SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Hello, everyone. Welcome to APRALO call, [inaudible] call for November. Gisella, if you [inaudible] roll call, please?

**GISELLA GRUBER:** 

Absolutely. Thank you, Siranush. Welcome to the APRALO call on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, at 06:00 UTC. On today's call, we have Siranush Vardanyan, Yasuichi Kitamura, Toshio Tachibana, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Glenn McKnight, Maureen Hilyard, Pavran Budharani, Fouad Bajwa, Satish Babu. Apologies noted from Nadira Alaraj, and Dr. Suhaidi Hassan, and Amal Ramzi, as well as Holly Raiche.

From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco, Kelvin Wong, Ariel Liang, and myself, Gisella Gruber. We also have Ali AlMeshal, who has just joined the call, as well as Winthrop Yu and Jee eun Choi, as well as Gunela Astbring, sorry. Four people as we finished the roll call, and just to remind you that our Chinese interpreters today are Jessie and Yi Yi. Please do remember to state your names when speaking, not only for transcript purposes but to allow our interpreters to identify you on the other channel.

And if you have – we have slight background noise from Ali. I'm just going to mute his line. Please do remember – sorry, I have very bad feedback on the line and this will no doubt hinder our Chinese interpreters. Could I please remind you to please mute your microphones if you're not speaking to avoid any disturbance on the call? Thank you and over to you, Siranush.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you very much, Gisella, and I also see [inaudible] online. She actually was [inaudible] during your [inaudible] time. Thanks again, everyone, and welcome. Before starting the APRALO [inaudible], I would like to give the floor to Glenn McKnight, who is the Chair of NARALO, and joined us to talk about [Passport]. So Glenn, the floor is yours as this is the 1:00 AM for Glenn, I would like to give the floor to him and then to continue with our [inaudible]. Glenn, the floor is yours.

**GLENN MCKNIGHT:** 

Great. Thank you. Thank you so much, Siranush. I was elected as the person to join this call today because Judith is en route to Israel and Dev has an early morning meeting, so I guess the forced volunteer. Our Technology Taskforce calls based on our time zone currently is at 10:00 Eastern Standard Time, which is extremely bad for participation for APRALO, and we're looking at seeing how we can work with APRALO with its membership, but we know that there's lots of great people that have a technology interest within the RALO, and we would like to see how we can find someone within the community that could be one of our co-chairs and we can work with you to, say, set up a time that could duplicate the TTF calls that are more suitable to your time zone.

So my appeal to the group today is if anyone is interested in participating, I think Gunela is quite interested, but I'd like to have a wider appeal. I'm more than happy to join the calls and we can rotate with Dev and Judith to suitable to your time zone. So this week, we had

a great call with one of the lead programmers of Tor. That was a very successful call today.

We appeal to NCUC and the ISOC delegates around the world to actually join in our call, so we're doing a wider catchment and we're going to be doing a number of additional calls on technology. So my call to the community, if anyone's interested in working with us, we'd be happy to see how we can establish an alternate local time so our committee can actually be more productive. So if there's any questions, feel free.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Glenn, thank you very much, and I guess we have already volunteered from APRALO. Gunela Astbrink put her name, says she's interested to be a part of this taskforce. Do you need only one representative from APRALO?

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

No. We would be happy to have as many as possible. I guess we're trying to do is a small [cell], and I see that Satish is on, and I've worked closely with Satish on different things with IEEE and open source, and this would be great to have a [sig], an area that's really something that's strong in your area. You have strong, very, very strong representatives on accessibility issues and accessibility technologies and open source technologies.

So I guess what we're saying is how can we work together as a team and again, it's very, very difficult for your team members to join our calls. How can we work together to create a [cell] that's productive?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Okay. Thank you. And I saw some message posted by Satish, actually, the last call time was fine, and it sounds to me that Satish is already a member of this taskforce. Am I right, Satish?

