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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Hello, everybody, and welcome to the formal New ALS Welcome Webinar. Apologies for the delay in starting. This is Nathalie from ICANN At-Large staff. We're extremely happy to welcome you in this call, representatives of the ten most recent ALSs. After the informal welcome webinar held with staff just a month ago, we're delighted to have you all here to exchange with the chair of the ALAC, Alan Greenberg, and leadership representatives from AFRALO, APRALO, EURALO, and LACRALO.

This webinar is an opportunity for new ALSs to introduce themselves to their RALO leaders, but also for At-Large leadership to help guide new ALSs into At-Large activities. There will be a Q&A session at the end of the webinar, but please do not hesitate to type into this chat during the presentation. Staff will be more than happy to assist.

Please also remember to speak loud and clear, as this call is being interpreted. Please also state your names before speaking as this call is also being transcribed. And with that, I will hand it over to Mr. Alan Greenberg, chair of the ALAC. Over to you, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. It's always interesting to have new ALSs in At-Large. As you'll see as I go through the presentation, we are delighted to have new people. At the same time, we have an interesting situation, and I'll go over it as we go. Can we have the first slide? Or can I turn them?

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All right. You've already seen this slide before if you went to the earlier webinar, and it's the general overview. You can see we have the five ICANN regions, and the regions are – some of them are rather large. You'll notice Europe spans, I think, about two-thirds of the globe, as you go around, and APRALO is not quite as physically large in terms of how much the globe it spans but spans far more cultures and languages than one can even imagine, perhaps.

And we'll now look in a little bit more detail. Next slide. All right. I'm chair of the ALAC, and we'll go into that in a minute. The ALAC is the group within ICANN that is responsible for presenting the needs of users within the ICANN processes. And as you probably know at this point, we have 15 members, 10 of them are selected by the RALOs, 2 per RALO. And 5 of them are selected by a group called the Nominating Committee, which is made up of people from all of the communities within ICANN.

Next slide, please. Now, I'm not expecting you to even be able to read this, never mind memorize it. What you have there is the list of all the 15 ALAC members. The presentation is downloadable from the agenda, and I would suggest you download it. And these are the names of the people who are representing your region, and we'll be hearing from the RALO leaders as we go on today, and the RALO leaders in combination with the ALAC members from your region are the resources that you should use and talk to if indeed you have any questions about what to do, how to proceed. So, again, I won't go into any great detail, but that's the resource which you can easily access from that slide.

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Next slide, please. That's me. And you can see the title. I'm the chair, therefore you can blame me for things that go wrong, and everyone else takes credit for the things that go right. But it's an interesting job. I've been doing it now for about eight or nine months and I'll leave it at saying it's interesting and been a lot of fun. Next slide, please.

Now, the real challenge is to find out what's going on in ICANN and then to figure out how you can be a part of it. And to be blunt, it's not easy. ICANN is a complex organization and we're dealing with complex issues. We use the term multi-stakeholder, which you may have heard. Essentially, it says we are not run by a government. We are not run by some power that is telling us what to do. We are supposed to come together with all of the people who care about domain names – because that's the mandate of ICANN, domain names and IP numbers – and we're supposed to come to agreement.

As you can imagine, we're rather a diverse group of people. We represent users, governments, businesses, the registries, the ccTLD registries, the gTLD registries, gTLD registrars, the people you go to to acquire a .com or a .net or a .org TLD or domain name, ISPs, and we establish the policies that are associated with many aspects of the Internet.

There's a lot of money at stake, clearly. Therefore, people have very strong opinions, and, ultimately, if we are going to come to agreement and set policies, we all have to come to some level of agreement over how we do this. And it's a challenge.

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We are working – when I say we, At-Large is working right now on a new set of programs to try to help ALSs integrate into At-Large and ICANN, and to do the day-to-day business, and we'll be talking about that just a little bit later, but that process is just starting, and we hope it will be at least partially completed in the next four to five months.

Next slide. All right. What are some of the hot topics today? Well, for the last year and a half, we've been sort of consumed by one issue. In March 2014, the US Government, which as you may know, the Internet started as a project of the US Government. And the US Government has always maintained some level of control and oversight over critical aspects of the Internet, including ICANN and, perhaps, more important, the IANA function, which is the part of the organization that maintains all of the core information, which allows the Internet to run.

It provides the root zone, which tells you as a user where any top-level domain is. So where .com is, .net, or any of the ccTLDs. It tells your software how to do certain types of work because IANA stores all of the protocol parameters that the IETF (the Internet Engineering Task Force) creates. And they also allocate addresses, which are necessary, of course, for anyone to use the Internet.

So the US Government has announced that if we can come up with a transition plan, that they will give up control over all of these aspects. In general, they have not exercised a lot of specific control, but they have been part of the process, and they're saying they're going to get out of that if we can come up with a plan that can be approved.

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We have been rather consumed in building the plan and part of the requirement is that we make sure that since the US Government is no longer looking over the shoulder of ICANN, that ICANN has to follow the instruction and will of the multi-stakeholder community, and that's been termed accountability and we've been working in parallel on a process of accountability. Both of which are coming to, hopefully, an end over the next couple of months, and hopefully successfully.

Next slide. Okay. So I've already said that this is a complex process. You're going to have a hard time of it, potentially, but there's a lot of rewards. So where do you start? Well, the first place is, I would suggest, is [learn.icann.org](http://learn.icann.org). It is an online instructional facility that essentially provides tutorials on a very large range of issues.

