
SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening ladies and gentlemen and thank you for joining us, to the APRALO monthly call. I'm really sorry for this short notice about the change of the date. But that happens some time, and I know there are people who have sent their apologies because of the change of day.

But thanks to all of those who could join us. And just give the floor to Gisella for roll call. Gisella, please.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you Siranush. Gisella here. On today's call we have Siranush Vardanyan, Lianna Galstyan, Ali AlMeshal, Maureen Hilyard, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Satish Babu, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Kitamura Yasuichi, and Hong Xue.

We have apologies noted from Holly Raiche, Dr. Suhaidi Hassan, Gunela Astbrink, Pavan Budhrani, Tomohiro Fujisaki, and Toshio Tachibana.

From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Kelvin Wong, and myself Gisella Gruber.

And if I can please remind everyone to state their names when speaking for transcript purposes. Thank you. Over to you Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you very much Gisella. First I would like to congratulate the new ALS in the APRALO region, Sri Lanka next generation. And I hope they also will be able to join, and they already started to be an active part

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APRALO. And are organizing an event which we'll talk later, but I think Srimal has just joined, from Sri Lanka. Srimal, welcome to our call. And congratulations to your organization, once again, to be a new ALS in APRALO.

Looking forward seeing you in person, and working with you in Asia Pacific region and [inaudible]. Okay. Let's move forward to the next agenda item, which is [inaudible], and I again, would like to appreciate Olivier's time to be able to join us, and with great pleasure, give the floor to him for the update. Olivier, the floor is yours.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Siranush. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. Can you hear me?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, well enough.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. Thanks. Okay. So, it's been a very, very busy month this month on the ALAC, as far as policy development is concerned. There have been a lot of public consultations that were published by ICANN, by the different component parts of ICANN, and the ALAC has been very busy drafting statements, and with your input of course, being able to answer all of these public comments.

But let's go through, very briefly, the statements approved by the ALAC. There are four of them that have recently been approved. The first one

is the next generation generic top level domain registration directory services, to replace the WHOIS preliminary issue report. So this issue report is about, as it says on the title, replacing the WHOIS services.

WHOIS services are the system by which it is possible to find out who is the registrant of a domain name. For lots of reasons, the system that was implemented a long time ago, is not really suitable anymore because of privacy reasons, etc. So new system of next generation registration directory services system, has been discussed by an expert working group, and now there is a preliminary issue report that was drafted, based on the work of this working group, and that's the first step into going into a policy development process in the generic name supporting organizations.

So in the GNSO, to start taking this and move in the future with some recommendations to build this next generation registration directory services system. The statement that we've sent out is linked to the agenda, if you want to go into details as to what we said, you can click on it, fair size.

And Carlton Samuels, the assignee for this task, did a very good job at it. The next one is the At-Large initial report on, so it's an initial report on data and metrics, for policy making work space. There has always been a question as to, when policy is being made, whether the policy process has been followed, whether the mechanisms in the GNSO working group for listening to everyone, and the balance of stakeholders was followed, etc.

Make sure there is also safeguards with regards to confidentiality of certain types of information, lots of different ways, if you want, to look at how the work basically has taken place. We had Maureen Hilyard, who picked up the pen on this, who is the pen holder. And the draft that she submitted is also available there on the Wiki through the link.

The draft was adopted with 11 votes in favor. Next one was the IANA stewardship transition. I don't know if you've heard about this process, it probably is the most publicized process at the moment with the US government having said about a year ago that they were going to review the current process by which they are stewarding the IANA functions, the IANA functions being, functions currently performed by ICANN on behalf of the naming community for the top level domains, on behalf of the protocols community for the Internet Engineering Taskforce, and on behalf of the numbers community for the regional Internet registries.

So the stewardship, if you want, was given back by the US government, or they said, "Well we're going to step out. Please come up..." And they asked the community to come up with a solution. Three solutions were designed by each one of the operational communities that I just mentioned earlier, they all came together through a group called the IANA coordination group, and we ended up with a final, or not totally final, but certainly with, well, I would guess, it's nearly final, proposal from the three communities, pending a few more information to come from the ICANN accountability working group, the cross community working group that's an additional process in there.

