GISELLA GRUBER: Good morning, good afternoon, and good everyone. Welcome to the At-Large Ad-Hoc New Meeting Strategy Working Party, on Thursday the 1st of October at 15:00 UTC.

On today's call we have Beran Gillen, Maureen Hilyard, Eduardo Diaz, Vanda Scartezini, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Dave Kissoondoyal, Sandra Hoferichter.

Apologies noted from Harold Arcos, Rafid Fatani, and Satish Babu.

And from staff we have Heidi Ullrich and myself Gisella Gruber.

And if I could also please remind everyone to please state their names when speaking for transcript purposes. Thank you and over to you Beran.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Gisella. I just managed to log into the AC now. Welcome everyone. And welcome to the New Meeting Strategy Working Party. I think our meeting today is very critical because we'll be looking at the proposed meetings A, B, and C for further review to the ALAC. So I do want to suggest one change to the agenda.

If I may, agenda item number three, for the update by the subgroup for LAC meeting B, I know there is going to be a lot of discussion. So I wanted to suggest to swap that with agenda item number four, which is reviewing meetings A and C. So if we can actually go ahead and do those first, and then end with the LAC meeting B, which would probably

generate more discussion, because I just want to avoid spending so much time on agenda item number three, and then not having enough time for number four.

That's if, if everyone is in agreement, that is. I'm checking the AC. I see Maureen agreed. [CROSSTALK]

EDUARDO DIAZ: This is Eduardo.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay. So was that an agreement, Eduardo?

EDUARDO DIAZ: No, no, I just wanted to, when you finished, I just wanted to say something about meetings A and C. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay. Thank you. This is Beran for the record. And that was Eduardo. Okay, he wants to say something on meetings A and C when we get there. So I guess we can go ahead and then swap those two agenda items, one for the other. Thank you Gisella for that. And we'll move on to the action items, which aren't that many.

Gisella, could you please put the action items up on the screen please, if you may?

Thank you Gisella. So the first action item is for Gisella Gruber to setup a Doodle for the subgroup meeting. Yes, and I believe we've already had that meeting. So that's the update on that. We had that meeting myself, Vanda, Dev, and Sébastien.

Sorry Vanda, do you want to come in on that?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: No, no. Just remembered Sébastien joined. Yeah.

BERAN GILLEN: Oh great. I just saw on the AC, Sébastien will be joining us shortly. Excellent. So we did have that meeting with Vanda, myself, Dev, and Sébastien. And it was a very fruitful meeting.

And the second action item is that Gisella Gruber will send out a Doodle for the next meeting on the 21st. Now I believe the update on that is that we couldn't meet on the 21st, because we had the ALAC meeting, and then we also had some, a few people including myself, celebrating Eid as well as, I believe, Yom Kippur during those days.

And also we had a lot of people travelling during that week. So that's why the meeting was moved to today. And so that we would actually be allow the subgroup to meet prior to having this meeting so they will actually have something to present.

I don't, I hope I got everything correct. Did I miss anything? Does anyone want to comment action item, I believe that was an update on that action item.

That's for meeting A, B, and C. The subgroup to review the meeting B, which we have done, and Vanda was wonderful to come up with a version two of her first version that she came up with. Taking some of our suggestions into consideration. And hopefully we will be discussing that later on today, and taking in some more suggestions from yourselves, as we go along.

Now the purpose of this call, as I said at the beginning, is basically to review all three meetings, A, B, and C, and then taking in some, whatever suggestions you may have that we will now use to revamp the current structures we have in place, and then sending that over to the ALAC for final review, which is the last action item, which is the ALAC to review this final meeting schedule for A, B, and C, in Dublin.

So we have about 10 days or 12 days or so, to put a final structure together for the A, B, and C meetings. And I think, I'm not wrong to say most of the work will be the B meeting, because it's the one that [inaudible]. The A and C meetings, we think it will work, but it's not really done much, and Eduardo has been wonderful enough to also work a lot on that.

So without further ado, with the review of the action items, we'll delve right in. We've already gone past 10 minutes after the hour. So what I want to do is to go ahead and give Eduardo the floor, so that he can basically say what he wanted to say at the beginning of the meeting regarding meetings A and C. Welcome Alan. Alan has just joined us. And Gisella if you could just put up the, oh excellent.

She beat me to it. She already has meetings B and C up on the AC. So Eduardo, you have the floor, please go ahead.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you. This is Eduardo. I just wanted to ask a question to everyone. You know, for meetings A and C, and this has to do mostly with the process of where all of this information, how this is going to change in the future when the meeting staff gets together with all of this information?

So in meetings A and C, you know, which, you know, is what is there now. [Inaudible] there and I know most of our focus has been into meeting B, which is the most difficult one. My point is that, you know, if we use that, and say, well, you know, we are okay with that. And get, you know, A and C going with that.

And even if we send this to ALAC for the final assessment, and it goes to the meeting staff, you know, at the end, in the process, you know, even if we want to do this from day one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, and eight, at the end, I think what is going to happen is that, you know, meeting staff is to draw all of this stuff together.

And then really there is when things are going to happen. So to me, this is more like a guide. I mean, it's not in concrete as such. I've got the meeting B is very important because of this outreach and these other things that are more out of the box type between quotes. Thank you. That's what I'm asking, you know, comments of what I'm saying.