SATISH BABU:

Yes.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

So we have already Satish in that group, who participated in the call [inaudible] and Cheryl, I saw your hand raised. Do you want to say something on this topic?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Well, two things. First of all, we do have other people who are more passive, like myself, if there is some reason for my involvement, then I would join the call, but under normal circumstances I don't really think I need to be joining calls unless the topic is one that is particularly germane to something I need to be doing.

I understand the desirability of having a more regionally balanced set of people on it, and I'm pleased to see that Gunela is going to join Satish, but I do have to kind of ask what for from time to time. I mean, if we're looking at particular technologies, if we're reviewing particular technologies, if there is something that's out on beta that needs to be tested, then you can get people engaged from our region without the time being a difficulty.

So I'm suggesting you also need to do some sort of fix the purpose type stuff, so if you want some beta testing done, then I'm sure there's a lot of people in our region that will be pleased to do it. But if [inaudible] hang around for an occasion talk fest, less of us may be motivated.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Cheryl. Glenn, do you want to say something on this?

**GLENN MCKNIGHT:** 

I'll take it back to Dev and our committee, and we'll go from there.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you. So for now, there are three people who already expressed their willingness, so Satish is already there and Gunela and Cheryl, and Cheryl, I guess, also is a member of this, so Gunela will be also joining. Any other members from APRALO who would like to be a part of this? [inaudible] directions from Glenn and from the team coming later, if no, Glenn, then you have already three names in the team, so keep your communication and include those names in the working group.

**GLENN MCKNIGHT:** 

Okay. Great. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Okay. Thank you very much, Glenn, for joining APRALO call, and [inaudible] just to NARALO people. Thank you. Yes, [inaudible] so let's move forward to our next agenda item, which is ALAC policy

development [inaudible]. I think we have Holly has an apology and Amal has an apology, but we have Ariel, who would like to give an update on this [inaudible] so Ariel, the floor is yours.

ARIEL LIANG:

Thank you very much, Siranush. I'm just going to paste the link to the agenda in the chat that lets all of the public comment that are in progress in terms of ALAC drafting statements, etc. So we'll walk you through this list. On the top is the statements recently approved by the ALAC, there are three, and you can click on each of the title and they will direct you to their respective wiki page that posted the final adopted statement.

And then we have two statements that are in progress. The first one is the plan implementation of the new registration data access protocol, RDAP, and that's a statement drafted by Holly Raiche and Carlton Samuels. And if the ALAC decides to ratify that statement, it will be submitted to the ICANN CEO and Board Chairman, and it's more like an independent kind of ALAC advice, not responding to a public comment proceeding.

Apparently, the ALAC is soliciting input within the community and the comment period will post tomorrow – or today, November the 20<sup>th</sup>. So it's very interesting reading this statement and provide your inputs, please, and go to their wiki page.

And in the second one in progress is a statement on the removal of searchable WHOIS service form that need a registry agreement, and Harold Arcos is the new ALAC member from that [inaudible] he's taking

the lead drafting a statement in consultation with Holly Raiche. So that's the second one.

And then we have a third statement, which seems to be [stopped] but in fact we already have a first draft published on the wiki. That is the one on IAG initial report and proposed revisions to the ICANN procedure for WHOIS conflicts with privacy laws, and that's also a statement drafted by Holly Raiche and Carlton Samuels, and we're just waiting for the ALAC Chair Alan Greenberg's direction in terms of ALAC schedules for ratifying that statement and submitting public comment.

And besides all these, we have several other public comment that is open and the ALAC hasn't decided to whether [inaudible] statement or not, and we're consulting various in consultation with various ALAC members and members from the wider community in terms of deciding whether a statement is necessary. And these are the five public comments that are listed under new public comment requests requiring decisions.