If you have any interest in this, you can read the statements available there. It was also voted on and agreed. Next was the community working group, the cross community working group on enhancing ICANN accountability. I just spoke about it. It's a preliminary, or intermediate, or should I say draft report, the second draft report of the working group that was adopted with 15 votes in favor.

Sorry, the comments from the ALAC was adopted with 15 votes in favor. And it's quite an extensive comment, spanning quite a few page. But I invite you to read it. It's very interesting. There has been a lot of discussion as to what to put in this comment. And the work is ongoing. The working group is going to meet in Los Angeles in a few days' time, in a week's time. So we'll see what comes out of that, but it's maybe along with the IANA stewardship, this is really the primary topic that has been taking most of our time.

That's for the statements already approved. The statements that are currently being drafted, or that are ready to receive comments, or in a vote, there are five them. That's the time when you should really get involved. The first one is the proposed ICANN bylaws amendments for the GNSO, generic and supporting organization policy implementation recommendations. This is a process which started when it was found out through experience, I guess, that when a policy needs to be implemented, or times when it needs to be amended slightly because it's just un-implementable, as it is drafted, in the policy report.

So it was found, there should be some kind of a follow up from the generic name supporting organization and from the community when

policy needs to be implemented, and rules and methods by which this should take place should be designed.

So the working group worked for quite a while on this, and now has got a report, which I'm not going to go into, but it's quite a few pages. But that report effectively is up for a public comment. The ALAC has decided it will submit a comment on this. There is a final draft version after some while for discussion and so on, there is a final draft version that is on the Wiki page at the moment, and that's is to be voted on by the ALAC.

In fact, I believe the vote is going on as we speak. So maybe it's a little late to comment on this one. The next one is still in drafting stage. That's the preliminary issue report on the new gTLDs, the new top level domains [inaudible] procedures. As you know, the first round of launch of new generic top level domains over 1,300, 400, a large number of them.

The first round has pretty much finished. Most of them are still at launching stage, so they're all not being launched yet, but as far as the policy is concerned, that's pretty much done. There is immediately now talk in the generic name supporting organization. There is another round, next round. Yes, you thought you'd be finished with one, no. The next one is just around the corner.

But then, of course, as you would have noticed, there are a lot of problems that were identified during the first round, especially problems with the applicant guidebook. The book by which all of the rules of the program are drafted and by which everyone has to abide to.

Not being able to make any amendments, for the past few years to the applicant guidebook, now it might be time before launching next round to first find out if the next round is needed. And then, if there is such a thing as the next round, to find out what needs to be changed in the applicant guidebook. As with every policy development process in the GNSO, staff has collected a large number of issues, has drafted an issues report.

And that's where we are now. The issues report has been published, and there, it's a long report. It has quite a few issues identified, and since it's an important process which would affect end users, I really recommend that you have a read through this report and come back to us as to whether you think there are some issues which were not identified by staff at this stage. Still very early stage, but it's important to bring forward the issues that we think needs to be dealt with, and need to be addressed, because that effectively is going to draw the working plan of the GNSO working group that will address these issues.

Next the At-Large proposal, it always starts with At-Large, by the way, because that's, it's the At-Large work space, but the actual topic itself is the proposal for Arabic script root zone label generation rules. That's a topic which will effect countries in your region, in the APRALO region.

It's all to do with internationalized domain names, and as you would have noticed, it's Arabic domain names, Arabic script domain names. The way the system works, and it's a little bit technical there, is that there are some rules for the, what they call the label generation. It's rules that affect the script and how their dealt with by your browser. So web browser or your email client.

The way that effectively a specific domain, or specific characters are dealt with. Whether there is mapping between characters, etc., or whether the characters might be visually similar to other characters and so on. The report is, the first report for this is out. So this whole proposal on this, it would be very good if our Arabic speakers in the region could read through this and bring forward their points of view on this, or in fact, I would say, anyone, might not be able to speak Arabic, but if you could read Arabic, that might be helpful too.

So that's one time at the moment for commenting. We're also actually waiting or looking for an assignee on this. If anybody wishes to volunteer to hold the pen, that's the occasion for it. Next, we have the preliminary issue report on the new gTLD, I'm lost. Sorry. I've clicked with the wrong eye. Sorry.

The use of country and territory names as top level domains. Now that's another interesting development, and it's one that has been discussion between the country codes name supporting organization, and the generic names supporting organization. And as the title says, it's about using country and territory names, and including also three letter country codes.

