
YESIM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to today's At-Large Regional Secretariat teleconference, taking place on Thursday 18th of February 2016 at 15:00 UTC.

On the English channel we have Barrack Otieno, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Wolf Ludwig.

On the Spanish channel we have Humberto Carrasco and Alberto Soto.

On the French channel we have Aziz Hilali.

And today we have apologies from Glenn McKnight, Judith Hellerstein, Siranush Vardanyan, and Maureen Hilyard.

From staff we have Gisella Gruber, Silvia Vivanco. We also have Rob Hoggarth joining soon, and myself Yesim Nazlar. Our Spanish interpreter today is Sabrina, and our French interpreters today are Camila and Claire.

Please do let me know if I forgot to mention anyone's name.

So, finally I'd like to remind everyone to state their names while speaking, not only for transcript purposes, but also for interpretation purposes as well. Over to you Aziz, thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI: Yesim, do you wish for Aziz to take the floor?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, this is Silvia. Please, Aziz can take the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: Great. Thank you.

Thank you very much. This is Aziz speaking. Thank you very much. Hello everyone. I'm just going to present the first item on the agenda, and then I'm going to ask Olivier to take over. So I'll explain the activities that we have prepared for the Marrakesh meeting.

I have to mention first two very important events that are not related to ALAC or to our RALO. That will be just before, that is to say, on Friday and Saturday, Saturday and Sunday. It concerns five or six people for the [inaudible] with the forum, about the meeting that will take place in Africa.

There will be a special meeting, a formal special meeting in Africa, that has just been confirmed. That will take place in a hotel at the forum. The DNS forum, that will take place, so that other ministers that have not yet confirmed their participation are able to do it.

About the meeting that will take place just after the opening ceremony, that is to say, on March the 7th, now let's go back to work, the AFRALO activities that are being [inaudible]... As you know, we have, first of all, to [inaudible] the conferences, and we are working with the organization community and other activities, AFRALO activities for the meeting in Marrakesh.

And there is the outreach group with which we are going to [inaudible] lots of activities. I will talk about in the chronological order of the

activities. First of all, we have reached to have a little budget to, for the government, non-governmental organizations that, from the region of Morocco, Cameroon, Nigeria, and Morocco.

We have five NGOs from capacity building that will receive information from seven to nine, from 8 to 9 AM during the day, and we hope that at the, that the NGOs become ready for education. Second activity, important activity on Monday the 7th, from 7:20 to 9 PM, the showcase, a very special showcase because we are going to devote it to Fadi, to his farewell because he is someone who has done a lot for ICANN and for Africa.

And he will be in Africa. So we're going to say farewell to Fadi. And it is very important for him to be in African and to end his tenure there, because he is of Arabic origin. All ICANN participants are going to be invited to this farewell to Fadi, which will combine with our showcase. So we expect to have a great participation, that is why we have booked a big room so that everyone can be there with us.

So the ALAC Chair, Mr. Greenberg, and Rinalia who is the Board member representing ALAC, will both take the floor to give their speeches, then the ministry of the digital economy and of industry of Morocco, as well as the president of the telecommunications agency of Morocco will read the addresses.

And the showcase will end with a presentation of a video that Tijani is putting together. He's working with the leaders of certain ALSs, who are going to give witness of their relationship with Fadi, in the framework of this farewell to Fadi. So there will be different

entertainment numbers, there will be music band who will come to play, and there will be different shows representing the Moroccan culture that we'll be presenting.

So I hope you will all be there to appreciate an evening of Moroccan culture, which will go from 7:30, 7:20 to more or less 9 PM. That's all I have to say as far as the showcase. The third main activity we are organizing, which is an activity in which all of the outreach group is participating, that's an activity we're all working on, is going to be a first ever, which is the fact that we're going to have students from Marrakesh and students from [inaudible] coming over to our meeting, to have them participate at the meeting, and specifically at different ICANN activities within the framework of this public meeting.

So, we're going to explain to them what the roll of ICANN is over those days, and then we're going to try to explain to them what the model of ICANN looks like. This is a program that will be starting on Sunday evening and that will end on Tuesday evening, and that will include a number of different activities, such as going to the Marrakesh university, which is just next to the venue of the ICANN meeting.