So that's a quick overview of these public comments, and I'll now turn the floor to Siranush and the rest of the participants, and if anyone is interested in discussing any of the public comments, please feel free. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Ariel, and thank you for the update. And I [inaudible] Satish also [inaudible] this morning [inaudible] is working on the statement on LGR [inaudible] so this is another update to the one you have

mentioned. Any questions to Ariel? Any questions on the public comment? Please [inaudible] on the table.

If no, then we'll move to the agenda item three, which At-Large better website. For those who have been in Dublin already know that the new better website of At-Large [inaudible] there and launched in Dublin, and I also ask Ariel and Laura, I'm not sure if she joined the call, but I ask Laura to provide the update for APRALO members to know what is here and how we can find the information, and also some updates from us and [inaudible] from APRALO members that have been sent to Ariel, which were incorporated already.

So Ariel, the floor is yours to provide [inaudible].

ARIEL LIANG:

Thank you very much, Siranush. I just pasted the URL of the data set in the chat. It's newatlarge.icann.org. So you can also check out the data set on your own while I'm doing this quick overview. And unfortunately, Laura couldn't join us today so I will work through this data set for all of you.

So just give a quick understanding of the background, we started the project since last year, September, so it's a little bit over a year ago, and this website is completely community-driven, so we have solicit inputs and insights from the members from At-Large community, including a lot of leaders and members in the APRALO community to do the site.

So again, I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody who contributed to the development of this site, and we really appreciate all your work and contributions to this.

And first, I'll give you an overview of the homepage. So this site is catering to both beginners and experienced members, and with that consideration in mind, we structured the site in this manner so that you can see the first band is the picture of the At-Large community, and now we have a box on the right, it just started, and then we tried to list the useful helpful information for the beginners to understand what At-Large is about, and just to give you a quick kind of a preview, we're building a page called "Get Involved" that will list various beginner-friendly information and that will be ready when the official site is going to be launched early January next year.

And then, also, we have another button called "Find an Event" in the puzzle box that I will click on that, and then that will take you to the Google Calendar of the At-Large community that lists all of the meetings and events. And what's really good about this one is that you can search about events if you want to look for it.

For example, if I put APRALO monthly and then it will show the APRALO calls and you can narrow your search based on the dates you're looking for. So this is a much better functionality compared to the regular Google Calendar we had in the past.

So that's the first part of the [band], and the second one is about is more featuring the policy work that the ALAC and the wider At-Large community does, and as you can see on the left, we have this pie chart,

which showcase all the policy topics that the ALAC has issued statements on. And if you hover over on the [inaudible] that will show you the number of statements each topic that ALAC has drafted on.

And there's also another toggle called working group. So if you click on that, that shows the At-Large working groups that are specifically on policy-related topics such as provide a very quick gateway to those relevant information. And if I click on one slice of the pie chart that directs you to a dedicated page just for that particular topic, and as you can see, this gathers all of the ALAC advice on this topic underneath, so on the left, as you can see the list of all of the topics, the statements, and on the right, we also put some various resources for a beginner to understand this topic better, so if we have a YouTube video on that, we will post it here. And there's also a section for related news and media about that particular topic, and they're aggregated over to this site in an automatic manner.

And then, also, there's a resource spot that we try to gather some beginner's guide or online learn course or relevant webpages on this particular topic, so that provides newcomers an opportunity to learn more.

So that's about the topic detail page, and in the [inaudible] on the right, you can see these are the public comments that the ALAC decides to submit a statement on and they're fully integrated with the ICANN public comment site. So as an admin person, they can easily go to the At-Large site and you can put in the ALAC schedule in terms of a statement drafting process and then uploading the final statement based on the public comment topic.

And then if I just click on one of the example I will show you a particular page. That's an ALAC statement on the use of country and territorial name sets top-level domains, and, in fact, Maureen Hilyard and Cheryl Langdon-Orr, they collaborated on a statement on this, and as you can see on this page, we have listed the whole process how the statement is developed, and this status bar shows the process, and then the final statement is uploaded and if you click on this PDF preview image, you can download the statement itself.

