
TERRI AGNEW: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the At-Large Regional Secretariat Meeting taking place on Tuesday, the 24th of November, 2015, at 21:30 UTC.

On the English channel, we have Barrack Otieno, Wolf Ludwig, Glenn McKnight, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Siranush Vardanyan, and Alan Greenberg.

Currently, at this time, we have no attendees on the Spanish channel. On the French channel, we have Aziz Hilali. We have apologies from Maureen Hilyard and Heidi Ullrich.

From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco, Ariel Liang, Laura Bengford; and myself, Terri Agnew.

Our Spanish interpreter today is Sabrina. Our French interpreters today are Camila and Claire.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking not only for transcription purposes, but also for our interpreters. Thank you very much, and back over to you, Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Terri. Welcome, everybody, to this meeting. Apparently, according to the tradition, the RALO who created the first meeting of this kind in ICANN has [inaudible] this meeting, so it's a pleasure for me and Barrack who is with us to be in charge of this meeting. I want to thank the staff who prepared the agenda. We have

Note: The following is the output resulting from transcribing an audio file into a word/text document. Although the transcription is largely accurate, in some cases may be incomplete or inaccurate due to inaudible passages and grammatical corrections. It is posted as an aid to the original audio file, but should not be treated as an authoritative record.

just finished our meeting of ALAC, and yesterday I had six meetings – one with the... With different groups, with different working groups. There are a lot of problems with security [inaudible] here in my country because of all the things that are happening. We are very occupied. We hope that it will finish soon.

Now, we have two important items on our agenda. That is to say the implementation of ATLAS II and we will hear Olivier taking this item in charge. Then Ariel will speak, will take the floor to speak about At-Large website beta version. But first I ask the staff to tell me.

We are going to begin with introductions. The review of the [inaudible] action items. We have ten minutes for that. Who will take the floor to speak about the review of Dublin action items please? Can the staff tell Aziz who is the person in charge?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Hello. This is Silvia Vivanco from staff and I will be happy to go through the action items. I will start now. The first action item of the Dublin meeting. With regards to recommendation 28, the survey, Heidi will [investigate] if there is an in-house expertise within ICANN staff for building [inaudible] surveys. Heidi is following up with a couple of staff members and there are possibilities. We don't have a name yet, although she informed me that this is in progress.

With regards to implementation of ATLAS II recommendation 31, the Technology Taskforce to be in touch with Bogdan Manolea of the Association for Technology and Internet Romania on the simple tools

and methods to facilitate participation in public comments and the use of crowdsourcing.

Dev Anand Teelucksingh, the chair of the Technology Taskforce, he's following up on this. This is still in progress.

The next one, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, chair of Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee to follow up with Jean-Jacques Sahel for there can be synchronization with GSE outreach activities.

I have also followed up with Dev and he has informed me that he is in communication with Jean-Jacques, particularly to update the calendars so that there is a calendar in synch with all the [inaudible] GSE group. So this is also in progress.

Next one is Jean-Jacques Sahel to send the civil society document to the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee and coordinate the organization of an ad hoc call and webinar to talk about civil society. I will follow-up with Jean-Jacques personally and he will be sending this document to coordinate an ad hoc call on the civil society document. So this is as well in progress.

Silvia Vivanco and Gisella Gruber to organize regional secretariat meetings to meet two or three time before Marrakech. We are doing that for sure, and we will have definitely at least two or three meetings before our Marrakech meeting. This is all. Thank you very much, Aziz. Over to you. I think the next item is item two for Olivier ATLAS II recommendations. Over to you, Olivier.

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

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, we can.

AZIZ HILALI: Just a minute. If there are no other remarks related to what Silvia said, I'm going to give the floor to Olivier. Olivier, you have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Aziz. I'm Olivier Crepin-Leblond and I'm going to take you through the ATLAS II recommendations that have come out of the At-Large summit that took place last year in June 2014 in London.

