
GISELLA GRUBER: Wednesday, December 9th, 6:30 UTC time. On English, we Seun, Barrack, Dev, Daniel, Beran, Brahim Ousmane Mustapha, Ephraim, Gabriel, and, Mwendwa Kivuva.

On the French channel, we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Abdeldjalil, Wafa, Norbert, Michel.

And we have apologies from Baudouin Schombe and Sarah Kiden,.

Aziz Hilali will join us in about ten minutes. He is a little bit late.

From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco, Yesim Nazlar, and Gisella Gruber.

Our interpreters tonight are Claire and Isabelle.

And if I might remind you, please, to state your name when you speak so that we might be able to identify you on the other channel. Same thing for the French channel, of course. Thank you very much.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Gisella. Hello, everyone. Good morning. Good evening. I know that I am not Aziz Hilali, but I will fill in for him to give him some time to get here. He is actually welcoming people – leaders of ICANN – to prepare the Marrakech meeting.

You have the agenda on the right on Adobe Connect. I would like to start now. Because I do not see any hands raised, I assume that the agenda is adopted.

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Let us first start with item two for public comments. You have links. The first link for public comments, the ones that are open. Then on the other side, you have... Excuse me, I think Aziz has come. I have just started and I am reading the agenda. We actually adopted the agenda already and I said that we would move on to public comments. You can actually go ahead.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Tijani.

INTERPRETER: Excuse me, I have a problem with the sound. I cannot interpret. Just a minute. I am trying. However, Aziz needs to be interrupted because of his sound. If you can just be patient for a minute, thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Do you think this is better?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you, Aziz. I think this is better now.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you for that. Hello, everyone. I am very glad to be with you. Thank you, Tijani, for having started without me. I would like to apologize for the delay.

The first point has to do with public comments on the preliminary report on a GNSO policy development people to review all rights protection mechanisms in all gTLDs. The second point has to do with removing the contract – [inaudible] contract. The third point is also another public comment consultation as far as the implementation of new gTLDs. The fourth point is a directive for the development of the rule sets – the label generation rule sets. The fifth point is the implementation of the inter-registrar question. This is part B. The last point has to do with volunteers as far as the gTLD marketplace of [indexed]proposal.

As you know, we have an important number of comments and volunteers. So we need to study the market in that area. That's all I have to say on the first point. If nobody has anything to say, if nobody wishes to raise their hand, I will move to the third point as far as the reports are concerned. We will start as usual with the recent activities, ALAC first. I will give the floor to Wafa, if Wafa is here, so that we might find out in about five minutes what they have done with Beran.

I'm not sure if they are present. I think we have Wafa. I'm not sure about Seun. Wafa, Seun, go ahead if you would like to take the floor.

Wafa is apparently speaking, but she cannot be heard at this point. Wafa, are you there? If we do not have Wafa, then let's have Seun speak at this point. Seun, are you there? Are you able to speak? Seun?

BERAN GILLEN:

I think Seun said at the beginning of the call that he'll only be on audio. He won't be able to speak.

AZIZ HILALI: Wafa, are you able to speak? We need to check what is going on. So *7 on your phone to unmute. Wafa, we cannot hear you if you are speaking. It's *7 to speak. Okay, Wafa, we can hear you now.

WAFDA DAHMANI: Hello, everyone. What I wanted to say as far as the last discussion that we had with ALAC is that I think that what we need to have is a face-to-face meeting in order to speak one last time about ICANN accountability as others have proposed. But I think that we have not yet decided on this. Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, we can hear you. Go ahead. Wafa, you can go ahead. You can be heard.

WAFDA DAHMANI: What I wanted to say is that we have not yet determined whether we would be having a face-to-face meeting, but it is something that we would like to [inaudible]. That's all I have to say on that point.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Wafa. Tijani, would you like to add something? We will not talk about the transition right now. This is something we will address later. Yes, even though I did not attend the ICANN meeting – the ALAC ICANN meeting – I know that we are very busy at this point

with the approval of the candidates for the consumer trust review group. Several candidates asked to be validated, to be approved. So tonight there will be a meeting on that point. This is one of the groups that are very important. Of course all groups are important, but we are... The selection process is a very [inaudible] process. We want to make sure that we don't approve of anyone who may not contribute enough, who may not advance the interest of end users within that framework. That's what I wanted to say on that point. Thank you.