Or should we go to meetings A and C and we look at it day by day, and check it for the whole thing. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN:

Thank you Eduardo. I made a comment in the last meeting that we had, that A and C don't need change very drastically. So even if we are going to have a lot of shuffling, won't be that much, because most of the stuff still remains the same, because we still sort of have the same number of days. The only difference is, I believe, for the meeting A, we don't get the Friday, which means we need to find a way of moving up the ALT session that happens on that Friday up to the Thursday.

I think apart from that, in my opinion, I may be wrong, but based on the last discussion we had, myself and Sébastien and others, this was what we had identified as the major change between A and the current meeting structure. I see Alan's hand is up, so Alan you can go ahead. You have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much. Two things. Meeting B is to a moderately large extent, controlled by our own desire of what to do, and to a lesser extent, the meetings between ACs and SOs. And again, that one too, is going to require coordination. We can't unilaterally decide that we are meeting with the CCNSO, or whatever, at any given time. So even those are going to be required juggling.

A and C, however, there is a lot of other things going on that are completely out of our control. And you know, every meeting we have

the same process of, once we know what the things are that are aimed at the overall meeting audience, we can then work around it. Now, the templates we have identify a few of those. The opening session forms and things like that, but don't necessarily identify the public meetings that are going to be of general interest to wide communities.

And we have to play it by ear on those, and we're going to have to continue to play it by ear. So Eduardo has it, I think, exactly right. We're putting in here some idea of what we want to see in terms of over-allocation of our time, but our time is not going to be fully our own. And that's going to have to be adapted to as we go forward.

And in terms of the ALT, this meeting, this coming meeting, we have effectively lost our pre-ICANN ALT meeting and our post-ICANN ALT meeting. And in each case, we're trying to squeeze in an hour or an hour and a half or something, at some obscure time, and it's not clear how it's going to work.

I suspect we're going to badly miss that time, and try to have to make it up on the other hand, we may be surprised, and found oh dear, we could really do without it. And in which case, going forward, will be a little bit easier. If indeed, we have a full Thursday and we can't meet on Friday at all, which seems to be the writing on the wall, I don't know how we're going to do this.

If it turns out we really do want that debriefing time, but I don't think planning today is going to help us a lot on it. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you for that Alan. But I do have a question. So if we don't plan, at all, for this day, then what exactly…? Because we need to review whatever is being presented to us, so we need to have some sort of a final [inaudible] by the time this meeting ends. So how do we do that?

ALAN GREENBERG: Just to be clear. I wasn't saying we don't plan at all, I'm just saying recognize we are going to have variations. I mean, for example, look at the meeting A diagram that's on the wall there. It shows a lunch hour for an hour every day. Do we really believe that's going to happen? It shows we're not starting before 8 AM ever. And we don't run, I think past five or 5:30, or something like that.

Do we really believe that suddenly the world is going to become so orderly, that we're going to be able to have that? I stopped believing in the tooth fairy a while ago, which maybe a cultural reference and something you have to look up, but I'll give you a Wikipedia pointer.

The world is not going to be that orderly. I know it isn't going to be, except I can't tell you exactly how it's going to be different. So I think having this schedule is going to be fine. It's a good start, but it's just going to be a model that we're going to work towards, or use, as the basis for making our decisions.

I mean maybe you want to give Gisella the floor for a few minutes and ask her what kind of close to hell she goes through trying to juggle all of these meetings and fitting them in. It's not an orderly process, and it doesn't always make sense. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Alan. Yes, and thank you Gisella for that tooth fairy link. I'm very familiar with that. But going forward, I think the main purpose of all of the schedules that we put together, it's just basically submitting it to the meetings team and hoping that we get what we want from it. So I don't think this is any different. Well, for the A and C meetings anyway, for the B meetings, I know there is going to be a lot of back and forth, and I hope we will get as much as we can out of it.

But looking at this A meeting. I think the only, the first suggestion I wanted to make is to possibly, I don't know, take outreach out all together. Is that something we want to look at? Because from what I understand, meeting B was going to be mostly for outreach. Are we still looking for outreach A and C as well? Or is it going to be strictly for B meetings?

Because that's something I'm not really clear on, and the floor is open if anyone wants to come in and say something.

GISELLA GRUBER: Beran, Gisella here. If I may?

BERAN GILLEN: Please go ahead Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER: Yes. Just coming back to the previous part of when Alan left the floor. What concerns me here are the slots we have for the ALAC working group meetings. I just need to make everyone aware, I'm sure you all are, we find for instance on AP 12, the one that really jumps out on me is day five on the Wednesday, we have four hours allocated to ALAC working group meetings.

We have on the working groups, quite a few members who overlap in many working groups. So to find two working groups with absolutely no overlapping members is going to be a difficult task. I do fully understand that people need to prioritize on which group they're going to be attending, but it might boil down to which working groups really require the face to face meeting at the public meetings, and also which ones have prepared for the face to face meetings, because often we have requests to hold a meeting, but there is no preparation done.

We get an agenda, and there is no dialogue on the mailing list either. So that's just my thoughts with regards to the working groups. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Gisella. I also have a concern about that, but I didn't want to skip all the way to agenda five, but since you've already brought it up, I took the liberty of actually going through the working group list on the ALAC webpage, and I listed completely, 23 working groups that we currently have.

Now out of that, in my opinion, 13 might want to meet during the meeting. 13 out of those 23 in my opinion are actually active, that I

know of that actually meet and have a mailing list and is active. So out of those 13, how many actually…?

Like in the past meeting that we had in BA, how many active for a meeting, and actually have anything in Buenos Aires?