There are four recommendations that are sent for the RALOs to act upon. We're going to go through each one of them. The aim of this exercise here is to move that little bit further and see what we do next. Ariel is taking notes, as she always is during those reviews of the recommendations. This is a bit of an iterative process. Every time we can add a little bit more about the recommendation, and sometimes we can even say, "Yes, that recommendation is complete."

So the first one is recommendation #28, and that's about the RALO survey. The recommendation itself is shown on your screen. It says that the ALAC should work with all RALOs and At-Large Structures to map the current expertise and interest in their membership to identify subject-matter experts and facilitate policy communication.

The aim really of this recommendation is to have a good knowledge of what the talents are within our community. Not only the At-Large Structure representatives, but also within the At-Large Structures themselves. There might be some people who are very good at privacy or at human rights or at commercial law or all sorts of things.

When we do have statements that come out, there is a request for public commenting that ICANN sends out. We often have no idea who are the people that we should call upon. So that seeds the idea forward.

Now, since this recommendation was made up, there were surveys that were done by each one of the regional At-Large organizations, but they were each very different from each other. We've got all of the findings that are displayed on this wiki page. LACRALO and APRALO have the greatest response to this survey, 34 and 32 At-Large Structures responded. That's of course... They are also I believe the regional At-Large organizations by the number of At-Large Structures, so that's somehow understood as well.

But one of the things that's important is to now think, "What do we do next?" You will see in the fourth note listed, it is necessary to prepare a new survey in the future to obtain more detailed information from members of the RALOs. Also, it is relevant to have as many answers as possible.

Now, in our last call, we did say – in fact, I think it was a face-to-face meeting. We did say that the surveys did get some information. We might have not gotten as much information as we should have in some way and we might need some professional help to building a survey.

And I guess I should really open the floor now for your feedback on this. What are our next steps forward? Should we work together as RALO leaders to build a new survey that will be common to all the RALOs? Should we wait a little bit before we do that? Should we try and analyze more of the results and get a little bit – try and get a bit more out of the surveys that we already have?

The floor is open. I see Alberto Soto has put his hand up. Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Thank you. In our last meeting, we also mentioned, as you said, Olivier, that the survey should include not only the ALSes themselves, but other members within the ALSes. In LACRALO, we circulated the survey among representatives, but we do have a problem with the openness of this survey.

We have an ALS with 7,000 members, another one with 148-150, and another one with 400-odd members. So I don't believe that we need to broaden the scope on this survey on a regional scale. However, I'm afraid that at one point we will have to set some kind of limit, so to speak. Honestly, I cannot think of a solution right here and now, but we do have quite a diverse number of participants. In other cases, we have smaller ALSes, but that's not the case for all of them. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much for this, Alberto. It's a very good point you make. It's a very good point you're making on the number of people in ALSes. If

we ask the ALSes to ask their members about their knowledge, we might end up with way too much – too many responses. Or it might be that we get a few hundred responses, the majority of which may come from a single ALS. That would certainly be a little bit strange.

Are there any other comments or thoughts on this? My feeling in response to this – and this is just you bringing this up now and me thinking about it on the spot – we could ask the At-Large Structures themselves to let us know about the range of knowledge that is in their At-Large Structures in which they would be happy to make use of in ICANN. So to offer I guess a list of their competencies that they would be happy to offer in any process should we need such help.

I see Humberto Carrasco.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Very well.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you. Apologies for joining later. I had the wrong starting time for the meeting. Sorry for that.

If I remember rightly, in Dublin, we had requested ICANN staff to help us come up with a more professional survey because clearly we, as

newcomers so to speak in the survey universe started creating this survey.

However, we do want a more accurate result. So we reached the conclusion that perhaps it might be a good idea to see whether ICANN had in-house expertise to help us come with a more accurate survey. So I would like the status of that request. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Humberto. Very good point indeed. Ariel, do we... Because I note that this is not recorded on the page as an action item and I'm not sure whether this was recorded overall in the action items in Dublin, perhaps. I just can't remember what we covered just a second ago. So could you please let us know on this, Ariel? Ariel Liang?

