
At-Large Ad-Hoc New Meeting Strategy Working Party
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GISELLA GRUBER: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to today's At-Large Ad-Hoc New Meeting Strategy Working Party call on Thursday, November 19, at 15:00 UTC.

On today's call, we have Beran Gillen, Alan Greenberg, Maureen Hilyard, Eduardo Diaz, Vanda Scartezini, Sebastien Bachollet. From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich and myself, Gisela Gruber. Sandra Hoefrichter has just joined us as well.

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

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you, Gisella. Hello, everyone. Thanks for joining the meeting. Since we're already running about five minutes late, I'm just going to jump right into the agenda. Gisella, we don't have the agenda on the screen actually.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry. The agenda is there.

BERAN GILLEN: Alright. We'll first go to the action items, if any, from the last meeting. Do we have any action items from the last meeting, Gisella?

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GISELLA GRUBER: Beran, no action items noted. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Great. Fantastic. This is going to be a good one. So we'll just jump right into point number 3, reviewing the Meetings A, B, and C. What we're trying to do in this meeting is we're going to really look at the structure of the meeting.

What we did was, if you remember in our last meeting, we got the block schedule from Tanzania. We've actually now populated that block schedule with ALAC for Meeting A, B, and C. If Gisella can help put up Meeting A, we're going to go through it day-by-day and you guys will have a look at it.

It's basically the same thing that we had before, maybe a few sessions moved around taking into account the public forums and the other sessions which are fixed on the schedule. But other than that, everything basically seems the same. The difference between this schedule and the schedule that we discussed in the last meeting was this takes into account the lunch breaks and the coffee breaks. It basically makes it a bit more realistic with regards to how the schedule will finally look.

I have a copy on my screen. I don't know if everyone can confirm that they have scroll capability so they can actually scroll back and forth on the document.

Diving right into it, Meeting A (which is the Marrakech meeting) looking at Day 1 would be starting off on a Saturday. What we did was we have the ALAC Strategy Session.

Alan is saying he doesn't have any scrolling capability, Gisella. Well, I do.

GISELLA GRUBER: Beran, I'm trying. Yes, because you're a host. Sorry. There we go. Hang on. There. It should work now. Sorry. It's my computer.

ALAN GREENBERG: It's going off and on very quickly. Now it's off.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay. It's off?

ALAN GREENBERG: There is no scrolling right now. Now it's there; now it's gone. Now it's there, and it's staying there. Thank you.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Is this document somewhere else that we can link to?

GISELLA GRUBER: Eduardo, Gisella here.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Hi.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry to interrupt. Just to note that the ones on the agenda page are not the latest one because Beran has sent them through. So I'm busy uploading on the agenda page the latest ones.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay.

GISELLA GRUBER: It will just take a few moments longer on my computer. Sorry about that.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Are you sure it's the computer and not you?

BERAN GILLEN: Okay, Gisella, the one that I see on the screen is the latest one for Meeting A. That's the correct one.

GISELLA GRUBER: Beran, yes, correct. That is the one that you sent through earlier which hasn't been uploaded on the meeting page yet. On its way.

BERAN GILLEN: Oh, okay. Alright. It's on the screen. The one I'm seeing on the screen is the correct one for Meeting A, so we'll go ahead with that one while you upload on the wiki, right?

GISELLA GRUBER: Yes.

BERAN GILLEN: That's what you're saying?

GISELLA GRUBER: Correct.

BERAN GILLEN: I'm just confused. Okay. Alright, so looking at the schedule, the first day we have strategy sessions basically most of the day, in the beginning of the morning and the whole of the afternoon right after the coffee break. In between, we have two working group sessions. What we did, as you all remember, we now don't have concurrent working groups happening since we have people attached to different working groups. So we tried by all means to have all the working groups run separately so people can actually attend each of the working group sessions that they choose to attend.

Just to also give you a quick synopsis of what I have in Meeting A, I have seven working group slots. Also in Meeting A, we have all the RALO meetings running. Let's remember that this Marrakech meeting falls

into FY16 and doesn't have funding for a general assembly, so there won't be a general assembly. What we do have is we have seven slots for working groups.

