WOLF LUDWIG:	I would like to start with the call. I see Aziz is coming in as well on the Adobe Connect. Welcome to this Secretariat call, what will be the last one before we meet next in a few weeks in Dublin. This is the last change to coordinate for the secretariats meeting face-to-face in line with the ICANN meeting in Dublin. I would like first to ask for a roll call.
TERRI AGNEW:	Thank you, Wolf. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, and welcome to the At-Large Regional Secretariats Meeting on Tuesday, 29 September 2015, at 18:00 UTC.
	On the call today on the English channel, we have Barrack Otieno, Vernatius Ezeama, Alan Greenberg, Wolf Ludwig, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, and Siranush Vardanyan.
	On the Spanish channel, we have Alberto Soto and Humberto Carrasco.
	We have apologies from Judith Hellerstein and Yuliya Morenets.
	From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Terri Agnew.
	Our Spanish interpreter today is Sabrina.
	I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking, not only for transcription purposes, but also for our Spanish interpreter.
	Also joining us is Aziz [Hilali].

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I will now turn it back over to you, Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot for this roll call. As you can all see on Adobe Connect, an agenda is rather concise. We have five points basically to deal with tonight. Not to waste any more time, I would like to start with Agenda Item 1: ATLAS II Recommendations Addressed to RALOs. As usually, Olivier is pushing us to follow up on ATLAS II and its recommendations. I give the floor to Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf. Can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, we can hear you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, fantastic. Thank you. I apologize for the background noise. I'm in Victoria Station just at the tail end of the rush hour, so it's very busy over here.

Now, recommendations, there are quite a number of them that have been sent toward this secretariat for the RALOs to look at and to work on.

Just to give you a quick reminder of the process, we had I think it was 49 recommendations that were drafted by our ATLAS II participants back in June 2014. Since then, we've had a follow up with the ATLAS II

Implementation Taskforce. They have been basically looking at each one of the recommendations and working on them and then pointing them in one direction or another for subgroups or for working groups and for different parts of At-Large and the ALAC to look at.

The ones which are in front of your eyes, at least the first one here, was deemed to be something that the RALOs would have to work on. This one is Recommendation 28. This recommendation says, "The ALAC should work with all RALOs and ALSes to map the current expertise and interests in their membership to identify Subject Matter Experts and facilitate policy communication." That's obviously all something to make sure that more of our At-Large Structures take part in the work of the ALAC, and specifically in the policy work of the ALAC, since this is one of the major pieces of work that the ALAC does.

There were surveys which were undertaken by the RALOs. We have a summary of the surveys that is below that on that page with the most common profession in the different RALOs. We have some more detailed answers for these that you can click on, looking at the AFRALO, APRALO, EURALO, etc. All of the results from the different RALOs.

Now, we really have to think of what the next steps should be after this. In other words, we know vaguely or mostly what the knowledge is within our RALOs. Where do we want to go from there? Do we want to build a database of RALOs? Do we want a database of ALSes and the knowledge in those ALSes? This is something which we're going to have to discuss. I don't think we'll have the time now to do so, but I obviously wanted to raise your attention on this and get you to think between now and Dublin so as to see where we want to go from there.

Are there any comments or questions regarding this recommendation?

WOLF LUDWIG: The floor is open for comments or questions.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hello, this is Heidi.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, please.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Can you hear me?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yeah, a little bit fade now.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, is that better?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yeah, now it's better.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. One aspect that you may wish to consider is [continuing] another survey where you could actually ask people for information on whether, for example, they would be [a travel support].

Olivier, could you go on mute, please? I think that's you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'll just now mute.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Thank you very much. That's better. Again, just if you didn't hear me, one of the possible next steps you may wish to consider is doing another survey where you ask your ALS members whether they would be willing to be part of a Speakers Bureau that ICANN has. This would mean, again, that a listing of willingness to participate in such conferences, whether they would need travel support, how far they would be willing to travel. Do they only want it in their city, or would they be willing to travel within their country, etc.?