GISELLA GRUBER: Beran, sorry, Gisella here. Sorry I just have to close the door. Just for your information in Dublin, eight working groups are meeting. The IANA issues working group will be meeting twice, which makes nine working group meetings, it's actual working groups will be meeting. And I think that is a fair average to base ourselves on.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay, thank you Gisella. This is Beran for the record. Going by that number, perhaps we can look on the schedule and find where we could possibly put up somehow, and then have working group sessions there. I also reviewed some of the regional of the ALAC and regional meetings that we have, and I also realize that some of the regional meetings that we have within those regional meetings, we also have a meeting by other ACs and SOs, to actually present during those regional meetings.

And the ALAC work as well. So perhaps there could be some duplication according to this schedule, based on some of the time slots. So we could probably have to drill down more on that. After this meeting, I would want to suggest to have maybe another follow-up meeting, where we can drill down more and perhaps be able to save some hours.

I did that for meeting B, and when we do get to it, I'll be able to show you some of the hours that we were able to take out and then substitute for the working group meeting. So perhaps we might want to do that across the board for all of the meetings A, B, and C.

It's a suggestion that I have. I see some suggestions, as well, on the AC. Maureen is suggesting that we can hold them at lunchtime, which is normal as well. I don't know how feasible that is. I don't know whether it's a good idea, whether some will be willing after such a long day to actually give us their lunch hour as well.

I don't know whether it would be asking too much, but before I go ahead, I'll let Alan say something. Alan has the floor. Alan, go ahead please.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. I put my hand up several times. Someone seems to be taking it down, as they just did again now. Please don't do that.

I think there is a tendency in doing these layouts, to want simplicity and patterns. And it doesn't necessarily work in practice. You know, for instance, on working groups, there is significant overlap between the people on it. I mean, that's partly a symptom of what we don't have enough people actively working on working groups.

We bring close to 27, 28 people to these meetings. I dare say that if we had four hours of just working groups, we might have some who attended a working group that they never participated in just to see what it's like, or we may have people sleeping in that day. We often mix

working groups with other meetings, because of the interests and the benefit, the ability of keeping people at meetings that they really want to go to, and not having to minimize the conflicts.

So I guess I'm saying that we're saying we need four hours of working groups. If we're saying we need four hours of working group meetings, that's fine. I suspect we're going to end up with more hours of working group meetings, but not intense, you know, with some of them overlapping with others and things, where the people do not overlap, or the people in certain interests don't overlap.

So I'm not sure how to represent it in this kind of diagram. If you look at our current schedule, you'll see all sorts of overlaps, but the time is not blocked out as neatly as this is. So somehow, we may want a combination of working group meetings and RALO meetings. You know, for instance, I think somewhere here we have RALO meetings happening in parallel.

Am I correct? Is that really somewhere? Someone tell me yes or no? Anyone? Anyone on the call?

BERAN GILLEN: Yes Alan. That has happened to me before, yes.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay, well my recollection is, on one of these schedules we have all of these RALO meetings happening in parallel with each other. If I'm remembering correctly, I'd like to know how we're priming the staff to populate that. Silvia is supposed to be in all of those meetings. You

know, so that's an example of a neat, a neat diagram does not necessarily amount to something that's implementable.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Alan. This is Beran. That's exactly why we're bringing it to the bigger group because these are things that we may not necessarily not know, and it's good that we have people like you here to be able to bring us up to speed with regards to things like this. So yes, we now see that this isn't feasible. And I just want to get to the update on meeting B, we'll see how to get around that.

ALAN GREENBERG: I guess the answer is, this template is find, but along with it goes caveat that we are going to have to move between these boxes and mix and match depending on the actual schedule of what's going on in the public sessions, and how we see the various meetings having conflicts or not having conflicts with each other.

I don't think you can do that until you have the specific details of which working groups are we talking about and such.

BERAN GILLEN: I agree totally Alan, and that's was why I went through the same [inaudible] exercise of actually lifting out these working groups to figure out which ones are actually likely to request the meetings or to meet at these meetings. But let me just let Eduardo, Eduardo has joined us on the AC. And Eduardo, please go ahead and take the floor.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you. This is Eduardo. I wanted to ask you what Alan says, which I think is very right in what he's saying. And you know, we should look at this as a general guidance of the things that we would really like to see. But you know, like I mention in the chat, this is very organic. When you get down to the details, like for example, the fact that staff has to support these meetings, and you know, mention Silvia to be one, and there are many meetings.

If we should do this saying, this is what we would like to do, and then we work on that based on things would overlap, and you know, like this meaning that things that we have with the meeting that I put that for an hour, for lunch, it's like what Alan said. It's not usually like that. People do things during lunchtime.

But, you know, I think for what we are tasked to do and to do something like this, you know we would like something like this, and then we use, you know, when you get down to this, you will find out that resources are not there, and things overlap, and there are things to have that people are doing. So you know, I suggest we do that from that perspective.

You know, that's what we would like to do and then we let it go. And eventually we'll get what we will get. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Beran, this is Heidi. I'm not able to raise my hand.

BERAN GILLEN: Yes, please go ahead Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: So I just want to clarify a little bit what I'm hearing. I think that meeting the plan for the meeting on Thursday morning, I believe that's going to be at nine. So that's going to bring all of the people who are working on the schedule for their ACs and SOs. And I think the plan there is to go through it and everyone will need to be a bit flexible. And I think it really is up to the ACs SOs to plan what they would like out of the meeting, rather than the meetings team saying, okay, this is not going to work, etc.