And then, also, we have documented the activities related to the development of the statement and that [inaudible] to the wiki workspace, which is the collaborative space for the community to draft a statement. So this is a page for ALAC statements on public comment or other nonsolicited topics, such as this one.

So this is about the policy-related part of this website, and then we also have this section focused on the regional activities and, as you can see here, we have the map that showcases the presence of ALSes around the world, and we also use the five shades of purple color to indicate the extent of ALS presence in different countries. So, for example, if I click on China, you can see there are two ALSes, and you can see the number of ALSes in each country.

And we also understand this map is a little bit small so you probably can't see every single country in the world, but our purpose is to pique the visitor's interest to explore more, and then when they click on this top [inaudible] will take them to an ALS page to look at the details.

And then there's also a toggle of the RALO. If you click on that button, the map will show this RALO view, and each of the region is colored in their respective RALO color and now if you click on the region, that will take you to the RALO page that I will show you very shortly after.

And on the right, we also gathered the news articles related to the regions and just to let you know where the content comes from, from At-Large staff [inaudible], policy staff was reduced this monthly policy update, and one of the articles is about RALO activities. So some of those articles, they can repurposed here and now we can tag them based on their RALO origin, so that once they're tagged with the RALO tag, they will appear on the homepage, and then we can click on these headlines to read more.

So that's this particular band. And now before I show you the RALO page and ALS page, I'm just going to finish up the homepage above the third band is the organizational building that lists the rest of the At-Large working groups that are focused on various aspects of the organizational building, such as the accessibility and inclusion, outreach and engagement, and capacity building.

And in fact, these hyperlinked titles will direct visitors to the wiki workspace of these At-Large working groups, and we want to make sure that it's kind of a one-stop shop to find all this information from the site and make it very easy for visitors to locate information.

And on the last part of this homepage is featured events, so admin can easily change the featured photos, the links, the title about upcoming events. For example, for the future ICANN meeting, there will be a RALO

showcase, an APRALO showcase. We can definitely feature that here. And then we can link out to a page. Most likely going to be a subpage in this site to promote on the APRALO showcase.

So that's homepage and [inaudible] I show you the RALO page and ALSes page, is there any comments or questions about the site so far? And I see Gunela raised her hand. Gunela, please.

**GUNELA ASTBRINK:** 

Thanks very much, Ariel, and congratulations to everyone involved in creating this new beta website. I think that some of the points [inaudible] usability, it looks good. I haven't been to too many tasks yet, but what you've shown me and a little bit of looking around, it seems [inaudible] it's a clear headings, so it's got a lot going for it.

I wanted to just mention from the accessibility point of view that there are a few things that just need to be fixed, and I'm sure that Laura is working with the work development team would have that in hand, but I just wanted to mention I've done a very quick Web check with a piece of software and there are a few lines of code when it comes to a few bits and pieces. I won't go into details, but they can be easily fixed. Just one thing that it's common [inaudible] can be a real [inaudible] for people using screen reading software is when it says "read more," because the screen reading program goes through all of the different links on a page, and when it says read more, there's no context. So it's a matter then of putting the link on the heading rather than at the end of a phrase or paragraph.

So that's a little thing to fix but I just want to say congratulations. It's clear, the colors look good, and I can just imagine the huge amount of work behind it. So thank you very much to everyone involved.

ARIEL LIANG:

Thank you very much, Gunela. I really appreciate your insight and your suggestions and, in fact, right now, we launched the dataset in Dublin and [inaudible] testing period for the dataset and accessibility is a key area we're testing and finalizing and working on. So I will make sure [inaudible] your information and the information you pointed out to Laura, and also we'll invite you to join the taskforce when we're, probably we'll have a focus the call just about accessibility later on. So we'll invite you to do that and anybody interested in accessibility issues to join us and keep testing the site.