That would then be used by the [GOC] and the communications department for use by their Speakers Bureau. When ICANN staff are not able to make a conference, they would be able to use someone who is local. That's something that you may wish to consider. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG:	Okay. Can you make a short note for the action items? Thanks. Olivier, go ahead.
OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:	Thank you very much, Wolf. That was the first one, and what Heidi has mentioned is definitely a very good idea. I think that we have asked for this in the past, to be able to have local speakers begin able to somehow taken into account to go out there and speak to our communities.
	The second recommendation that is on the plate of the secretariat is Recommendation 31: "ICANN and the ALAC should investigate the use of simple tools and methods to facilitate participation in public comments and the use of crowdsourcing." As you can see underneath that recommendation, a significant amount of work has already gone into looking at this recommendation from the Social Media Working Group and also from the Technology Taskforce.
	I'm not going to go into depth into this, but here obviously this is something where the RALOs need to look at this and ask, "How can we can actually get more engagement from our ALSes into the public comment?" I guess there are tools, there are methods, but obviously the tools are one thing, but there also needs to be an investment I guess from the RALO leadership or from people within the RALO who will actively support these consultations and support the participation into these public comments.
	I guess I can open the floor for comments, if there are any at this point. Again, it's not for us to resolve these issues right here there and then. I

don't expect you to have ideas right away. But obviously, this is something to alert you to so that we can think of that before we all join in Dublin. I see Alberto Soto.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Yes, please. Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you so much. The greatest issue we see in terms of participation or engagement is that, first of all, we need to perform or carry out capacity building. Of course, there are plenty of topics on which to engage or participate, ranging from very simple topics to very complex or very technical topics. So first of all, we have to focus on capacity building. We hold capacity building initiatives on a monthly basis on a certain topic, but we also hold monthly webinars on different topics, as well. At least within our RALO, there are plenty of people that do not lack capabilities, but they need capacity building in order to engage and contribute. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks, Alberto, for this comment. I think this should be taken into consideration because I can imagine that the situation may be similar for other RALOs, as well. Great conditions, but certain people need capacity building first, what could be an encouragement for more participation afterwards. So I think we will take this into consideration, and I would like to give back to Olivier on the last recommendations, 42 and 43.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Wolf. I was just going to suggest one more thing on the current recommendation. I think I mentioned the idea of having someone in the RALO that would be actively pushing policy. It could be the ALAC person that is from that region that would actively pursue discussions on the RALO.

But then, also, I wanted to alert you to the fact that we do have a new website coming up, and it will greatly help with tracking and with understanding the issue that are being discussed and that are under consideration in the public commenting process. Perhaps we can also mark that as being an enhancement. And then, obviously, once that new website is up, a capacity building session on how to use that website and how to find things on that website would definitely be probably a good idea.

Let's move on to number 42. Oh, I see – yes, Heidi, please, go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: This is Heidi. Just very quickly, if I might. There is already a capacity building webinar scheduled on the new At-Large website. I believe that's going to take place in December. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks for the [inaudible]. Alberto raised his hand again. Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you, Wolf. As a follow up of your comments, Olivier's comments, I think that this person within the RALO should inform or update his or her RALO on the topics that will be addressed at a certain point in time because since a topic is being discussed until the public comment process is open, there is a very important time window. So if our ALS member updates us on a certain topic that is being discussed and will be posted for public comment, then we within the RALO will have enough time to train our people on that topic, and so people will engage in the public comment period. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks, Alberto, for this comment. Before I give the floor to Olivier again, I just would like to note that we are doing this on a regular basis. At the beginning of our monthly call, we always have a briefing session on current ALAC consultation and topics, which is perfectly done by Olivier, and therefore I think people here in the European region have a regular chance to be updated on current items and At-Large/ALAC consultation issues.

Olivier, back to you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Wolf. I think that it would probably benefit from having it on the mailing lists, as well, that update or at least each time there's a public consultation that's out there, this to be explained somehow by anyone who is aware of what the ins and outs are for this specific topic.

The concern I have with only having it on the monthly call is that the public comment, public consultation, is only 40 days in length or 42 days in length, and the RALO call might have just missed the opening of the public consultation and therefore it's a little late sometimes to let people know of something that closes three or four days later.