Because what I'm getting form the meetings team is that they're really just waiting to hear from the ACs and SOs, and then based on that, they all need to have the conversation. And that conversation is going to take place on that Thursday in Dublin. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Heidi. Is that the Thursday before the meeting or the Thursday at the end of the meeting?

HEIDI ULLRICH: At the end of the meeting. And I think that's likely going to be a main forum for conversation, because we really need to move ahead immediately after Dublin on the planning of meeting A as well as meeting B. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Heidi. This is Beran. I just saw a post from the Dev, the meeting time should not to be to settle the fine details but come with the key ALAC At-Large activities on each day. And I think that's a fantastic day, and then we can sort of kind of deal with the timing and scheduling, but if we can kind of actually identify what we want to do for each meeting, meeting A, these are the sessions we want to have.

Meeting B, these are the sessions we want to have. Meeting C, the same. And then deal with the timing and the sorting and the, all of that. After we have actually identified the meetings we want to have, or the sessions we want to have rather. I think that's an excellent idea Dev. And [inaudible] we should actually adopt it from the beginning.

But we were more concerned about the slots rather than the sessions themselves, and maybe it should be the other way around, identifying the sessions first and then dealing with the timing slots later. And I see a lot of exactly, and agree for that. So that should be the way forward for this working party.

Too little too late, but we still have a bit of time before we have a final meeting strategy that we want to submit to ALAC. So I wanted to suggest, I know what we have a subgroup for the meeting B, because it's going to be an ALAC meeting. But possibly have a smaller work party as well, possibly this working party actually meeting, not as a, but probably having more than 10 sessions through the mailing list and on the Wiki, and come up with a concrete proposal and something that we have in a follow up meeting before Dublin.

I know [inaudible], I know I have, you have a lot of other sessions going on the [inaudible] and a meeting for an hour to just discuss and finalize and agree on a final A, B, C strategy before we forward it to the ALAC. That would be following this suggested structure that has been brought on by Dev.

That is something I'm throwing out there for anyone wanting to take the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Beran, this is Heidi. Just a comment. You know, based on what Dev is saying, perhaps it would be something for the ALAC and the regional leadership to talk about, what they really want to achieve at these meetings. And then based on that, you know, what kind of sessions are necessary for that, and then you can start planning the schedules. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Heidi. This is Beran for the record. We have to present something to the ALAC. We must have something to work with. So we would need to actually send something to them to be able to discuss on something. So that's where Dev's suggestion comes into play, I believe.

I don't think we expect the ALAC and the regional leadership to actually build a schedule from scratch with these different meeting strategies. I believe that's the work of the working party, so perhaps all we need to do is agree and finalize an actual structure before [inaudible] to the ALAC, correct me if I'm wrong.

So, the way forward, I would want to suggest, is that we reconvene for the A and C meeting, to reconvene. I do have one question, which I have put out there, but no one has actually answered. Are we having any outreach for the A and C meetings, or is this just limited to the B meeting? Because I'm not very clear on that right now. And I see Sébastien's hand is up. Sébastien, you have the floor. Please go ahead.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, thank you very much. Sébastien Bachollet. Thank you Beran. I am concerned with this discussion, because we try to setup a new meeting type, and we are always coming back to how we are doing it, what we are doing now, and it's difficult to put us in advance of a new type of meeting, but it's what we need to do.

When people say the A meeting, it's almost like the current one, it's just at the question of the length of the meeting, and all the days are included including the Saturday and Sunday. But the idea is to have more time for our cross community groups work, and to try to have time for this type of working group. It's not just…

My impression is that we are just concentrating on what we can do, and yes we can spend 10 days in our meeting, for ALAC purposes, but it's important when we come together, it's to have time for us, but time with the others. And that's where we need to find out how we would reorganize the meeting, and we do less things, recently, but that's something we need to keep in mind.

The other, your question Beran. Why we have one day of outreach in the B meeting? Is because the B meeting will be going in the place

where we were not able to go prior, then it's, I will say new places with small venue possibilities, smaller venue possibilities. And that's why we insist there will be a place for outreach.

In the other place, it's not, we can't add one day. It was not possible for the C meeting, even for the A meeting, to have one additional day. Can we do some outreach? Yes. Where we would put them? It's not all will do the same, but if we can have some time for that, good, if we can't, that will be one of our choice. But that's where, how we aim to frame the A, B, and C meetings.

And once again, I urge you to try to think differently for the meeting for the future and not what we have to do. And the other point, I'm sorry for that, but a lot of meetings were not able to be done because for example, when we talk about meeting by region, or meeting by language at the overall ICANN meeting, overall community level, sorry, it's, we never were able to do that because, for example, legal always said that no we can't, because we need to be in each room, and we need to understand what is happening.

Now with interpretation it may be a little bit easier, but we can't stay like that. There are things we need to skip. We can't be everywhere. And we need to figure out how we would do that. For example, when we write original meetings, one hour each, I hope that it will be small time and in [inaudible] because people belong to one region. They're interested in others, yes, but they need to choose, and they will go to one.

And if one need to be, or want to be, and legal was a good example, everywhere, they have to advise for that because what is important is that a group met, and do some work, and there will be a report, there will be whatever, it is for others to learn what has happened. It's important that we figure out all of that, and I know that is difficult now to…

The meeting strategy working group came out with a proposal. It was accepted, and I have the impression that we are, in one way, redoing part of the work, and I see that we, really we need to do it differently. Thank you very much.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Sébastien. This is Beran for the record. Just to take on one point that you made regarding the concurrent RALO leadership, RALO meetings which will be held for the meeting B structure. I made the point Alan was trying to make was that we would need staff in all of those meetings.