And also, at the end of this presentation, I will show you the wiki page that we set up for gathering feedback, so I will do that later after finish. And due to the interest of time, I will show you the RALO-related pages and I will just go straight to the APRALO page. Another way I get there is click on the RALO map, if you remember, in the homepage, and on the red part, that APRALO region.

But as you can see now, this is the RALO page [inaudible] designed in a way that we have these five paths that represent each RALO. So as a visitor, you can easily see what other RALOs have been doing, and then for the APRALO page, we have divided the page into two parts. On the left is a column that lists the APRALO leaders, their profiles, their contact information, as well as some key resources and, for example,

the meeting and events and they're mostly the pages about the showcase and also the central page on the wiki that lists all the monthly teleconferences and face-to-face meetings.

And there are also some other key resources like the organizing documents, the strategy and report, and also the capacity building webinar, such as the APRALO APAC webinar. We want to make sure that this page also serves as a gateway to information and a lot of those information currently reside on the wiki, so we want to make it very easy for visitors to find them [through this website].

And on the right, we have the description of the APRALO, their slogan, so we have a blurb at the front for a visitor to learn what APRALO is about and what it does, and also in the middle of the section we have a part where features a news or event about APRALO, and here admins can work with the community to put text or photos or a link that really highlights something APRALO wants to. So now we just have examples here to highlight the path that APRALO monthly meeting, the face-to-face meeting in Dublin.

And under that, it's the "what's new" section that has several types of information. First is incorporate is actually integrate with the Google Calendar and pulls the APRALO monthly calls over here, so as we can see now, we have the latest one, which is the one we have now here automatically pulled from Google Calendar. So if you click on that, it will take you to the Google calendar page to save it to your own calendar.

And then we also have several entries that's APRALO-related news, so once they are tagged as APRALO, they will appear in the section, as well.

And then one last thing is the one you see here with the photo of a calendar. That's a customizable entry that an admin can put some tags to a link or image to feature another newsworthy item about APRALO activities.

So this is the APRALO, or RALO page in general. And then from this page, you can also go to the ALS page and the page for APRALO members, and that includes future individual members, as well. So the way I get there is, I will show you again, is there's a link of APRALO members on the last column, and then that will take you directly to that page.

And here, as you can see, is we have listed all of the APRALO ALSes, their logo, their name, their country, their city, and then each of the ALS has their wiki page, and then if they have a website, we will also promote them here.

And the good thing about this is you can, this page is that you can also do search. So if I want to search an ALS in Fiji and I just put Fiji here and then this will [inaudible] here. So it's very easy to use.

And, in fact, I just had a conversation with Beran about the potential improvements for this page and possibly we can incorporate some slogans from ALSes here to make this even more attractive and also [inaudible] standardized logo size to make it more consistent. So that's the ALS page, and before I wrap up this section, I just wanted to show you another way to get to these pages.

As you can see, there is a top navigation menu, and there's one called the community. And if you click on that, it will show ALAC and other

RALOs and ALSes, and from there, you can also go to these pages. So I will stop there and if anybody has a comment or question, please feel free to speak up. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Ariel. This is really a great job and I agree with many [inaudible] here that it's easy to navigate and to find the information. And we have two questions from Yasuichi and Fouad. Yasuichi is asking if the event calendar will be synchronized with the ISOC events calendar.

ARIEL LIANG:

Thank you, Siranush, and thank you for the question. So right now, the calendar we have here is – I'll go back to the calendar. So that's all the At-Large community events or calls or meetings. So we know that APRALO has worked with I think Technology Taskforce to develop – there's a team calendar that can promote ALS events or events in the region.

So right now, what we did is to first promote that on the APRALO age. And as you can see, this entry is about this particular outreach calendar, so that can show the ISOC event and things like that.