I left those working groups open because we need to now finalize or choose the working groups based on those that are active and those that generally request for sessions at the ICANN meetings. That we will have to finalize and discuss, but basically we have seven slots for working groups and we have five slots for the RALO regional meetings, which we will be looking at later on through the schedule.

Another thing I wanted to bring up quickly is if you look at the sessions, the sessions have now been set up into 75-minute slots. One of the things we discussed, myself and the staff, was that the 75-minute slots are going to be an hour session – as a suggestion, which I want you guys to give me your feedback on because we realize (and the staff has also brought this up) that most of the sessions run into each other and people sit and wait for other people to come in and out of the room.

So if the session is a 75-minute session, the suggestion is we use the extra 15 minutes for going in and coming out of the room. Basically if you have a 75-minute session, 7 ½ minutes will be used at the beginning of the session to prepare for the session and 7 ½ minutes will be used at the end of the session to basically vacate the room, move people around before the next session comes in. So that's another suggestion.

Alan's hand is up. Alan, please go ahead.

ALAN GREENBERG: Can I ask for an explanation of why the first session is 90 minutes then?

BERAN GILLEN: Okay. That is how the block schedule was given to me. I actually think the reason that's done is during the course of the week, there are other fixed sessions on the meeting schedule that are actually 1 ½ hours long, such as the president opening session and the opening ceremony and things like that. So I believe that's why that 1 ½ hours is carried forward, but it doesn't necessarily mean it has to be a fixed 1 ½ hours at the beginning. Does that answer your question, Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG: Sure. The answer is because. Okay.

BERAN GILLEN: Alright. So the Saturday sessions, I'm sure you guys know that it was introduced in the last meeting in Dublin, so I basically carried it forward because I think it's maybe something we might want to continue doing. But again, that's feedback from you to let me know whether that is something you want to continue.

I don't know if there's anyone that wants to comment on Saturday, or maybe I'll just go through it quickly and then I'll get some feedback at the end. I think that would be quicker and much better for time.

On Sunday, we have the ALAC and Regional Leadership. We have that for the two sessions: one session and then a coffee break and then another session. Then the next session is the ALAC with the ALAC Board

Director, which was suggested in the last meeting that we had, that maybe we should have a one-on-one with our own Board Director. That's scheduled for another 75-minute slot. We also have the RALO Regional Secretariats Meeting that comes after that, and then we have another the first RALO Regional Meeting on that Sunday.

Eduardo's hand is up. Eduardo, go ahead. You have the floor.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you. I have a question about this meeting with the ALAC Board Director: 75 minutes is a long time. I'm not sure – Alan, maybe you can answer this – but will that be a lot of time to be with the ALAC Board Director? I'm curious why 75 minutes and not an hour or something like that.

ALAN GREENBERG: Well, since 75 minutes is an hour, based on what Beran has been saying, it is only an hour, not 75 minutes. Or maybe 65, but it's certainly not 75. I would be delighted if we have an hour of substantive discussion with the Director. That's our main interface with the Board.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Alan. I remember: 7 ½ before, 7 ½ after makes 15 minutes for 60, 75. Thank you so much.

BERAN GILLEN: Yes. There you go, Eduardo. Okay, thank you.

Moving along to Monday, Monday's schedule, we have two fixed slots that we can't really move around, so we work around it. In the initial schedule, the Public Forum was going to be right after the president's opening remarks and the welcome ceremony, but it was moved to the end of the day. So that sandwiches our outreach day right in the middle of everything, and that is a bit tricky.

Basically, we are looking at Outreach from, say, 10:30 or 11:00 if we choose to have that coffee break to 5:00, give or take, or 4:30. We basically have to be back by 4:30 to be in time for the Public Forum at 4:45. So that's currently what we have, which is like a 5- or 5 ½-hour slot, which is more than enough I believe for the outreach that we have if we do leave on time and come back on time. The idea was it was supposed to be at the end, but then the Public Forum has now been moved back to the evening rather than right after the opening session.

That takes us to Tuesday. Eduardo's hand is up. Eduardo, go ahead. You have the floor.

