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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Good morning, ladies and gentleman. Welcome to the Asia-Pacific and Australia Region monthly call. I would like if possible just to have this roll call and ask everyone to introduce themselves and the organization you are representing here.

TOSHIO TACHIBANA: I'm Toshio Tachibana from ISOC-JP.

TOMOHIRO FUJISAKI: Good morning. I'm Tomohiro Fujisaki from ISOC, Japan chapter.

KEECHEON KIM: I'm Keecheon Kim from [inaudible] Korea.

PHILIPPE BATEREAU: Philippe Batereau, [inaudible]

BIKRAM SHRESTHA: My name is Bikram. I am from Nepal Engineer Society, Nepal Chapter.

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SAVE VOCEA: Save Vocea, Regional Vice-President for Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, ICANN staff.

ARIEL LIANG: Ariel Liang, ICANN staff supporting the ALAC and the At-Large community.

SATISH BABU: Satish Babu, Vice-Chair of APRALO and representing two ALSs in India.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Silvia Vivanco, At-Large staff.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Siranush Vardanyan, APRALO Chair.

YU-CHUANG KUEK: Yu-Chuang Kuek, ICANN staff, APAC.

ZHENG SONG: Zheng Song, ICANN Beijing Engagement Center.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Sorry. I'm Maureen Hilyard, representing the Pacific Islands Chapter of the Internet Society and the Cook Islands Internet Action Group.

KAILI KAN: Good morning. My name is Kaili Kan. I'm the new appointee by NomCom to ALAC representing the Asia-Pacific, Australia, and Pacific Islands region. Thank you.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Lianna Galstyan, ISOC Armenia.

MASON ZHANG: Hello, everyone. I'm Mason Zhang from .top registry. I'm a [not] member. Thanks for letting me sit here.

YJ PARK: Okay. YJ Park from ISOC, Korea Chapter.

PANUS NA NAKORN: Good morning. It's Panus from Thailand.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you very much, and welcome again. Do we have remote participants, Ariel, at this point?

ARIEL LIANG: We do have a few remote participants. One is Ali AlMeshal, the Vice-Chair of APRALO. Another one is [Agonala Asperink], and we also have [Hugh Oh Kwan], and also one last one is Toshio Tachibana – oh, oh, sorry. I didn't see you in the room. Okay. So that's all the remote participants we have.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Ariel Liang. Ariel? Huh? Yes. We have a couple of other people who are actually here in Dublin in person from the Asia-Pacific region, but they're involved in different activities, so they have different hats and are participating in other events as well.

I also would like to welcome our remote participants, and we have a new participant from Georgia, who is visiting us for the first time and I hope has an interesting APRALO.

Can you introduce yourself, please?

[ANNA]: Hello. I'm [Anna]. I'm from Georgia, and I'm happy to be in the room where I don't have to explain that this is not a state. It's my second time at ICANN, and it's my second time with the ICANN

Fellowship. I'm a lawyer and involved with ISOC as well. So that's my background.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, [Anna].

[ANNA]: Thank you.

SIRANISH VARDANYAN: We need lawyers. So for us to start, first of all, I would like to welcome to our new team our new appointee from NomCom, Kaili Kan. I'm really happy because the part of the world which Kaili is representing, China, was not quite covered by our leadership team. We used to do it in a way to cover different regions, as APRALO is huge, so now we'll have Kaili, and we are happy to welcome you in our great team.

Just tell a couple of words about you. What you are doing, briefly.

KAILI KAN: Thank you very much. About myself, currently I'm a retired professor of Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, which in short is BUPT. I worked at that university for the last 15 years. Before that, I was somewhat in

charge of the telecom policy for China’s Ministry of Posts and Telecom, in charge of policy research, as well as development strategy.

Most of my career so far was in the telecom industry as well as I spent a few years before working in China, I spent a few years working in the United States, California, working for Pacific Bell over there. That was from the 1984 to ’86 period of time. Before that, I had a degree, a PhD, from Stanford University, but that was in engineering. But over the last 15 years, I was teaching economics at school.