So it is perhaps we should look at before actually finally, or proposing that all three meetings go on concurrently. I think that is what we, the suggestion is. Sébastien, you have the floor.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes, thank you Beran. But yes, we can need the staff, but maybe we can self-organize. There are things we can do, and then we are doing, as the volunteers, a lot of work and a lot of things. And maybe one meeting, or one of the five region can work out by themselves, with no staff, or it

would be staff online. I don't know. But I don't think we need to be constrained by these, if not we will not be able to move and everybody will need to be in the same room and do everything today.

I really think that we can [inaudible]. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Sébastien. This is Beran for the record. I believe what I have for the meetings, for meeting A and C, I like putting them together because they're very similar with regards to time and the number of days. What I'm getting is that I get feedback on the working groups not being bunched together, but being separated or being dispersed within the sessions, so that to get more people to engage.

And another thing I'm getting from the group is that concurrent is good for the leadership, for the RALO meetings, provided that we work with the timing and the staff, are the things that might be an issue. Another thing I'm getting is outreach is something that we should look at for all meetings. These are some of the… Well, in a nutshell, this is basically what I'm getting from the group.

If there is anything I'm missing, I don't see anything in the, any chat in the AC. If there is anything I'm missing, people are welcome to jump in now, and I'll move that down to sort of review and revamp the proposal. This is also taking into consideration. So that's basically what I have for the A meeting.

Now, Gisella has to set up the C meeting. Sébastien doesn't like us saying that this is the fact that the meeting needs to have, but we have

to have some reference point at some point, but this is the C meeting. It's very much like the A meeting, except for the extra day of course.

Again, I think we will note down what Alan has brought up with regards to the working groups all being bunched together. So perhaps we can have a look at shuffling it around, and having other, mixing it with other topics or with other sessions so that it will be split fully on one day or across the days.

I see outreach activities and capacity building as well there, which is good. Okay. I see a note on the AC from Heidi, I'm not sure the possibility of Board meetings with ALAC on Saturday for meetings A and C. We have a Board meeting on the Saturday. Yes, ICANN meeting with the Board.

We usually meet with the Board during, is it Sunday or Tuesday? The ALAC work or the, during I believe we meet on the Tuesday with the Board. We meet on the Sunday, right after the ALAC work with the Board. Right after the ALAC meeting of leadership working session, we meet with the Board. That's when we normally meet. So we might need to move that around to actually accommodate that meeting with the Board.

So we'll take note of that, Heidi, to move that to this Sunday. I see Dev is saying Tuesday. Is it Tuesday or Sunday? I'm not sure, but I'll leave that for this afternoon. But perhaps we [inaudible] the same data we normally meet the Board rather than shuffling it around. So it's the Tuesday, then we'll stick to that. Alan, please go ahead. You have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Our meeting with the Board is normally held on Tuesday because that's the day that the Board meets with most groups within ICANN, because that's normally constituency day where there are no cross group meetings at all. So the Board has taken this opportunity. This time around, we were actually offered a Wednesday morning slot, which we refused for various reasons, but nevertheless.

All of these things have to fit together. So as an example, I normally consider it mandatory, unless the schedule really forbids it, to attend the GAC Board meeting. I think that's a key place where I find out and we, if interested, but certainly I, find out what are the hot topics that are likely to be causing, you know, issues and will come back to our laps soon. So it's a really important session. But we usually have things scheduled against it, so when we're doing the agenda, we try to make sure that nothing is against this that I participated in, or any of the other people who have said it explicitly they want to go to that meeting.

So that's the kind of thing that gets involved with, that we get involved with in scheduling, that's very hard to, you know, to identify on just our schedule, because it's dependent on meetings that have nominally nothing to do with us. So, I know people want a certain degree of certainty at this point, and I hate to be the naysayer, but it's really hard. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Alan. Like we said at the beginning, this is just a proposal so I doubt you would have formal concrete, this is how it's going to be, until,

with these new meeting strategies, it's still evolving. There are a lot of changes happening. So like you said at the beginning, meetings proposed, we suggest what we want and then we take it from there basically.

And then hopefully the meeting with the meetings team on Thursday would give us a lot of clarity with regards to how to move ahead. I see a note from Sébastien on the AC, Tuesday was a constituency day. I don't know how… Is that…? Sébastien, do you want to expand on that? Is that something that would be a problem with regards to other meetings that we're planning to have on that day or not quiet?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: It's Sébastien Bachollet. It was just to answer the question, why did the Board meet with the group on Tuesday. It's Board coming to each group, and it's because it was a constituency day, and it was prior to having he Board come and reach everyone. We organize on Tuesday. I don't know if it will still be on Tuesday, but that's a place where each part of ICANN in different groups, and it's the constituency for the GNSO, the constituency, the stakeholder, and the [inaudible] met in this day, the Board is coming to each and every…

When I say coming, it sometimes the other way around regarding the room, but it was billed like that. It's why Tuesday was the day with the Board, meeting with the Board with each constituency. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Sébastien for that. So just to give us your sum up, basically what I did with the meeting A, meeting A, the feedback I'm getting is we will move, we'll move the Board meeting to the Tuesday, and then we work around the [inaudible] up working group sessions, which is the sort of things we noted with meeting A.

And then we would also work around outreach and see when it's the best day. It's still suggested for the day one, but we could see how, whether that's the best way, whether afternoon is the best time to actually have the outreach for that day one. Moving on to meeting B, I would like to now hand over to Vanda, to lead us for this four day meeting, which we had a subgroup meeting earlier on this week, and she came up with this proposal, which we also met on and gave our suggestions.