Yes, Wafa, go ahead.

Wafa DAHMANI:

I just wanted to add as far as [inaudible] and the endorsement of the candidates, we determined that each RALO put forward a name and that it would be based on the ALT's proposal. And AFRALO made some proposals. Yes, exactly.

Aziz HILALI:

Thanks very much, Wafa. That is exactly right. I sent a message and we proposed Beran's name for that position. What I'd like to suggest at this point is that we move on to the next point as far as recent activities. Is there anyone who would like to address their local activities?

Tijani raised his hand. Go ahead, Tijani.

Tijani BEN JEMAA:

I would like to actually talk about the previous point, Aziz. I would like to point out that Beran was selected to be part of the group that will select

or that will decide on which candidate to approve for the consumer review group. Beran will work with the ALT with the ExCom group. So she will be with the leadership group and she will be in charge of approving candidates that will be picked for this consumer review group. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Tijani. Let's go back to RALO activities. I will now give the floor to Philippe for the [Agri Coast] ALS that he is in charge.

PHILIPPE BATREAU: Hello, everyone. During the [Africa West] festival there was a presentation that was organized with some workshops on Internet governance.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Philippe. Is that all?

PHILIPPE BATREAU: Yes, that's all I wanted to say. I just wanted to mention that it went very well. We had a round table with different representatives. The AfriNIC representative was there. There was a representative from ALAC. There were people who spoke to Internet governance.

INTERPRETER: I apologize. The interpreter really has a hard time. I cannot hear anything.

SEUN OJEDEJI: [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much Philippe. Tijani, were you asking for the floor? Who is speaking, please? Okay, we have the ALS from Morocco. We have a conference and there is an important presence in [inaudible] in Morocco. They told us that it was an important event organized in the school. We have also on the 22nd and 23rd of December, we have an activity [inaudible] diversity. This is the third activity. And we have received on last Sunday three vice chairs from the meeting from the Arabic region and the global stakeholders. And we will have a meeting about policy development.

We have three [steps] organized – one in Casablanca on domain names. We had a meeting with a private sector to speak about the domain name industry. We went also to Marrakech yesterday. We had a meeting with people from Marrakech University to speak about the participation of the ICANN meeting which will take place in March next year. We are preparing the next meeting, next ICANN. We had a very good reception until now, and there was – we will have a conference for local people and another meeting.

Is there someone who wants to speak about the activities?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. My ALS participated to the forum which took place in Tunisia. It's a yearly meeting with a very active participation. I

was in charge of a panel. I organized it with speakers. We had three ministers invited. Only one came. The [ICU] was a lot of – the representative of the [ICU] was also there.

We allocated more time to this panel because of the interest of the public. I think our ALS was very active with all those participated to the general report. I'm finished.

Seun, do you want to take the floor.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yes, [inaudible].

INTERPRETER: Just a minute. I'm going to tell Aziz. Just a second.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Can you hear me? Can I speak now.

INTERPRETER: Seun, go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yeah. I think I was asked to talk about [inaudible] the activities of ALAC. [inaudible] discussions.

INTERPRETER: Seun, you want to talk about CCWG? Aziz is saying it is not the moment. Please can you wait a little later? I have very bad audio for you, Seun. It's very difficult to understand you. I'm sorry.

AZIZ HILALI: I'd like to say that today, this afternoon, we were received by the digital economy minister about the next meeting in Marrakech. It was a very positive meeting for next ICANN meeting and the minister told us that this ICANN meeting and two other meetings that took place in Morocco – Digital African Meeting and another meeting – are very important for our region.

Now we are going to move to next item. That is to say any other business – no, items for discussion. I'm sorry. We are going to speak about... Okay, we are on item 4, items for information. I'm going to give the floor to Mohamed, to Tijani and Seun and Beran.

First we are going to speak about IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) and we are going to speak about cross-community working group. Mohamed, you are with us on the English channel. Can you hear me, Mohamed?

Okay, if there is no answer from Mohamed, we are going to move to the next item from items for information. This is the Cross-Community Working Group on ICANN Accountability (CCWG). Seun is our expert. Seun, you have the floor.

