GISELLA GRUBER: So we are going to begin the recording. Good evening everybody. Welcome to this AFRALO call on Wednesday, 10th of June, at 18:30 UTC. On the English channel we have Barrack Otieno, Seun Ojedeji and Beran Gillen. On the French channel we have Brahim Ousamane, Abdeljalil Bachar Bong, [unclear 00:00:29] and we have apologies from Etienne Tshishimbi. From staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco and Gisella Gruber. Our interpreters this evening are Camila and Claire. Please give your name for the transcript and for the interpreters, so they can identify you on the other channel. Thank you very much. Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you Gisella. Good evening everybody. I'm very glad to be participating this conference call of June. We are going to begin with our Agenda, as you can see on the AC or the Wiki page. We're going to begin with the public consultations. We have ten of them. First there is the comment made by the CCWG on the approval proposed for the responsibility or accountability of ICANN. Everybody knows that it is very important to identify the accountability for the IANA transition. Maybe you know that the deadline to close the public consultations was first on the 3rd of June. Then it was postponed to June 10th.

I checked on the website, and the last deadline is June 12th, so you still have time to do your inputs. There were a lot of comments made by AFRALO. Maybe you've received the proposal of the current declaration of AFRALO, in which we've participated. We've also participated in that public consultation, and we're going to speak about that. The second

Item is on the amendment about the stakeholder charter of the Registry Stakeholder Group's Charter about the gTLD registry. As you know, in March 2015 the stakeholders of the gTLD [RISG 00:03:15] presented some amendments for its Charter for the first step of this process.

So the [SIG 00:03:29] has asked to have a consultation forum to consult the community about this Charter amendment. The third Item is about the proposal to renew the contract with the release of country and territory names for some TLDs at second-level. The fifth Item is about the proposed schedule and process of a rationale improvement for the AOC. The sixth Item is about the WHOIS. It's about obtaining comments from the community on the initial report for the GNSO Policy on issues related to accreditation for proxy services, and privacy issues. ICANN is going to implement an accreditation program for its providers about privacy and proxy services.

The next Item is the proposed renewal from 2005 for the registry .cat, about Catalonia. This proposal is the result of discussion between ICANN and the registry called .cat. The next Item is also about a proposed renewal of .pro. Again, it's something that ICANN is asking for the renewal of an agreement, from 2010, of this registry .pro. The discussion between ICANN and the registry and taking place. The last Item is about the Draft Report for the review of the GNSO. So this is about the public consultation.

Now, if there are no interventions about these issues we are going to move to the next Item - that is to say the report; the third Item of our Agenda. This is the recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. As Tijani is not with us, and neither is Hadja, we are going to ask Beran to take the

floor to speak about the recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. Beran, you have the floor.

BERAN GILLEN: Hi. I just wanted to give a short report of the discussions we've been having at ALAC. One of the things we've done is we've convened a new group. It's called the New Meeting Strategy Working Group. What this Working Group will be looking at is the new meeting strategy that is going to be used in ICANN in next year's Meeting, which will be in Marrakech in March. The New Meeting Strategy Working Group will be looking at the different sets of meetings. If some of you are not au fait with the meetings, they'll be A meetings, B meetings, and C meetings.

A meetings will be for six days, and it will be very much like the current ICANN Meeting that we have; starting on Sunday and ending on Thursday. The B meetings will be much shorter, and it will be for just four days, and it will be always the second meeting of the year. It will be mainly based on outreach. What will happen is most likely that the B meetings, wherever it's being held, people within that region would be invited to the ICANN Meeting and a lot of outreach would be done by the ACs and SOs.

Now, the C meetings will be much longer. They'll be at the end of the year and they'll coincide with the AGM. Those will be for seven days. Basically, the reason the Working Group was convened was to look at how this new meeting strategy will affect the At-Large - especially the RALOs. If you remember, we had submitted some requests to the FBSC with regards to a GA for Morocco, and some of the things the Working

Group will be looking at is how feasible those GAs will be. Most likely they'll only be able to be held at the A and C meetings, because the B meetings are too short, and we won't have enough time for a GA.

So the Working Group is open, if there's anyone that's interested. I'm a Co Chair in the Working Group with my fellow ALAC Member Raf Fatani. We're Co Chairing the Working Group and these are some of the things we'll be looking at. So if you have any ideas… The first meeting for this new meeting strategy is in Marrakech. So that will be the first time we'll be using this new meeting format.

For Marrakech we'd like to come up with ideas on how we'd want to approach the seven-day and six-day meetings. So if you have any suggestions, please let us know. If you want to join the Working Group, that would be excellent. We're currently working on a draft, and it would be great if we could have your feedback before BA.