So it’s really my great pleasure and also great honor to be appointed to ALAC, especially for our Asia, Australia, Pacific Islands region.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Sometimes we are saying Australasia.

KAILI KAN: Australasia. Okay. Yeah. But –

CHERYL LANDGON-ORR: [inaudible] upset with you –

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: And Oceanic.

KAILI KAN: My understanding is officially that the order is Asia, Australia, Pacific Islands region. Okay. Well, at least – well, there’s for the record.

But anyway, I’m very happy to be with ALAC, which my understanding is to represent end users, in contrast to represent the corporations, the industry, and so forth.

For my understanding, well, years ago I campaigned that the Internet spirit is being as of the people, by the people, and for the people. So we are here to represent the people, end users. That’s one reason that I’m very happy to be with ALAC, and also with our region.

I just confirmed with our dear Chairlady that our region represents about half of the entire human population. Also, I would say we are probably the most diverse region in the world, especially compared with the North America RALO. I would say, according to the diversity, they would hardly qualify as a RALO. Well, don’t tell them that. Okay.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Kaili, be careful. It is recorded.

KAILI KAN: Well, sorry. I hope they won't kick me out. But anyway, yes indeed, I'm from China. However, my understanding is that I'm at ALAC to represent the whole region, not any [bit] less than that. So from the Pacific Islands all the way to Australia and also Asia, the largest continent in the world. So all the way to China and Japan and Korea on the east. On the west we have Armenia, Georgia, and all the way to Turkey. That's our region?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yeah.

KAILI KAN: Right, right. So, yeah. That is the western end of our region, I suppose. Well, it's my duty to represent, and also to serve everybody in this room or not in this room of our region, every single country and every single end user.

So, okay, I think that's about what I want to say. Also, as a newcomer, I'm sure that I'll learn from each and every one of you. Thank you very much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Kaili. This is for you. Really, warmly welcome to our team. We appreciate whatever you do. By the way, you are great

in the sense that from the beginning you already started to challenge all of us, so good start. Welcome. Welcome and I'm looking forward to our teamwork.

Okay, let's move forward. I would like to welcome Cheryl Langdon-Orr, who already joined us, who didn't have a chance to introduce herself when we were doing roll call. But, welcome.

Yes. No. You can't do that, Cheryl. So welcome, Cheryl. Before going to the point which Cheryl and Maureen are going to talk about – the APRALO individual membership, and we'll explain a little bit about this – I'm glad to welcome our guests from the Asia-Pacific APAC hub. Welcome, Kuek. And our head of China – I assume you are the new person?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Two years.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Two years. Welcome. This is new person.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible]

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes. Zheng Song. And we have also our Save from Oceania, our V.P. for Oceania. Welcome. It's always a great pleasure to meet our GCA team. We collaborate very, very extensively and we very work hard together. So we may start also with Kaili in China. We may start also with our head of China. So be prepared.

And welcome. Kuek, I would like to give the floor to you to give some updates about APRALO and the APAC hub cooperation. For those who are new to this topic, APRALO signed an MOU with the APAC hub two years ago. We have elaborated some focus areas together with the APAC hub, which one of them is language localization.

By the way, with that, I would like to introduce the new language translation done by our Nepalese friends, ISOC Nepal. We have a new ICANN brochure in Nepalese. So please take in mind that we have already addition.

We also have another focus area of outreach, which is within this year's strategy. I hope that you had the chance to read about this strategy.

The third area of focus is webinars, capacity building for our ALSs. We have started this capacity building since last year; April 15, actually. Yes, April 15, and we conducted already four of them. There are plans to implement and for new topics in the future.

So, Kuek, if I can give the floor to you and hear your great introduction to that.

YU-CHUANG KUEK:

Sure. Thank you very much, Siranush. I think Siranush did a great job in terms of giving a broad overview of our collaboration framework between the Asia Pacific Hub and APRALO. I think you well know that APRALO has a much longer history than the APAC Hub. The APAC Hub is only two years old, so there was a lot that we had to learn from APRALO in terms of the kind of outreach that is needed in the region.