And she worked on the version two. So Vanda, please go ahead. You have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yeah. Gisella, please, can you put the design for this schedule in the wall?

So anyway, this, while Gisella can do that, I can start with a very key point, in my opinion, for the B model. It's a question that, shall we keep our regular meetings ALAC normally used to have during B model? Because to fit into this small time all of the issues, it's quite hard. Certainly we can do that reducing the time, or we should quit some of that.

And if we should quit something, we need to really decide which ones it's more important, and which ones can we reduce the time, because it's almost impossible because we have three days. And to fit everything in those three days is really very difficult.

Gisella, can you put this?

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry Vanda, Gisella here. Which one would you like? Because this is the one that Maureen posted today with the comments.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yeah, the comments, with the comments, that has a blue one, blue color.

GISELLA GRUBER: Yes Vanda, and the one up on the screen is not the correct one then?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: No, this is [inaudible], in my screen. Sorry… [CROSSTALK] Okay. In some way, it's not working here, but it's that one, it's okay. I cannot follow, but I can follow from computer. No problem. There is some problem with the connection here.

Okay. But anyway, so that is the main question for me. If we have this regular, all of those meetings, it's impossible to fit within the same amount of time. So considering A model and B model. So, what we have discussed that is also very important from the B group. In the first

day, that is outreach day, there was suggestions to break down the outreach meeting in small groups, we separate language. For instance, English and Spanish for the first model B, or for instance, all the language depends on the region.

The other suggestion was focused on target audience instead of refocusing on [inaudible] with AC and SOs, the idea could be to you know, select it, put all the groups for instance, NGOs, or tech people, those kind of things. And everyone that wants to talk with that audience, will go to that room and doing it.

It's something that maybe we need to discuss, of course, these with the other groups, but the first general idea was to have from 1 PM until 18:30 PM, all the groups talking with ALAC in the someway. One way, or another way, this first day will be dedicated to NGOs, to Civil Society, universities, associations, etc.

And the order passing to the second day, we have suggestion 8 to 12 ALAC working group meetings in parallel. The same discussion that we already have for group, for model A and C, I do believe that that is the same condition, we don't need to discuss this.

In the secondary, following the time. So we have ALAC work. What that means, it's Tuesday. I do believe that what I intend to put in this ALAC work, is everything that is needed, for instance, the Board with the ALAC, because it's a Tuesday, it maybe use 45 minutes, or an hour, or half hour, it depend on we intend to divide this and how many sessions on ALAC work we need to have.

So from the last, in Tuesday, the last block, from 3 PM to 6:30, it's a meeting with ICANN leaders, and specific stuff. So, the day three, nobody really in the last call that was this Monday, have question anything, but in the day four, that will be Thursday, we also have meetings with everyone, that I don't know everybody questioned this, because can we find out with all the ACs and SOs time to meet with everyone on the day four?

So that is the general idea, but whatever we decide, the main point is first, we need to figure out that we have only those slots in the day two, three, and four to do our work. So to meet like people have said also, and raised during our call, that we need to do in-reach, inside the community too. So we need some slots for talk with the other, the groups like Fellowship and Next Generation, those guys to, that normally we used to do early in the morning.

And [Holly] said that probably you'll not be able to count on this, on the early in the morning like 7:00 or something like that. So that is in general, what we have talked. And because of that, I do believe that we need to answer the main question, how can we fit this? If we intend to have all these sessions, and if not, which sessions from ALAC work, we are able to put. Thank you.

I believe all of the colleagues can add more ideas to this. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: This is Beran. I lost the connection from Adobe, so I'm just using the AC. Can everyone hear me?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yeah, I lost the connection for Adobe too, that's something.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay.   I think I'm connecting back now.   Yes, thank you.   The [inaudible]…

I believe I'm back on.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I'm trying to connect again.

BERAN GILLEN: Hello, this is Beran.   Sorry that was an echo on my part, I apologize. Thank you Vanda for that presentation.   I do have a few suggestions. My hand is up.   Since I don't see anyone else's hand is up, I'll read what's in the ATN, then I'll go ahead and submit my suggestion.   Sandra is saying, I agree with Sébastien.   It looks too much like the original schedule, and we are not trying really for a new approach.   This is what the intention of the meeting strategy working group when proposing a meeting B.

Alan is saying, are we planning on doing regional assemblies at meeting B?   I believe the initial discussion was for new regional assemblies, but then that's what I remember.   But I'm not sure whether that was something that was cast in stone or final.   I do have something I want to propose with regards to this meeting B strategy.   It's just to suggest with

a meeting on the specific staff, I went through some of the… Or the last meeting in Buenos Aries, and most of the staff we met were [Henri Cavez], the Board, the GAC, the group of stakeholder engagement, so perhaps we can sort of have the same, the Excel sheet that we had prior to setting up the meeting in Dublin and actually identify the key people we want to meet for the meeting B, given the time constraints that we have.

So if we can agree on a set group of people that we want to meet, then it would really cut down on the required amount of time with regards to the face to face time we need to meet with these people. Another suggestion I had with regards to the ALAC work which is a two hour slot, which is I believe normally a four hour slot on a normal meeting day work to actually have working group update for the ALAC, the first part of the ALAC work, which is what is in for day two on Tuesday.