It is very nearby, so we're going to go there. And there are certain ALAC members who are going to join us in coming there to contribute with presentations. They are going to add to what we have to present. So I have Tijani, Daniel, Cheryl, and a number of other ALAC members coming with us to present to ICANN to them.

We are going to explain to them what our program is, what the mission of ICANN is, and then I think Sébastien Bachollet is also planning on

coming with us. So all RALO Chairs are invited to participate at this meeting which will take place on Tuesday in the afternoon.

There will be a bus that will bring all the students and the staff, and the ALAC members, to the university so that they can all meet the students there. We think it will be about 60 people who will be waiting for us, and there will be a number of people joining us from the [inaudible] community as well.

At each ICANN meeting, we also organize a special activity which is the AFRALO [inaudible] ICANN joint meeting. And we will deal with the IANA transition and the accountability of ICANN over that meeting. Now, if you have no questions and if you allow me to do so, I would like to give the floor to Olivier so that he can chair, host the rest of the meeting. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Aziz. Olivier speaking. And I am keeping the floor open for a few more seconds, if anybody has questions on the AFRALO program in Marrakesh. I think by now a lot of people have already heard the program, so we are all very excited and thank you Aziz for really working so hard to get all of this outreach going with all of the different students that are coming over.

I feel particularly excited because for so long, it's been a case of ICANN always being in its own ivory towers, and although we are always open to participants coming from the host country. I think it is the first time, perhaps the second time because there were some activities in the past, but it is the first time that it takes on such an extensive skill to have so

many students coming over, to have us visit students locally, and so on. That it really is going to be very exciting. And having looked at pictures of the venue and so on, it also looks absolutely great.

So thank you for this. Now we have other matters to deal with in our agenda. And what we are going to go for first then, is the review of the pending action items. There are four of them listed on the agenda at the moment. The first one is for the updates on the RALO professional survey, which was recommendation number 28.

The RALO surveys of the ATLAS 2 recommendations. I guess we can probably already, since it is an action item, we can probably work on it here. The agenda item number four is all about ATLAS 2 recommendations, but we can already touch on these now. Now, as far as an update is concerned, EURALO has a taskforce on ALS engagement that was created a few... Well, officially created during the last EURALO call.

And we are now basically going to be creating this with all of the Wiki pages and so on, and the work of this taskforce is going to be looking at how to engage our At-Large structures better. As you know, we do have a number of At-Large structures that haven't been very engaged recently, even though we had General Assemblies. So we're working on that.

There is also a question on this survey which was sent out. If you remember, every RALO has come up with surveys for their community, but here we have the action item with Heidi to look for ICANN to find in-house expertise for building professional surveys, if the RALO

secretariats are going to be creating a common survey between all of them, a survey that will provide us with as much information as possible. Heidi, is there any feedback on this?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Olivier, this is Silvia. Heidi is now just finishing another call, but I can give an update. Unfortunately, at the moment, there is not in-house expertise to do surveys. So that's the update. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this Silvia. It's Olivier speaking. Not the answer that I wanted to hear, obviously, but I'm not quite sure how we are to proceed forward at that point, if we don't have in-house expertise. And I open the floor here for a question as to whether we should ask if expertise could be obtained outside one way or the other. Are there any thoughts about this or any feedback on this?

There doesn't seem to be much feedback on that. Okay. So, I guess we can leave that, but I was going to suggest...

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: My apologies Olivier. This is Humberto Carrasco. I would like to take the floor. I am not in the Adobe Connect room.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay Humberto. You have the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto Carrasco speaking. Thank you very much. I understand that this problem stems from the work overload perhaps, maybe that's why we do not have the adequate resources. I will try to look into any possible solution that we may come across, so as to have this professional survey, and of course that solution should be within our, the scope of our needs.

I promise I will look into this, and give you an update for our next meeting, for all different alternatives. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Humberto. Olivier speaking. That's very helpful. And I notice that Silvia has also, Silvia Vivanco has put in the chat that perhaps one of our At-Large structures may have the expertise in this. So if you can take on the task to ask our At-Large structures, not only in your region, but in all of the regions that will be really, really helpful.