There is some problem with Seun's connection. We always have the same problem in AFRALO teleconferences. So waiting for Seun, I'm

going to give the floor to Tijani who will speak about the CCWG. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Aziz. The CCWG on [inaudible] responsibility has finished its third report and it was sent to public comments on the 21st of December [inaudible]. Then we will move to the second report. We need to move [from] the governance model with only one member, with a sole member system, because ICANN is a corporation without members. So what we propose for the second report, it was only one member representing all the community. But after the public comment, we decided that the best was to use the sole designator system, or sole designator model.

That means that all the community will act through this designator, unique designator, sole designator for all the community. This governance model is better because it will not give all the rights, all the statutory rights, to the member.

So the sole designator won't have those rights. He will only have the statutory rights to nominate the board members through the statute of our corporation we are working. So we will have other rights, our powers for our community. This will stay in the next report, but thanks to the bylaws, the community will have the possibility to have more powers and this will also give us the possibility to recall or to [sue] the organization if we can't reach an agreement with the board. For example, for the review process – independent review process – because the community, in the case of the escalation process for...

That is to say, first, a request, then the approval of a forum. And then if we can't reach an agreement, we will discuss in a community forum. Then if we can't reach an agreement, we will send a message to the board and the board will have to accept. If the board doesn't accept, we will move to the next step. We will use other means as the independent review process with an independent panel which will [inaudible] on the issue and which will take a decision that the board will have to accept.

If it's not the case, the community has the power to [sue] the board. It is very important difference between the second and the third proposal. We will go from sole member with all statutory rights to sole designator with the same powers, but that will have more consolidated powers through the ICANN statute – through the ICANN bylaws; I'm sorry.

So those are the changes. If you want to have more details, you can read and make some comments. Everybody can make comments on this issue. And each comment will be read and taken into account. So please read that and make your comments. That will have an impact on our decision.

The African voice is very important it will be heard. If you don't make any comment, we won't be heard. The African voice won't be heard. What else can I say about those proposals? As I say, the public comment is closing on the 21st of December and afterwards it will be finished. We won't make any more comments and we won't be able to complain. So I think I'm finished. With what I said, I think you can go and read those comments and add your own comments.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Tijani. It was very useful to hear this summary. We are following that work, the CCWG work. And I hope there will be some more comments.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: AFRALO will have a comment. We'll make a comment, and this comment will be [submitted] to AFRALO. We won't have much time. We will try to prepare something and send it to you. ALAC will also make a comment. ALAC will have to approve or disapprove the proposal.

It is an organization that is in the charter of this group, so the opinion of the organization is very important for our proposal.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Thank you very much, Tijani. We have Michel asking for the floor. Michel, you have the floor.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Yes. Good evening, Aziz. Good evening, everybody. Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes. We can hear you very well, Michel.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Okay. I don't know what Tijani said. It was a summary or we need to make a comment on what Tijani said?

AZIZ HILALI: You can make a comment if you want, Michel.

MICHEL TCHONANG: It is true that I've lost two calls and I couldn't follow in a coherent way all the changes. And I'm worried about the sole designator question. Could you please... While it is true that we will be able to react through our comments, but as ICANN is [inaudible] rights structure, is it possible to see if it's compatible with their laws? When we say member, sole member, we will give him a power and he will work in the ICANN interest.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Can I answer?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes. Please, Michel, are you finished?

MICHEL TCHONANG: Yes, I am finished.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, Tijani, you have the floor. Thank you, Michel, for your question. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Michel. I told you that we have changed. The second proposal was about the sole member. Now we are working on the sole

designator. This designator has statutory rights only to nominate and to recall the ICANN members. The rest of the powers come from the bylaws. These are the powers that were in the second report. They are still in the third report and they will be [exercised] through the ICANN bylaws. But at the statutory level, the sole designator will nominate and will recall the ICANN members and nothing else.

So your fears are not related to this version of the report. It is finished. We are not in this system anymore. It has changed.

MICHEL TCHNONANG: Okay, thank you very much, Tijani.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Michel. Thank you, Tijani. If there are no other questions, we are going to move to the next item and we are going to give the floor to Beran. We are going to speak about something that is very important for Beran. That is to say the review of the update At-Large meeting schedule for new meetings A, B, and C – what will change for ALAC. Because, as you know, we will have meetings A, B, C from Marrakech on. In Marrakech, it will be the A meeting. Beran, if you are here, you have the floor so you can explain us how it will work. Beran, can you hear me?