ARIEL LIANG: Thank you, Olivier. I haven't got a chance to review all the transcripts. I'm waiting for the transcripts to put action items in. So I'm recording this as an action item. I think probably Silvia will get back to you about that. That was brought up before probably. I wasn't in one of the RALO secretariat meetings, so I didn't hear that.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Olivier and Ariel, that's right. That was recorded, Humberto, as an action item at the regional secretariat meeting, and actually Heidi is investigating who from staff can help us to do this survey in a professional manner. So we are still looking for someone who can do

this in-house. So it's in progress and we will report back to you very shortly on this. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's great. Thank you very much, Silvia. Next is Alberto Soto.

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you. Perhaps the first professional help we need is exactly this one: how to tackle or face a survey that is aiming at organizations with different memberships or a different amount of members. So perhaps that is the first thing we need to clarify as a starting point. That would be more in line with what Siranush is saying, that maybe we do need a maximum of three people from each ALS, but some others are larger and they have a lot more people with different skills and capabilities that would come in handy. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Alberto. Good set of points. I think that since we have an action item here that is pending we can probably, in the interest of time, move on then to the next recommendation and then we can take this recommendation 28 up when we have more feedback on having professional help on this. That's great progress for this. Thank you.

The next one is recommendation #31, I believe. Recommendation 31 says ICANN and the ALAC should investigate the use of simple tools and methods to facilitate participation in public comments and the use of crowdsourcing. There was an enormous amount of information there

with Liquid Feedback, with Kavi workspace, with confluence questions and other points. Noting that ICANN at some point was going to use Kavi workspace but has now changed its mind and that will not be used elsewhere.

We still have to look for these. Do we have anything to add at this very moment? I'm thinking that the Social Media Working Group and the Technology Taskforce are obviously doing a lot of work on this. Having seen what is on the page so far, is there anything else to add? In fact, is there any feedback that you might wish to provide from a RALO perspective as to the tools that have been investigated by the Technology Taskforce and by the Social Media Working Group?

I don't see anyone putting their hand up, so let's then keep this... My suggestion is to keep this still in the hands of the Technology Taskforce and the Social Media Working Group. It might be that we have touched on all there is to touch on at the moment. The only problem being that we still haven't seen – I mean, what did we decide to close this off, basically? We can't just leave it open and continue with simple tools and methods to facilitate participation.

There is I know always this search for better tools. When do say that's enough or we pass this on to the Technology Taskforce and they will continue to look for better tools? Maybe that will be the way forward beyond that. Maybe we can have an action item on this recommendation to ask the Social Media Working Group and Technology Taskforce to continue their investigations until... I can't even say – until further notice sounds weird. So forever sounds strange, too. So just continue their work into searching for better tools.

But really, these are your At-Large Structures that have asked for this. Do you think that this would be a good enough closure for this or do we need to go further? The floor is open.

Glenn McKnight?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Can you hear me okay?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Here we go. Now we can hear you. There was a little delay. Go ahead, Glenn.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Yeah. Sorry, I was driving and I just got off my cell phone and in front of the computer again.

Okay. On this issue, everyone, yes we did look at different – Slack being one of the tools. We only really looked at a few others, but I think I'll bring this up in our next Technology Taskforce. We'll do a summary of what works and what doesn't and we'll provide a proper page on the Technology Taskforce wiki.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's great. Thank you very much for this, Glenn. Very helpful, indeed. If that's the case, there's a little bit of movement on this. Ariel, have you recorded that the Technology Taskforce will take this on again and do a summary of what works and what doesn't?

ARIEL LIANG: Yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks very much for this, Ariel. Let's move to the next one and that's recommendation #42. ICANN should enable annual face-to-face RALO assemblies either at ICANN regional offices or in concert with regional events.