At the moment, as you know, the countries only have two letter country codes. Here they're looking at three letter country codes, as top level domains. And the big question that the two letter country codes, at the moment, are called, they are country codes, they're called country codes. And they fall into the remit of the country codes name supporting organization, the ccNSO, which has its own rules, and where

the policy mostly takes place, if not nearly all of it, takes place at country level.

It doesn't take place in ICANN. Now, what about these three letter country codes? What about the full name of a country? Should these be served or reserved as country code top level domains? Or could they be eligible for use as generic top level domains? There are a number of questions. There is seven questions that are being asked by the cross community working group that deals with these issues.

And you are very much invited to answer them, and to give your point of view. It's something that will affect our end users because of the way that policy is developed. If policy is developed under the generic name supporting organization, then it takes place within ICANN. If policy is to take place under the country code top level domain, country code name supporting organization, then the policy for each one of these top level domains would be undertaken within the country in which the country code is in use, or is registered.

And finally, the last one on the list is the new generic top level domain auction proceeds discussion. Now, you've heard a month ago that the first round of new generic top level domains has just been, or is just about to be, completed. The thing though is that there were some names that more than one organization applied for, and when this happened, one of the processes by which you would end up with one final applicant from the two, three, four, five applicants that were there at the start, was to organize an auction.

An auction that was organized by ICANN, 60 where each one of the applicants would need to bid for that top level domain, for that string, sorry, and to be able to run that top level domain. Needless to say, the amount that was bid by the participants were not in the question of, you know, two, three, five, 10, 15 dollars. No. We're looking at having a lot more zeros behind the initial one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, night.

And therefore millions. In fact, as much as 60 million dollars has been collected through these auctions. The next question, when you have 60 million dollars in your pocket is, what do you do with it? And that's what this discussion is all about. The ALAC's point of view in the past, and times when we have spoken to the Board, or to the Board Chair, was that this should really go towards the community, to build the community.

But we haven't really completely articulated this. And here is a first discussion paper that was brought forward, and we are asked to comment on it. It's important to get in this discussion very early, because there are some vastly different views out there. There are others that think that the auction proceeds should be used for an entirely different purpose than for the community.

And there is also a big question mark about what is or who is the community. Is it the overall, worldwide community? Should this go towards helping policy in developing countries? Or should this go to the ALAC community? Should this go to the regional At-Large organizations? Lots of different questions. Please comment on it, it's important.

And it's bound to be, as with every matter of money, it's going to be an important discussion, and is bound to be something that is hard fought within the community. Now, just one statement is at the moment in the corner of not having a statement drafted for it. So one topic, and the ALAC has decided not to submit it, and that's the release of country and territory names within a whole list of new generic top level domains.

In the past, the ALAC has not commented on this. It's something which is a recurring question. In general, we've been with the point of view, or most of us have been with the point of view, that it doesn't really matter whether the second level domain has a country name or not. But at the same time, we didn't have full consensus on this. So we decided not to submit a statement on this.

And with the, I think I've taken just about 15 minutes. That's pretty much all of the policy work this month. If you reload your agenda, I believe that the ALAC updates, now... Oh no, it hasn't. Okay. I thought that it had. If you look at the chat, you will find out that there is a link to the policy development work, policy advised development page. You can scroll up a little bit.

And it's really important that you have a look at this in between your APRALO calls, because policy doesn't stop. There is always something new coming up. It's also very exciting to contribute to it because you can really make a difference in the way the Internet is run in the future, and specifically as far as domain names are concerned, the ALAC vote really counts.

And that means your votes. So I look forward to seeing your involvement in this. And back to you Siranush. Apologies if I've taken more time than [inaudible], but it's exciting. Thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you very much Olivier. Thank you. It's always... We always have less time for you to come up with updates, and I always very bad thing saying, okay, two more minutes, three more minutes. But really thank you and appreciate your time with us and providing this detailed update. And yes, I just echo you to encourage your ALSs in APRALO be an active part of statements or development or discussions in ALAC.

So you don't need to be an ALAC member to participate or comment to any of this, but you can, you are At-Large members, so you are able to be there and participate. So thank you very much Olivier. And we have a really packed agenda for the next 30 minutes, and I would like further ado, move to agenda item four.