But anyway, let's just move on then. Now we have Recommendation 43 on the screen. That one has absolutely no notes whatsoever behind there, so it really needs to be looked at. This one is for the RALOs: "RALOs should encourage their inactive ALS representatives to comply with ALAC minimum participation requirements." That, I guess, is a greenlight for our RALOs to pursue the work that they have already started with regards to the minimum participation requirements.

It's interesting because I do know that there are some that would push back on this and say, "Well, hang on. What is the level of minimum participation requirement from a volunteer organization?" Yet, this is something that has come out of the 150 ALSes that were present in London. I think that gives, really, RALOs the greenlight to proceed forward with that work.

It would be good if we could update the work that has been done so far and add it to the notes underneath Recommendation 43. [loud noise] That is not a bus that nearly ran me over; it nearly ran someone else over.

Okay, the floor is open for comments.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks, Olivier. I have seen a previous hand from Alberto again. I would like to ask him whether he still wants to comment on this. Well, there's no…

ALBERTO SOTO: My apologies.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay.

ALBERTO SOTO: I wanted to speak about the prior recommendation. The thing is that if an ALAC member does not update the RALO, then we receive information about a public comment on a certain topic. My proposal or my suggestion was the following: when ALAC or the Working Group or any group begins to discuss a topic, the RALOs have to be updated at that point in time because a longer time will go by prior to the 40-day public comment period, so we need that time for capacity building.

In terms of this recommendation we're addressing now, unfortunately, in LACRALO, we had certain issues, but we should have metrics for this. We are on the verge of a vote on these metrics, but we are a little bit delayed due to other issues. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks, Alberto, for this comment. Again, are there any questions or comment from other participants from other regions?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Wolf, this is Heidi again.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, please, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sorry [inaudible], and perhaps Alan would like to address this, but I'm wondering if this recommendation might now refer to the work that is being done in the ALS Criteria and Expectations Taskforce.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, Heidi, thanks for this comment. I think we are just transmitting thoughts that [inaudible], and I also wanted to suggest I think this perfectly fits into the ongoing debate on ALS Criteria and Expectations, what will be our next agenda item now. So let me ask you if anybody wants to comment on Agenda Item 1 or has any questions.

If this is not the case, I would like to continue because we are a little bit behind schedule already, with Agenda Item 2: ALS Criteria and Expectations. As you all know, that is a working group and some subgroups, and this discussion has started some time ago. I think all of the RALOs have sent or delegated representatives to this group, and it's now on Alan Greenberg. Alan, you have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG:	Thank you very much. The group is progressing, not as quickly as we had hoped, largely because of too much focus still on the ICANN accountability issues. Several of the people who are key in the ALS criteria work are spending most of their days and nights working on accountability. We are making good progress, however. We will not be at a stage to approve things in Dublin, but we will be at a point where we can have some substantial discussions in Dublin.

I've just put a URL into the chat, which is the agenda for the last ALS criteria meeting. In that agenda, you'll find a number of status updates on where we are on the various groups. The task has been divided at this point into four different design teams: one on the application process that's being led by Nathalie; one on ALS criteria, which I'm leading; one on operational expectations, which Yrjö is leading; and the fourth one in individual members, which is being led by Cheryl.

We can give you a quick update. Terri, if you could post those three documents, the ones that are pointed to in the ALS agenda, if you post whichever one comes first, and we'll talk to that one.

TERRI AGNEW:	Hi, Alan. This is Terri. I'm actually trying to post the DT-A, and it's just uploading very slowly at this point.

ALAN GREENBERG:	Alright. I'll keep on talking. Essentially, we're coming down to, in DT-A, the application process, we're looking at what kind of problems have we had before. There are certainly operational problems in that, for

instance, we have often had a need to pause an application process while we acquire more information, but the formal process doesn't have such a step in it.

The application itself has often not quite asked the right questions, and that has a lot to do with the next one we'll be looking at, and that is ALS criteria. That is, we need to specify exactly how we recognize what we think will be a good ALS and ask the appropriate questions. As an example of one that we're looking at, we have found on occasion that the leaders of an ALS, the leaders of the group that has become an ALS, have no clue they're an ALS.

There have be situations, for instance, where the contact person who was the one who made the original application leaves the organization for one reason or disappears for whatever reason, and we try to make contact with the leaders of the ALS and they say, "ALS? ICANN?" and they have no clue. Clearly, if a group is becoming an ALS, whether the application is made by the leaders or not, the leaders should be aware of and blessing it. That's an example of the kinds of things we're looking at there.