EDUARDO DIAZ:

Thank you. A question about the Outreach. Are we the only ones doing outreach that day? What is going to happen in parallel with the other SOs and ACs? Are they going to have their own meeting during that time, or are we the only ones doing outreach? That's really my question. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: That's a very good question. Actually, if you look at the schedule, on the other column we have the Main Room. Now, one of the things that we discussed with the meetings team was they have High Interest Topics running on that morning. That's a concern because if you're running high interest topics and then we're out doing outreach, then we're going to miss most of the discussions that are happening. So this was brought to the attention of the meetings team whom we met yesterday. Their understanding was the outreach would be done on Saturday or Sunday, but initially if you remember, our first draft of the meeting actually had outreach on a Saturday or Sunday but then there was a concern that schools would be closed, offices would be closed, and really access to the people who we would be doing outreach to would probably not be possible. This has been relayed to the meetings team, and this is something that they will take into consideration.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Can I have a follow up?

BERAN GILLEN: Yes. Please go ahead, Eduardo, and then right after you I'll have [inaudible].

EDUARDO DIAZ: I just want to understand this. These high interest topics are happening at that time. Does that mean that will be the only meetings happening at that time, or other people will have other meetings happening during these high interest topics?

BERAN GILLEN: Okay, that answer to that is the people who would potentially be having these meetings haven't yet submitted their drafts, so we really don't know yet what will be happening with other people. If you look at the schedule, that people who have actually been factored into the schedule, which are the GAC and I believe the SSAC and the GNSO, but in this case they are not factored here because most of what they're doing is quite generic.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay, thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: They haven't submitted anything. They haven't really submitted anything for Tuesday or Sunday or Saturday. The days that they've submitted something for, once we move along with the schedule, you will see what they have slotted in on those days for themselves.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay, thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Alright, thank you. I see Sandra has a question, and then Vanda's hand is up. I'll read Sandra's question in the chat, and then I'll give Vanda the floor. Sandra says, "Are we not supposed to High Interest Topics? I believe this will be important as it provides time for interaction with the

other community.” I think I have answered that question in that we have put this across to the meetings team that the time to do the Outreach can only be on a Monday or a day that is during the week. That’s the time that we can actually reach out to the people who we want to do the outreach for.

Vanda, please go ahead. You have the floor. Then I’ll read Alan’s question in the chat. Vanda, are you with us? I think maybe we may have lost Vanda. I’m going to go ahead and then Vanda, whenever she comes back on, she can take the floor and ask the question that she wants to ask.

Okay, Sandra has another question in the chat: “I thought we used Meeting B for outreach but not the others.” I believe there was also a request from Aziz and the AFRALO team that they also wanted to do some outreach. They were quite vocal about this. That is why we actually blocked out some time for outreach for Meeting A. But, yes, Meeting C doesn’t have any outreach, for example, and, yes, Meeting B is specifically for outreach.

Is everyone hearing me? Hello? I feel like I’m talking to myself. Oh, okay, great.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No, I’m hearing you.

BERAN GILLEN: Oh, okay, great. Maureen can hear me.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I can hear you too.

BERAN GILLEN: It just went really quiet, so I wasn't sure whether everyone was hearing me. Okay, so, Sandra, that's the reason why we have outreach for Meeting A, but it might not be something that will stay. It is unique to this meeting.

Okay, so Vanda has put her question in the chat: "I will put my point here. During Monday morning, normally there is a hot topic of the time always. Outreach may be inside or all will be outside." Yes, I think this is the same concern that Sandra has brought up. Perhaps a suggestion could be moving the Outreach to a Tuesday? That's also a suggestion. Maybe perhaps not having to have it on a Monday because if Monday is such a critical day, let's look at another day in the week that we can move the outreach to that might not necessarily hurt the rest of our schedule or what it is that we have to do. Any thoughts on that? Eduardo, please go ahead.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Yes, I was going to say Tuesday looks like a good time. I don't know what's happening parallel to that, but there is no High Interest Topic at that point during that day. I agree that part of the putting the High Interest Topics is to interact, and I agree with Sandra that most of us will want to go to hear those interest topics. Tuesday, I don't know what's going to happen at the same time we're working, but I'm not sure what

that “Intra-Community Working Sessions, Constituency/Stakeholder Groups meet” title is next to our meeting.

Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN:

Okay. Alright. That is what everyone else will be doing. The meetings team, that’s what they have slotted in for Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday, but we actually have a breakdown of the schedule. We are one of the only, that I know of, AC or SO that actually has a breakdown of what we want to do on each specific day. Some people just have one line that says “Intra-Community Work.” That is why that line is there. That is for everyone else, but for us we actually have ours broken down into time slots. That’s why that’s there.

EDUARDO DIAZ:

So the “intra” means between, just to be clear? “Intra” is within the actual community, not between?

BERAN GILLEN:

Yes. It’s within that actual AC, yes.

EDUARDO DIAZ:

Okay. I think Tuesday.

BERAN GILLEN:

Tuesday, yes. I like your suggestion, and Vanda is also confirming that as well. She's also agreeing with the Tuesday. Heidi is asking how many hours are needed for the Outreach. I was thinking more around 5 hours. I don't know what everyone else thinks, but that's the block I was using, taking into account traveling to get there and coming back, plus or minus and 1 or 1 ½ hours. We're looking at a face-to-face of maybe 3 ½ or 4 hours or so.

That's what I'm thinking. I don't know what everyone else is thinking. Could we do then 2:00 – 7:00 for Tuesday? I guess, yes, we could go back and I could move things around. We could move things around for the Tuesday and put in the – oh, you mean for the Monday 2:00 – 7:00? No, we're trying to get away from the Monday, Heidi. We don't want to lose the High Interest Topics from Monday, so maybe we're going to move things around and move the Outreach down to Tuesday and see how we can work around the working groups. Maybe lose one or two working groups in favor of the Outreach. I think it might just work. It might just work out. That's for the Tuesday.

I guess we're kind of jumping the gun here because we've now moved all the way down to Tuesday. The Tuesday would look more like in the morning we would have maybe two Regional Meetings, and then right after the morning session at 12:30 we're out for Outreach the whole day. Then we get back maybe by 5:00 or 5:30 and then we have an hour break and then have the Showcase. I think that sounds great. Yes, Eduardo says, "Okay." Then we still won't lose the High Interest Topics. So we'll leave those blanks for High Interest Topics. We'll move them over to our side as well for the Monday so we won't lose out on any of

that. I think everyone will be happy with that. Sandra and everyone else who has a concern with that. Excellent. Great.

So that takes us to Wednesday. We'll lose about two working groups, so we'll end up with about five working groups for this meeting, but I still think that would be more than enough based on the number of active working groups that we currently have. But maybe moving the schedule around, we might be able to squeeze in one more.

Looking at Wednesday, we have two Working Groups in the morning sessions, with one before the coffee break and one after the coffee break. Then we have ALAC with the Board. Let me just say the reason I put ALAC with the Board all the way to Wednesday was during the course of the meetings that we've had, there was a concern that maybe we're meeting the Board too early in the ICANN meeting.

So maybe we need to push it toward the end where we would have done a lot of work, a lot of face-to-face, a lot of policy work, a lot of strategizing, and we actually have positions and we actually have fixed questions or discussion points that we want to have with the Board. Then that would be toward the end of the meeting. That's why I pushed it to Wednesday.

I know the next question would be, "How do you know whether the Board will be available?" The meetings team has said let us put out what we want, and then they will see how they can factor in what we want into the schedule. If it's not going to be possible, we would have to do some shifting around, of course. But at least let's put it out there

what we want and let them know that this is what we want. Then from there, they will be able to work around it and see the best thing for us.

Just before I give Eduardo the floor, just to give you an idea of what the other SOs and ACs are looking at, if you scroll over to the right for Wednesday, you will see what is happening with the GNSO and what is happening with others. I believe there's another room on the Global Domains Division. I believe that's what is there, the DNS. These are some of the things that are happening in line with what is happening with us on Wednesday.

Eduardo, please go ahead. You have the floor. But before you do, please, Eduardo, let me just read off what Heidi has in the AC: "A couple of points, depending on where you go for Outreach in Marrakech, the traffic might be bad. That means you might be late for the start of the showcase." So we will take that into account, Heidi, when we actually decide where we're going to go for the Outreach. Maybe we might not want to go out too far and possibly stay as close to the venue as possible.