I would suggest once you go into that site, you need to register, and one of the courses that's available is the beginner's guide to groups. If you sign up for that course, you'll now see a lot of options, and it will give you more detail than you wanted to know about many, many parts of the organization.

But each section starts off with a "what is" something. What is At-Large? What is the Board? What is the GNSO? And I would suggest as a start, go into that, and just look at the section on "what is" for all of the groups. Start to get a feel for what are the different components that make up the ICANN multi-stakeholder group. And once you've done that, start wandering around, find courses that are sections of courses that interest you, and see where it leads.

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Next slide, please. This part is crucial. Although the people on this webinar are generally the leaders of the new ALSs, if you've signed up as an ALS, we presume you have more people out there. Generally, ALSs are groups that existed in some other form and have now, in addition to what you normally do in your life, you have become an ALS. So get the other people involved, pass on the kind of information we're sharing with you today to those people, and get them involved, also.

We can't make use of the skills and knowledge of all the people around the world unless they know enough about us to be able to live in our environment and communicate with us. Next slide.

Now, there's all sorts of things you can do, places to learn, in addition to the ICANN Learn facility. We hold, we being At-Large, hold regular briefings on a variety of topics. The next one will be the current proposal for the Accountability Cross-Community Working Group that I just mentioned, and looking at how we're planning to change ICANN so that it is more accountable so that it has no choice but to follow the rules that are laid down in its bylaws and to listen to the various stakeholders.

It's, again, a complex process, but the easiest way to get involved in it is to go to one of these webinars where it's presented in a reasonably accessible manner. The kinds of things the accountability proposal includes is the ability of the community, for instance, to remove Board members. Right now, we appoint Board members but they're there for the duration of the term. The new process will allow removal of the Board of Directors. It will allow us to veto a budget if we believe the budget has some serious flaws in it. It requires the community to agree

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to certain bylaw changes. And there's a whole host of processes that go along with that.

There are also ICANN-wide webinars, and whenever they're announced, we will pass the announcement on to you. And, again, we encourage you to, if you see something that sounds interesting, take the hour, hour and a half to participate in it. And all these webinars are recorded, so if you can't do it when it's live, then you can go back and look at it later. You can't ask questions, of course, at that point, but you can certainly benefit from most of what was presented.

Lastly, and you'll be hearing more about some of this as we go on with the RALOs, each RALO has a monthly teleconference, the ALAC has a monthly teleconference, and there's a number of working groups that you may want to participate in. The ones that are probably of most interest right now are there's one on social media, where we use everything from Twitter and Facebook to communicate with people. There's one on accessibility, which says, "What does At-Large and ICANN in general have to do to make sure that people with any sort of disabilities can still participate in our processes?"

There's one on technical issues, it's a group that looks at new technologies that perhaps can help At-Large communicate. If you have a technical interest, you may find that group as a place you can have some fun.

The webinars we talked about up above, there's a capacity building group that looks at building webinars and courses. Once you get some

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idea of what's going on in ICANN, you may have some input into this group to tell them what kind of things you think you need.

And lastly, I mentioned earlier that we're in a process of looking at how we can get ALSs more involved and how we can make it easier for them, and there's a group that is just starting that will be looking at what criteria do we expect from ALSs, what do we expect in an ALS, and what are our expectations once they join. And again, once you get your feet wet, you may find something there of interest that you can participate and help us build At-Large into a better structure.

And that's all I have. Thank you. Welcome to At-Large, welcome to ICANN, and I hope you have fun.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:

Thank you very much, Alan. This is Nathalie from staff once again. We'd now like to go over to an introduction of the ALSs by the ALSs themselves. We're lucky enough to have most of the ALSs represented today. Starting in alphabetical order per RALO, we recently welcomed three AFRALO ALSs. The first of which was the High-Tech Center for Nigerian Women and Youths, who unfortunately aren't able to be on the call today. However, it's a great pleasure that we have three representatives of ISOC Uganda, and I'll gladly hand over to Daniel, Lillian, or Sarah to present their objectives.

Daniel, Lillian, or Sarah, you might need to activate your microphones in order to speak. To do that, you'll need to click on the telephone icon at the top of the Adobe Connect room toolbox and follow the instructions



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from then on. And when that icon turns into a microphone icon, it means your microphone is activated.

Whilst we wait for Daniel, Lillian, and Sarah to manage to join the call, why don't we go on to the next [inaudible] ISOC Zimbabwe? We have [inaudible] in the Adobe Connect room with us. So [inaudible], I see you've activated your microphone, if you'll unmute yourself, we'd love to hear more about the chapter.

SARAH KIDEN: Hello.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Hello, Lillian. Yes, we can hear you. If you can just speak up a tiny bit, that would be perfect.

SARAH KIDEN: This is Sarah.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Oh, this is Sarah. Oh, that's perfect. Sarah, then we'll go back to ISOC Uganda. I'll bring up your presentation. For the needs of the interpreters, however, you will need to speak louder. Could you speak up, please?

SARAH KIDEN: Better now?

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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Perfect.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay, [inaudible]. This is Sarah from ISOC Uganda Chapter, Internet Society Uganda Chapter. [Inaudible] will tell you about the chapter in a few minutes. Our chapter seeks to promote open development, [inaudible], and use of the Internet to benefit all people in Uganda, whether they're in urban or rural areas, and our membership is really not a particular group. It's different kinds of people, it's academia, it's government, it's civil society, technical community, just anyone who is interested in Internet development in the country.