Just to let you know, there is an outreach calendar. The online calendar which was created within the framework of outreach community, and we already started to feel the activities implemented by ALSs. And if I can ask staff to put the link on the, to this calendar on the page, here in Adobe, and we can go...

There are a couple of activities already floating by myself, Maureen, [inaudible] and I really very much appreciate the work they did. And this is the encouragement that, for all ALSs. They are implementing some activities, and we would encourage them to put those activities,

to keep these activities in our, in the database for the future, reporting for the strategy implementation.

Maureen, if you would like to add to this point, please.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Siranush. This is Maureen for the record. I don't actually have that much to add. It's just that one of the things that I would ask is that if you have got an event, it's just some basic details that we can actually put them on. The ones that are on... We've got several in September. [Inaudible] has actually given us one in November, and I think that this is one of the good things that, you know, if you know something is coming up, that actually includes something related to outreach for ICANN, please let us know and so that we can let others know.

And it just gives us a really good idea of what is happening within outreach. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Maureen. And with that, I would like to give the floor to Srimal to introduce the activity which is planned in November. Srimal, are you able to talk? I know staff is dialing out to you, but I'm not sure.

Srimal? Yes, I think you can't speak, but you can type, if I'm right.

Let's check for, wait for a second. Okay. So Srimal cannot speak. You know, Gisella, if we can organize dialing out to Srimal, and before this is taking place. I would like to give the floor to do updates of the

[inaudible] activities of implementing in the region, and one of the major activities in Armenia was First National Armenia IGF. And I would like to give the floor to Lianna who provided a very interesting information and PowerPoint to find out the results of that IGF. Lianna, the floor is yours.

LIANNA GALSTYAN:

Thank you Siranush. Yes, [inaudible]... Armenian Internet Governance Forum, where we were happy to host our colleagues Holly Raiche and Ali AlMeshal. If you go with the slide here, we have, there was [inaudible] Armenia IGF was the Internet Governance Council, which was a multistakeholder council. [Inaudible] and communication and [inaudible] ISOC Armenia.

We had international and [inaudible] process for this event. As you know, ICANN and [ISOC] currently support [IG] events worldwide, and we are happy to have the strong support for Armenian IGF as well. Our local sponsors [inaudible] registrars, you see [Hyper Speed] and [IPC Domains]. And we have an [inaudible]...

Then I would say about the participation. When planning the IGF, we expected to have around 100 participants, but the real participants were above our expectations. It was attended by 170 onsite participants, coming from 10 foreign countries, such as Australia, [inaudible], Serbia, Belgium, Kazakhstan, [inaudible] Uzbekistan, Georgia, and Russia.

But mainly the participants were local people, covering 86%. Then the next slide you see the breakdown by stakeholder groups. All

stakeholder groups were represented by the Armenian IGF. And the chart here, you can see here, the fact that the [inaudible] is the participation of private sector, which was prevailing 30%.

Then comes Civil Society, 80% participation. Technical community, 70%. Government and academia were represented equally by 8%. And we have 90% of participants who were not affiliated with any of the stakeholders. The next slide is by breakdown by gender representation. I need to say that here we have prevailing of male participants, should be in process, I think, this is for the first IGF and for the next one, I hope that female's participation will be higher.

Then you can see the opening keynotes. The opening speech was delivered by the Deputy Minister of Transport and Communication. And we have recording speech by Fadi Chehadé and ISOC Internet European Director [inaudible]. And ISOC Armenia president [inaudible] speech and welcomed all participants, and told some words, how important is the IGF, and why it is [inaudible]...

We have already [inaudible] meeting. I will tell a little bit about the program. Each was divided in these two parts. We had [inaudible] sessions and [panel] sessions. The event was one and a half day, and the [finalization] covered the topics, a multistakeholder model on Internet governance, running it was [inaudible] vice president of ISOC, by myself represented the launch of Armenian IDN [inaudible] from September 1st.

Then we had universal acceptance, with achievements which was represented by [inaudible] from Serbia, he is co-chair for steering

committee for universal acceptance. We had Digital Public Library for Armenia, then Internet of [Things] was also included in our program. And we have ICANN accountability and IANA transition of course, presentation, presented by Michael [inaudible], for ICANN [repeat?] Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia.