The truth is that APRALO, through its network of the At-Large structures across the region, will always have unparalleled depth and reach in the different countries. So when we are doing our engagement work within the region, it only made sense for us to work very closely together with APRALO to meet our engagement objectives.

I think just now it was very well said about the diversity in the region. One of the obvious things that we wanted to do is to overcome the language barriers. One of the first things we did was that we had a language localization toolkit where the template is in English but people can just download it, translate it to the local language, and then be able to do outreach events in their own countries.

We've had this done in China. We've had this done in Korea, in Indonesia into Bahasa language. I hear that the Nepalese version is coming version is coming very soon after the meeting. I'm very, very excited about it. Maybe when we do the Nepal IGF or we go for [SINOC] in Nepal, we can use that material so that more people know about ICANN and more people know about At-Large.

That really is the broad thinking. We obviously want to open that up to more languages as well. But if I can jump to the next slide, today we really wanted to give an opportunity for everyone to see a little bit more of the team – oh, this is a little too small for me. Maybe I should – okay.

Well, we wanted to let you see a little bit more of the team. I think many of you have been working with Kelvin. I think even with staff, we struggle often with travel funding as well. So it's just resourcing issue that we haven't had Kelvin join us. I don't know if Kelvin is on the phone, maybe. So hello, Kelvin. A lot of this work is really Kelvin's credit.

But I also wanted you to see Samiran's, who is our head of India, as well as Song Zheng's, who is our head of China, work. Samiran very unfortunately had the travel funding to come, but one day in Lodi Gardens he was being healthy and exercising. He

tore his meniscus. He underwent surgery. I gave him a call. He was coming out of hospital, so he was fine.

But let me talk a little bit about India. I think many people will remember from the Buenos Aires meeting we had a very significant change in the Indian government position to what's the multi-stakeholder model. We had the Indian Prime Minister, Minister Prasad. While he did not come in person, he had a video message for the audience, talking about embracing the multi-stakeholder model and how that is a model that has a proven track record for the last 17 years and should be the way forward for the Internet community.

I had the privilege of coming directly from India before coming to Dublin, where I heard the Minister again, who reiterated this to the domestic audience. So again, I think this is the beginnings of a great relationship where, throughout engagement activities, the country understands the multi-stakeholder model a little bit more and is able to work closely with us as part of our inclusive way that we do work here within the ICANN community.

Just very quickly on some of the other things that we are trying to do, now the positive change we think we see is that the Government of India is pushing the multi-stakeholder model by organizing open houses on a lot of issues within India, such as the NEW gTLD Program Review, WSIS+10, and also on the

transition. We are also working on fellowships to bring more Indians through indigenous sources of funding to send stakeholders to the key global meetings.

I think people in this room understand well that we are really talking about volunteer resources. There's a finite amount of funding that can go around. If we can start thinking about ways of getting indigenous sources of funding, that really can help us do a lot more because we have the talent. We have the passion. We have the interest. It's just a matter of having those dollars go around and doing more.

Other than that, the awareness of the Internet is rising in India under Prime Minister Modi's mandate. There is the Digital India campaign that is still ongoing. An example of student-led activities include IIT Techfest in Mumbai, which is the largest such event in Asia.

We also see in India more ISOC chapters and coming on as At-Large structures as well. We've always had this great relationship with ISOC chapters throughout the country: Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai, Bangalore, Trivandrum.

Having said this, this is but a small sliver of what the kind of diversity is within India itself. So more work needs to be done.

On that note, I think I’m talking a little bit too much for the time that’s allocated here. I’ll pass things back to Zheng Song.

ZHENG SONG:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to our remote participants. My name is Song. I work for ICANN’s Beijing Engagement Center. Today I am very glad to attend this APRALO meeting and happy to see old and new friends here, including a few from my own country. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to share with you our work in China.

In the last two years, ICANN has significantly improved our working relations with the Chinese government, which in turn encourages Chinese stakeholders to participate in ICANN work more actively. In this year at the NETmundial Initiative inaugural meeting and at the WSIS+10 review meeting, the Chinese government openly expressed that they are in support of the multi-stakeholder Internet governance model, as well as the IANA stewardship transition and ICANN’s globalization.