Terri, is it possible just to kill that one, because it's a very long PowerPoint, and go on to the next one?

TERRI AGNEW: Absolutely, Alan. I'll bring up DT-C right now, then.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. This one is quite short and shouldn't take very long to load.

WOLF LUDWIG: Just a short comment in between, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Sure.

WOLF LUDWIG: I think your last point is a very good one and maybe a crucial one because the application form as it is now is just asking for some very minimal information. I think in the application form already there should be a little bit more of details, as you mentioned, whether the leadership is informed and approved it. And another question also in this direction could be that, if certified, one member of your organization, of your new ALS, do have enough capacity and time to follow up on RALO and ALAC issues because if this question would be raised and if there would be an indication that if you want to be a really engaged ALS representative, you need some time and commitment to really follow it up.

ALAN GREENBERG: That's a good point. Please, make sure that gets set into the ALS discussion. It can go under application or criteria. The document right now are the criteria we're looking at. It's not a long list. First of all, no change in the current process. That is, the organizations must be self-funded. It should be largely individual-led, which are the main criteria we have today.

We are now suggesting that instead of a contact person there be three. That is something that has been standard in APRALO, and they have had measurably fewer problems in contacting people because of that. That is, if one of the people disappears or is unavailable for one reason, which happens all the time, that we have other names. Three different names is also at least a measure that there are at least three people involved, which again in some cases we've found has not been the case.

The contacts don't need to be the leaders, but the application must have leadership knowledge and support. Again, we're not going to ask for notarized statements, but we're going to ask the question.

The contact must have the ability to communicate with the membership. That is, through a mailing list or something like that because if the contacts cannot pass information on, then clearly we have a real problem.

We're not going to specify a minimum size because we certainly have some ALSes which have thousands of people. We know in the past we've had ALSes with one person, which is clearly too little. But we are going to ask for how many are involved other than the contacts and organizational leadership, and it will be a judgment call on whether this is appropriate or not.

We're going to be asking them to explain why they feel they want to be an ALS. In other words, up until now we have, in many cases, had organizations that have an interest in one way or another with the Internet but not necessarily anything at all relating to ICANN, and then we're surprised that they don't want to get involved in what we're

doing. I think we're going to at least try to start asking the right questions.

That's really all we're looking at, at this point. Clearly, it's not a finished list, but that's where we stand right now.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks.

ALAN GREENBERG: Do you want me to do the third section?

WOLF LUDWIG: No. I would like to give the floor to Alberto because he has a comment or a question directly related to your last point.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay.

WOLF LUDWIG: Alberto?

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you. Yes, I have a comment about this specific section. We are [inaudible] representatives that have a right to vote. That is our first contact person, and we are asking for at least a second contact person. Both of them are receiving our updates or information. It would be a

good idea to have three contact persons. However, if none of them is able to perform that duty, the ALS is a certified ALS. Therefore, any of the ALS members can engage and can be members of a working group. In fact, we saw people participating that we have never met before and were introduced when they started joining the different activities. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thank you, Alberto. Back to Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Alberto. That raises a good point, and that comes, in fact, under the next section of expectations. Up until now, we have very often equated the ALS with the ALS representative. For instance, when we recently did what was supposed to be a survey of ALS skills, we ended up with a survey of ALS representative skills. We have not gone deeper than just the person answering the e-mail.

Clearly, when we say an ALS is a member, we are talking about the ALS meaning all of its members. We will in a number of different ways be pushing down into the ALS and requiring that the ALS representatives involve other people in the ALS. Otherwise, it's not meaningful. It's just really the representative acting as an individual member, and that's not the same thing.

Alberto is very correct, though. There should be other people who are not on the list of representatives and, yes, we would be delighted if some of them would get actively involved. You shouldn't need to be the

boss to be able to get involved. That's something we're certainly working on.

This is not a formal product of DT-E but some thoughts that I contributed to it. Again, there's nothing particularly amazing there. Most of the things are from the original discussion paper I wrote. I don't think we've had any strong push back on it.