And to my knowledge, ICANN from staff side, we're also exploring different options to develop a more advanced kind of collaborative calendar, so that can be incorporated to this website in the future. So we are actually learning from the community about that and see what are the potential to incorporate all these inputs in one place. But right

now, we cannot treat them separately due to current limitations. So yeah, I hope I answered your question.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Ariel. I think this is good idea here to host APRALO-related activities and many of our members are ISOC chapters. So if they could also [inaudible] their events as an ISOC chapter, this may be also a really good information for others to know that this region within the framework of the ISOC chapter, also the type of activities are implemented like we have a couple of events in Hyderabad recently and in [inaudible] in Pakistan and [inaudible] about particularly.

So all the events were posted here and we can see that also ISOC chapters are doing a great job there. So if I cannot [inaudible] APRALO members to continue posting or sending the information about the event, and they will be posted here and we will really have a very updated calendar [inaudible] know what kind of activities are taking place in our region. That would be really great.

And Ariel, we have another question from Fouad. What CMS platform will be used for building this platform?

ARIEL LIANG:

Thank you, Siranush. Sorry. My audio was not clear. Could you repeat the question, please? CMS platform. Okay. I got it. So this, actually, this CMS platform is completely natively viewed, so that means I can develop this CMS from scratch, and the reason is because there was

some kind of time constraint or limitation to find a right platform and so that's why we're building this completely from scratch.

But right now, the IT is in process identifying a CMS for future SO/AC website and that can probably help upgrade in the At-Large website later on when it identify that. But right now this is native viewed.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you very much. Ariel, Fouad [inaudible] without [inaudible] and he couldn't [inaudible] the answer, if I can ask you to type it in our space, that would be great. Really will appreciate that. Okay. There is no any other questions, I don't see any hand raised, but keep this website in your framework so try to [inaudible] and if you find anything, you would like to add there, please send the information to Ariel, which will be done very quickly. I can encourage [inaudible].

Thank you very much and [inaudible] less than 20 minutes left, let's move forward to our next agenda item, which is IGF 2015 update. As you all know, Satish and myself were participating there with the support of ICANN but we have a lot of APRALO members, which I really love to see all of them very actively involved in IGF.

And we had several presentations there, workshops organized there, and I will just give the floor to Satish to provide [inaudible] update related to it, workshop, and if there's anyone here who would like also to talk about this, just we have six minutes to talk about IGF. So Satish, please, the floor is yours.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Siranush. I hope I'm audible.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Yes, we can hear you [inaudible].

SATISH BABU:

[inaudible] thank you. I have two things regarding the IGF. This was the tenth IGF and the IGF mandate is renewed every five years, so this time, also, the mandate is technically over and the renewal process is on for the next five years. This IGF was a very successful IGF in terms of the sessions, the participation, and the hospitality. Perhaps, the best IGF ever.

The third point that I observed was that the presence of youth were extremely strong and for the first time, the youth said that, look, the older people step aside, we are taking over, which is actually really interesting. The hot topic of this IGF were net neutrality, zero-rating, digital ethics [inaudible], human rights, and gender.

And in gender, the interesting point was that the third gender is now become a formal part of the gender [inaudible] and some of us who [inaudible] and we were having a discussion on this aspect.

The next point is that if a RALO was actually quite well represented that Siranush just mentioned, [inaudible] who is actually organizing a workshop, Gunela, Edmon, several members from other parts of Asia-Pacific, and for us, it will be also helpful in finalizing some of the strategy plan component discussions with partners [inaudible] and outside.

There's also the meeting of the Asia-Pacific regional IGF and the new summer school on Internet governance which is being proposed as a part of the regional IGF. Finally, I [inaudible] workshop [inaudible] from Siranush, and this is on free open source software and the free open Internet.

The workshop [inaudible] it had much more participation than what we expected, and we had pretty good discussions and the overall consensus was that the discussion should be taken forward. The strength and weaknesses of the open source model in comparison with – or rather the [synergy] with the open Internet was actually the main topic for discussion.