We are also happy to see China’s Cyber Affairs Administration and China’s Alibaba Group playing an active and positive role in the NETmundial Initiative’s multi-stakeholder platform for Internet governance discussion.

But to compare with China’s weight in the overall global Internet population, China’s participation of ICANN is still quite limited. That’s especially the case for the At-Large community. Therefore, our first priority in China is still raising the awareness of ICANN and facilitating the participation of the Chinese community members.

Last June at the ICANN London meeting, ICANN signed an MOU with CAICT, China Academy of Information and Communications Technology, which is a research institute under MIT.

Since then, we have teamed together and pushed forward our engagement efforts in China in order to reduce language barriers in addition to what Kuek just mentioned. We have finished the Chinese part of that toolkit translation.

In addition, we have also reviewed and revised the ICANN glossary list in Chinese and provided our feedback to our language service team. We also formed a community expert group to regularly provide recommendations to our language service team so that the quality of our translation can be steadily improved.

Another area that we are making progress, we also [measure] the readout session after each and every ICANN meeting more inclusive. Previously, only the government and government-affiliated agencies got invited. But starting with ICANN 51, we

have participants from the domain name industry, Internet companies, ISPs, the Internet Society of China, as well as universities and the research institutes. We hope this effort can lay a foundation for broader participation from all Chinese stakeholders.

The third area we want to introduce is social media platforms. Realizing that we only have quite limited resources, we also invest heavily in local social media platforms, which probably is the most efficient way to help the general public in China get ICANN news and information in Chinese.

In late 2013, we reopened the [inaudible] the kind of service. It's a kind of Twitter-like service. So we reopened the ICANN [inaudible] account. Actually, it opened back in 2011, but for a long period of time, it stopped working for a while.

We also notice that WeChat, a kind of social media service combining I think instant messaging and a Facebook-like service, has become – yeah. Has become the most popular social media platform in China. So in this May, we opened a WeChat public account for subscription. So today, the latest ICANN news and information can be pushed instantly to our subscribers' cellphones. This is just an example of our – you can push each issue per day with multiple articles. So it's pretty convenient.

Right now, we have over 900 [inaudible] followers and around 250 WeChat subscribers. That's not a big number considering that China nowadays have over 700 million mobile Internet users. But still, the feedback from community members and the interaction we have with these online users are very encouraging.

Since we don't have much time here today, I will just stop here. I look forward to further discussion with you. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Song. I think that, if you allow us, we have an already-new website, and there is an APRALO page there. We may post also these updates, PowerPoints, for us to visit and to see what's going on if you allow us to do it. Our ALSs who are not here in person, they can go and visit and read what's going on there. Thank you. Please note this, please, staff, that we would like this to be posted.

Save?

SAVE VOCEA: Okay. Sorry I didn't have a PowerPoint, but I just want to mention that at this week's meeting here in Dublin, we have seven countries in the Pacific that are represented participating in ICANN meetings, and we have eight folks from the Pacific

Islands. For the first time, we have a very high-level minister as well, the Minister for Communications and the Deputy Prime Minister of Tonga, who is here. So this very positive coming from the Pacific to show the support as well for ICANN and the globalization. He will meet Fadi later this afternoon and he will talk to Fadi.

Saying that, when we look at the Pacific in terms of representation, we have about eleven countries from the Oceania region that are here, including Australia and New Zealand. We understand that Oceania, New Zealand and Australia, are very effective in the participation in ICANN. But one thing that I'm trying to improve in terms of engagement in the Pacific is to get more voices from the Pacific. But we continue to have those challenges.

But, yeah, I appreciate the effort and the time that Maureen has volunteered into being the Pacific voice here in APRALO and also in ICANN through the ALAC. But definitely there's room for us to work together.

I've just come back from a 12-day trip covering four countries last month. This is to show the difficulties and the challenges landing and hopping in 12 airports to just train four countries in law enforcement. We covered all throughout this year, from April to September, about 130 law enforcement officers.