The second point Heidi is bringing up is: "Do the Outreach activities also include engagement activities, or will this be a separate activity?" No, that's actually my mistake. It should be Outreach and Engagement, not just Outreach.

So, Eduardo, please go ahead. You have the floor.

EDUARDO DIAZ: I just wanted to mention about ALAC with the Board later in the day Wednesday, really can be any time before that because by that time we already should have formulated questions for the Board. [inaudible] you have the [four days] to working groups. It's not the ALAC. The ALAC already met before. So what I'm saying is it can be moved up in the morning, and I don't see why not. Thank you. In other words, you have a very good flexibility there.

BERAN GILLEN: Yes, of course, we can move it up or down. But I think there was also a point by Tanzania that the Board will be meeting the community, I believe, Tuesday and Wednesday, so that's why I shot for those days. I think any time in those days might be flexible, but I just [inaudible] chose that slot. But it can be moved around. It's not cast in stone.

Please, go ahead, Eduardo.

EDUARDO DIAZ: The other thing is the ALAC Wrap Up. For that ALAC Wrap Up, usually it takes more than hour, at least from my experience. Maybe we want to give it a little more time. I don't know. Alan, it's your call because really it's only an hour. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay, I'll comment and then maybe Alan can comment. Or Alan can comment and then I can comment. Alan, go ahead.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Yeah, may I suggest we finish going through the agenda? We're well over half through the meeting, and there are going to be questions. I have five already. Let's go through the agenda. Let's go through the whole meeting and then hold questions. Otherwise, we're not even going to get through it. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN:

Thank you, Alan. I think that's a fantastic idea. Welcome aboard. [Barak] has just joined us. Yes, for the ALAC and the Board, then we have another RALO Regional Meeting, and then we have the ALAC Wrap Up at the end.

Just to say that the reason the Wrap Up is so short is because I believe we have so much time discussing everything, it shouldn't really be – we have so many strategy sessions, we have the RALO Leadership [inaudible] as well. So I just thought maybe we didn't really need that much time to wrap up everything. But if it is something that we have to have maybe for a 2-hour or 1 ½-hour slot, we could always bunch those two together at the bottom and take out the RALO Regional Meeting and move it to somewhere else if it is a concern.

That takes us to our last and final day for Meeting A, which is on Thursday, the 10th. The first two slots for that meeting is the Cross Community Working Groups. Now this is a general Cross Community Working Group, like I explained in the last meeting.

It basically has to do with the CCWG, the [CCWG-IG], the CWG, so this might not necessarily carry through throughout the year to the other meetings because some of this work will have probably completed. But

there would also maybe be other cross community work that would be going on. This is where the “inter” comes in, as Eduardo was asking. Any [inaudible] work that we want to do could easily be slotted into this if all of the other cross community working groups’ work had been completed.

Then we have the ALT Meeting. Now this is a bit tricky because I know the ALT Meeting should actually come after the Public Forum. It’s actually supposed to come after the Public Forum, but we’re just waiting for some finalizations from the meetings team because we have the Public Forum and then we have tea break and the continuation of the Public Forum. Then we have the Public Board Meeting and then the Wrap Up Cocktail.

But we’ve been told by the meetings team that they’re trying to see if they can move the Board Meeting up to the morning session. If that happens, then that would create a space, but the ALT I know would still not have enough time. Actually, if you have any suggestions for how I could give the ALT at least another extra hour, I’m open to any suggestions because I have [inaudible] and I can’t seem to think of anywhere to grab another hour to give to them.

That’s the closing of Meeting A. [inaudible] have a few questions, or should I just go ahead and delve right into Meeting B?

ALAN GREENBERG:

That’s two questions. I think this is the crucial one today.

BERAN GILLEN: Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG: Sorry. I pushed the wrong button. Yeah, I think we should do questions right now on Meeting A. I certainly have a whole bunch of them. I think I have questions and statements.