And overall, the [inaudible] this time, and I will be [inaudible] the idea of [inaudible] I missed the first few. For me, also it is actually quite a very positive experience and ICANN was also represented quite a bit in a lot of sessions including the ICANN open session at this IGF. So this is it from me. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Satish. [inaudible] a couple of words to what has been said. We also had chance to meet with our regional RIR partners [inaudible] and discussed a couple of upcoming events with them and we [inaudible] quite a lot, of course, from their part. So [inaudible] and we are, myself and Satish, are in the process of preparing our participation report there at IGF 2015. So we'll be submitting soon and you will also see there our report.

And the next IGF is now the IGF mandate of actually, at this point, is in the pending mode, and in December, there will be a meeting in UN, and they will be discussing [inaudible] and in case it will be continued, the next IGF already will be hosted in Mexico. So Mexican government also provided their support to be a host for the next year, so there will be an information-related continuation on IGF mandate.

Any other additions on this topic? I don't see any hands raised, so if no, then let's move to another agenda item. Ad Hoc [inaudible] APRALO upcoming webinar and Kelvin, Ariel, just give us brief update [inaudible] expected on November 24.

**KELVIN WONG:** 

Okay. Hi, everyone. Thanks, Siranush. This is Kelvin Wong, ICANN staff from the APAC hub. Can you hear me well? Hello, can you hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:

[inaudible].

**KELVIN WONG:** 

Okay. Sure. So for this APRALO APAC hub webinar is part of the APRALO APAC hub cooperation framework, and we have been holding this roughly about once every two months, and for the next, the upcoming one, we'll be having it on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, 05:00 UTC. For this, we will be updating everyone on the IANA transition proposals. We'll first give a quick background on the transition and then the overview of the ICG and CCWG Accountability tracks. And, of course, the latest update

in Dublin and the latest update and what will happen on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November when we're up for another public comment.

Thank you to Cheryl, who has agreed to do this as part of the APAC [inaudible] giving of APAC community perspective. From APAC hub, Low Jia Rong, Senior Director, will be going through the first part of, be about 20 minutes, and then he will be followed by Cheryl Langdon-Orr. I will try my best to attend this. I will be away in Japan. I'm in Japan now to cover some engagement activities, so I'll try my best to attend. So thank you, Cheryl and Jia Rong in advance for this, and I hope to see everyone at the APRALO APAC hub webinar series. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Yes. Thank you very much, Kelvin, and we are looking forward to the latest update on IANA stewardship transition and ICANN accountability. So please, APRALO members, participate in the webinar [inaudible] organized especially for you and to update you what's going on and to what is on the table now.

Thank you, Kelvin, once again and we have a new idea developed by Maureen and I would like to give the floor to talk about the e-book, which Maureen is now in the process of collaboration. Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Siranush. I mean, this is related to the previous item, which is one of the problems that we have as a region is that our time zones often prevent at least one section our members from being able to

attend the webinars in real time. And so when I was in Dublin, I happened to Glenn McKnight, whom we met earlier, and we were talking about the fact that we both were doing e-book projects on our own respective abodes, and we decided that developing an e-book on the webinars that we were holding, because it's so valuable and so interesting, that we felt that we should have something that's [inaudible] users, members, ALS members could read on their own time.

Because we [inaudible] we wondered how realistic it was for people to actually, after a webinar, to wade through 10-12 pages of transcript plus listen to an extra hour of the recording. I mean, I'm sure everyone here has actually done that but we just sort of felt that there might be a better way of producing this information.

So I've actually, the very first e-book that we've actually been working on, and I'm just going to put the link of where we've stored this first effort, was Heidi's webinar. It was actually the At-Large Capacity Building webinar on At-Large Working Group. And this was an interesting topic to start because it enabled us not only to reconstruct the presentation that Heidi gave, but we were able to add extra information into the book.

Now I've given you the link and I would really like – sort of like some feedback on that. We'd like you to sort of like check into the e-book, and if you connect this, I would like really like to what you think. And if you can't access it, I'd like to know that, as well.