We had quite a discussion in Dublin on this. We didn't reach consensus on this one. The proposal that was made was to have a rotation to take into account the RALO general assemblies, but also taking into account the At-Large summits, which there would be one every – I think it was every five years. So we'd have a rotation.

The idea was to present a paper not only to the finance department with this proposal already being sent to the ICANN Board Finance Committee and the Finance Department, but to actually have the At-Large ALAC and the RALOs to [adhere]. In other words, to agree with the concept of having this rotation of general assemblies.

Some, unfortunately, felt that the interpretation of this recommendation was to actually have every year a RALO general assembly for every RALO and that it would need to take place either in the regional office or in regional events, in addition to being able to take place during an ICANN meeting, for example.

So you'd have one general assembly per RALO per year. My feedback on this is I do have concerns about the costs of this. The time implications

of these for all of these RALOs to have a general assembly every year, and time implications not only with regards to volunteers who would have to make themselves available for that amount of time, but also At-Large staff who would have to arrange those things.

I would have recommended that the rotation would be a better option, but the discussion was left there. We didn't have enough time to continue further. So I know that we have very little time here, too. Can we just spend a few minutes on this? Has anybody thought about this and the way forward on this?

Ariel, I don't know whether you can share that rotation, timing rotation. I know that you would have to share your screen if that's the case. It's impossible to see it in a PDF document, but there is a link on that page that sends you to that roadmap.

I do have to mention that there is a separate process that is taking place, assuming we are to pursue this roadmap. I have been given the task to write a preamble and an introduction document to how this thing would work.

It seems that both the Board Finance Committee and ICANN Finance would be very positive towards such a rotation and an advanced document knowing where we stand. The people we really have to – we would really have to convince on this would actually be the other supporting organizations and advisory committees. Why should At-Large receive in the regional of \$700,000 every five years for all of its At-Large Structures to meet?

You might be aware that with the accountability process that is taking place at the moment, it might be that in five years' time or in three years' time – I can't remember when our next At-Large Summit is due – it might be that we will be in a position where other SOs and ACs, other supporting organizations and advisory committees will be able to veto anything that – any budget – and therefore veto the request by At-Large for such funding.

So that's where we stand at the moment. The floor is open. I don't know what else to say to this. Any feedback on this?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

If I can just add finally on this, the idea was that at the moment we are asking for special request for general assembly every time we want one. So we have to go through the ICANN special requests. We would remove the special request for a general assembly. These would be engrained in the ICANN budget. So we would also know in advance that we would have a general assembly in this region and that region and that would all be according to a schedule that would be established in advance.

Alberto Soto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Thank you, Olivier. I was going to ask exactly that because it was my understanding that last year we had requested three general assemblies within this budget and only one had been approved, right?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, that is correct.

ALBERTO SOTO: So this means that we would have then or hold only one regional assembly per year, Olivier, or general assembly?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Alberto. That's a good point and sorry if I've confused people. If we can look at the document itself and click on it, please, Ariel – there we go – then in fact, no, the general assemblies would rotate.

So this year – now here you've got... On the left-hand side, you've got the different dates of the ICANN meetings. At the moment, we are just about to reach the ICANN Meeting #55 that goes in Marrakech. This year indeed we only have had one general assembly when we asked for more than one. The other two were refused. There was one asked for in Africa and one that was asked for in North America. Both of these were refused. That's the nature of the problem when we ask for ad hoc requests in the system of extra requests.

However, bearing this in mind, this would mean that next year we would need two regions with the general assembly, and the year after we would need two regions with the general assembly. And the year after we would have the At-Large Summit that would take place.

If you can scroll a little bit down, Ariel, that would be helpful. Just a little bit. That's it. Perfect. No, no, no. Back up. Yeah, that's fine. Back up. Because we need to see also Marrakech. There we go. Yeah, that's good.

