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YESIM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to today's APRALO monthly teleconference, taking place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2016 at 06:00 UTC.

On today's call we have Ali Al Meshal, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Maureen Hilyard, Satish Babu, Yasuichi Kitamura, Tomohiro Fujisaki, Pavan Budhrani, Gunela Astbrink.

And we have our apologies from Siranush Vardanyan, Holly Raiche, Toshio Tachibana.

And from staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, and myself Yesim Nazlar.

I would like to remind everyone to state your name while speaking not only for transcript purposes, but also interpretation purposes as well. Over to you Ali. Thank you.

ALI AL MESHAL: Thank you very much Yesim. This is Ali Al Meshal. First of all, I would like to welcome all for the first call of the APRALO in 2016. I'm looking for a great [inaudible] for more of success achievement to all of us. And without any further ado, we want us to [inaudible] as much as we can from the time, I will hand over to Maureen to start the policy update. Over to you Maureen.

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MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Ali. Yes, this is my first time giving the policy update, so I hope, I can ensure you I'm going to give you a very simplified version of this policy statement, what these policy statements are about. And I hope that you'll still be able to contribute to them at the end of it.

Looking at number one, the statements approved by the ALAC, that one for example is very important. We're going to be getting an update from Cheryl later on, so fortunately I don't have to talk about that one.

We are looking at the four statements that we do have to, we are being asked to comment on. The first one, and I have to admit, sometimes I even had problems with the statement itself, but the first one is a, to do with the profile with gTLD registries and registrars. And the final statement is actually sort of like being voted on as we speak.

And although Holly and Carlton use more technical terms to express their statements, my take is that they are supporting a fuller version of information about the profiles of registries and registrars. So as [inaudible], you know, we have more information about who [inaudible]...

And you know, that we can trust them to provide the domain name services that you want on this statement, and if you agree with it, let them know that it was that sort of feedback they sort of appreciate from [inaudible].

The second has to do with the implementation of the Thick WHOIS, [inaudible] GNSO Thick WHOIS consensus policy. And Alan Greenberg, our ALAC Chair, is responsible for writing this statement. And you know, I'm assuming that everyone knows the difference between the

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Thick WHOIS and the Thin WHOIS, I hate to admit it myself, is that Thick WHOIS is actually make sure there is all of the information about the registrant is actually listed. So you can like found out more about who is running [at this moment]. But this statement also deals with the very lengthy timeframe that it has taken for this policy to be actually implemented, the process of it.

It was started in 2011, and in 2014, recommendations were being made, were actually made, and [inaudible] but the actual implementation of these would only start this year. And Alan is asking in his statement like, why is it taking so long? So if you would like to have a read through his statement, and if you would like to comment further about it, let Alan know.

I'll skip the third one for a second and just go to the last one. I'll deal with the third one in a minute. The last statement that is being commented on, is to do with [inaudible] retention waiver request, which I'm not quite sure about myself.

But for me, the takeaway from this particular request for comment is related to some comments from emails, over the email. And it has to do with the potential conflict between, conflict when something is forbidden as a [particular country?] according to their laws, but it's not legal in the US where the ICANN registrar contact are actually drawn up.

So there could be a little bit of an anomaly there. And [inaudible] indicated some [different?] opinions about this topic, so he's been asked to write some advice on behalf of the ALAC. I note that there

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isn't a statement written yet, but it should be a good one to happen, so look out for it and comment if you feel, you know, that it's appropriate.

Just going back to the third comment section, which we're looking at. It's the final report recommendations of the geographic regions review working group. This is being, the pen is being held by Tijani, and he has got two helpers already, Jean-Jacques Subrenat and Maureen from [inaudible].

And the closing of this particular comment period isn't until the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. So you've got a lot of time to be looking at it, and I really hope you will. There is a big section on APRALO, and you know, it would be good to get your input, and it's an opportunity because we're all related to this geographic region issue.

So comments would be most appropriate. But the reason I saved this to last was that this is actually a special report for me because it's a report that actually got me involved in ICANN, you know, well over five years ago now. When I saw a need, after having read my very first, and my very first ICANN meeting in [inaudible], I read it and saw a need to provide a view about my region, the Pacific, which I thought at the time was really underrepresented within ICANN.

And I made an initial presentation, and this later developed into what is actually in the paper at the moment, which I did in collaboration with other small island developing states, mainly in the Caribbean. But I think from this, I just wanted to say that, you know, I can personally attest to having seen some positive changes that have resulted from

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what I think, you know, from what I contributed in those early public, in that early public consultation process.