Are you okay with that Humberto?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto Carrasco speaking. Yes, I fully agree with that option. Thank you so much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. Olivier speaking. Thank you. So that's the first one. The next action item is with regards to recommendation number 43 in the At-Large summit recommendations, and that's for all RALOs to be requested to share, via the RALO secretariats' mailing list, what their

RALOs have done to comply with minimum participation requirements. We have had some explanations from Glenn McKnight as to the work that has been done in NARALO.

I think we have had some explanation on that. I haven't seen any other traffic on the secretariat's list on this. I might be mistaken. So if anybody has noticed any traffic on the RALO secretariats' list, please put your hand up or explain. I think this is still an action item that we need to have. I'm not quite sure.

This one is still pending. So perhaps, if staff could repeat that question again on the RALO secretariats' list, and could we all take it up for each one of us to provide brief details of what steps we are taking to comply with this recommendation? Or at least to get the minimum participation requirements to be complied with.

And what minimum participation requirements we are thinking of? I know that some are even now thinking of including those minimum participation requirements in their RALO requirements for remaining an At-Large structure, which then provides them with the ability to decertify At-Large structures that have absolutely no interests to do anything, apart from turning up every few years at a General Assembly or at an At-Large summit.

I'm being a bit provocative, because I'm hoping we can get some discussion on the mailing list about this. There is a question from Satish Babu in the chat, is there a list of minimum requirements? Well, it really is down to the individual RALOs. And this is where there is no, there are no specifics, I think, at this point.

There is a very small list of requirements. Maybe Alan Greenberg can provide us with some insights on this. Alan, you have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. I was just going to point out there is an ALAC wide activity, an At-Large wide activity going on looking at, among other things, expectations and what we are going to essentially demand that ALSs do in order to become and stay as ALSs. Now RALOs may add other things to those lists, but that is an activity that is going on, and hopefully we will be finished moderately soon.

And I'll also point out, there is an At-Large review going on, which is going to be focusing on ALSs, and to a large extent, if we don't do it internally, it will be done, or at least we'll be identifying that there is a problem externally. So one way or the other, we have to address this. And it's not just a RALO issue, it's an At-Large wide issue. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much Alan. Olivier speaking. I have a question for you Alan, I mean, would it be worth the secretariats asking the working group that is currently working on this ALS minimum participation, or minimum engagement topic, to provide us with an update?

ALAN GREENBERG:

There will be a significant session on it in Marrakesh, and we will be doing some work before then also.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks very much for this Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: A fair number of those people are on the same group, I believe. So it's not as if the groups are working independently.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. That's helpful. Thank you. So maybe then let's note this. That this task is also being worked on by this working group. And I note that Silvia is mentioning there is a set of minimum participation requirements, a small set. But okay, fine. Let's then move on to the next action item, and that's the third one.

And it's to do with the public interest paper, the next steps. And we are going to be touching on this at the end of this call in agenda item number six, so let's just put this to the side. And finally, the fourth action item listed is about the FY 17 RALO development session. And it says here that Heidi is to clarify the timing for the session, and if one day must be added, or if one day must be taken out of the ICANN meeting, or if one day out of the ICANN meeting must be given up, here we go.

So I guess we need an answer from Heidi. I note that this is marked as done. Silvia, is that indeed correct? This is being clarified?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, she clarified by email.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks very much Silvia. So let's then, if I don't see any hands up regarding commenting on any of these action items, we can move to agenda item number four, that's the At-Large summit recommendations. We have touched on recommendation 28, we have touched on recommendation number 43. The two recommendations that we have not touched on are 31 and 42.

And as you know, we are reaching the end of this cycle, on the end of going through these recommendations. I think some of us must have read through these recommendations one by one, more than 100 times now, especially those people in the working group that follows up on these recommendations. So we are very close to drafting a final report since a large number of these recommendations seem to be either passed onto working groups that will reach decisions, or have actually been either obsoleted or being completed, one way or other.