So effectively, here, we would have next year a general assembly that would be asked for the North American region and one that would be asked for the African region. We're talking about the fiscal years. Remember, fiscal years are from the first of July until the end of June. So October 2016, March 2017, and June 2017 are the next year's dates for meetings, fiscal year dates. So we can ask for two general assemblies. Then the Fiscal Year '18 would have October 2017, the Asia-Pacific one, and June 2018 would be the Latin America and Caribbean one. The year after, we would all meet again in 2019 in a location which could be anywhere in Europe, Asia-Pacific, or Africa. Probably an A or a C meeting. So probably either in Europe or Asia-Pacific, and Pacific Islands of course.

That's the thought. Alberto Soto, has this answered your question?

ALBERTO SOTO: My apologies. It was an old hand. Sorry.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Alberto, has this answered your question, though, that you asked. Is that enough?

ALBERTO SOTO: Yes. I was following your explanation and I was thinking. In Dublin, I spoke about the five geographic regions and the different locations, and so far I haven't been able to come up with a methodology that will enable us to have this rotation. I need to bear in mind that I haven't been able to determine the number of general assemblies that we can

budget within a year. Maybe we can have three general assemblies per year. I don't think that will go through from a budgetary perspective.

Then we have the general meetings. So I cannot figure this out yet. Sorry, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay. Thanks very much for this, Alberto. One additional thing to think of. If you have three general assemblies, which effectively means one at each one of the ICANN meetings, the amount of workload on staff to arrange these three in short succession is probably a little difficult for them. Specifically because it takes more than three months to prepare for a general assembly and for all of the activities when you bring all the At-Large Structures there. And when you look at the first meeting of the year which takes place in March, and the second meeting of the year which takes place in June, it's very, very short amount of time between the two.

So staff might have to then support the preparation of two general assemblies in parallel. That's something to be aware of.

I want to not spend a whole time on this, so let's then move on to number 43. We will continue our discussion if we could for number 42.

Number 43 is one which at the moment has no notes at all, and that's RALOs should encourage their inactive At-Large Structure representatives to comply with ALAC minimum participation requirements. That is on hold at the moment pending an internal process. So I don't think that we need to discuss this fully. I don't know

whether there is any update from the working group that deals with ALS expectations.

Is there anything yet? Does anyone know? Is anybody on the ALS Expectation Working Group? Maybe there isn't anybody on this Working Group. It might be a good idea that some of us could be on this. I can see in the chat we're working on this in NARALO. There's a preliminary list that Alan Greenberg is mentioning. So Judith Hellerstein said, "We're working on this in NARALO." Alan Greenberg says, "Yes, there is a preliminary list." Siranush Vardanyan says, "It's in the process in APRALO as well." And Glenn McKnight it saying, "We are reaching out to all the ALSes to personally encourage their participation." Glenn, you have the floor.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Thank you. Just anecdotally, we did a survey each of the attendees of our ALSes, and we're aware that there's a number that are not as active as they should be. But what's interesting in my phone calls directly to the ALSes, some of them cannot make the calls, which our normal call is at 3:00 EST. This is something we need to deal with in terms of having our regular calls scheduled during the workday. Many of the people I talked to said they'd love to attend, but it clashes with their work time. That's not for the lack of interest. It's a lack of, "I have to work. I can't get access to the call."

But the same individuals actually vote. It's an interesting problem.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Glenn. That's a good point. Have you considered rotation of calls in NARALO?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Yes, that's something that... It's the same thing we're trying to deal with working group with the Technology Taskforce. We reached out to APRALO in particular because it's a huge time zone difference, to look at how we can have time zones to bring those individuals in. It's an ATLAS II issue. As Alan said, voting is never a problem. Sure. If you have to vote once a year, it's not a problem.