So we have about 400 registered members. They have to be members of Internet Society Global before they can become members of our chapter. In terms of the programs we have, [inaudible] in place. Hello?

ALAN GREENBERG: We can still hear you.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: We can hear you.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay. So I finished speaking about that slide. Next slide, please. So in terms of the chapter program, right now, there are three program areas we are focusing on. The first one is cyber security and that we are looking at online, shared online protection. We, about two years ago,

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we received a grant from the Internet Society to implement our project on child safety online. So we are going to school, talking to parents, talking to teachers, talking to children, we cut it out at [inaudible] to see what children are doing online and then I think it was developed and it has been uploaded on our website.

Then the other thing is under Internet governance, we host the Uganda Internet Governance Forum. Just yesterday, we had the ninth Uganda Internet Governance Forum, and it was really good, from the feedback we are getting. Then in terms of Internet infrastructure and development, we seek to raise awareness about technical issues, Internet issues in Uganda. And then we carry out [inaudible] about different things Internet-related, and these are the findings of the research posted on our website for everyone to see. And we work with different stakeholders, government or anyone – [inaudible] civil society, anyone who is willing to partner with us to implement this project.

Next slide, please. So that's our contact information. We have our website, Facebook [inaudible] we use to engage with our members. We also have a mailing list where people can discuss the different issues. I can take questions if there are any questions. Thank you.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:

Thank you very much for this, Sarah. This is Nathalie from staff. If there are any questions for Sarah or her colleagues from ISOC Uganda, please don't hesitate to type them in the chat, and we can deal with them at the Q&A session at the end of the webinar. Thank you very much.

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We're going to the next chapter now, the last one from AFRALO, which is ISOC Zimbabwe. We have [inaudible] connected on the Adobe Connect room. [Inaudible], it's your turn to speak, please let me know if you have issues with your microphone.

I'd like to remind you all that if you do have issues connecting to the microphone, as there was in this chat earlier, please provide us with your telephone numbers and you can do it by private message, too, if you don't want your telephone numbers visible. For that, you put your mouse on my name or a member of staff's name in the attendee list and choose private chat. Then we'll be able to forward your telephone number to our telephone providers and we'll be able to dial out to you quickly.

Please try to do so now if you have issues, then your presentation will go smoothly. Thank you. Okay. Whilst we wait for [inaudible] to manage to connect to the audio. I suggest we move on to our AFRALO ALSs. From ISOC Delhi, we sadly do not have a representative at this time, we're trying to get a hold of him now. However, we are lucky to have a representative from ISOC India Trivandrum, which is Srinivasan within the Adobe Connect room. Srini, over to you.

Whilst we wait for Srini to connect, too, if Jee Eun Choi, who's also in the Adobe Connect room and who is the representative for ISOC Korea is ready, we will gladly listen to her description of her chapter. Jee Eun, would you be ready to speak now?

JEE EUN CHOI:

Okay. Can you hear me?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Perfectly. Thank you ever so much. Please go ahead.

JEE EUN CHOI: All right [inaudible]. My name is Jee Eun Choi and I will introduce ISOC Korea. So ISOC Korea is a chapter of International Society [inaudible] and it was established in November, 2014. And currently, we have about 50 members, and we tried our best to engage more people to join ISOC Korea at the moment. And one of the main purpose for ISOC Korea is to facilitate more engagement with [inaudible].

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Hello, there. We can still hear you.

JEE EUN CHOI: [Inaudible] okay. So one of the main purpose for ISOC Korea is to facilitate more engagement with other international organizations such as ICANN, and ISOC [inaudible] Internet community in Korea. And we also focus on local issues and help the Internet users to have opportunities to raise their voice in local levels and also global [inaudible] society.

And also, we are holding regular basis meetings to discuss about current issues and exchanging and share our opinions. In the meeting, we provide what is happening in ICANN and ISOC to help the members to understand global issues. And, as I would say, only [inaudible] since

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ISOC Korea [inaudible] Korea, we put our efforts to promote the importance of our community and what we are doing and helping.

[Inaudible] wants to engage various [inaudible]. Can I go on?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Yes, of course, [inaudible], please go ahead.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes, please go on. There's a beeping. You ignore it.

JEE EUN CHOI: Okay. Thanks. So we want to engage various stakeholders and collect their opinion and collect their idea [inaudible]. And what [inaudible] wants to focus on is we would like to see [inaudible] measures in the process of making policy in the way in raising our voice on behalf of our organization to help Internet users.

And besides [inaudible], we plan to have some workshops and seminars to provide the knowledge and opportunity to get together and share. So I think this is all about. Thank you.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you very much, Jee Eun Choi, I'll say that's very informative. Apologies, of course, for the beeping noise, but I think your presentation is still perfectly audible. We now have our operators who are dialing out to a few of the representatives who couldn't join via audio previously. Let's just give it a few seconds to see who joins.

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Excellent. I see [inaudible] is joining from ISOC Zimbabwe. [inaudible], could you please speak? Hello, [inaudible], this is Nathalie from staff. I believe you are now connected. While we wait for the representatives of the AFRALO ALSs to join, I would suggest we go over to the EURALO ALS, which is the ISOC Russia chapter. We have Fedor Smirnov, who's joined us in the Adobe Connect room. Fedor, I see your microphone is activated. If you unmute your microphone by clicking on the microphone icon, you'll be able to tell us more about your chapter. Thank you.

FEDOR SMIRNOV: Hi. Can you hear me?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Perfectly, Fedor. Thank you.