In that, we also talked about ICANN and the multi-stakeholder model in terms of how they can be supportive of it and to understand the ecosystem when it comes to law enforcement.

For the first time as well at this meeting, we have a law enforcement person from the Pacific who is now engaged and looking to meet other law enforcement agencies from around the world.

I think I'll stop there as well, but if you have specific questions about the ALS membership and how we can increase that, I have some ideas as well for the region.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Great. Thank you very much. Related to Oceania, I also would like to add that I have talked with the APTLD General Manger – you know we have the MOU with them – and he's also interested in expanding that area in the sense of having more ccTLDs.

For the upcoming APRICOT 2016 within the framework of our APRALO, he already confirmed that he is ready to pay for an additional three nights for hotels for ccTLDs, especially coming from Oceania. So I would like to request that you, Save, together with Maureen, reach out to those who especially are ALSs – I know there is [inaudible] there; we have some of them who are ALSs – to support them to go because they have one-day training specifically for ccTLDs, and they have two days

conference. I think we already have the initial support coming from them, and we also will be having support from APNIC, I assume.

This is the start for us also to move in that direction, in the sense of engagement of our ALSs, and provide the support which we can do within the framework of our MOUs with those RIRs there. So your support is highly appreciated there.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Silvia? Maureen, please. How we can see...

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. Save, it's really great to hear that various sorts of things are happening in our region. One of the thing that Siranush mentioned is the calendar. The sorts of things that are happening in our region, which, when Siranush does an overview, a report, at the end of the year, including the things we do, including the things you do, it'll give a really good picture of what is actually being covered within the region for our ALSs and potential ALSs. So I just wanted to say this perfect. Especially if our ALSs see that this is being done in Oceania, it may be replicated in other parts of our region as well.

So just highlighting that it's there. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, Maureen. Thank you very much. This outreach calendar, for those who are new, I would like to let you know that there is an ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement. And within that framework of that subcommittee, it was decided that we should have a calendar where each and every RALO will put the events upcoming, especially upcoming events where we can participate, where we can share, and where we can outreach, which is within the framework also of our strategy.

I was happy to see many ALSs coming back to us with the information that there were a lot of activities going on which we were not aware of. That's why I think the idea of this calendar and keeping this calendar is really good.

If there is information you have or you participate in any activities, please send this information to myself or to Maureen, and we'll make sure that it'll be posted in our calendar. Everyone can go and view this.

The calendar also will be – except that it is connected to our Wiki space, it will be posted in our website, the new website which yesterday we saw the beta of it. The links can be easily found so people can go and see.

The importance of this calendar is not only for ALSs but also for our cooperation and collaboration with the APAC Hub. That's why we really maybe insist on having you also collaborating with us by sharing the information in the region by the GCA team.

So, yes, Maureen. Thanks for raising this up. Cheryl? Please.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Good morning. Thank you very much, Siranush. I'm one of those loud and rambunctious Australians, but that's all right. You get what it says on the packet with some of us.

I just wanted to pick up on what you actually were referring to there and mention that, of course, for several years now, as you are well aware, Save, at the APSTAR meeting, we have talked about a shareable, mutually useful calendar to go across all of the APSTAR organizations. I think it's important that as we work in our own little enclave that we make sure that we are interacting with those resources as well because we do have our MOUs with I believe nearly all, if not all, of the APSTAR organizations in one way or another across our region, which is unique to our region.

We should leverage that, show it as an absolute shining example of how huge diversity can work to actually strengthen from its

diversity, not fracture from its diversity, and that we can make sure that we have our local on-the-ground At-Large Structures available to act as speakers if you're reaching out to civil society or business or whatever. They are local resources.

But it also means that if we don't have an At-Large Structure, we can then network with the local Internet community and perhaps engender one. That I hope you don't mind me [peeking up] again when we come to our individual members as well, because there are now lower barriers to entry than there have ever been before. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Cheryl. Our new colleague from Thailand, please.