Another thing we've been looking at - and I think it will continue - is the work of the CCWG Accountability and the CWG IANA, which we've had now a permanent Working Group for, which was an ad-hoc Working Group initially, but it's not a permanent Working Group where we look at both the accountability and stewardship side of things. I'm sure [unclear 00:10:25] will highlight more of that when he takes the floor.

One more thing that came up this past week in our discussion is the search for a new CEO for ICANN, which is also on the Agenda. I believe Barrack added it earlier this week. What we're looking for in ALAC as well is probably opening up a Wiki page where we'd come up with bullet points of things that we feel an ICANN CEO should have. An interesting

suggestion was brought up by Vanda - one of our ALAC colleagues from the LACRALO region.

She suggested that maybe we should have two individuals - one that has expertize in government engagement, and one that has expertize in international relations and non-profit. I thought that was quite interesting. That's why I'm bringing it to the floor. So these are things that are currently ongoing in the ALAC. Discussions are ongoing, and hopefully we'll have something to feed into the BA Meeting. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, Beran is finished. I don't know if the visa issues for Argentina have been solved for you, Beran. Thank you for this information. If you are connected on the AC, please can you send us the link of the Working Group on which you spoke? We would like, as a RALO, to know what will be our role for each meeting and each Working Group. Are there any questions for Beran? I can see no hands, so we are going to see the recent upcoming activities of the AFRALO Members. Do you want to speak about your ALS at the local level? Speak about the activities in your ALS? I can't speak about mine. Abdel wants to speak. Abdel, you have the floor.

ABDELJALIL BACHAR BONG: Good evening everybody. Okay, good evening. ISOC Chad, our ALS, has organized a capacity building on IPv6 with AFRINIC, and there is information that we are going to give during those four days, at the end of June. This is capacity building for engineers working on networks for accessing the IPv6 base, or these kinds of things. I am going to send you

the link for this capacity building, so if you are interested you can participate. We also are going to participate with the first Forum on the Internet Governance. If you want to access the information, I'll send you the link on the chat room also. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much Abdeljalil. I'm very glad to see that Chad is so dynamic with all those activities. I'm going to ask Silvia to send the link of the Wiki showing the AFRALO activities. Silvia, can you please post the link, because we want each ALS to post their activities on the webpage. Seun, you have the floor.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you. This is not necessarily an ALS update, but this is an update in relation to the activities of the AFRALO Members within this region. Some of the Members of the AFRALO actually participated in the African Internet Summit, which has just concluded. We participated - myself, Aziz, Tijani… We participated in different roles within the Summit. You can actually check the Agenda, which I'll post here, to see some of the activities where we actually featured.

Well, one of the things that we did was to also participate in discussing the transition - both the accountability and the CWG transition, proposals and reports. It was good to have metrics also. It was an opportunity to meet with people who are interested in joining AFRALO, and we had contact with people who actually indicated interest. I also met with one of the applicants for ISOC Uganda, based in [North Douglas 00:17:34]. It was quite a very good event. We had good participation at

that particular event, and I just felt it would be good to report that to the group. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much Seun. Yes, you are right. We spoke about that. It was a very important participation of AFRALO, because for the first time AFRALO was attending the Panel of this African Summit and it was for us something very important, a very important event, because our organization was knowledge among our community. So it was very important. Thank you very much Seun. We were speaking about the local activity at each ALS level. If nobody wants to add anything we are going to move to Item #4 - Items for information. Mohamed is not with us to speak about that.

Our main subject, as you know, the main subjects are the transition of the stewardship of the IANA function. The other topic that's very important is the CCWG to develop an IANA stewardship transition proposal, and the CCWG on ICANN Accountability. Tijani is not with us. So Seun, maybe you can speak about the CCWG and about the CWG, on the IANA stewardship and on ICANN accountability? Seun, can you please tell us where we are with the CWG and the CCWG work? You have the floor. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Thank you very much Aziz. I'll start with the CCWG work, as most of you have been following. AFRALO is actually represented on the CCWG by Tijani, and myself, I'm represented on the CWG itself, for the transition. Currently there has been the Initial Report from the CCWG,

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which was out for public comment, and AFRALO was able to also submit a statement to that particular public comment. Currently the public comment [unclear 00:20:55] will be in this comment, and then we can work to improve the proposal.