[Inaudible] where about [inaudible] Internet, [problems?] at the National Research and Education Network. And intellectual property rights and free access to Internet resources. And the [inaudible] Internet on further development Armenian [inaudible] enterprises.

As for the panel discussions, panel [inaudible], we had the [inaudible], which covers new media, network neutrality topic where we had [inaudible] as a keynote speech. And we had [inaudible] was speaking about the application, and Ali AlMeshal made a great presentation. We had also panel [discussion] devoted to content for cyber security.

Yeah. Hello? Can you hear me?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes Lianna, we can hear you.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Yeah, okay, great. [Inaudible] lost my [inaudible]. Thank you. And if you go down with the slides, you can see that ICANN was well represented at the Armenian IGF. Here and the next pictured [Ali] and [Arlene?] made a speech or presentation about Siranush. She was a reporter for one of our panel sessions, and quickly represented [inaudible] press conference. [Inaudible] and myself held a press

conference, regarding ICANN's role and its activity worldwide. Then we covered [Armenian IGF expectations] and results, and about Armenian IDN dot [hub].

And you can see by the coverage here, there are many [inaudible] illustrated and referred to our IGF, the first one. The main articles and programs about, in Armenian, a couple of them are in English, but this is for local people mainly. I think [inaudible] will change for the upcoming period.

So this is all I wanted to share with you. Thank you very much for all of those who were, who participated and supported us, as well as to ICANN for giving great opportunity for our [colleagues] to be in Armenia for this event. Thank you very much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Lianna. Thank you very much for this report, and it was really, for the first time, it was a really great event organized by ISOC. And you personally have put much investment on this success. And this also shows one of the great chances and usage of CROPP funding provided by ICANN. So once again, thanks for this opportunity for our APRALO members to participate in different events taking place in the region.

And this has been... The important part of our participation and experience sharing, this is what CROPP is providing. So we try to use, whenever there is an important event coming up, let us know to use this CROPP opportunity for... This is open to all ALSs as well.

Once again, thanks Lianna. Is there anyone who would like to add onto this topic? I know Holly and Ali are preparing their CROPP report. So yes, the report will be soon posted in CROPP Wiki page. And Holly and Ali are working already on the preparation of this report.

I know that ISOC Palestine was going to implement some activities as well, and [inaudible] send information about this, and we posted this in our calendar, in Wiki calendar. And I'm not sure if [Nadia] is here to say a couple of words. I think not. But the information about this is posted in the calendar. So that's why it's very important, even if you miss monthly call, you can go to the calendar and see what kind of activities are implemented by our ALSs.

And that's important for you to send this information and to speak out about the activities that you are doing. Maureen, any additions about Pacific Islands activities which you also posted in our calendar?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yeah, thank you Siranush. Maureen for the record. Just to sort of like highlighting that I was involved in a WSIS meeting in Thailand, and presenting really from my ALS point of view, the Pacific Islands, some views towards the document that will actually go to the WSIS discussions later in the year. But I would like to highlight that Kelvin was there as well, and he might like to add something because he was there from APAC.

Is Kelvin available?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, Calvin is with us. Kelvin, can you speak?

KELVIN WONG: Yeah. This is Kelvin. Can you hear me?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes.

KELVIN WONG: Yeah, I didn't know that Maureen was going to be there too, and it was a great opportunity for us to be plucked into the discussion, this is ATLAS review, with the Civil Society groups that are there. I think it was a very productive discussion. And on top of that, we had a very good network in which we continued to exchange information after this entire session.

So overall, I think it was a very good outreach session, and a good try to connect with the end users as well as the Civil Society groups out there.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Kelvin. Anyone would like to say something on agenda item four and five, related to calendar and outreach activities in your respective countries or ALSs?

KELVIN WONG: Siranush, this is Kelvin again.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes Kelvin.

KELVIN WONG: Okay. So, just to add in one point. After the entire session, in fact the full week, the second week of September we attend some of us in the APAC, ICANN APAC hub attended the APNIC 40 session in Jakarta. And I gave a global update to the session on ICANN, and I spoke a bit about engagement with the region, and I also took the opportunity to mention the APRALO as far as to share the links on how people can be connected, and participate in APRALO.