PANUS NA NAKORN: Good morning. Regarding the only Oceania mentions about the strategy to increase the number of people to access on this kind of the issue, I'm just thinking because in the – for example, in the [inaudible] regions for Thailand particularly, it's not easy for people to understand how they can engage these kinds of issues. I just thinking it's maybe the first time for them to look at a shopping list. What kind of issues might be the concerns from the other regions, even in the other regions as we input into the list and might be the first thing that they tend to look at. This is a

common issue in these regions, and how do you feel about this issue?

Then this may be for the second year, they might be open to the innovation thing that happened in the country. But for the first time, they don't exactly what issue you're talking about. How can we help them to [inaudible] and to say, "This is the key issue that I've been facing in the country"? How can we help them to raise the issue into the APRALOs and then to these ICANNs. This might be another issue.

But another one I think is, even though we try to reach more people to bring them to be a part actively in this kind of thing, I'm trying to think about what is the key messages that say that, "This is the benefit for you"? It's not asked. But what kind of attractiveness messages to bring them to be a part of it. I think it should be the same messages that we try to approach the people across the region because we are the same culture. I think that this communication strategy divided people into subgroups and use different [inaudible] to approach them. Maybe I should [inaudible] as Marrakech might be a number of people to be part of our group as well. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes. I think we need a workshop organized by our APRICOT colleagues. This is food for thought.

Yes, you are exactly to the point. This is within our strategy, through localization of languages, through capacity building webinars. We are trying to explain in the way that it is acceptable and understandable for the people in the region who have no idea what's going on.

As we also have some limited resources, we are trying to catch fellows going to fellowship and get a chance of meeting people from our region who are already in ICANN meetings and try to involve them in At-Large as Internet users. We, by the way, had many ALSs joining us already after our interaction with them when they were as a fellow.

This is one of the ways we are trying use, and we also have many fellows already as ALSs here, like we have Bikram here, who is one of the great fellows and who is providing a lot of support, not only as an ALS in APRALO but in ISOC as well in the region. So we are doing really good in that, but that's exactly what we need to expand, and that's exactly where we need a lot of work to do.

I welcome our friends from .asia joining us. Thank you. Also, is there any question related on this? I have one question also for Save for later on to follow up. The APRICOT Fellowship is available for people. The request probably has been from Armenia. The reason? When you are submitting the countries

there, Armenia is not listed as in the Asia Pacific region. Of course, it's listed as a RIPE for Europe, but there are people who would like and who are interested to submit for a fellowship for APRICOT in our region. If you can follow up with having Armenia included as well, that would be great for us to promote also in our region and to apply for APRICOT and have a chance to participate.

If not, I have – huh?

Yes. Before going to that, I think Satish wanted to have the floor.

SATISH BABU:

I have a very pleasant announcement to make. Those of us in Dublin must have of course seen it action. Our very dynamic and vibrant APRALO Chair has been recognized with an award from ICANN for community leadership. So on behalf of all of us present here, the entire APRALO community, I'd like to please record our congratulations for Siranush for that. Please give her a big hand. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Satish. I really was impressed and excited, but as I said as well, this is teamwork. Without your support, without you letting me work with you, it wouldn't happen. So thank you, all ALSs and all of my colleagues in Asia Pacific for being on that

stage. Each of and every one of you is sharing this award with me. Thank you.

Okay. Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you, Siranush. I also want to congratulate you from the staff perspective for always being there for us and for your excellent leadership and work.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you. Okay, so going back to the webinars that we are implementing in collaboration and jointly with the APAC Hub staff, we are going to just review very quickly their participation rates.

As you see on the screen, we have currently 41 ALSs in APRALO. We have challenge bringing more participants into these webinars. You can see there the attendance in numbers on the left, the numbers of persons attending. Then on the right you can see the number of ALSs.

So we had four. The last webinar we had 20 participants and ten ALSs joining, the best so far. But still, we have a lot of room for

improvement, so this is for you to think about. I invite you to think about what we can do from the staff perspective to bring more people to these webinars.

We have integrated a survey into the Adobe Connect platform. We used to do it in Survey Monkey type of platform. Now we do it in the webinar, and the response rate has increased with this type of survey.