The recommendation of the 31 is about ICANN and the ALAC to investigate the use of simple tools and methods to facilitate participation in public comments, and the use of crowd sourcing. There was a large amount of work that has been done on this, and the technology taskforce certainly has worked quite extensively on this topic.

It was also for the RALO chairs to have a look at this and say, you know, how helpful would these tools be for our community? At the moment, listed on the page, we have [inaudible], we have liquid feedback, we have [inaudible] workspace. There is also Confluence questions. So

some work has been done to investigate the use of simple tools, but I'm not sure whether we have found a tool that would satisfy our need at this very moment.

And I wonder if anybody has any further knowledge on this? It's a bit of a pity that we don't have Dev Anand Teelucksingh on the call because he might have been able to let us know, but I know that we have several members of the technology taskforce on the call here. So if anybody wishes to add any further information on this.

My feeling, and please stop me when I'm speaking, you know, put your hand up if you wish to add something. But my feeling on this recommendation is that this really, until we find tools that will help us, we will continue searching for them, and we can make use of some tools in an ad-hoc way, but I'm a bit reticent in closing this recommendation.

I think it's an ongoing... It really is an ongoing task that we have to keep as ongoing, and therefore we can do is to close off this recommendation as being an ongoing brief. I think that's the name of it in official language.

Are there any comments? Is there any approval? At least give me some light on this one, a green tick, a red cross. Something.

I see the technology taskforce hasn't done anything on this issue, says Glenn McKnight. I thought that the technology taskforce is constantly trying new technologies to help us out with facilitating the work with our At-Large structures, tools and methods to facilitate participation in public comments in the use of CROPP sourcing.

Okay. I'm not seeing any movement on this. So let's then go to the next recommendation. I note that Glenn is saying, we need to define the scope of this recommendation. I'm not quite sure what Glenn means by this. Would you care to...? Are you able to elaborate on this? Define the scope.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Olivier, it's Glenn. Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, go ahead Glenn.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Okay, Glenn. Yeah, we met... A couple of times we met on the total management information system, [inaudible] systems. We met with ICANN staff on this, and it's always the same kind of feedback. You have to define your scope, your process, it's like feeding an elephant. You have to start somewhere. So I think we need to solve our problem of certain issues, whether it's [inaudible] action items, or something that this is [inaudible], it's very vast.

So we have to drill down and define the scope of this project, so then we can move it forward. Right now, it's very, it's too broad in its scope. So you can see it's just not moving any further. We have not [inaudible] for months with the TPF. We have dealt with other issues, but this has languished.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this Glenn. It's Olivier speaking. Whose task is it, do you think, to redefine the scope, or to focus the scope of this recommendation?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: As you see in the social media [inaudible] taskforce, same people. It's to repeat, I think the At-Large needs to come back and give us some direction, and I'm happy to pursue it with the rest of, Judith and myself and Dev [inaudible], but you know what? Why don't we put it on the agenda on the next call, but I can assure you it has not been something that we have been making [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks Glenn. It's Olivier speaking. Just to be sure for the action item, put it on the agenda of which next call? The technology taskforce [CROSSTALK]... Technical taskforce, okay, thanks.

Okay, thanks very much, so that's an action item please, to put recommendation 31 on the next technical taskforce call, for focusing the recommendation. Next recommendation is number, where is the agenda? Here we go. The next one is number 42, and that's the one about enabling face to face RALO assemblies. That's again, a very large discussion that has been had on this.

And there is an action item there for me to develop a timeline of the General Assemblies, how many General Assemblies per year, where an Assembly should take place, and leading up to ATLAS 3. That has now, I believe, been filed, or hopefully it will be filed today, because today is

the deadline for the budget requests. So it should be filed as soon as possible. I'm not quite sure where we are now. That really is with the ALAC. Perhaps, could I ask Alan Greenberg where we are on this please? Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. It's not technically a budget request, so I'm not really sure that the deadlines are aligned. We said, well, we said it should have gone in several months before, which clearly it hasn't. So I think we're going to have to focus on it, but I'm not sure it's tied directly to the evaluation of budget requests.