But it cannot have active participation if the person is not legally able to go into a call during work time. That's like stealing from an employer. We have legitimate organization that cannot do it. We're going to bring this up as a topic in our next NARALO call to see if we can have an evening meeting call again. We have to ask our membership on what they would think.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Glenn. Does any other RALO have this similar problem as well from their At-Large Structures? I don't see anyone putting their hand up. I gather it's a common occurrence with people. I see in LACRALO no. It's not a problem in LACRALO. I guess it really depends on the region. It would be interesting to find out. I guess some regions... Like APRALO is so spread out time-wise that there would always be someone whose day it is middle of the working day and for others whose day it is not. For some, it's the morning. For some, it's the night.

I think we've made some movement on this. Of course this is somehow on hold. We'll wait for the results of the internal process that will continue, but it would be interesting. If you do think of feedback on this recommendation if you can just e-mail them over to Ariel or you can add them as a comment on this ATLAS recommendation.

That's, I think, all of it for now. And I hand the floor back to Aziz, then. Aziz Hilali, thank you for the time you've allocated for this.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Olivier. We are a bit behind our schedule. We're late. So I'm going to ask Ariel who is going to be presenting item #3 to take a maximum of 20 minutes to present the beta version of our new website because we don't have much more time. So Ariel, you have the floor. Please go ahead.

ARIEL LIANG:

Thank you very much, Aziz. I will probably take less time because most of our audience are already familiar with our new beta site. The purpose for this presentation is to talk to you about a proposal that we make about how to maintain the RALO pages on the future website and how RALO leaders can work effectively with staff to do that.

We have a six-point proposal. The first three you see, they are more relevant to the beta and we want to focus on these three points before the [inaudible] launch January next year.

Then the number 4-6, these are the three points that we can deal with after the official website launch. So that's just a quick overview.

The first one is about encourage your RALO members to provide feedback to the website. NARALO and APRALO both have done that. We really appreciated the time that you provided us to talk to you during the monthly teleconference of NARALO and APRALO. We were encouraging the rest of RALOs to do so. And Laura, I, and [Jeff] are happy to present the beta site and talk to your members.

Specifically, there are three ways to provide feedback. The first one is that we have set up a wiki page to collect feedback. I'll just show you quickly what it is, and I'll also paste that in the chat.

We recently distributed a message to solicit feedback. If anybody has comments, they can leave a comment in this page. We're looking at them and we'll figure out what the developers have to implement some of the suggestions.

The second one is contact me and Laura to send your input directly. We are happy to receive some of the inputs from ALSes. For example, there's one from NARALO just contact us about how to correct or update their logo on the ALS page. We'll encourage more members like that, doing that, contacting us directly.

The third way is to participate in the upcoming Capacity Building Webinar which will be held December the 9th. That will be dedicated to this beta site, and then we will walk through the whole site, and maybe other developers from the offshore team will participate as well. This is just a pre-promotion and make sure to encourage more members to attend that webinar.

The second point is check the existing content on the RALO page and suggest modifications. I trust that you all know the domain name of the beta site is the new atlarage.icann.org. The way to get to the RALO page, there were two. One is from the map. So I'm just going to click EURALO [inaudible] take you to the EURALO page.

So what you need to do is to review the [content] that's posted here. Basically took the first cut and find the relevant information to link out to. So please take a look at it, and if you think you want to add, remove, or modify any of the resources listed here, please let me know.

Siranush already did that, so thank you very much for that. I will encourage the rest of the RALO leaders to do so. That's basically the second point.

The third point is in the RALO page we have a couple of sessions. They're called the spotlight or highlight sections. I will show you what it is. For example, on the EURALO page, this middle section, 2015 EURALO General Assembly, that's a highlight session that can feature upcoming events or key activities of the RALO. From admin side, which is staff, for now we can easily change the picture, the text and the links over here. If you want to promote anything, this is a great place to do so.

Then there's another section, which you can also promote information and I will show you where it is. So on the APRALO page... Well, for every RALO you will have one slot under what's new that's a customizable area that you can put some text or a link or a photo. It's probably not as common as the spotlight section, but still you can feature certain things.