So I think I can add that to the calendar as part of the outreach. That's all.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Of course. Thank you very much. And I know also that Yasuichi was there, and there was a meeting with APNIC where they want to take the RALO support in the statement, and we used Yasuichi's participation there to send our agreement, APRALO support. Yes, Hong, it's APNIC, they had their retreat in Jakarta recently, on September 7 if I'm not mistaken.

And yes, we put this also in this calendar as of... These are all outreach activities to promote APRALO and to promote active participation of ALSs. Anyone would like to say something? I saw Yasuichi joined us, but I'm not sure if Yasuichi can talk and do some updates from Jakarta.

YASUICHI KITAMURA: I can talk about it. Can you hear me? [Inaudible]...

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Can you speak a little bit louder?

YASUICHI KITAMURA: Yes. This is Yasuichi Kitamura. Can you hear me?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, yes, now we can hear you well.

YASUICHI KITAMURA: Good. So the, about the ICG proposal, that was discussed at the AP style retreat [inaudible] meeting. So during the APNIC meeting, so that there was a proposal. So and I asked all of you if the APRALO will support this, that proposal or not. And also, another one is that one more thing is the [inaudible] the APNIC, the CEO proposed [inaudible]...

...meeting for the AP something organization conference. But it should be open for everybody, for the APNIC, AP Star Forum, [inaudible] proposed, and that will come at the next APRICOT 2016. That's all.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Yasuichi, thank you very much. We actually couldn't hear you well enough, but if you can post it in the calendar or send a brief update to myself or Maureen, we will post this in the calendar to

include this as well in our outreach activities. We'd highly appreciate if you can do this. Thank you Yasuichi.

And one of the key important points in our strategy is also the work with universities. And I know many of ALSs are working with universities. So if any of you are doing any presentation in the educational institutions, and I know Hong is working as a lecturer. If there is any activity related to the outreach in the universities, please also let us know because this is one of the important parts of our strategy as well for this year.

Thank you very much. So anyone would like to say something on this? I know Hong is typing. So okay, while people are typing, yes Amir, you are speaking as well and I know you are doing a lot of outreach activities there. Considering the fact that you are also the NomCom starting from the end of Dublin meeting, so you'll be very much involved in the outreach activities as well.

Excellent. Hong. So you did outreach on CCWG second draft, that's great. If you'll just send a brief, what you have presented, how many students were there, and we will include this in our outreach activities in calendar, as well as implemented activities. And the same for Amir, that though ISOC [inaudible] chapter, they are doing outreach in local universities.

And what the recently I know that they use target to work on organized [inaudible]. Okay, there is a [inaudible] happening in Islamabad in October, so this is great opportunity to do the outreach. And please use

this opportunity to also let us know that ALSs are doing excellent job, and let everyone know about this, share with us this.

Okay, great. So, there is also, people are typing in the chat space, and very important information is there. So this chat discussion will also be available online for all of us.

Let's move to the next agenda item. As you know, we are meeting in Dublin on, for ICANN 54, and we will be holding face to face meeting, our monthly call will take place here on Wednesday, and the information will be sent about the timing prior to this. I'm not sure if for many AP region representatives it would be a good time to join, but that's a good point that all records will be available.

And I would like to raise the question, what kind of important topics you would like to bring to the table for us to discuss in Dublin? There is one point related to Internet users, and I know Cheryl is working on the rules of procedures and proposals. Cheryl, if you have a couple of words to say about this, that would be great.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thanks Siranush. Cheryl for the record. Yes, very, very briefly. Staff also has something that Maureen and I proposed to the leadership team of APRALO, that we needed to prepare a little discussion paper for our region to look at, as to how to best manage from a voting and voting weight perspective, what we expect will be a small, at the moment, but growing number of individual members to our region.

I would like to say that I've managed to put my fingers to the keyboard on this matter, and push out a first draft, but there has been other work, something to do with accountability in ICANN, I'm in the [inaudible], that has literally consumed all of our spare time in many of our lives. And so you haven't mentioned to get a draft out of me and Maureen on this yet.

It would be our intention, however, to have a discussion piece to be looked at, perhaps even just a PowerPoint slide or three, during the meeting at Dublin on the Wednesday, from an APRALO perspective. It is in fact, grown beyond just APRALO however, and whilst we will be taking our own regional look at this, and hopefully doing some smart thinking about coming up with some clever ideas, based on the rough draft that Maureen and I could put together as a skeleton.