Those are two suggestions I have. I have another couple or so, but I'll give Alan the floor and then I'll step in. Just please note that we are already three minutes overboard. I don't know if we still have the translators, or if we do, maybe [inaudible] 10 past five, we are actually past five as we speak. Alan, you have the floor. Please make it brief.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. I just wanted a very brief comment on the regional assemblies. We did originally say we wouldn't have regional assemblies at B. That probably means we'll never have a regional assembly for Africa or Latin America. I don't think that's acceptable, at least not at ICANN meetings. So we may want to consider that, thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Alan for that. I completely agree, that's definitely not acceptable. So we will leave that there, but I do have two more suggestions with regards to some of the things that Vanda asked, with regards to the working groups. I did realize that we, during the ALAC and regional leadership sessions on Sunday, on a normal meeting day, so maybe we could perhaps put in some working group time within those, probably shortening the ALAC and regional leadership sessions, shortening them by an hour or so, and probably some working group time.

Because one of the things that was discussed in our subgroup meeting mainly by Sébastien, was, oh mainly by Dev, excuse me, was that this was supposed to be a meeting that would really give much time for the working groups to actually meet and discuss for the intra working group time. So this is something that we should probably look at more closely, and make more time for the working groups.

So what I would like to suggest is perhaps look at the ALAC and the regional timing. We do have a lot of time allocated to them for them. In fact, one or two perhaps put in some time off of that and allocating it for the working groups, so that we will have more working group time. That's another suggestion I have for you.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Vanda is back on. Are you back on Adobe, Vanda?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yes, yes, thank you. Sorry, but Adobe disconnected and it was hard to follow. And thank you Beran, all the suggestions. Yes, mostly liking A and C, what we have is slots that we should adjust. Mainly we need to decide… The main problem, like I said, is decide if we can cut time for ALAC work and keep, you know, working groups and hollow meetings into one, or should we keep the ALAC work, and try to reduce or put them together all the RALOs and like Sébastien said, you know, even without staff, maybe people can work by themselves.

Another alternative would be lunchtime work. So because [I had] said that would be difficult to have early meetings, so that is the suggestion that can be, you know, fit into this small time dedicated to work. And considering that we need to also fit into other groups in the schedule to do that.

BERAN GILLEN: Vanda, this is Beran. I just wanted to comment again. On the ALAC work, if we look at the ALAC work that we actually set up for the Buenos Aires meeting, most of the ALAC work time is allocated to working group updates. Most of it. The chunk of ALAC work is working group updates. So we could just allocate that two hour slot to ALAC work for working group updates.

And then we could look at how some of the ALAC work in the normal meeting would have us, well inviting, let's say [inaudible] and then the

IDN program, and these are all part of ALAC work. We could do, which you've done fantastically.

I think you've actually taken that out of ALAC work and put it right after the work party, so it's easy to work with that. What we could do is just leave those two hours just for working group updates. That's the suggestion I have. And then we're supposed to be taking some time…

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yeah. And we can have, we need to have time Tuesday for Board with ALAC too.

BERAN GILLEN: Yes again, this is Beran for the record. I know we are short for time. Yes we will need to make time for Board and ALAC, but that would be, you could use the slot for 3:15 to 8:00, you can slot in Board there, you can start there. We can slot in…

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yeah, divide this. Yeah, we could divide them. So that is the idea, to reduce time that was normally allocate for our work, to fit into this tight schedule.

BERAN GILLEN: Yes, thank you Vanda. I see Sandra's hand is up. Sandra, please go ahead, you have the floor.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Thank you Beran and all. It's Sandra speaking. Can you hear me?

BERAN GILLEN: Yes we can Sandra.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: Okay, thank you. I was listening for quite a well, I won't to redirect what Sébastien said earlier on. I was part of this meeting strategy working group which met in Los Angeles in various times before, and I really have the feeling that this is not what we [inaudible] these meeting B, looks too much like the old schedule with a meeting staff, meeting the Board, having a wrap-up, and all of these things.

I would like to focus on the things which have been said one by Gisella to dedicate more time for working groups. And three also taking into consideration that we might wish to hold a general assembly during such a meeting. And also bringing back to your attention that the idea was to have more time for real policy discussions, real working group discussions.

The intention was to get the work done. This was the intention, and to leave all of the other stuff like okay, showcase might be important when we only visiting Africa or Latin America once in a while, but I still, I've really got the feeling we are sticking too much to our original agenda, and do not turn the whole schedule around and totally rethink the whole concept.

Including general assemblies as an integral part, and also dedicating more time for a real policy discussions. For instance, about there was a

project about a [inaudible] project, you had some sessions on that. This was very successful and also brought some new participants from other SOs and ACs.

So I think we could think more towards this direction, really doing things in order to represent the end user's interests, instead of sticking too much to the old agenda, and then maybe we could also think of dedicating a slot for each region, so to say Europe, Latin America, Africa, and so forth. Maybe this could be also an integral part here.

Maybe I don't see it here right now, but this looks too much as the old schedule, which is not working on all points. I just wanted to say this. I know I'm coming in quite late with my comments. Unfortunately, I also have to tell you I have to leave now for another call. So I apologize if I drop the call. Thank you very much.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Sandra. This is Beran for the record. Could you take one question before you go?

Okay, great. Just a quick question. What do you mean by the slots for the different regions? If you can describe that please before you have to go.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER: I know that there was great demand from the Latin American and also from the African regions who, well during this meeting, which already [inaudible]… but we have a slot for this region, we have a slot for this region. Also Europe has a slot during the normal region. Maybe we can

introduce this at the meeting B, and maybe it will be more efficient because at the usual meetings which are similar to A and C, everybody is like a headless chicken.