A couple of observations as you've been going through this. In Dublin, the ALAC and regional leaders had a total of 20 ½ hours to meet with other groups, to meet with ICANN staff, and to work on deliberations or whatever it is we wanted to work on. If you add up all the hours right now and exclude the transition times, we have slightly under 7 hours. That's a third as much. That means we are going to have to cut down very significantly on meeting with other parts of ICANN. Otherwise, we'll have zero hours to actually do any work. Bringing 28 or 27 people from halfway around the world to meet face-to-face and then not actually have any meetings I consider somewhat problematic, so I think we need to think about that.

There has been no discussion yet on both the CWG and the CCWG, both of which are likely to have significant schedules added to Marrakech. I don't believe either of them have considered when, and it's not intuitively clear that they will all fit in the one part that we are calling "inter" groups. There are other inters other than CCWG that may be fitting in. So I think we're going to have some significant turmoil there.

The third point is the RALO meetings are scheduled separately here with nothing against them. Again, that implies at any given time, 80% of the

people that we're bringing to meetings have effectively nothing to go to. I think that's somewhat problematic.

Lastly, as you mentioned, the ALT has gone from what used to be 3 hours to 1 hour with no chance of meeting with the people that we want to meet with. I think we're setting ourselves up for not having a particularly useful meeting. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN:

Thank you, Alan. I'm a bit confused about your 20+ hours for meeting with other parts of ICANN. Doesn't that happen usually during the course of is it the ALAC work or the ALAC with the RALO Leadership that we bring in people from different parts of ICANN? Are there other slots?

ALAN GREENBERG:

Typically, and if you look at the Dublin schedule where we added an extra day so it was higher than normal, and we had about 20 hours of time on Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, and the wrap up on Thursday. If you add up those corresponding times now, we have a little bit under 7 hours. I'm just pointing it out.

Beran, it's not you and the group's fault. This is the schedule we're trying to work to. I'm just pointing out that we are going to have very significant fewer hours to do our various things and both meet within the ALAC and regional leaders and with other people that we want to talk to than we have in the past and certainly a lot less than Dublin.

BERAN GILLEN:

Okay. Another thing that has actually significantly eaten up the schedule is also the breaks. We have 30-minute coffee breaks in the morning,

another 15 in the afternoon, and 1 ½ hours of lunch. So that's an extra hour or hour and a half that has been taken out of the schedule that actually already could have been available for something else. That's also something to factor in.

ALAN GREENBERG: I'm just pointing thing out. I'm not putting blame on or saying it's not going to be manageable.

BERAN GILLEN: Oh, no, no, no.

ALAN GREENBERG: It's just such a radical change that this is going to be interesting.

BERAN GILLEN: Yes. With the CCWG hours, I was thinking more of the High Interest Topics would actually take that into account as well because probably some of the High Interest Topics would be the transition and maybe some would also be slots for the CCWG. That's my understanding.

ALAN GREENBERG: Well, there are certainly going to be public sessions, which are high interest sessions. I'm talking about working meetings for the members and participants. Again, I can't imagine we're going to be meeting face-to-face and ignoring them. Somewhere they're going to pop up [inaudible], to Gisella's chagrin.

BERAN GILLEN:

Yes. But I think it's still pretty early. Maybe when it gets closer to maybe submitting the schedule we would know what they're thinking and where or when they would want to meet. Then that would help us basically fit that into our schedule and make sure there aren't any [inaudible] because I do understand that you have a lot of our members that are actually very active in those working groups.

Heidi: "That won't be the case in Marrakech." Oh, okay. Maureen is saying: "We're always during the meetings, particularly in Dublin." Yes, so we're trying. That's why we also have all these coffee breaks and we're trying to make sure that the closing is at the latest maybe 6:00 or 6:30 at most. Then you notice as well that the startup isn't 7:00 AM. It's 9:00 AM. That could also contribute to the dwindling number of hours that Alan has highlighted.

I don't seem to have anyone else's hand up. No more questions for Meeting A. We'll jump over to Meeting B. We have just about 20 minutes for this meeting. Gisella, I don't know. Would it be possible? I don't know if we could get another 10 or 15 minutes added to the time? I'm just asking, but perhaps we could look into that. If we can get Meeting B up on the screen, that would be great so we can go into Meeting B. Thank you, Gisella.