FEDOR SMIRNOV: Okay. Let me introduce you briefly to my organization to you. ISOC Russia chapter. It was established 2013 and in that, we started working on a number of projects in the Internet governance field and in technology. [Inaudible] short example of what we are doing now. We, together with the ISOC Europe, we did a serious [inaudible] on [inaudible] and we are also working on translating the IETF Journal, which is quite a technology project, but we are doing it in order to reach more engagement of Russian technical professionals into the work of global Internet organizations.

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What's more related to ICANN activities, for example, many of our founding members, many of our board members, are involved into the IDN processes in Russia where, well, took part in the launch of the first Russian IDN TLD and recently, I think, by the end of 2014, I participated in a workshop dedicated to e-mail internationalization, so IDN e-mail in China, in Beijing, and the ISOC chapter, we did a summary of some technical issues we noticed with IDN e-mails working with Cyrillic letters, with Russian alphabet.

And the chapter now is in the At-Large structure, we are going to be more engaged into ICANN activities and I'm really happy to be part of that process. Well, thank you very much.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you ever so much, Fedor, and once again, if you have questions for Fedor and for ISOC Russia chapter, we have the question-and-answer session at the end. I do believe we now have Srinivasan from ISOC India Trivandrum on the line. Srin, please go ahead.

SRINIVASAN RAVINDRAN: Hello.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Hello there. We can hear you perfectly.



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SRINIVASAN RAVINDRAN: Yeah. Thank you very much. Hi, everyone. I'm from ISOC Trivandrum chapter. I hope the presentation is loaded. We are from the southern [inaudible] India and our chapter was found on 6 February, 2015. We have our [inaudible] Satish Babu, who's the chair of chapter, and [inaudible] member of ICANN from the [inaudible].

And I have the responsibility of [inaudible] responsibility of vice chair. We have our secretariat [inaudible] and [inaudible]. We are able to watch that map, which I have shown on the right side of the slide, you can see the small portion along the [inaudible] line on the southern side, that is what we identified as parallel, and we are towards the southern side of the [inaudible].

And we have our website, most of the details are made available there. It's isoctrv.in, and [inaudible] so that that is ISOC [inaudible] around 72 members. And we got accredited as ALS in July 2015. Some of the chapter activities. Generally, we had our planning sessions are happening immediately after formation, on 27 February, and then we actively started working on consultation sessions on net neutrality.

In fact, the [inaudible] body has accredited all the public response, the comments [inaudible] about net neutrality. So we formulated a consultation session on 22 April, and the recommendations which came out of that, basically, to avoid discrimination [inaudible] was communicated to the regulatory authority, [inaudible] tradition.

Then we also actually participate in government of India effort, and Internet governance. Most of us are there in one or the other bodies connected to the government part of it. Now on [inaudible] so we have

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a discussion on ethics and on emerging technologies. [Inaudible] is going to the next slide.

Some of the immediate plans is that [inaudible] a lot of the land we need to get registered the nonprofit society for handling of the funds and taking care of the [inaudible] in the organization. So we need to work towards that. We have already contacted a few people [inaudible] and [inaudible] next one, which we want to build is the member workshop on Internet governance, of which we plan to do in November 2015 or some of the lectures [inaudible] Internet governance topics are planned along with [inaudible] and we would like to do the project on Internet governance and developing, depending upon the funding, and we [inaudible] membership of about 250.

So that's about and on this slide, if you look on the right side that [inaudible] we just planned, we can see the snapshot of some of the tourist spaces near our location. We have [inaudible] issues of [inaudible] that's part of [inaudible]. So we are [inaudible] welcome all of you to take a chance to visit us sometime and we will be glad to host you. Thank you very much. This is Srinivasan signing out from [inaudible] chapter ISOC TRV.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:

Thank you very much, Srin. That was most helpful. Thank you. And apologies for the connection issue. I do believe now we have [inaudible] from ISOC Zimbabwe who has joined us on the phone. [inaudible], could you try saying a few words to see if we have you back? [inaudible], if you can hear me, please go ahead with ISOC Zimbabwe.

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Unfortunately, [inaudible] seems to be still having audio issues. So with that, we'll move on to our two LACRALO ALSs. The first one is the Association Haitienne des Internautes, and we have Milo Paraison with us today. We had Milo Paraison on the AC room earlier. We'll just wait for him to connect and, in that case, we'll move directly to IEEE Nicaragua. And we have Mario and Carlos on the Adobe Connect room with us. Milo and Carlos, over to you.

Mario and Carlos, we can't hear you. You will need to activate your microphone by clicking on the telephone icon at the top of the toolbox and follow the instructions there. It is misleading in the Adobe Connect room. It is not because you see the microphone icon [inaudible].

MILO PARAISON: Hello.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Hello, Milo, this is [inaudible].

MILO PARAISON: Hello.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Milo, can you hear?

MILO PARAISON: Okay. Everything is okay?

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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Yes. Milo. Just for everyone.

MILO PARAISON: [Inaudible].

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Milo, you're coming across very loud.

MILO PARAISON: Okay. I connect very well. I can talk now.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Okay. Perfect. Please [inaudible].

MILO PARAISON: Hello. Could I talk now?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Yes, you can talk now, this is [inaudible]. This is Milo from AHI, but you need to mute speakers and go easy because you're coming across very loud.

