Tijani, this is Silvia Vivanco from staff. Are you able to continue chairing the meeting?

CLAIRE: Silvia, I ask Tijani already in French and there is no answer. I don't know what to do. This is Claire, the interpreter speaking. [CROSSTALK] ...into French what Beran just said, and there is no answer.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. Yes, I see now that we lost Tijani also on the AC room. So at the moment, we don't have Tijani or Fatimata. So I think, I have taken this action item that Fatimata will prepare our report, which will be

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presented to all of AFRALO on the results, as the achievement of this working group.

And recommendations, moving forward, with a proposal to create a permanent working group so that the work can continue. And I don't know if Beran would like me to take another action item to be posted on the wiki, with regards to the work of this working group? Or Seun?

BERAN GILLEN:

Yes, this is Beran for the record. Sorry, my line was muted. Yes, if you could just probably put something down for what Seun said, basically opening up the scope but also sort of focusing it on certain things that you would want to look at, not necessarily leaving it wide open. So maybe that's something to look at, possibly looking at participation in working groups, things like that.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Okay. This is Silvia. I will take this down. And if you all agree, in view that we don't have, from now we don't have any other participants on the French channel, and we could just take these action items, and I will post them on the wiki. And then we will continue the discussions via email, and through the wiki page.

Staff, also, we check on the next conference call, and we send a Doodle out to all of the members, with the frequency of the calls, and the date.

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BERAN GILLEN: That's great Silvia. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Is that agreeable to all? Then, it's 40 past the hour, so I think if you all agree, I will just adjourn this call for today. If there no other comments from the other participants? No comments?

BERAN GILLEN: No, I think that sounds good Silvia. This is Beran.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay Beran.

SEUN OJEDEJI: That's fine for me. This is Seun.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you Seun. Thank you Beran. I wish you all a good [inaudible], and then we will adjourn this call for today. And I will post the action items shortly. Thank you. Bye-bye.

[END OF TRANSCRIPTION]