So these two, we can change them [inaudible] easily and if you want to promote any content, just contact me and send me a suggested text, photo, or links to update so we can keep the page fresh. That's the third point. These are three that are more relevant before we launch the site officially.

Then the next point is about [a new] template to publish RALO monthly reports and this entirely a proposal. If you don't like it, don't feel obligated to [inaudible] that suggestion.

We notice that currently the RALO monthly reports are published on the wiki and [inaudible] format. We're looking at the APRALO one now and it's month by month. So a paragraph, photos, and [inaudible] in the wiki. Understand that Nathalie will push many of you upload this content.

Our idea is that for the new At-Large site, now we have this particular function is for news. So I will show you one news article. This is one news article that we post on the website and then there's an admin side office and we'll show you how we get this page created.

So from the admin, we have a news section, and then from here we can create new news, like a new article and you can put titles and you can put about at a glance from a high level view what this article is about, and then recent development. It's the main body of the news and background, and also you can put the name of the author, title, and you can tag it based on topic which can be the policy topic areas that ALAC deals with or organizational tags. It can be tagged with APRALO, or EURALO, or ALAC even.

So we have created this template for publishing news articles, and right now the main source of news articles is staff-produced content which is this monthly policy update newsletter that policy staff usually do. Silvia writes an article about RALOs every month.

Hey, can you check the noise, please? Okay, I'll just keep going.

So for that particular policy update, we can use this template and we're thinking maybe the [inaudible] monthly report can also leverage this template as well.

Can you check the... Maybe one of the persons is not muted.

TERRI AGNEW:

We're checking into it.

ARIEL LIANG:

Okay. Thank you, Terri. Just to go back, we're thinking we already [used] this admin interface for publishing new articles. Maybe it's a good opportunity to bring more visibility to the RALO secretariat report and publish them on the website using this template so that we can basically help more people understand what's going on in the RALO, and on the website we'll always have something new and fresh about the RALOs. So that's the fourth proposal.

Next, identify items on the wiki to move or duplicate on the website. Basically, now we have this capability to build a general content template page to upload the document or paragraphs of the content where tables or blog posts or different kinds of content. So now we

have a lot more flexibility to create new information on the website. And some of the key documents are living in the wiki, so maybe we can move them over to the website. Probably not completely just remove them from the wiki. We can copy them over, so that way they have both in both places, so we don't lose the history.

I understand that more or less ongoing process and probably we cannot identify all those documents at once, so that we can definitely work together after the official launch to figure out which document that really needs to bring to the website or where to place them. That's the fifth proposal.

The last one is get an ICANN profile. The reason for that is that for this current website, as you may can see, for the RALO page we have listed the RALO leaders on the [inaudible] and now we're linking to their LinkedIn profile [or] those public profiles.

For ICANN, we also have the ICANN profile. The great thing is if you have got an ICANN profile, we can integrate that to the website. In the future, what you do may be able to reflect it in this website better.

For example, if you're a penholder of a public comment – like an ALAC statement public comment – we can link it to your ICANN profile, so that your activities will be shown in another part of the ICANN website system. It's all fully integrated. I think only Olivier [and all of the] community members here have the ICANN profile, so I will encourage all of you to get it. To get it, it's really easy. Basically if you go to icann.org, there is this login and signup. You click signup and put your

name and your e-mail and then you will be able to create your profile there. That will be very beneficial in the future.

I will stop now, and if there are any comments or questions – Olivier has raised his hand. Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Ariel. Every time you do a demonstration of this website, my mouth opens up and I think, “My goodness, this is really fantastic.” Then a feeling of fear comes upon me as age is taking its toll and I’m going to, “Goodness gracious, is there a way that we’re going to be trained?” Are RALO leaders trained to be able to maintain these things? Are we going to have webinars to maintain it or a workshop or something when we have a face-to-face session, when we’re all around the table, and you’ll be able to teach us how to do this? Are there documents that will be produced for the person who in the RALO will need to draft their text or something?