The other things that I was thinking about are in some of our RALOs, we emphasize voting as the criteria for "are you active?" Although not voting is certainly a measure of perhaps that you don't care and are not active, we don't want to be sending the message that voting is why you become an ALS. It's really the other things, and voting is something that happens on occasion.

I believe personally that it's reasonable to expect that most ALSes participate in monthly RALO calls. That's not the case right now. Although, of course, people will not always be able to make every call, I think it's reasonable to expect that more of the ALSes actively participate. Of course, it's up to the RALO leadership to make those calls interesting enough so that it's not a waste of time.

I think we need to define an inactive status that crosses the boundaries of RALOs so that we have some standard nomenclature. The details of how you become inactive or reactive may vary somewhat between the RALOs but, again, we should have some standard terminology.

I guess that's really all I have to say in particular. I'll answer any questions. It is a work in progress. There will be some significant discussion in Dublin. I'm hoping that soon after Dublin, we will have

some recommendations to ratify and then go on and look at what the implications of that are operationally and to the bylaws because there are a lot of things that are in the bylaws right now which are not quite aligned with our current practice. So there will be some bylaw changes that go along with these recommendations.

That's all I really have to say.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Thanks a lot, Alan, for this concise briefing. I think there is still a long way to go for this discussion. I would like to ask if there are any questions or comments. If this is not the case, I will go to our next Agenda Item 3.

I would like to deposit my suggestion already here regarding the final or last point, Defining and Approval of Agenda Items for Dublin's Regional Secretariats Meeting. In my opinion, this debate on ALS criteria and expectation should be in the center of the secretariat's meeting in Dublin. That's my person opinion so far, but I think it's the right moment. I think we have to further discuss and exchange on the critical points. There are quite a lot of critical points which are listed here, but not a substantial discussion has started yet. Maybe this could bring some more dynamic into this working group again.

That's just a suggestion for the moment. I see approval from Siranush, but before we come back later to Point 7, we now have At-Large ICANN Civil Society Engagement in Fiscal Year 2016: Facilitate Greater Civil Society Engagement Within ICANN. Staff created the CROSS-RALO wiki

	for Internet Governance Events. It's now on Heidi to give us an update on this one. Heidi, you have the floor.
HEIDI ULLRICH:	Thank you, Wolf. I mentioned a few times, there is a document that staff has drafted. Again, it's very much in draft form, and it has been open for comments, or it was for about two months. I think that you could still add comments if requested. That document is the Civil Society Engagement proposal.
	It's going to be discussed in Dublin by Jean-Jacques Sahel at a joint meeting between the ALAC and the NCSG. Right now, that meeting is still being planned. It might be 8:00 on Saturday, the 17th, which is a little early, and I am aware of that. A lot of the secretariats will not be there.
	There are a couple of options. One would be hold a call with Jean-Jacques this next week for everyone or, in addition to that joint meeting with the NCSG and Jean-Jacques, to have another session perhaps on Sunday afternoon to where we can have him come again to you and you can discuss that just among the ALAC if you'd like so you can actually delve more into the details of the actual meetings that are being highlighted by the ALAC, by the RALOs, for possible cooperation for GSE activities. Thank you, Wolf.
WOLF LUDWIG:	Are there any questions? Yes, I see the hand from Glenn. Glenn, you have the floor, please. Glenn, we can't hear you. Are you muted?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Okay, how about now? Can you hear me now?

WOLF LUDWIG: Now it's better.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Okay, I'm sorry about that. NARALO has actually created an extensive document month-by-month in terms of important civil engagement events. Heidi has received that. We have been chatting with our GSE. We are doing three events that are in North America. Again, we only heard about this document only by chance. I never heard of this prior to the ATLAS II implementation call a couple of weeks ago. It wasn't on our monthly call, so it was completely missed by us. But I think it's a great opportunity.