Also, the CCWG will be having a face-to-face meeting in BA, ICANN 53, and they also plan to have a face-to-face in July in Paris. The Meeting is in order to have a more up-to-date report. At the moment it's being called a report because that's the term the CCWG is using, although the content of it is actually a proposal of what the accountability mechanism is that's been proposed to be implemented through transition and post-transition. There are two phases of implementation of the accountability recommendation, and they are [unclear 00:22:05] that has to do with the first things that are required through the transition. They're all covered in the report.

I'm glad to say that the AFRALO community was very, very active in participating within that Working Group. I am a participant, and I know that quite a number of people, like Beran and some other people on this call, like Barrack of course, who actually also did participate on the CCWG. For the CWG Stewardship, we've released two [unclear 00:22:54] public comment. We did one in December, and we've just completed the second one. The second one, we actually presented an updated draft document - version two of our proposal - and that draft was quite an improved one compared to what we had in December, in the first public comment.

We received quite a number of comments and responses on the second drat - over 50 responses on the second draft. I'm also glad to inform

that AFRALO also submitted a statement. We also commented on the second draft, and I'm sure you'll have also seen the comment on the list. AT the moment we've received all the comments, we've reviewed them. The CWG has been meeting since the public comment closed, and we've been reviewing the comments and changing and updating the proposal accordingly. I just posted the URL to the final draft of the proposal, which is expected to be sent to the ACs and SOs for their comments and approval.

Mostly, this [transition 00:34:39] will be the chartering organizations of the CWG stewardship. They are the ones that will actually look at it and then provide their comment. However, we expect that if you have any comments on the current draft or proposal, today is the last day. After today we will forward it to the SOs and ACs for their comments and approval. There is also going to be an opportunity to engage the community at ICANN 53. If you still have comments at that time, we will still be able to make comments.

After the end of ICANN 53, according to our timeline, we hope to submit it to the ICG. Then we hope we'll be able to submit this within the deadline. We're still working within the deadline, and we are positive and hopeful we'll meet it. I think I can stop there and take any questions. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much Seun. I would know like to thank you for everything that you've done, together with Tijani. This is a wonderful job you've done in both your groups. You've each managed to draft a

document which has now been submitted to AFRALO Members for their consideration, and it's definitely invaluable work to our Members. In each case, I've posted the links to both draft proposals and to both statements. We are the RALO which has the most contributors with comments, out of ALAC's RALOs. So Seun and Tijani, thank you very much indeed for such hard work.

I invite you all to read those comments, and let me tell you that as individuals we can make statements, not only comment on statements. You can make comments or draft your own statement. In any event, I invite you to go read these versions of the document I've shared with you. I thank you all for this high level of interest that we've all been following, because we will together shape the future of ICANN. These subjects are matters of high importance, to which it's paramount that we all continue to contribute to.

I was just talking about the activities of our RALO. Like I was saying, there is going to be a conference that will last a day and a half. There will be a consultation at the end of the Meeting regarding this important work. We can all debate together. ICANN is following the process and they have hired a specialist who will come and participate at our conference, give us his insight, and work with us all regarding this subject. Now, if anyone would like to take the floor regarding this subject, now is the time to do it.

What I'd like us to speak of is the participation of African Members and of AFRALO at ICANN. AFRALO has so far participated in a very important way. Our contributions have been great. Barrack, myself and other people of AFRALO have participated lately at the important subjects and

discussions at the African Internet Summit, and to consider the level of our activity and the participation of African Members at these activities. I'd like to thank you very much the Members of AFRALO for having participated on behalf and in representation of our RALO as a community.

As Seun was saying, the Members of Africa, and all Africans have a say in the future of our RALO and of ICANN. Would anyone else like to take the floor? No? So, we're going to go on now to discuss our BA Joint AFRALO/AfrICANN Meeting. We have been working within a small Committee on a proposed statement. There are two people who have been designated to participate at the preparation of our Joint AFRALO/AfrICANN Meeting. May I remind you that at each ICANN Meeting we organize a joint meeting on Wednesday at 15:30 UTC. It's a joint meeting - all African Members of ICANN participate and express themselves.

We'd like to suggest that for this next joint meeting we discuss the following subject, which would be the African viewpoint on the proposal of the Internet future of identifiers. If you wish to participate in the preparation of this joint statement that we are to draft, please submit your comments and ideas, or contributions you may have, so that they will feed into the discussion of this subject, which is of high importance, like I said. We're going to discuss ICANN accountability and the transition of the IANA functions, which will be discussed at the level of the AFRALO/AfrICANN Meeting in BA.