MILO PARAISON: Okay. It's very loud. Okay. Thank you. Our organization is HIE, we say [inaudible] it's Haitian organization, it's Association Haitienne des

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Internautes. What we do like activity, we always say [inaudible] we can use the Internet to do something better. Just to searching the information, just to do more thing, just to start the development. Because it's [inaudible] we're going to because it's the best way to start.

Now [inaudible], for example, most of the school, about 90%-95% doesn't use or doesn't have a connection Internet. Most of the university, like say most of the university, they still use the whole methodology to promote the education. This is why we do like, for example, like some [inaudible], we invite them, we are talking to them, we [inaudible] we can use the Internet to do something better. And then [inaudible].

When you talk about the church, we are from group in the church, we are talking to them, just trying to change their mentality, just try to say them, they could do it better. And then not, it's in volunteer activity, something [inaudible] volunteer just to do some, just to promote [inaudible].

For example, now, we have [inaudible] in [IET] but it's good to better if we use the technology like, say, [inaudible], but most of people know [inaudible]. Because we could use the technology to do something better for this election. And then this what we try to do, this is what we say [inaudible] and I'd say it's in volunteer activity but when we started volunteer activity, we must be have to focus on the people we [inaudible]. The people with commitment to you, commitment to you, and the people promote the activity to help you to do it, to help you to do what we want to do.

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But this is why we have [inaudible] difficulty. This is why we have [inaudible] difficulty like to promote, to commit some other people. But if the people have [inaudible] activity, [inaudible] didn't give up for you. Didn't give up it to give you some help to do it. Okay? But I'm so glad to be a part of you, and then I'm so glad to be part of you, that I'm so glad to be a part of you, and then, I'm so glad to be with you, it's all about [inaudible] and about [inaudible]. Thank you very much.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you very much, Milo. I just muted your microphone as there was quite a lot of background noise, but we could hear you perfectly. Thank you very much for this. We currently have, so we now have Mario and Carlos with IEEE Nicaragua, I'll bring the presentation up again. Mario and Carlos, if you're ready, please go ahead.

MARIO ALEMAN: Yes. Hello, Nathalie, can you hear me well?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Perfectly.

MARIO ALEMAN: Right. Very good. So we are basically represent an ALS Nicaragua on behalf of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, which the acronym is IEEE. And you can [inaudible] likely. Here we go. It is the largest organization of engineers, basically, with more than 38 [inaudible] societies ranging from computer science to power and

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energy and [inaudible] technology, robotics, biomedical, and [inaudible].

And the [inaudible] of the organizations represented Nicaragua [inaudible] technological innovation. [Inaudible] to foster technological innovation and [inaudible]. And we do this, actually, through expansion of information and getting basically that didn't work in principle among the members.

[Inaudible] very fast right now. Yes. If you can stop in the membership slide, it is [inaudible] for more than 400,000 members around the globe in all different regions. In Nicaragua, we're currently a little bit more than 150 members. Currently, we're also working very hard with the Computer Society doing basically a lot of Internet governance activities, and also participating and engaging in ICANN, in ICANN meetings, and having a very good relationship with the Internet Society, which is basically are forming a new chapter in Nicaragua, and we are basically planning to get a group of people motivated to start activities, representing the end users [inaudible].

If you can please move to the next slide, please. Okay. This has already been said, and the next one is about one of the – it's about the societies that we have where we have chapters. Chapters are more than 12 members, official members, basically, so they are coming and going from student branches and universities, and then [inaudible] professional workers.

The PES stands for the Power and Energy Society. We also have the IAS, which is the Industry Applications Society, and the Computer Society. So

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these three chapters actually work very hard in terms of [inaudible] issues, developing [inaudible] activities, create an awareness in expanding enrollment about the standards, and, basically, impacting the community, engaging even more people.

So we feel that, actually, it is important, as well, not to [inaudible] technical innovation without the public policy. [inaudible] reasons why actually the Computer Society has been taking the lead into create an ALS and working more with the [inaudible] governmental sector in Nicaragua.

And if you move to the next slide, we're basically, this is just a diagram that tells you about the amount of members that we currently have, about 134. Might be a little bit more, and we have students, senior members, fellows, and associated members.

The next slide represents one of the -- if you could please move to the next one. These are the community groups that we also work with young professionals. These are graduating students, actually, from the last 15 years. They also work with a community group called the Women in Engineering, and we have also a special interest group for humanitarian technologies. So these three combined, actually, with the [inaudible] chapters to develop [inaudible] activities, [inaudible] activities, as well.

Can you move to the next one, please? And the Power and Energy, this is the [inaudible]. It's basically we have the chairs, vice chairs, the secretary, and the treasurer. If you could please move to the next one. This is the Industry and Application Society, as well. Same as the



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previous one, the chair, the vice chair, the secretary, and treasurer. And last but not least is the Computer Society, which is the next one. And this is the [inaudible].

So behind the [inaudible] is actually the Board of Directors of the IEEE and also the entire community that is more than 130 members. The next slide is basically the roster of young professionals. The next one is basically the [inaudible] of humanitarian technology that we [inaudible] together and work as a team. The next one, please. It's a group picture, actually, of one of our latest activities that we did in with the students, so the student chapter and the professional chapter, as well, developing one of the activities.

The next one is a picture of the current Board of Directors of the section, so it is myself as chair, we also have the vice chair, treasurer, secretary, student activities, and [inaudible] activities with Carlos Rodriguez, also representing the ALS as a secondary contact, and the next slide is just basically our contact information. So this is very brief and very motivated and energetic to start doing activities with ALS, with ISOC, and everything that actually represents the end user's right for [inaudible]. Thank you very much.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:

Thank you very much, Mario. Thank you for the presentation. We'll now turn back to ISOC Zimbabwe and [inaudible] who is having terrible connectivity issues today, let's see if we can get her back on the line. [inaudible], can you hear me? [Inaudible] if you would, please.