The other area that I think is really important is Eduardo and Alfredo of the ISOC Puerto Rico, our ALS in Puerto Rico, they have been actually doing a lot of different things leading up to ICANN Puerto Rico. This is a great opportunity to reach out to the local community in San Juan leading up to next year's ICANN Puerto Rico.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks, Glenn, for this comment. I have an additional comment on this directly to Heidi. First of all, I am pleased that Jean-Jacques Sahel is strongly involved in this initiative. He has quite a decent knowledge, at least about the situation and variety here in Europe. For us, it was

very clear from the very beginning it will be such an initiative what in my opinion to my understanding is part, or should be part, of the Europeans' [territory] to identify and encourage more civil society involvement, etc. I think we will support from the EURALO side any initiative in this direction.

There might have been some confusion because there were some discussions in the past whether RALOs or ALAC represent civil society or simply the Internet users. From our point of view, and I think I can speak for the majority of ALSes I know here in Europe that we consider ourselves as NGOs, as civil society, etc., and there will be a coordination with this.

I see Silvia raised her hand, as well. Silvia, you have the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you, Wolf. Just to add to what Heidi commented, the draft ICANN Civil Society Engagement in Fiscal Year 2016 is posted on the ALAC main page, and the comments are received. It's open for comments until September 30, so there is time for all the RALOs to provide comments right on the wiki.

There is also I have thought of one of the action items we had in Buenos Aires was for me for staff to create a CROSS-RALO Internet Governance Events Workspace where all the RALOs could put in advance before the event takes place a link to the event and, therefore, to let us know what will happen. The idea was with this input we could make the connection with [inaudible] staff and see if we could leverage that event and

provide any support. But, however, I have to say there was very little input on that wiki page.

This takes me to our request to keep updating the CROSS-RALO wiki page. There is a wiki page especially for the RALO secretariats to share all activities. Now that we have this excellent working relationship with the [inaudible] group and staff, I think we can make use of this wiki and start sharing information. If there are events and there is sufficient time to make connections with our colleagues, we will be happy to facilitate [inaudible] event in many ways, the ways more appropriate for you.

Thank you. I think if Terri can forward that wiki page on the chat, that will be great so you can see it. So don't forget we have a special wiki page.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks a lot for this information, Silvia. Just to note the link you provided, the document is published. I opened it and end up about last ICANN [use], At-Large staff announcement, and At-Large Summit II, but there is no direct reference as far as I can see by overlooking this link on the particular subject.

Are there any other questions and comments regarding Agenda Item 3?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Wolf?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yeah?

HEIDI ULLRICH: If I could just come back, would the regional secretariat like to invite Jean-Jacques to their regional secretariat meeting? That's going to be on Monday. Or would you like the ALAC to keep the slot that we currently have for a joint ALAC/NCSG meeting with Jean-Jacques on Sunday to keep that as just with Jean-Jacques and the ALAC so we can discuss more about that document?

WOLF LUDWIG: That's a good point, Heidi. Actually, I am very open for your suggestion. But I think participants of this call should make up their minds because on a bilateral level with Jean-Jacques. Jean-Jacques will be present at our general assembly, so we will talk about the European strategy, and I am almost certain that Civil Society Engagement in Fiscal Year 2016 will be part or closely considered in this context. So for the European level, this interaction and exchange with Jean-Jacques is already provided. Therefore, I would like to know what the other regions want or think about it.

                            Any comments for Heidi's suggestion? Could this be another important agenda item for Dublin? Alberto Soto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you. I agree that we can participate. LACRALO's secretariat will be onsite, and we are finalizing visa procedures for our new ALAC member who, apparently, will also join us onsite in Dublin. Therefore, yes, I

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks for this comment, Alberto. We have to consider this for the agenda setting for the secretariat's meeting under Agenda Item 5, again. If there are no more questions to Point 3, I would like to continue with Point 4 what is: Fiscal Year 2017 Special Request Brainstorming for RALO/O/E Co-Chairs. It's, again, Heidi. Heidi, you have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I'll introduce it, and then I'm sure Alan and Olivier can take over. Again, we have the beginning of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Process, starting now actually. There will be a meeting of the Community Finance Team in Dublin on Sunday, and Xavier will be speaking to the ALAC on Tuesday in Dublin. It would be useful to have some discussion on Fiscal Year 2017 requests for the RALOs.

Those of you that have looked at Olivier's timeline for general assemblies in the next summit will likely see that it's primed to put in requests for general assemblies for NARALO and, I believe, it's APRALO. Perhaps Olivier can confirm that. Those anyone possibly some requests.