We've already started to work, as I said, and the people that we've invited to the meeting are ICANN CEO Fadi Chehadé, our current ALAC

Chair, Alan Greenberg, who will come and speak to us at the meeting, and then there will be a debate among Africans regarding the different subjects of interest to ICANN - mainly the transition and the accountability processes, and ideas to see whether there are any other ideas or criticisms to bring up during this meeting. So since there are no requests to tae the floor at this point, I consider this Item concluded.

We're going to move onto Item #6 in our Agenda. This is related to an email that Barrack sent to our staff, and Mohamed has just said he's going to join us in a minute because he hasn't received the information to join yet. As soon as he joins us he'll be invited to take the floor. Now, as you all know, our current CEO, Fadi Chehadé, has already stated he has no intent of renewing his Chair of ICANN, and that after the Marrakech Meeting he will be ending his term - he'll not be running for a second term.

On behalf of ALAC, we have been asked as a RALO to give our opinion to ALAC and submit a proposal to ALAC - who's been asked by the Board for the new CEO of ICANN. We've been asked as a RALO to have our say on the appointment of our next CEO. I think we should first start by discussing the criteria of the personality we'd like to follow in this path that's been started by Mr Chehadé, and I'd very much like to receive proposals from you all regarding this criteria that we should follow in appointing the next candidate. You are free to take the floor now. Please do.

Mohamed, are you here yet? If Mohamed's just joined, I'll let him know that we've just started to discuss the criteria that we are to think of and to follow when choosing the next CEO of ICANN. Mohamed, what is

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your viewpoint regarding this subject? Since Mohamed seems to not be with us, I'd like to know what Barrack, Beran, Seun have to say about this - whether they have anything they'd like to add? Do they have any idea about this request that the ICANN Board has made to us? Barrack, are you there? Are you on the English channel? Are you there? I see you connected, but I cannot hear you.

GISELLA GRUBER: Barrack must be on the English channel.

AZIZ HILALI: Maybe we should move onto the last Item. You already know what was asked at the level of the criteria that… Barrack, yes, do you want to take the floor? Your mic is not working?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Hi. I'm on the English channel. I think Aziz was requesting for me to provide an input?

AZIZ HILALI: This is Mohamed?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes. Hello Aziz, hello everyone. Please accept my apology for joining the conference call late. I had another back-to-back call for ICG Chairs. Aziz, I suspect you need to be provide feedback on the ICG? Or you can request me to provide any clarification that you'd like?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, I would like you to speak of the ICG's update, and at the same time I had asked to hear about his advice regarding the profile and the criteria that AFRALO should suggest for the appointment, or the designation of, the next ICANN CEO.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. Thank you very much Aziz. I will start with the ICG update. Again, my apology for being late.   Currently the ICG Chairs have extensive conference calls, and actually I finished one a short time ago. There is coordination between the ICG, the CCWG and the CWG, and they are to provide feedback regarding the timeframe that they think they can complete the transition in.

                         So the ICG has requested the operational community to provide their feedback for the transition, and also ask ICANN as well to provide input on the timeframe it will take them to implement the transition. Currently as well, the ICG is reviewing the CWG work and hopefully the finalization of the proposal, so it can be formally reviewed. That's for the ICG.

                         For the ICANN President criteria, an awareness about the different cultural and geopolitical sensitivity that's required from the CEO. I think [unclear 00:44:20] exposure and experience is required. So they would need to [unclear 00:44:33] it just focuses in the US. That [unclear]. So maybe both [unclear] knowing the developing countries, and Africa as well - that's important.

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I think also a good, solid background on building organizations and structures, and growing up and scaling organizations is also important. ICANN is expanding very, very fast, and with the transition it will have more roles and responsibilities. I think that's as well a second requirement from my side. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:	Thank you for these important ideas and important contributions, which indeed are to be considered when appointing our next CEO. They are important for the participation of AFRALO, and for us to discuss, and I think we should welcome the possibility of contributing with our opinion when it comes to this discussion and this criteria. I remember at the first ICANN Meeting there were 450 people. Now there are 2,300 people. So ICANN will innovatively have a new configuration, new structure, and there will be new powers at stake here.

So please do not hesitate to contribute if you have an idea regarding this criteria. Are there any contributions at this point? I think Barrack cannot be heard. He has written something about [cyber procedures 00:47:27], regarding…

BARRACK OTIENO:	Can I speak now?

INTERPRETER:	I'm sorry Barrack. Aziz is speaking right now. I cannot interpret and answer to you at the same time.

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AZIZ HILALI: Barrack, you now have the floor. Go ahead.