BERAN GILLEN: Yes, I can hear you clear. Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Perfectly. Go ahead.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay, thank you. Hello, everyone. I'm just going to make this very quick. It was supposed to be a presentation of all the meeting schedules, but we don't have much time. So since the upcoming meeting we'll be dealing with will be Meeting A, I chose to put that up on the screen.

The reason I wanted you to look at it is because I know we're talking about outreach and we're also talking about – we discussed during the AFRALO showcase meeting organizing committee. We discussed a lot of things which I have incorporated in this schedule.

I want to quickly skim through the schedule very quickly, just to go through the days so you'll have an idea of what is planned for Meeting A. Now, Meeting A will be the six-day meeting. It will start on a Saturday and end on a Thursday.

This meeting for ALAC would normally be like a normal ICANN meeting, so to speak, because a normal ICANN meeting does span five to six days. But there's a big difference here with the schedule. We have the same sessions that we have on Saturday which is the strategy session. We also have some working groups that we've input in there. The whole schedule has taken into account about six working group meetings.

Now, the reason why you will see these working groups separate standalone rather than running concurrently is because we've realized that a lot of people participate in different working groups, and therefore we need to run the working groups separately on separate

time slots so that person will be able to attend both working group meetings.

So for the weekend, Saturday and Sunday, it's mainly ALAC strategy sessions and ALAC regional leadership sessions. We also slotted in ALAC – the RALO secretariat meeting on Sunday afternoon.

Now, on Monday it will be mostly welcome remarks for the president. Then you'll see a slight change in the schedule. We actually have two public forums for this meeting now. We have a public forum on a Monday and then we have a public forum on a Thursday. The public forum on Monday will be Monday afternoon, [inaudible] Monday evening from 5:00 to 6:30. As of now, that's where it's slotted in. Let's remember that this is a new meeting strategy, so the meeting is dynamic. We have a lot of high-interest topics on Monday and then we have the opening ceremony at the beginning of the day.

Now, what you will realize, starting from the Saturday you have capacity building which I slotted in the beginning of each day. Every morning we have an hour of capacity building. Now, I want feedback from this meeting. From the last meeting that we had, we discussed capacity building for incoming NGOs that we may invite. I would like to know the status of that perhaps from Aziz or from Tijani and they'll be able to maybe clarify this one-hour capacity building whether it's necessary every day or whether it's just a specific day.

If we move on to Tuesday, we have some regional meetings. The regional meetings are the RALO meetings – that is the five RALOs. So what I've done is for each meeting now I've actually allocated an hour

for every single RALO to meet at every single meeting. We have a lot of outreach on Tuesday. The reason I moved the outreach to Tuesday is because it was slotted in for Saturday, but the feedback we got is nobody is going to be at work on Saturday. No schools will be open on Saturday. So therefore the outreach was moved to Tuesday. It was going to be slotted in on Monday, then we realized the welcome ceremony and the public forum. So then it was slotted into Tuesday. So we have outreach where we'll actually be taking a bus and going out to the community and engaging then on ICANN issues.

We will now need to decide where we want to go, what we want to discuss, language barriers, how we will deal with translations. These are all things that we would need to discuss and agree on and we don't have much time.

I'm going to quickly skim through. On Tuesday, I slotted in the showcase. Then on Wednesday we have some working groups. We have a meeting with the board. We have another RALO regional meeting and then the wrap-up. Then we have a gala on Wednesday evening.

Then on Thursday is the day where we actually meet with the rest of the community. Whether we choose to do it in [inaudible], we could attend the working group that is the CCWG, the CCWG [IG]. Or we could also invite other communities into our At-Large and have meetings with them. Then we have what we normally have at the end of every meeting – the At-Large team leadership meeting, which is the [inaudible] of ALAC. They will meet. Then we will have the closing public forum at the end of the meeting. Then we'll have a public board meeting and wrap-up cocktail.

So I guess what I really want feedback on is whether the gala is still good on Wednesday, whether the regional showcase is still good on Tuesday and whether we're still having the capacity building slotted in during the course of the week. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: I'd like to take the floor.

INTERPRETER: Just a minute. I'm going to ask Aziz.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Beran. I'm going to give the floor to Seun, but before... Can you hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Yes, we can hear you.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Thank you, Beran, for your presentation. I would like to just answer your question. As far as the gala, as you know we will have a gala dinner. The Telecom Regulation Agency will put it together. It will be on Wednesday night.