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[inaudible], this is Nathalie, if you can hear me, please [inaudible] ISOC Zimbabwe.

Unfortunately, we cannot get [inaudible] back on the line, and so that includes the ALSs introduction for today. We will encourage other ALSs to brief updates via e-mail and we will circulate those to the RALO list just to make sure we are correctly introduced to all the organizations.

So now I'd like to swap the roles and have the RALO leadership introduce themselves and how they expect and would like the ALSs to engage with the At-Large activities. So by alphabetical order once again, I'd like to invite Aziz, AFRALO Chair, to please say a few words about the RALO and the ALS activities.

Aziz, this is Nathalie. We cannot hear you. Okay. Whilst we wait for Aziz to connect, we will then move over to APRALO leadership, and we have Ali AlMeshal on the call. Ali? Could you please go ahead?

ALI ALMESHAL:

Yes. Thank you very much. This is Ali AlMeshal from APRALO. Just waiting for my quick slides to be uploaded so I can go ahead with that. Can you hear me all?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:

Ali, we can hear you perfectly, and your slides are being uploaded as we speak. Just wait for a few moments, then we'll be done.

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ALI ALMESHAL: Sure. While we are just waiting for the slides to be uploaded, and these are just introduction slides. I would like to give a big and warm welcome to all the new ALSs who's joining the At-Large, and that sounds very good having this number of new ALSs from different regions. And a special thanks to the APRALO ALSs [inaudible] we have ISOC [inaudible] and ISOC Palestine. I don't see them on the call but I think we'll be following up with them on that.

What I have on my slide is just I'm trying to match the names with the faces from some of the APRALO leaderships, and even giving you a [inaudible] about all these ALSs and the representative of these ALSs, and their sort of an introduction to them. And then I would go on how to engage, but slides are taking some time to upload the presentation slides.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Ali, this is Nathalie, we're almost there. Just a few more seconds. Apologies that that is taking a long time.

ALI ALMESHAL: No problem.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: This is Nathalie from staff again. Whilst we wait for the slides to upload, please note that at the end of the webinar, the slide decks from the different ALSs who sent them in will be posted on the agenda page of where the meeting invitation was so you'll all be able to review them once again there. Thank you. Over to you, Ali.

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ALI ALMESHAL: Slides are coming; it's loading.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Ali, I promoted you to presenter so you can now move your slides.

ALI ALMESHAL: I can't see them on my laptop yet.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Ali, I can move the slides for you, if you want. I'm now on the title page.

ALI ALMESHAL: Okay. Because I don't see them yet on my laptop anyway. The first one, I was just trying to show all the ALSs. This is the At-Large Summit [inaudible] in London last year where all the ALSs, with all of the At-Large and ALSs are present, and that happened for the second time, I believe.

And so I'm starting here. Maybe I will just add some more comments on what Alan has just started [inaudible] guidelines and tips that you get on how to get engaged within the At-Large and ICANN community. On the second slide, let me follow on my own here because it's not coming on my laptop. Just go here.

Okay. So now the second slide, which is I'm showing here the APRALO officers, as you call them, the leaderships. We have Siranush Vardanyan,

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he is from Armenia, and he is the chair of APRALO. And we have Satish Babu, who is the vice chair from Computer Society of India. Ali AlMeshal, which is myself, from Bahrain, Bahrain Internet Society. And we have Pavan, he is the secretariat for the APRALO.

I'm just trying to give you the idea, I'm sure you know about us, all of us, but that's for confirming the information. And as we mentioned by Alan, as well, the ALAC representatives that we have as of today, we have Maureen Hilyard, we have Rafid Fatani, and we have [inaudible]. And if you can't see that, it is coming from different ALSs.

One of the brochures I just [inaudible] that one side of it, we have a number of At-Large [inaudible] that can help if you are doing any events within your ALSs within your country, and you need more information about the At-Large. These things can help you wherever you are, attending ICANN, basically speaking, or on request, if you wish. These things can help to [inaudible] the ICANN and the At-Large.

The APRALO [inaudible] you can see and as we have noticed that we are the most diverse region in the RALO regions. As you can see, we are different [inaudible] of languages, different cultures, different time zones, and that makes some challenges to us while, on the other side, can [inaudible] opportunity.

These are the list of all ALSs and it's not [inaudible] of them, this is up to last year. You can see the list of the ALSs, which are around 35 ALSs, adding to this [inaudible] ALSs, we are almost 40 ALSs for the APRALO. And, again, you can see the diversity of all of these from different regions, different [inaudible].

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This is taken from the Singapore 2014. We have done a showcase that we have [inaudible] representative from each ALS and shown them the people and where they are coming from and where they [inaudible]. So we are matching the names to the face, maybe for [inaudible], so I'm just going to click on this one with our, I mean, if you just [inaudible] on the faces and [inaudible] of the representatives of the ALSs.

Maybe I need just to highlight this, if you just highlight Holly, which is she's from the ALAC, and [inaudible] Satish Babu and Siranush, as well. By the way, Nathalie, I cannot see the presentation, so I'm just looking on my own copy on my laptop.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:

That's all right, Ali, we can all see in the Adobe Connect room.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Yeah. I am on there but I cannot see the presentation, but as I'm looking at it on my own. Pavan. So these are pictures just [inaudible] to match the faces whenever you are meeting or attending any face-to-face [inaudible] important about how we get to [inaudible]. We always say you need to participate, we need to contribute and share. This is the key. Contribute to whatever is going in the activities and share the knowledge and show everyone [inaudible] rich knowledge in different fields. So contribution and sharing is the key for the participation within ICANN.