And it's [inaudible] online sub-region of APRALO, I can surely say that I was always encouraged to have my say, and it was listened to in this report. So and, you know, that was my first time to sort of like [inaudible] to sort like say something in these reports. But I do urge you to all take this [inaudible] and the opportunity to have your say in matters that are important to you, because if you want change to happen, you have to be part of that change.

So okay, so that's all I have to say about that. But there are no other further comments, further statements that need comment on. Before I pass it back to Ali, any questions? Don't make them too hard?

ALI AL MESHAL:

Yup. Any questions or comments for Maureen?

[CROSSTALK] It doesn't seem to be anybody. Thank you very much Maureen for the update. You did great, so maybe you, part of your role every time. [LAUGHING]

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you.

ALI AL MESHAL:

Thanks a lot Maureen. I would just reemphasize what... This is Ali Al Meshal, sorry, for the record. What just Maureen says again. If you

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have any comments or updated feedback, please look into these statements on the Wiki pages and put your voice there so you can be heard. Before we move forward to Cheryl, I just read a note that outside we need, a bombing happened in Pakistan and just pray for the universities.

So let's just pray for all our [inaudible] and colleagues there that all our safe. [Inaudible]

Cheryl? The floor is all yours.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you Ali. Cheryl Langdon-Orr for the record. And it's most disturbing to hear all of this stuff, well I think it's highly unproductive and very unnecessary violence that is popping up all over the place, and many of the places that we know and love so well. And I want to echo your wish for good thoughts and positive prayers for all of those affected both in recent times and sadly in the near future.

However, I'm going to report on something somewhat mundane by comparison to active needless violence, and that is the CCWG accountability process that, I think, maybe [inaudible] an incredible amount of [time] devoted to, particularly at the moment.

The CCWG, which is the cross community working group on accountability, will be having its 79<sup>th</sup> meeting at 12:00 UTC today. So feel free to get up at the middle of your night, or certainly in the middle of my night and join us for a three hour, yes three hour, call. It lasts a

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couple of weeks, and through into next week, we've been holding two three hour calls, [inaudible] you know, it isn't humane.

And due to this increased workload, which is desperately trying to get us through the processes of properly reviewing the [inaudible] and allocating our responses to the public comments from the third draft that went out just before Christmas, and the opinions from both the chartering organizations, which are the ACs and SOs of ICANN, the advisory communities and support organizations, as well as anyone who wished to put in many of those people were based [inaudible] individually, or representing entities which are not necessarily associated by ICANN, but are watching this very closely.

And our aim is to have a final report out, in enough time towards the end of January or beginning of February, so that the chartering organizations, the advisory committee, support organizations of ICANN, can properly discuss, and we hope during the Marrakesh meeting, to finalize their responses to some 12 recommendations which we may in the third report, and which are being modified and edited as required based on the feedback from the public comment.

So rather intensive work for the working group is to deal with all of that. I'm very pleased with our progress. I think we are progressing quite well. I believe we could progress a little further and a little faster if two things had [inaudible] before now. And that is the response from the government's advisory committee, they are meeting or have been meeting certainly through this week, but also being discussed since the last year.

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A number of messages that they find that the government advisory committee particularly important, and a couple of those may be sticking points between [the government] advisory committee and other parts of ICANN, particularly parts of the generic names support organization, the GNSO.

So their response, which we were expecting today or tomorrow, has yet to be forthcoming. The GNSO, however, has also not [input] their response as a chartering organization as yet. The component parts of the GNSO, or many of the component parts of the GNSO, the stakeholder groups and/or particularly the constituencies. So the business constituency [inaudible] non-commercial stakeholders group, all that sort of, multistakeholder groups and others.

I did put in there, individual responses to the third draft, and so we are hoping that will have at least forewarned and forearmed the probable way that the GNSO and the council will react, but [inaudible] complicated past, they have had a meeting about it. Unfortunately, it was only last week, not the end of last June which it should have been in my opinion, yes I am biased.

And it isn't particularly easy because they have quite [different?] views, and some of those are quite entrenched views that they're going to try and have to find a way through. So if we had to have those persons [inaudible] timeline, watch this space. We will have a lot of work for your ALAC members to do once this final report comes out.

And it would be very important if you could encourage and support them in their work because this is pivotal for this accountability work to



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finish before the IANA transition opportunity can be taken to the next level, until accountability framework is in place, and the work stream one, the initial work that [inaudible] required for an IANA stewardship transition in terms of accountability, has been settled.

We can't take it to Congress. We can't get it through the ICG, which is the coordinating group for this IANA transition. We can't get it to the NTIA, which is the current contract holder for ICANN for IANA functions. So pretty important work, and we are continuing.

With that, I just wanted to mention that we're also holding tonight an hour after the three hour meeting, which is at my 2 AM, I have pleasure of joining the CWG meeting. Those meetings for IANA stewardship are also still going on, so don't forget about that.