ARIEL LIANG: Thank you, Olivier. Just to let you know how this site is going to be maintained for the short term or medium term, in terms of people who are [inaudible] the site, it’s going to be staff from the beginning. From the community side, it won’t be too much demand for you to be able to know how to navigate through the admin site. Basically, you can maintain what you have been doing and then we need to work together. For example, if you want to change what is on the RALO page, you just need to tell staff or me for the short term what you want to change and I will implement that through the admin page.

There's really not much training or skill, but if you wish to adopt that template for creating future monthly reports for the secretariat, I can share with you how the template is like. It's really easy to understand. So you can probably still do what you did before, like put content in a Word document and send it over to staff and we post it for you.

So that's a short-term or mid-term solution. But Laura is with us, actually, today. We do have plans to open up the access to this site for the community in the future to allow community members to be able to enter the site and [inaudible] certain parts of it. Of course, probably not all of it because some policy related work will be done by staff and that will be better, in a way, [inaudible] organize and [inaudible].

I don't know whether Laura wants to add anything about logins or access to the website for the community. Laura? I did not hear anything. I guess you probably...

LAURA BENGFORD: Yes, hi.

ARIEL LIANG: Okay. Laura, go ahead.

LAURA BENGFORD: I wanted to make a quick comment and then back to you, Ariel, on that point. As Ariel indicated, we did design this website with the flexibility in mind that we would be able to have staff or community offer content.

So we build it in such a way and designed it in such a way to accommodate that.

We were very, very mindful that the At-Large group wanted to get the website going as quickly as possible. So what Ariel and I have really been focused on is getting it to launch so that we could benefit from the value of the functionality and the new design of the website while we're working on some of these things that are just going to take some time for not only us to do technically, but as Ariel indicated, looking at processes. And Olivier, as you pointed out, training and the organizational readiness to shift the process, if that is what is desired to accommodate more active involvement from the community. We definitely view that as a [inaudible] in something that we think will be enjoyed by the community. But we're perfectly prepared, as Ariel indicated, to do the leg work from the At-Large staff and the admin menu until we get there organizationally. But we do anticipate to be able to [open it] to do that.

ARIEL LIANG:

Thank you, Laura. Are there any other comment or questions? I note there's a lot of comments in the chat. I wasn't able to follow all of them during the presentation. But I will get back to you offline regarding the points mentioned. Any other comments? If not, I will turn over the floor to Aziz. Thank you very much.

Okay, Humberto, please go ahead.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you. Those questions regarding the user credentials for the wiki spaces. Will we be using the same credentials for this webpage? What will happen with that with [inaudible] wiki space and their user credentials? Thank you.

ARIEL LIANG: Thank you, Humberto. The wiki is a separate platform completely independent from the website so we're not going to share credentials for the wiki or the website. At this moment, only staff can have admin access to the site. When we're rolling out access to the community in the future, that will be a separate thing. I hope I answered your question.

Any other comments or questions? If not, I will turn over the floor to Aziz. Thank you very much for giving us the time to present the site. Thank you very much for considering the proposals.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Ariel. Congratulations on this wonderful job you've done.

ARIEL LIANG: Thank you, Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI: [inaudible] already have the site live by the Marrakech meeting. I know you've worked a lot, so it would be wonderful if we could [inaudible]

the Marrakech meeting. I think more than any comments there is merely one point to be made, which is [inaudible] five minutes late. I think there's not much more to add to this item.

Is there any other business? If there's any other business, we should move on to that. Otherwise we should thank namely Ariel, Silvia, and Terri for everything they've done for us all. I thank you all very much and I look forward to having our next RALO secretariat meeting in Marrakech. I'm available to you all to answer any questions you may have. Talk to you soon!

TERRI AGNEW:

Thank you. Once again, the meeting has been adjourned. Thank you very much for joining. Please remember to disconnect all remaining lines and have a wonderful rest of your day.

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]