So we'd like some feedback on this and so if you can get into the website, which is actually sort of like the original website, I see that just

to do the APRALO survey, but it's come in handy for [inaudible] this first effort of ours, so we'd really like the feedback and if you can e-mail it directly to me or, yeah, probably [inaudible] would be the best, and so that we can actually develop it further from there. Thank you.

**CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:** 

Sorry, I'm trying to put my hand up [inaudible] I was trying to put my hand up. I just would like if Maureen could also either Skype or e-mail to the list that link, please, because, for example, I can't access links from the Android devices, and I'd be keen to have a look at it. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yes, I will. I'll do that.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, [inaudible] and thanks, Maureen, for such a great initiative. I think this will be a really very good tool for us to use, and I, again, encourage our members to go by the link, which it's posted in chat [inaudible] by Maureen, and to give your ideas and your feedback on that.

So any other questions we need to cover [inaudible]? If no, then we'll move to the next agenda item, which is [inaudible] 26 participation. I'll just give a brief update that we are in the process of procuring the proper [inaudible] to be able to participate there. We have also contacted our RIRs to get some support from them, and sounds that some of them will be happy to help us.

APNIC and the APTLD are really interested to get more Pacific Island participation there, so if you will know and we already contacted Maureen and [Xavier] on that topic to find out ccTLDs in Pacific islands who would be able to travel to New Zealand and they will get, and if they are able to go there, then APTLD will provide support, financial support, for their accommodation.

And we also will be having support from dot-Asia to cover the fee for participation for several members of APRALO, and APNIC also has a fellowship component there. So I hope those [inaudible] apply for fellowship from APRALO. Actually, this is open only for Asia-Pacific region, they will get the full support from APNIC to get there and to participate in their training component and also their conference part.

So there will be, I assume there will be many members of APRALO, many ALSes will be there, and looking forward to the cooperative effort there. Maureen actually also is involved. She will be included in the agenda of APTLD conference, which will took place on 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of February, and she will be giving the presentation on APRALO activities and also some information from Pacific island. So APRALO will be having their own slot for it, and thanks, Gisella for posting also the link to [inaudible].

So that much for now, but we'll give updates as we have more. Any questions to that? Any additions? If no, then we have the last agenda item, which is TLD. If someone would like to say something about anything you think it's important to share with us, it is time to do that. And I see Kelvin has something to share with us under AOB. Kelvin, the floor is yours.

**KELVIN WONG:** 

Hello? Siranush, thank you for giving me the floor again. I would just like to share very briefly because I mentioned Japan, so I got some questions asking what I was doing here. So this is part of our regular outreach by APAC hub. This is, in fact, Japan's Internet week, where they will go through a series of — it's a few days from starting from 17<sup>th</sup> of November, they go through quite a robust series of courses and tutorials and update sessions and also the Internet Governance Conference Japan.

So I attended the ICANN update session where I updated about APAC activities during ICANN 54, specifically on the APAC space. I also took the opportunity here, for what it's worth, to update the Japanese on the APAC hub and APRALO – APRALO APAC hub webinar. So this is just an update for everyone. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Kelvin. Thank you very much. And I also would like to add that recently, APRALO selected a candidate for finance and budget group committee and Ali AlMeshal will be serving there from last year will be representing the RALO and he also has to select one ALAC member, and we have Maureen being selected out of three ALAC members we have, Holly, Kaili, and Maureen. So Maureen will be serving in the finance and budget group on behalf of APRALO as ALAC member.

So this is just for the record for all of us to know. Any other input? Anything else we missed? So if no, this is one minute to 06:00 UTC and I

would like to thank everyone for your participation. And looking forward to [inaudible] in our upcoming webinar on 24<sup>th</sup> of November at 05:00 UTC.

Once again, thank you very much for participation and the meeting is adjourned now.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:

Thanks, Siranush. Thanks, everyone. Bye.

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