There are so many ways that we can share and participate, and, of course, we are not expecting anyone to come and he is fully aware of

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about what are these meetings about, discussed in the ICANN meetings. But once you share, once you attend the different type of meetings that have been conducted, definitely would reach the people who can help you, invite you to these areas that you are interest in and [inaudible].

So you may know that we are having three face-to-face meetings on a yearly basis. This is the one that happens in each region and each region [inaudible] we have a lot of virtual meetings, conference call, webinars, so for you to understand and to catch up with the discussions about what is going on with the ICANN community.

You need to be part of this. You need to participate in the mailing list, join the working groups that you are interested in. A lot of e-mail discussions going and coming, and if it [inaudible] any of these meetings or conferences, most of them, if it is not all, are recorded, so we can listen to the recording, read the transcript, and you can access all the wiki pages that [inaudible] have the link down here, the [inaudible] in the link for each RALO that can help you with that.

I don't want to take that much. Thank you very much and that's for myself.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE:

Thank you very much, Ali. Thank you. And I now believe we have Aziz, AFRALO Chair, on the phone line. So Aziz Hilali, if you can hear me, please go ahead.

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AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Nathalie. I will [inaudible] to welcome all the new ALSs and thank you, Alan, for taking this initiative. I would like, also, thank all the new African ISs. Thank you [inaudible] thank you, Sarah, thank you, Mario Paraison of Haiti, and it helped to have [inaudible] of [ISOC Zimbabwe].

I did not plan to talk but what I can said about AFRALO, AFRALO has had a significant number of new ALS in recent years. We have moved from 21 into 2011 to 40 in 2015. In addition what Alan said at the beginning, I want to [inaudible] for new ALS. The first one is the importance of participation in monthly [inaudible]. We have every month a [inaudible] very important to have all ICANN with us and the participants in these conferences.

The second point is to get involved by taking part in the working group of ALAC, of all issue of ICANN. And the third point is for saving information within African [inaudible] by publishing on the wiki page of their RALO a description of their activities at the local level.

Now, the present officials of AFRALO is me, Aziz Hilali. I am the chair of the AFRALO, Mohamed El Bashir of Sudan is the vice president, and specifically is [inaudible] from ISOC Kenya. And the [inaudible] person for the representative from African region was shared by Alan.

We have many, many activities in AFRALO. We participate, actually, [inaudible] in the subject of ICANN about we participate in the working group of the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group, ICG, and the CWG and the CCWG.



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And in the last meeting of Buenos Aires, we had a statement about the subject and this statement was sent to all groups, ICG, CWG, and CCWG. And we participate, also, actively to African Internet Summit this year, and in the third edition of Africa Internet Summit in 2015 was the [inaudible] was held in Tunis, and AFRALO has been actively involved with several of its members, and we participated in this even through the core program.

In addition, [inaudible] number of presentation of AFRALO, we participate, also, in ICANN session and in the panel of the official opening of the event. Thank you, Nathalie.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you very much, Aziz. Thank you. And we now go [inaudible] of the EURALO leadership, which is Yuliya Morenets in EURALO. Yuliya, please go ahead. Yuliya, this is Nathalie, can you hear.

YULIYA MORENETS: [Inaudible].

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Hello, there. We can hear you.

YULIYA MORENETS: Yes, great. Hello, [inaudible]. My name is Yuliya Morenets and I'm EURALO secretariat. First of all, very warm welcome to all ALSs and the warm welcome ISOC Russia, who is our actually second ALS from the

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Russian Federation, and we are very happy to have this extension in Eastern Europe.

So our chair [inaudible] chair of EURALO was unable, unfortunately, to be here today without some [inaudible] I'm delighted to speak on behalf of EURALO leadership. So a few words about EURALO, which is the European Regional At-Large Organization [inaudible], we have the leadership composed of EURALO chair, who is Mr. Wolf Ludwig, and the EURALO secretariat, who's myself, Yuliya Morenets, and the leadership actually selected for the term of two years.

We have the reelections planned for October this year, which will take place, actually, in Dublin during the ICANN in Dublin. We have, also, three ALAC representatives, who are, at this moment, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Sandra Hoferichter, and Jimmy Schultz. We also have the NomCom representative, who is [inaudible], so you're very welcome to conduct one of us to have more details on this or another one activity, as well as how to reach different ICANN decisions, [inaudible] maybe bring in a more effective way your input.

I would like, also, to encourage you to take an active part in policy development and to bring your regional and [inaudible] expertise in order to compose a more effective EURALO point of view on different subjects, as well as to participate and to inform the ALAC point of view, as well.

I would like to, also, to encourage you to contribute to the general assembly planning for the general assembly, EURALO General Assembly, I mean, which is planned to take place in Dublin in October of this year.

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You can find all this information about and there is a page, actually, the wiki page, which was created by the ICANN staff, concerning the General Assembly plan to take place in Dublin. So please check the wiki website or just write an e-mail to all of us, one of us, I mean, the chair of EURALO or myself, and we'll give you the link.