The next slide, please, Ariel. On the next slide, we'll see the topics – yes. Okay. So we already have a schedule for several topics, and they are not written in stone. We can adapt according to the needs.

This shows the rough schedule of the webinars based on remaining topics. We wanted to ask you to share with us what you think should be the future topic. Perhaps the next one in November should be the IANA transition, where we are now. We always bring speakers from the region so they can bring their regional perspective to these [things].

So some questions for all of us. Should we continue with these webinars? Are these effective, useful, and desirable? What should be the next topics? We have some topics lined up, but we can adjust. That's the idea, that we'll provide the capacity building according to APRALO's needs.

Could we maybe integrate this into the ICANNLearn platform? Just an idea. And how to increase participation? That's all. Thank you very much to Kuek and his team and Kelvin, and from our staff, Ariel, always helping us and participating in the organization, and Terry as well.

It's excellent from our staff perspective because we get the chance to speak with our Asian colleagues all the time and brainstorm. It's great working with the APAC Hub. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Silvia, and thank you really, APAC Hub, because we would not be able to run all those webinars without your support. And Kelvin, I would like to particularly mention your name. You are a great support for all of us. Yes for Kelvin.

Please, this is a call for all our ALSs to participate on these webinars. This is very important. You gave us those topics. We conducted a Survey Monkey, and you provided those topics that you are interested in. All documents are recorded. The presentations are posted online. They are available. Even if you can't come to that exact date and time, please follow up later, visit, and hear the records and transcripts because they are really important. We need your participation, and these capacity building and webinars are for you specifically.

If there are any new topics you are interested in, please just send a note to any of us; staff, myself, any person you know the e-mail for. Just send an e-mail. We will follow up on that. Okay? And please, come and participate. Take the usage of those webinars which are available for you.

Okay. Is there any question on this – oh, Maureen. Sorry, Maureen. Love you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Siranush. One of the thing that we did after we did our initial survey last year when we looked at the feedback that came from our ALSs was trying to look at how we could engage more people, because I think in the survey itself I think we had about two-thirds of ALSs who actually responded to that.

I think that one of the things that we were actually looking at, too, was a mentoring program and that the APRALO leadership took responsibility for – and that includes you now, Kaili – for sections of the ALS community and spent more time communicating. I don't think we're actually doing enough one-on-one with some of our ALSs, and I think that this is really important to get them engaged.

It's also trying to find out, too, because every ALS is quite different. Although we developed a program of webinars which

are extremely interesting – people actually would just come along and listen to them – some of them may not understand what the topic is about. So sometimes having a little communication network with a small group and telling them more about what it’s going to be about and just encouraging them – but of course we also have to be mindful that the fact that some people just can’t connect. We’ve actually raised that before, too. It’s on Adobe Connect. Some people can’t get it. So we need to also find out from them what the issue is. What is the connectivity issue? Then we have to work on how we address that.

So, yeah. We’re not going to actually be able to identify the problems if we’re not talking to our ALSs. So that would be my concern I’d really like to work on.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Maureen. Yes, indeed. Connectivity is an issue for many countries as well.

Please?

PANUS NA NAKORN: I just would like to ask for more information about Thailand. Right now, the Thai government tried to encourage the committee to set up the multi-stakeholder approach and

[inaudible] people from the government to working with the committee as well. Maybe it'd help to coordinate all kind of activity can happen in Thailand, put into the calendar as we're supposed to be a part of the APRALO. That might be the one activity [inaudible]

Hopefully we can join further and encourage the committee to join as on the webinar as we're too look at what kind of the stuff are the relevant issues that we try to look at.

In the last month, we were talking about data privacy as a big issue in Thailand. That's why we can academy people and committees and even the government to [sit down together] to look at what caused the issue, what is the mutual benefits for those kinds of parties and multi-stakeholders. This might be the new issue, new concept for Thailand, but we tried to increase the engagement and to make sure we are at the same level with the other international organizations. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Great. Thank you. Make sure you are subscribed to the APRALO mailing list and give your e-mail staff to do that.