Other requests might be for the region that is going to hold the next Fiscal Year 2017 (not this next year but the year following) a Meeting B, you may wish to put in a request for funding to bring people to that meeting from your region, ALS representatives within that region. It could be a general assembly, or it could be just a few people.

Those are some comments for possible Fiscal Year 2017 requests. Thank you, Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay, thanks, Heidi. I must admit it was a quick briefing, but I'm not sure whether I understood all the essentials of it. Therefore, may I suggest that we come back on this briefing and brainstorming point in Dublin again?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, that's fine. I think it might even be discussed on the Saturday or Sunday. I need to double-check the agenda. But if not, then we can certainly add it to the regional secretariat meeting on Monday. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Okay. Sounds good. So we are almost through with the key points. There is a hand from Alberto. Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you. I'm sorry. I keep asking for the floor today. What is the deadline for RALOs to submit budget requests? I imagine it is June next year, but I would like to know. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: No, it's spring. Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: No, it's winter. Basically, the process for At-Large is that once the RALOs – there will be a call from the Finance and Budget Subcommittee, and then the RALOs need to discuss within themselves what kind of requests they would like. It goes back up to the FBSC. That ALAC will look at the request as well. Then they're submitted about, I believe, in January or early February to the ICANN finance, the controller. Then they're reviewed by the Board. Then they are announced, I believe, in May, those that are successful. Thank you.

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes. Thanks, Heidi, for this additional info. It corresponds with my memory. I think usually, we had to discuss this in January, and I had to deliver something in February, latest. So this is about the timeline.

If there are no further questions on timing, as a conclusion from our today's discussion, I would like to recommend that we take, more or less for the Dublin meeting, the agenda we had today again. Perhaps shortened a little bit in the first part and only talking about recommendations directly referring to RALOs. The RALO leaders are more or less demanded or required to deal with it.

Then I would tend to suggest to give most of the secretariats meeting in Dublin to focus on Point 2: ALS Criteria and Expectations, what in my opinion should be in the center of the Dublin meeting.

Then having a briefing perhaps from Jean-Jacques on the ICANN civil society engagement, together with the last point picking up the brainstorming about Fiscal Year 2017 special requests.

I think for the secretariats meeting in Dublin, we may have 90 minutes. Is this right? Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO: I'm sorry. Yes, it's correct, 12:30 to [inaudible].

WOLF LUDWIG: 90 minutes, okay. So we will have more time than today at this call, at least 30 minutes more. This can enable more dynamic debate. I would also recommend not to extend the meeting agenda for Dublin by more points than the four to have enough time to substantially debate on these issues.

Can we ask for any other ideas or suggestions regarding the Dublin agenda setting, or can I have some kind of approval that we agree on this agenda outline? We will ask staff to prepare the Dublin secretariats meeting accordingly. I see some more approvals from Siranush, from Glenn.

HEIDI ULLRICH: May I suggest a two- or three-minute item at the end of the CROSS-RALO meeting be given to Aziz as the next chair of the regional secretariat to talk a little bit about what he has planned for Marrakech?

WOLF LUDWIG: I'm not sure whether I probably got your point.

HEIDI ULLRICH: At the end of the regional secretariats meeting, would it be possible to perhaps leave about two or three minutes for Aziz just to talk a little bit about what he has planned for the Marrakech meeting in terms of the showcase, etc? He's also going to be the next chair of the regional secretariat, since the meeting will be in his region.

WOLF LUDWIG: Oh, okay. That's a good point, Heidi. Just add this one on the agenda, as well. Aziz can already prepare himself what he would like to tell us in Dublin about Marrakech [inaudible].

Are there any further questions? Any further comments? I see no hand raised. I have noted [inaudible]. Okay, is there anything from your side under Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business? Just in case something under Any Other Business comes into your mind, we will have the privilege to meet physically again in about three weeks, or less than three weeks' time. That will be the opportunity to have some further discussions about whatsoever.

If there is no immediate urgent comment anymore, question anymore, I would like to thank all of you for your participation at this At-Large regional secretariats meeting call. I am looking forward to see all of you soon in Dublin again.

Thanks, and have a nice evening or a nice day.

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