For example, concerning the participation and how to take an active part in policy development, I would encourage you to have a look on the IANA Stewardship Transition draft, which is open for the comments, which is the current one of the current consultation items, and to give your point of view, as well, and to communicate it to EURALO members and to ALAC members, as well.

In terms of the activities in the region, we have, obviously, [inaudible] regions a number of activities. One of the biggest [inaudible] of EURALO ALSs, the EuroDIG, which is the European Dialogue on Internet Governance. Normally takes place in June of each year, so I encourage you to have a look on this event, and that you go to the website, which is the [www.EuroDIG.org](http://www.EuroDIG.org).

We have, also, another great output among others, so [inaudible], which is the ICANN Academy, there is an ICANN Academy Working Group. And I encourage you to take part of this working group to bring the point of view of Eastern Europe and of the Russian Federation in this working group.

And, also, really to check the existing, the other existing working groups that you can check all these on the EURALO Webpage or wiki page, and

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I'm sure that the ICANN staff can just provide the link to these. So I'm open to all questions, and thanks [inaudible].

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you very much, Yuliya. We'll now go over to the last LACRALO leadership introduction. We'd like to welcome Alberto Soto.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Thank you, Nathalie. I would like to warmly welcome all the ALSs to the world of ICANN. In particular, I would like to welcome our ALSs from Haiti and Nicaragua. I am at an advantage here because with Mario Aleman and with Milo, I have had a personal conversation so I already have some information in advance. Part of the information that I can share with you now.

I would like to say that with incorporation of these two ALSs, now we have 47 in 20 countries. We have a plan to capture more ALSs. This is part of a strategic plan, and Haiti was the first one we wanted to reach out to because in Latin America and the Caribbean, Haiti has the lowest Internet penetration rate.

Haiti is a country where there are a lot of technology problems. It is not the only one, but we wanted to take it as a starting point. Nicaragua and Haiti don't have [inaudible]. One is in the process of solving that problem. That is for Nicaragua. But in the case of Haiti, that is not the case. So it is our responsibility and the duty of the new ALSs to struggle in order to achieve this.

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So we are focusing all our efforts on improving and enhancing the infrastructure to enhance the participation. We have the collaboration of ALAC for that. In the case of Haiti, ALAC has offered to have communication via Skype and that should be paid for by ICANN. So that would enable Haiti to participate fully in the meetings.

They are already doing that, so we have already discussed this personally. I would like to ask them to encourage them to participate as much as possible. And if there is something that they need from the region, we can link them to LACRALO.

That is the policy, that is the only link available to our ALSs to have...

ALAN GREENBERG: Have we lost interpretation?

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: I believe so. This is Nathalie. We're just following up with our interpreter. The interpreter's dropped, [inaudible] speak. We'll take a few seconds. Apologies for the delay.

ALBERTO SOTO: ...On one single person. We want to make sure that everybody can participate. That is the way of enhancing the involvement and [inaudible]. I would like to thank you all for your attention and welcome to all the ALSs. Thank you.

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NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you ever so much, Alberto. Thank you for that. And we've now heard from all the ALSs present and the representatives of the RALO leadership. I'd now like to open it for the question-and-answer session. So please don't hesitate to raise your hand in the Adobe Connect room. So to do that, you need to click on the hand raise icon at the top of the toolbar, [inaudible] Yuliya, or also type your question in the Adobe Connect room chat. Yuliya, please go ahead.

YULIYA MORENETS: Thank you. Thank you so much. Yuliya Morenets, EURALO secretariat. I already forgot to mention to our European ALSs that we do have a monthly call with other RALOs once a month and we have also the monthly report, which are on the website of EURALO, so you can just go and quickly check what was going on in the last [inaudible] and to find different comments and points of view and activities we had.

And doubly, we invite you to take part and to be present during the monthly calls and which is the next one will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, so in a few days. So please be part of us and bring your point of view. Thank you.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you very much, Yuliya. This is Natalie from staff, once again. I see we have been joined by Wasel Ghanem from ISOC Palestine. We were trying to get ahold of him during the initial presentation. If you don't mind, we can interrupt the question-and-answer session briefly for Wasel to [inaudible] a few words about ISOC Palestine. Wasel, over to you.

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Wasel, we cannot hear you. To activate your microphone, you need to click on the telephone icon at the top of your Adobe Connect room toolbar and follow the instructions there. Whilst we wait for Wasel to connect, please don't hesitate to type your questions in the Adobe Connect room chat. Also raise your hand and we can [inaudible] the question to you.

We're not hearing Wasel and not seeing any questions typed into the chat. I would like to remind everyone that if you can please address all your questions to staff and we can forward them to the relevant people. We also have the new Skype chat, which is an ALS help line for all new ALSs to be able to correspond with staff directly and, also, other members of ALSs.

I'm seeing no more questions. I would like to hand it over to Alan Greenberg, ALAC chair, for closing remarks.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much, Nathalie. Again, I want to welcome you. It was interesting hearing what is going on within your groups, and I have a request for you all. If you could just send me a brief note. My e-mail is one of the slides, the slides of ALAC members. Send me an e-mail telling me why, from your point of view, why did you become an ALS, and what do you expect to get out of it?

Just short, only a couple of sentences is necessary, no long speeches. Just a quick summary of why you're here and what you hope to get out of it. And, hopefully, we can try to make that come true.

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I thank you all for attending. And back to you, Nathalie.

NATHALIE PEREGRINE: Thank you very much, Alan. This concludes today's webinar. Thank you very much for attending. The recording will now stop.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you very much and bye. Thanks for all the participation. Bye.

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