As far as the showcase, actually we just decided on the date today. Since we asked... Since certain persons asked to be present, we need to actually have Beran and the staff note that the showcase will occur on Monday at 6:30. That's the first point.

Secondly, I will let Tijani and others make remarks as to what Beran just talked about. We do not have a lot of time based on the agenda. We are already late, but there is a committee. It is called the Marrakech something committee – Marrakech Meeting Committee I think. That committee is devoted on that subject. Who would like to speak? Seun, you can go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you very much. Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes. We can hear you, Seun. Go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Thank you, Beran, for the presentation. I just want to get clarification on the first item that you mentioned about the capacity building. [inaudible] confirmed that the timing [we selected] [inaudible] newcomer sessions. Also [inaudible], because I also think some of the fellows and newcomers may want to participate in that session.

The other thing I think we have not confirmed is what the capacity building [inaudible] is for. [inaudible] ALSes and so on and so forth. I remember that Barrack sent a call to the list for ALSes that will be

present at Marrakech. That is the intent of the capacity building for that set of people. I think we need to clarify that, so that way we can know [inaudible]. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Seun. Who would like to answer that question?

[TIJANI BEN JEMAA]: I actually have another question.

AZIZ HILALI: Tijani, you do? Okay, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. I also have a question for Beran. What are the data that she used in order to put together this schedule? Because if I understand correctly the working group that she's working with is considering the type of outreach that we will organize, especially as far as the B meeting is concerned. I think that group was supposed to speak about that. [inaudible] group that was supposed to be planning the meetings. We need to make sure that the data that is used is adequate because we can't change things constantly. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much. I appreciate what Tijani just said. However, many things are included in Beran's schedule. I would like for Beran to answer

the question. Beran, if you can go ahead and answer our questions, that would be great. You have the floor, Beran.

BERAN GILLEN:

Thank you, Aziz. My line dropped right before any of the questions was asked. I could hear the questions in French, but my AC wasn't so clear. I know Seun asked a question and Tijani asked a question. Perhaps you can just indulge me and ask it really quickly again, so I can simply answer. I know we don't have much time. My apologies. My line dropped.

AZIZ HILALI:

Okay. I will repeat the question that Tijani asked. The question was the following. There were certain points that have been planned out by Beran that have to do with certain entities, such as AFRALO, ALAC and so forth.

Now, as far as the ICANN week, is this the general plan for the A,B, C meeting? Tijani would like to know whether Beran is speaking about ICANN 55 and specific entities, because the work applies to different entities. Go ahead, Beran.

BERAN GILLEN:

Thank you, Aziz. If the question is is this schedule for Meeting A Marrakech, yes. But this is a tentative schedule and it's likely to change. We're still waiting for input from the board. [inaudible] schedule. They are doing so on Friday. That will also impact our schedule.

We have also not confirmed – the ALAC has not [inaudible] voted on the schedule yet. So things are likely to move around. It has been presented to them. We're waiting for final feedback from them.

So if the question is, "Is this the final schedule for Marrakech?" the answer is no. It is likely to change. It's actually [inaudible] the showcase is moving from Thursday to Monday. That's a huge thing. It is not a final document. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Beran. I'm not sure that you understood the question. The question is whether Beran is in charge of planning ICANN 55, the 55th meeting. Alan would like to speak at this point. Go ahead, Alan.

BERAN GILLEN: Can I just answer that before you give...

ALAN GREENBERG: Go ahead.

BERAN GILLEN: I just wanted to clarify, I am not in charge of planning any meeting. I am merely just putting together the meeting structure as chair of the Meeting Strategy Working Party. With regards to the details of the meeting itself, I am not in charge of that. That is solely under the organizing committee. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Very well. Thank you. Alan Greenberg, you can go ahead.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. Two quick point. Although the question... It wasn't the question that was asked, but I'll answer it clearly anyway. Meeting schedules are always in flux and are changing up until the very last moment. Various things happen. People's availability changes and other things change around us. There's never a [final] schedule until after the meeting, to be quite honest, because there are changes that are often made during the week. There are just things out of our control. I think that's important to understand.

In terms of meeting planning, the person from the At-Large Advisory Committee, the key person is Leon Sanchez. He's done the last two meetings and has done an excellent job. He works primarily with Gisella Gruber on staff to do the meeting arrangements. There are other people who are involved. I'm certainly involved as chair. And there are other people who get involved in specific aspects of it, but that's the main group that looks at the detailed meeting planning for specific meetings.