BARRACK OTIENO: Thank you. I think for the CEO we need to consider someone with a track record in the non-profit sector, especially when it comes to managing subjects that affect the [language 00:48:34] of people in marginalized areas. I know previously we have looked at leaders with business knowledge, but I think we need to look at leaders with a development track record, and [unclear 00:48:50] with an experience in [unclear] private sector, as well as a legal academia.

Someone to be able to [unclear] the complexities of the institution - especially now that we are going through a transition, which will require new thinking to make sure that parts of the world that really do not have an accessible Internet are able to access the Internet. But what I can propose for now, I think we should use a process similar to the one used to select the US Secretary General - someone with all around knowledge. Thank you. That's all from me.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you. Thank you very much. I would like us to elaborate with some guide - not a statement - but to be able to provide a guide, from AFRALO. Maybe Barrack it would be useful for you to sum up what you have discussed at this meeting. I could sum up what Mohamed said, and I think we should consider all these aspects, taking into account this cultural implication that Mohamed was talking about - that it shouldn't

be someone who just focused on North America, that it should be someone that knows the developing countries and the developing world.

Seun added some comments on the chat. Could I ask you to draft a small summary, a short summary, in a few words, and to send it on AFRALO's mailing list? Then on the basis of that summary we could maybe trigger a discussion on the subject through the mailing list?

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay. That's okay. I second that.

AZIZ HILALI: Great. Okay. We have two more Items. We have an Item that was added yesterday regarding the Meeting of the RALO Secretariats. Then there was another Item, which is the new format for the AFRALO discussions. This is a suggestion that was put forward by NARALO, actually, after a discussion within their RALO. They criticized the fact that RALOs are not very disciplined when it comes to updating their monthly reports, in order for everyone to be up-to-date regarding the decisions that are reached.

So there is now a new format for RALO reports, and these guidelines have been published. I would like to know what your point of view is regarding this new format? Then I'll ask Silvia or someone else from staff to explain to us what the proposal of NARALO was. If Silvia could do that, I think it would be much easier for Secretariats to follow those guidelines and to draft their report, knowing what those guidelines are.

So all that information is available online. Are there any contributions to be made regarding the information that's published? Or can we move onto the following Item?

In the absence of comments, we're going to add an AI, which is to send on the mailing list where this proposal is, so that the Members of our RALO can contribute with their advice regarding this format that's to be followed when reporting with the different ALS activities. Now, moving onto the next Item of the Agenda, we will discuss the new ALS application. It was just yesterday that we received the due diligence for ISOC Uganda. Barrack, could you say anything about that ALS? Can we adapt it and perhaps send our opinion regarding Uganda tomorrow? You have the floor.

Okay. We received the due diligence. There were links that were not working. We can give our approval, but we have to correct the link. I'm going to ask staff to check again please. We don't want to have the same problem we had with the last ALS, on which we gave our approval and afterwards, when it was sent to ALAC, the link was hijacked and everybody got really nervous about this ALS. So please, Barrack, before you send your approval for this ALS I'd like to check all the links to see if they are working well before sending our approval. I'm asking staff - is it possible to do that? Or do we have to do that?

BARRACK OTIENO: Hello? Thank you Aziz. I will check the digi-form from ISOC Uganda. We have to make sure that all the links are working. I think the first document that was sent seemed to work fine from Firefox, but not

Google Chrome. But we will check them. According to the email that Natalie sent, it was tested on both Chrome and Firefox and it was working fine, but before we send it to ALAC we will check that both the forms are working and then we'll forward it to ALAC. But so far we have received possible comments from the mailing list regarding the application from ISOC Uganda.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you, but there was a link I tried yesterday evening and it didn't work. I think Natalie checked it and corrected it. Silvia, do you want to speak?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello. Just to confirm that we will make sure that all the links are properly working fine. Barrack, if you could just let us know as soon as possible? Normally there are no problems. What happened before was an isolated case, but of course staff is ready to support you in making sure that all the links are properly working. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much Silvia. I consider that AFRALO is giving its approval to ISOC Uganda and Barrack is going to send Natalie our approval - the approval from AFRALO. That's okay, yes? This is what we said? Thank you. If it is the case, Barrack is confirming that he's going to send the RALO approval. So I think we are finished. Are there any other Items? I'd like to ask Seun, did you receive your visa? Beran, are you going to

be in BA? Did you solve your visa problems? Seun, are you still with us and did you solve your visa problems? Not yet? Okay.

It is a problem. I hope that Suen and Beran will be able to come to BA. There is this visa problem. It is a problem that we had before. I really regret to hear that you have this problem again. Thank you everybody for your help. Thank you to the interpreters.

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