There are a few things that still need to be settled and some bylaw work that needs to be done, as well as some budget things and 75<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CWG is also going to be held later tonight. I am open to questions, but that's it from me.

ALI AL MESHAL:

Thank you very much Cheryl. This is Ali. Any questions or comments to Cheryl on the cross community working group for the accountability?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Okay.

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ALI AL MESHAL:

Sounds good. Thank you very much Cheryl. Thanks for that. Going to the next point on the agenda, we have the APRALO monthly call in February. As you all know that we are having the Marrakesh meeting on the second week of March, so we were thinking just to shove the APRALO monthly call for February to face to face meeting that we are having in Marrakesh.

And because during that time as well, on February, most of the APRALO team will be attending the APRICOT. So just wanted to hear from you, while on the list, from [inaudible], is that okay with you?

Yes, I can Cheryl saying okay. Any comments? Any feedback on that? Are you okay with that? Maureen is okay with that. The rest, Pavan is fine.

Satish is okay. Gunela is okay. What about the rest?

I see no objections. Most of the others haven't given their feedback, but there is no objections. Yes Maureen, go ahead.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Ali. This is Maureen for the record. Just to give a little bit more explanation, and February, of course, [inaudible] a lot of us will be in the, will be at the APRICOT meeting, and we sort of [inaudible], we sort of like, the leadership team is actually going to be there in Auckland to give us so that it seems like an appropriate time to actually have a meeting with everyone, that we can provide a meeting in February.

But the March one, of course, will be a face to face one in Marrakesh. But just to sort of explain about the APRICOT meeting with the

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leadership team attending there. Through the leadership team, we'll actually be there on the CROPP program, which is focusing on outreach and networking with our MOU partners who are integral to the organization of the APRICOT conference, and they are APNIC, AP TLD, and dot Asia.

So we're going to take advantage as an opportunity that they're going to be there in a more sort of like focused way to talk about how they can help APRALO in our activities during the year. But Siranush and I will also be attending the AP TLD LGM which is just before the APRICOT conference, to give them a presentation on APRALO.

And the, and also a report on Pacific TLD, dot [CK], which I belong to. So it's sort of like, you know, turning quite [inaudible] month. So we just hope that you don't mind there is, you know, that we're actually going to do the meetings a little bit differently. Thank you.

ALI AL MESHAL:

Thank you very much Maureen for the explanation. And I think we are all okay with that, most of the attendees are okay. There is no issue with that. Great. Any feedback on this issue before I move to agenda item number five, which is the ALAC [inaudible]? Nothing?

Silvia, the floor is all of yours [inaudible] webinar.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you Ali. This is Silvia Vivanco from staff. I would like to report on the progress we have made planning the capacity building webinar for the APRALO AP Hub pilot program. We [inaudible] our colleagues from

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Singapore, and based on the topics that you selected in the survey. And so far there is a Wiki page, which is posted there, which has identified three topics.

And the first webinar will be at the end of March on universal acceptance. In May we will have one on DNS security and DNS abuse. In July, privacy and IP. And we will focus, if you look at the Wiki page, we part with the webinars on a basic intermediate level. This will go [inaudible] up, and we will try to make it more complex. And so we will have intermediate and advanced levels, and we will try to find excellent speakers that will provide actual examples.

And the quality even more complex for everyone to learn more about this subject. So it says to we are just beginning to put some details on the Wiki page, and we, at the Wiki pages and the speakers, and so everybody is welcome to join.

And we'd also like to thank our colleagues in AP Hub, because they have posted information on the webinars, on the AP Hub in January, the January version. And this, we can put the link there. And they are promoting and spreading the word about our webinars. So we thank them very much, and raising awareness under this cooperation framework, which is very important.

So thank you for more information on the upcoming webinar. And that's all from me. Thank you very much.

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ALI AL MESHAL:

Thank you very much Silvia. Any comments or feedback on the webinars?

On that part, I don't if Gisella is with us on the call. If you recall, there is another type of webinar, which is for the capacity building, which is run by Tijani Ben Jemaa, and there was a deadline which is on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January to send your suggestions to this topics. But I'm not so sure because the call has been rescheduled.

So are we still having a chance to sending any suggestion if any of the ALSs are interested to send?

Okay. Gisella is saying it's fine, and this is a good opportunity for all of these ALSs who are with us, please encourage you to suggest any type of topics for the capacity building, and send them to the email that are circulated by staff, ICANN staff, for the webinars that you are interested in.

As well as the, our webinars that we would be APAC Hub, I would encourage you, and you can agree, if there is all of the ALSs members that can be [kept up?] for the benefit of all of us. Is there any suggestion or questions?