Now, Beran has led the group that is looking at overall meeting strategy, and therefore she will be involved, even if she doesn't know it. But she's not the key person who takes responsibility for it. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Alan, for this clarification. We only have a few minutes left, so if you agree, we will skip one of the points that we had

and move directly to ICANN 55. I don't see anybody opposed to that. So we will skip IGF 2015 and move to our discussion topics.

So as far as ICANN 55, I already spoke a little bit about it. We welcomed three of the chairs in Morocco recently in order to prepare for the meeting. We went to three different cities in order to involve regional and national leaders in the meeting. There were three conferences. I was part of some of them. We had a meeting just today with the ministers. Tomorrow we will meet with regulation agency. The hotels have already been reserved. Several hundred rooms have been blocked and everything is filling up. So if you would like to get the list of other hotels so that you can communicate that to other people within ICANN, you can go ahead and ask. We already have a committee in place. There are invitations that are being prepared and we already have a committee set in place for all of those questions.

Several members of the [governments] are aware that this is going on. It has been received very positively. There is another meeting going on, [not directly] an ICANN meeting, but a meeting that has to do with [investments] in Africa and so forth.

Now, if you don't have any questions on the preparations for the meeting, we can move to our last point – the showcase. There are four main activities that we need to address.

So first of all, encouraging different associations to become ALSes. As far as training, I remind you that we have an AFRALO committee that is in charge of this. Finally, we are working with the staff to plan a budget. That's it. I want to stop here, and I would like to give the floor to people

who have raised their hands. I see that Michel would like to speak, so go ahead, Michel.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Thank you, Aziz. I just wanted to know – something earlier was suggested that we might have an opportunity to...

AZIZ HILALI: Please repeat your question. We couldn't hear you.

MICHEL TCHONANG: There was an idea at one point that was suggested to organize a meeting between AFRALO and our ministers. Is that correct?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes. That meeting will actually take place on Monday. It is a high-level meeting...

MICHEL TCHONANG: No, no, no, Aziz. That's not what I'm talking about. We had talked about something different. This is not the high-level meeting I'm speaking to. We had talked about the opportunity to organize a meeting between the administrators and the AFRALO members. It would be an opportunity to present the issues that the community is faced with.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, okay, I understand your question. I think, Michel, that we already pondered on that and realized it is very difficult for AFRALO to meet with the ministers. However, we could try and be involved in a special meeting – that’s what we called it, a special meeting – for the African ministers. This would be a meeting with the organizers and AFRALO would have an opportunity to speak or to address certain issues during that meeting. That will be our goal, to define what the needs are, to define what we need from the ministers within our organization.

MICHEL TCHONANG: Thank you very much. I understand.

AZIZ HILALI: Are there other people who would like to speak at this point? Anyone?

SEUN OJEDEJI: This is Seun for the record. Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: What I was saying, the other sign was that we need to be clear on what we want to use the capacity building—

INTERPRETER: I cannot understand anything. I think several people are speaking at once.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Do I have the floor?

INTERPRETER: I'm sorry, but someone was speaking in French at the same time as you were, Seun, so I missed that.

AZIZ HILALI: There are activities in Morocco, in Chad. I know that there are several things going on, but they are not necessarily being communicated. So I would like for you to look at the wiki page so that we can find out exactly – or you can find out exactly – what's going on within the different ALSes.

I am very happy to see that there are so many activities and I ask [inaudible] to make sure and always update our page. It is very useful. Does anybody want to speak? Who would like to speak?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I would like to speak.

AZIZ HILALI: Go ahead, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Within the CROPP program, I was involved in the AFRINIC meeting in the Congo [inaudible], and I think that meeting was a great success. ICANN was involved and certain people were represented [inaudible] ICANN and I actually did a presentation on AFRALO and the ICANN in general. I talked about accountability and what ICANN is doing in that area. I think that the involvement was great. There were many contacts, networking was useful, and many ALSes were there. I think it was a great success. Thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Tijani, and congratulations for all of the work that you have done in order to grow our region. I would like to thank everyone else who is working at the local level. I would like to also thank the staff, Claire, Isabelle, and the secretariat for their work and their support. Thank you again, and goodbye, everyone.

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