Okay, great. We have Meeting B on the screen. Now Meeting B is for the meeting, as you all know, in Panama. I believe this is the meeting that we've gone through the most, so it should be getting more familiar by now.

The first day of Meeting B, we have the plenary, which is the one with David Olive, and Steve Crocker will have remarks. Then there will be maybe someone speaking from that region. It will be about an hour and a half. It will be like a [inaudible] welcome ceremony, so to speak. That will happen from 9:00 to 10:30.

Then we would have the Outreach and Engagement for the rest of the day. That would be going and visiting. We choose a place and we go there and have an outreach and engagement with that particular group of people. Another thing to bear in mind is [inaudible] will be made available to us by the meetings team for the Outreach and Engagement.

Then that brings us to Day 2, which is Intra-Community Work, that is within At-Large. We have the Cross Regional Strategy Exchange, which is between RALOs. That will happen first thing in the morning on Tuesday. Then we'll have a coffee break, and then after that we'll start ALAC Policy Work 1, a lunch break, and ALAC Policy Work 2. Then we'll have two working group meetings at the end of that day to close off the day.

Now, Day 3, we have working group meetings most of the day. Then we have the ALAC Policy Wrap Up at the end of the day and then the Regional Showcase.

Day 4, which is on Thursday, we have ALAC with the Board, which I slotted in from 8:00 to 9:00 because I couldn't find anywhere else to put it. Please tell me if it is something that needs to be had. If it's not necessary, we could take it out. It's just a suggestion because we didn't have anything with the Board prior to this. Then we have some cross

community work happening with the two slots. Then we have the ALT Wrap Up at the end of the day.

So that's Meeting B. Do we have any questions or comments for Meeting B? Alan is suggesting that 15 minutes before and after for transition might be too much. The 15 minutes can also be used as maybe buffer for if discussions maybe go a bit overboard, we could add it to the time possibly. Just a suggestion. But then Heidi did say that people usually might come late or people are coming in waiting for the room, so that buffer is to allow for the transitions between the rooms.

Alan, please go ahead. You have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Yes, thank you. Unless everyone in ICANN says, "We will stop a meeting 7 minutes or 5 minutes or whatever before the formal ending period," there's no point in us allocating a buffer for that. I would suggest that the buffer should be at the beginning of the meeting. That is accepting the fact that meetings start at 10 past the hour if it's scheduled for the hour or something like that. But we can work out those details. If you're allowing the time for people to come from other meetings, you can't presume other people are ending early to allow for it unless it's generally agreed across the whole organization.

BERAN GILLEN:

No, this is just a suggestion. It's not something that has been generally agreed. The suggestion here is for the 75 minutes were actually the

fixed slots for the session. So how we use it the 75 minutes is exactly up to us. It's really not something that has been agreed across the board.

Are there any other comments for Meeting B? Then we can move on to Meeting C. Okay, so, Gisella, please put up Meeting C. Okay, Vanda says the Meeting B looks good in general. Alan, you do have that number of hours for the ALT. We will work to see how we can get your 2 ½ to 3 hours for the ALT for Meeting A.

Looking at Meeting C, it's pretty much like Meeting A except it doesn't have Outreach. Just going right into it, we have the Strategy sessions again, the working group meetings, and then the close of the Strategy sessions at the end. Then pretty much the same thing with Sunday with the Regional Leadership, Meeting with the Board Director, a working group meeting, and then a RALO Regional Meeting.

I note what Alan said about a RALO Regional Meeting, so perhaps the concern of actually having them concurrently might not necessarily be such a bad idea. Maybe we might have to eventually have them, or some of them, concurrently to allow for the schedule to open up for other stuff to happen so we could have more one-on-one with other parts of ICANN. That's just a suggestion, something that we should possibly consider.

Monday, we have the opening session. Let's remember Meeting C is for AGM, so we'll have a full-blown opening session, the president's remarks. Then again I believe the same suggestion we had, what Eduardo suggested, was the High Interest Topics. Here I needed some help because I'm not sure whether we want to have any policy

discussions separate from the strategy sessions and in the regional leadership meeting for Meeting C. This is just something that we put up here to see what the feedback is from the rest of the group. What the feedback is that the High Interest Topics basically need to come in, and then we would move these over to those slots. Then we have the Public Forum at the end.