We are also working on this exact same issue, and a little bit other important issues to do with individual members in regional At-Large organizations for all of the RALOs, as part of the working group that's look at ALS expectations, of ALS and member expectations. And so there is sort of the same work going in two directions.

So at this stage, with humblest apologies, but we are only human, despite comments to the contrary at times, watch this space is probably the best thing I can say. But it is our intention to have at least a rough draft something or other for us to discuss in probably, I guess if you could give us say, 10 minutes in the agenda, that would be most suitable. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay. Thank you Cheryl. 10 minutes in the Dublin agenda you mean, to give the floor to you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Correct, yes.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay. Thank you very much. Yes, that will be, this is one of the topics we are going to discuss. Maureen, you wanted to say something?

MAUREEN HILYARD: No, nothing from me. We've only got a few more minutes left.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Any other ideas or topics you would like to discuss during Dublin meeting?

I don't see any hands or anyone is typing here, no one. So okay, the agenda will be there of course, and then we'll try to find the main important topics, which are currently on the table. And again, consult during face to face meeting. Okay. Let's move to another agenda item.

We have upcoming APRALO hub webinar. And I would like to give the floor to Kelvin to provide this topic, what we are going to discuss when... Kelvin, the floor is yours.

KELVIN WONG:

Thank you Siranush. So, this webinar series is in corporation between the APRALO and ICANN APAC Hub, and we've been doing this for a while under our cooperation framework. So the webinar series is one of the actions of the corporation framework. So the upcoming one, in fact the past one, the past webinar was on DNSSEC and DNS ecosystem, domain system.

And that received pretty good feedback. And we'll be hoping to continue the trend, as well as the [inaudible]. So for the upcoming APRALO APAC Hub webinar, it will be on the 29th of September, 05:00 UTC, and it will be on new gTLD programs, new generic top level domain name.

I think Olivier mentioned quite a bit about the new gTLD program, the extension of the domain name system [inaudible] to the 1,000 over that we will soon see. So thanks to Ariel and Silvia, we will be having [inaudible], senior policy manager, policy development from ICANN to run us through the background of new gTLD, as well as activities, the generic name supporting organization, GNSO activities about the new gTLD.

And we will also be inviting [inaudible] from senior consultant from [inaudible] consulting, based in Japan, to run us through some case studies, and give us a compose of how companies and communities are using new gTLDs. So whether you're hearing new gTLD for the first time, or have heard [of them many times], and you are so familiar about it, I'm sure [inaudible] present this, and I'm sure [inaudible] will give us a very interesting example of how people are using the new gTLD.

So please do join us at the time stated, and that's all from me. Thank you very much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Kelvin. Thank you very much, and looking forward to this fourth webinar, between APAC hub and APRALO partnership. So this is a great opportunity for all of our ALSs to participate. So mark your calendar. Yes, I agree with Silvia, on December 29th. And our next agenda item is information related to meetings which will take place in Dublin, so it will be on Wednesday, 21st of October, 7 to 8 UTC.

I don't think this is very bad timing for Asia Pacific, but hopefully many of you can participate. And I know that several people may come in person to Dublin. So I'm looking forward to see them participating in Asia Pacific call there.

So our last agenda is, anyone would say something, any other business? Like whatever you would like to say to us, to be heard, this is time for you to take the floor.

Two people are typing. I guess we have some audio issues, but nothing from you. All is good from Cheryl. So, and I just want to say thank you. If there is, no one would like to say something, just to say thank you and this is our last call before Dublin.

Our last monthly call actually before we have the webinar as well, but I would like to have this chance to wish safe travels to all of you who will be coming to Dublin, and looking forward meeting you there. Thank you very much once again for participation and please, put this in an

action item, please that ALSs, particularly those who talked today, Amir, Hong, [inaudible], Yasuichi, and Kelvin are going to send a brief information to myself to post this in the calendar, the activities which they are planning or implemented already, as a part of our outreach strategy.

Let this be an action item. And just we will hand this information and we will need this by the end of the year to report. So please send this information to me. Thank you very much again. And looking forward to our next meeting in Dublin. Bye for now.

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