And the meeting B was actually intended to be a bit more quiet, to have the time to go into that and to an issue. And maybe this is also a better opportunity to use the regional meetings of Europe, Africa, and so on and so forth. Maybe they can even do their monthly call. Or what is actually happening already, but it's too much in a hectic atmosphere. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you so much Sandra. I think your ideas are great and I think your comments are very helpful. And it's never too late, we're still working out something. So definitely will come into handy and we'll take that into consideration when working on our version two of this. Thank you so much.

I think now we would probably… I don't know if Vanda you want to come in, but I would like to suggest is probably as Maureen stated earlier in the chat, that it is a lot, too much to squeeze into four days. And Sandra has just said the same thing. Perhaps what we need to do is to look at that, and look at what really needs to be on the schedule.

What is the intent of this for the meeting? And then perhaps putting exactly that on the schedule, only that. Vanda, please go ahead, you have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:	Yeah, I do believe that Sandra came out with very good ideas. I do believe that to have this kind of forum for policy discussion with other groups, of course we need to agree with the all the ACs and SOs. But even if it's just among us, with the open doors, it's certainly quite interesting to…

We can use any of those slots that is dedicated to ALAC and regional, or even the RALOs meetings, for instance, that it was really not included. It is the regional meetings in parallel, for instance, I don't believe that RALOs meetings inside B model, should be so interesting as a normal one. It would be probably more, you know, effective if we have those policy forums, and put all of the RALOs together to talk about make a penholder or something like that, to discuss relevant issues that is going around during the time.

So that's a good idea. I will suggest, we redesign this saying with those suggestions that I believe could be really interesting alternative for the report, like Beran said, divide it, put at least two hours of ALAC work, let's not change it, but it's just to make it clear that is, this is the report of a working group, for instance, divide use time for Board meeting.

We need time for Fellowship. We need time for Fellowship and Next Generation. There is some issue that we need to really design here. And what is important for me to redesign this, it presents the lesser alternative for Monday call, is if we all agree that it's important to cut some time for the [inaudible] issues, and get those different ideas and use the time for more in-reach, outreach, and some policy discussion.

That is the point. If everybody agree, we can do this and have a more deep discussion during our next Monday meeting. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Vanda for that. I'm going to quickly give Maureen the floor, and then we're going to have to start closing up the meeting. We are overrunning by almost 18 minutes. Maureen, you have the floor.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you Beran. Maureen for the record. Despite what I've got in the chat, I certainly was listening to what Sandra was saying and very much agree with her suggestions. And I think what, you know, not to take anything away from our group, but I think these are some of the things that we were actually thinking about originally, about doing things a little bit differently.

But you know, I can take onboard that there are things that we could probably take out of the pan. It fits that…. You know, I think that Vanda does need to take into account, as she has, as a LAC strategy, this is a meeting that is planned for her region, and so therefore the priorities of the region need to be addressed.

But I think perhaps they can be done a little bit differently. But also I think that the sorts of things that we were originally planning like some outside meetings, you know, still need to be taken into account. And I see that Vanda has put something similar in there for, you know, to address that.

Because we cannot expect that communities are going to come to the meeting. There may be an expectation for us to go to them as well. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Maureen. I think we all agree on Vanda's suggestion, I think they're good as well, and I think definitely the subgroup will work to see how best we can incorporate into our new version during our next meeting, and hopefully we will have something for the work party.

Now Gisella, is there anything where this working party can meet. I know we are supposed to meet [inaudible] on Monday. [Inaudible] that this working party can meet after Monday, before Dublin without any clashes with other major working groups, or [inaudible]…

Something you may have to send out a Doodle to check.

Gisella, are you with us?

Heidi perhaps? Is Heidi with us?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I'm here… There is Gisella, good.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay. Hi Gisella….

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry Beran. My audio is just in and out. What was the question?

BERAN GILLEN: All right. Okay actually I wanted an action item on sending out a Doodle for us to meet after our subgroup meeting on Monday, to actually have another working party meeting where we would now present an updated version, taking into account these suggestions that were brought on by the participates of the working party. And then presenting new version A, B, and C meetings, taking all of these comments into consideration.

So that would have to happen before Dublin and after our subgroup meeting on Monday. And hopefully trying avoid clashes with the CCWG, the ICG, and the CWG, and other working groups.

GISELLA GRUBER: Beran, Gisella here. I have taken down the action item and I will send a Doodle out today. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Gisella. Vanda, so we're all set for meeting on Monday, but we will continue to discuss things via the Wiki, and post our comments via the Wiki, and hopefully Monday would be sort of like a wrapping up session for us. Would you like to add anything on Vanda?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yeah, no. For me, it's okay. It's done. I have designed a [plan and put up into the Wiki, and also to avoid any of the problems with the week.

Sometimes we have, travelling around. And I will also send to everyone in the [inaudible], to have to allow them to see before the meeting.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you so much Vanda. I know we did skip a point on our agenda. I believe that was taken into account during our discussions on the other points. But Maureen, is there anything else you wanted to add before we close off?

MAUREEN HILYARD: No. I think I put it earlier in the chat. There will be no more further ideas coming into the think tank, but I think that if we can help Vanda with her work that we can test it.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you Maureen. This is Vanda for the record. In that case, it is any other business from anyone? If there isn't any, I will give everyone about 10 seconds to bring up any other business.

Going once, going twice. In that case, I would declare this meeting adjourned. Thank you everyone. I do apologize for going overboard by 24 minutes. Hopefully I will see you all in a couple of weeks.

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