Then for Tuesday, it is mostly cross community work happening. Then we have a General Assembly for a period of about 4 ½ hours, from 1:30 to 5:00 for the General Assembly for Meeting C. Then right after General Assembly, you have a 30-minute break and then we have the Showcase at the end.

Wednesday, we start with a working group meeting, a RALO Regional Meeting, and then we have ALAC with the Board. Then we have ALAC with SOs and ACs. This is just something I put there because there was a concern that we weren't having much time face-to-face with other parts of the community, so this is a 75-minute slot that I put in there. It could be broken down into [three] slots or it would be used for one SO or AC. Then we have another Regional Meeting. In this meeting as well, we have five regional meetings happening and we have six working group slots in this meeting.

The Thursday, which is Day 6, we would have working group meetings in the morning, a RALO Secretariats Meeting. Then we have the Public Forums and the Public Board Meeting following that and the Wrap Up Cocktail at the end.

Friday, we will have the ALT Meeting for 2 hours. It could start at 7:00 maybe to allow it to be a 3-hour slot for Friday morning, end at 10:00, and then you have the ALAC Development Session, which brings in the new incoming ALAC members and the current ALAC members for the whole day. That's the Friday session.

That's the end of Day 7 and the end of Meeting C. I don't see any hands up. Do we have any comments? I see Heidi is putting in the chat talking about the transition time and also suggesting that could likely cover two RALO meetings at the same time if necessary. I think that might be something that we should look at, Heidi, and that would free up some space for more time with the rest of the community, which is a concern that Alan brought up.

Do we have any comments from anyone for Meeting C? So Meeting C, no outreach happening. We have five RALO meetings happening and we have six working group slots. So no one has any feedback on Meeting C?

Okay, so we'll move on to the next point on the agenda, which is the timelines for the Marrakech schedule. Now this is just to put into perspective what we're looking at with regards to timelines as to how much time we have to decide or how much time we have to put our schedule together and basically move forward with certain things.

We have up until, I believe, February 1 is when the schedule closes and there won't be any further changes. But up until January 18, we will be able to submit, or staff will be able to submit the sessions, so we will be able to move stuff around. Perhaps what we need to do is meet again.

But before we meet again, possibly since the first meeting of this meeting strategy would be Meeting A, we would need to schedule a meeting with the AFRALO group who have created an organizing committee. This committee will be able to basically help us, and we'll be more informed with regards to – thank you, Gisella, for putting the production schedule up. The organizing committee would be more informed as to how they would want to do, first, the outreach and engagement, second, the other slots in the schedule that they would want to do some sessions that they would want to run during the course of the meeting.

Hopefully, once [inaudible] that meeting with the group, it would really help me to balance out things with regards to how the Marrakech meeting would be finalized. Then, hopefully, from there by then we would be able to get more feedback from the rest of the ACs and SOs and, through more meetings with the meetings team, we would be able to finalize our schedule, taking into account the cross community work, the high interest topics, as well as the local organizing committee for the Marrakech meeting.

So the plan is, instead of having another meeting in the next couple of weeks, we would have a meeting in three weeks' time, which would allow us time to be able to gather all this information together and be able to feed it back into the schedule. But also, I will take into account the comments that I have that we have received from this session and then be able to factor that into this schedule.

I'll share that on the list and put it on the wiki as well by the end of this week. I would really appreciate more comments and, hopefully, we'll be

able to have something to show the ALAC during the ALAC call next week and possibly be able to have a finalized version of the At-Large schedule before the end of next week.

Are there any comments or questions? None. And we finish on time. That's shocking. The next meeting will be scheduled for December 10. Rather than scheduling the 3rd, we will schedule it on the 10th to allow for more time. Thank you, Eduardo. To allow for more time to be able to gather all this information and be able to have a final schedule that we will be able to put on the wiki and get you to look at.

Thank you, everyone, for listening to me drone on for an hour. Thank you, all. I guess that brings the meeting to an end.

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