We're running out of time, and I would like to give the floor to Cheryl to talk about individual membership and where we are on that topic. Thank you. Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you very much, Siranush. I better take the other room out of my ear. I shall start talking competition consumer trust language at you. I will give you my undivided attention while I'm talking about the very exciting opportunity we have in our region, although not without some potential pitfalls, which is why Maureen and I are keen to work with you all to get some delimiters and some boundaries established that we all wish to live with.

Individual membership is a requirement coming out of the first ALAC review. It is not an option. It is a requirement. So our region, in our last review – and I want to thank all of those who worked with our little work team to review our rules of procedure and I think put out, if I may, a very robust and reasonable set of clearly understandable, minimalist but necessary rules of procedure of Asia Pacific, and Australasia, and Oceania, to work under. In that, we have a fairly lean but quite particular set of requirements for individual members. So the doors are open. That's established.

I don't know whether or not we can pull up the page. I was looking for the agenda with the hyperlinks, but I don't seem to have agendas with hyperlinks. But we do have a space which we are looking at this particular work now because whilst we have

an individual who is unaffiliated, they are not a member of another At-Large Structure, able to be joining us with a whole lot of rights and responsibilities and privileges. We now need to think what happens with the exercise of some of those rights and responsibilities.

This is the situation. Some regions, Northern America, for example, have had individual members from the very beginning. The original members, the unaffiliated members, are clustered together in what is effectively a pseudo or shadow At-Large Structure. So everybody who joins as an individual unaffiliated is put in this parcel, and that parcel has the same rights and responsibilities as an At-Large Structure does.

Just think about the numbers we have. They've got, what, two major countries and a few people [inaudible] most of our countries. Is that model actually going to suit us? Do we put 60,000, 600,000, a million members into one parcel? I don't think that's going to work. By the same token, we want to be very careful about capture.

So what we want to do is work with you to find a predictable and understandable model, which is actually going to also assist the work that ALAC is doing right now. ALAC is looking at criteria and expectations for At-Large structures and individual members, and it is very possible – I don't know if I could say probable yet –

that matters such as what our expectations and criteria are for individual members may be harmonized across all of the regions.

I think, in my very, very biased view, that we should be the ones that write that text. So if it suits us, then hopefully it'll suit the rest of the regions.

At the moment, if I may, Maureen – and tell me if I've got our thinking – we're thinking about following that lead of grouping individuals into a parcel but having knowledge that when that parcel reaches a number, a new parcel is developed.

So we have a reasonable reflection of the number of people whose voices are needing to be heard and reflected through the exercise of the very rare time when we have to vote. Not that we would ever vote against Siranush. She is in perpetuity the Chair, I think, which is not actually term-limited. But, no, she might get bored and want to do something else with her life. But should we wish to go to a vote, then this is when this becomes important. Normally we work on consensus.

But there is another time it is important, and that is when we are looking at taking a representative and sending them as a representative to something like a general assembly, or a summit. For example, what is your membership at the moment, Satish, in your organization? How many thousands do you have?

SATISH BABU: 100,000.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: That’s right. So one ALS has 100,000 members. But should we set the 100,000 limit there? Should we say, “Every 100,000, we create a new parcel”? I’m not sure, because every one of your members is not deeply interested and engaged in the matters of ALAC and ICANN. We would argue – I would argue – that anyone who becomes an individual member and is active probably deserves a slightly higher representation [rate].

So that’s what we want you all to put your thinking hats on, and now work with us. We’ve got the Wiki space. Let’s put out some strawmen concepts and see where do we fit those numbers because, yes, one ALS has 100,000, but not every one of those 100,000 people are living and breathing ICANN. But an individual member may very well be utterly and absolutely committed to it 30% of their time.

That’s the issue. Let’s see if we can solve it shall we say before the lunar new year?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Cheryl. Thank you very much. We could appreciate to have your input in this topic.

As we are already coming to the end of our meeting, I just would like to thank everyone who also joined us remotely. Thank you, all our ALSs, joining us here in person.

Just for those who are in Dublin, for two minutes, we will have a group picture outside of this meeting, and this meeting is adjourned. Bye.

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