So Gisella, just, it will be open until when? They have the chance to send these topics?

I think Gisella is typing something. She will mention the time, until we are, the 25<sup>th</sup>. Okay. Great. So if you are looking for any type of capacity building, please send emails and suggestions for the call back, and can be reviewed by the [inaudible].

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Great. On the item on the agenda number six, budget request. As you have noticed, the latest email that has been sent by Siranush as an update, the closing date is tomorrow. So if you are still interested to submit anything for the budget of 2017, please do today.

Today is the last day. We have received a number of them, number of requests which are good, from around four or five requests that we had received. And it's being reviewed by the APRALO leader team, and if you have anything yet that hasn't been sent, please share it today, because tomorrow is the deadline to submit that one.

So the ones we have received are from [inaudible] from VeriSign ALS, [inaudible] IGF. We have received from Satish from Indian Internet Governance tool. We have, there was a discussion from Beirut from [inaudible], and [inaudible] from, send something. But Gisella hasn't seen the proposal yet. So anyone who is interested for any of these for support of the budget? Please, do it today.

Anyone would like to add anything to this point?

I see no hands, I see no comments on here. And for the last, maybe we have some update from Maureen and staff about the [inaudible]... hand this over to you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Ali. This is Maureen for the record. Yes he have... The leadership team has actually sort of rewritten a brochure for APRALO. The last one was about, the last time it had been done was about seven years ago. So it certainly needed updating. And we're hoping to be able

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to bring our first lot of brochures to the APRICOT meeting, but we will, you know, sort of like...

If you need to get, have information about APRALO at any events that you are running, please contact Heidi and let her know how many you need, because you know, this is, it's really important to get this information out to other people about what we are, what we do, and how people can get engaged with us.

So the updated material will be available definitely by Marrakesh and definitely by the time we have our APRICOT meeting in a few weeks' time. So [inaudible], I can't show you anything yet because I haven't actually seen it myself, just bits and pieces as we've been developing it, but it's looking good. Thank you.

ALI AL MESHAL:

Thank you Maureen again. And with that, we'll go for any other business. If there is any update or any suggestions before we end this call, which we are ahead 30 minutes. Okay, sweet and short.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Yeah, thank you. Cheryl for the record. It's something that Siranush and I believe the rest of the leadership team, Siranush has certainly advised about and was supportive of, and I hope she discussed it with the leadership team, but [Heidi and I?] need to follow up, and I said I would do it at today's meeting.

You know there is the global stakeholder engagement group. There is also this new informal group throughout at ICANN for opportunities for

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Civil Society engagement. It was suggested that I could represent our region, APRALO, in that day's activities, and those meetings are starting to be scheduled from now on. And it would probably be wise if it was formally on the record that you are happy for me to act as your liaison.

Now that doesn't stop other people from the region being involved, and we will hope that you will be, but it means that there is a formal role for me to report back to you regularly and ensure that your interests and views are taken into the group. So maybe you should call for any objections, but we just need to get that formalized. Thank you Ali.

ALI AL MESHAL:

Thank you very much Cheryl. I do support that, by all means. I have no objection [inaudible]. [CROSSTALK]

And I can see Maureen and Gunela.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

If there aren't any objections, then perhaps you can make an action item for staff to just formal on behalf of you running this meeting, let Heidi know, because Heidi is one of the staff are involved this, and I think she wanted to [inaudible] dot the I's and the T's crossed.

ALI AL MESHAL:

Sure. And staff is taking the note now. The [inaudible] from the APRALO team.



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CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Good. Thank you very much. Thank you all.

ALI AL MESHAL: Thank you very much. Just waiting to see the action item written there.

Cheryl, Gunela was asking if you could...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I'm actually to her in chat, but yes. I'll stop typing. My response is going to be, certainly Gunela, I'm happy if that's an agenda item for our next meeting. But then we should have held one if not two calls, so I'll have more to tell you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, sorry. This is Silvia Vivanco. So could you please repeat the action item as you would like me to record it?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Certainly. If staff could pass on to Heidi the APRALO support and endorsement from this meeting for me to be their representative in the Civil Society engagement group.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you.

ALI AL MESHAL: Is that clear Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes. Thank you very much.

ALI AL MESHAL: Yeah, because a number of people, they're asking, what is this? I think it's more clear right now. I think with that, if there are no any other issues, no other comments, just give one minute.

[Inaudible]

I see no more hands and comments, and I think we are done with this call. Thank you very much for all, and thank you for joining the call. Please pull up the guidance for the project, for the budget and for [inaudible] just reported to the right emails that have been mentioned. Thank you very much for all.

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