But we do want it in so that when they're discussing about it, there are aware of it. So we should get it in soon. At this point, I'm not quite sure where we are. I know you just came out with a new version of it, a little while ago. I think we're going to have to, Heidi you and I should focus on it and try to decide how we go forward. I can't say there is a plan right now.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay, thanks for this Alan. Olivier speaking. So that's firmly in your hands and in Heidi's hands. Let's them move on, and we are now at agenda item number five, the FY 16 ICANN community document development and drafting resource pilot program. What acronym would that be? Would that be the CDDRPP program? Anyway, we have Rob Hoggarth with us, and Rob you have a few minutes, 10, 15 minutes to take us through this opportunity.

ROB HOGGARTH: Thanks very much Olivier. Can you hear me okay?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Very well indeed.

ROB HOGGARTH: Excellent, thank you very much. On a recent call, I had difficulties projecting my voice or having you all receive my audio, so I'm delighted that it's working. I couldn't help but smile when you made the acronym comment. Formally, we are calling it the GDDPP, but that's simply because internally it's such a mouthful.

This is a concept, the concept of assisting the community in the production of documents, that has been considered for several years. It's come up mainly in the context of the special community budget request process, where for several years, primarily driven by members of the GNSO community, there has been a desire for additional support of community members, as they developed their policy development statements and positions.

As well as the simple, direct support of actually writing out those position statements, where there is points of view when it came to a public comment forum. And the request were considered over periods of time, it came in through different forms over the last several years. And the magic leverage point was achieved by Alan, I think maybe you and Olivier and other community leaders at the most recent Singapore meeting last year, where a group of SO AC SG C and RALO leaders were

able to break through in their conversations with the CEO and vice president for policy development support.

And secure a commitment to investigate this further, devote some resources to it. So for several months, staff worked with outside parties vendors. We reached out to members of the community, actually we're pleased to get some input from the LACRALO as well as other communities on the commercial and GNSO sides of the community, to come up with a framework for how we might be able to test whether this support was something that we are capable of delivering from the ICANN staff perspective.

I think you also have to appreciate that over time, what we've been trying to do organizationally, is expand the level of staff support that you have enjoyed at the SO AC level of community work. You know, those groups that are nailed into the ICANN bylaws, and continue to populate those resources to the groups that make up those SOs and ACs.

And from the perspective of your community to be able to deliver more and more opportunities for the RALOs to participate in the full range of ICANN activities. And so as a result, the program has been designed to expand the service and support for development of policy statements and positions to the RALO community.

Again, this is a pilot program, that's one of the two Ps or the two Ps in the acronym. It's a pilot program. And we have a relatively short period of time. But last month, David Olive circulated to the community leaders, the framework for this program. Very directly listing what the

objectives are, what some of the expectations were in terms of moving forward with it. And in short, the concept is to help individual community test the ability to design, develop, and produce written statements of their policy positions.

The range of services potentially includes anything from beginning to understand what a particular issue is, so from the very short first step of information and knowledge, all the way potentially through developing a written statement. The concept is to be able to provide the support between March and June timeframes, when the ICANN fiscal year ends, and basically to provide a single individual, who would act as an extraordinary staff member, if you will, to focus their service delivery with the executive group, you know, the leaders of a particular community, to help them and their community members understand more about the policy work that's going on, and potentially help them to develop a written statement.

So that's at a very high level. Basically in terms of the process, what David shared with the community leaders was a framework document, explaining what the program was, and a questionnaire. So that if a community is interested in taking advantage of this service for the next four months, that they would fill out the questionnaire indicating their level of interest, some of the proceedings that they would be interested in getting help with.

And that working with our outside consultants, be able to identify a specific individual, who sort of matched those needs to work with the community over the next three or four months. The idea there would be that we would learn from that experience. We would ask the

community leadership for regular feedback and assessment of the support, and we would ask the contractor, or you know, the individual who would be helping, the extraordinary staffer, some of us are calling them, for feedback as well, to help them, you know, help us understand, is this something that's working?

Is this something that has potential? Because I think David's view is, if this looks like it's something that has potential, and some members of your communities want to take advantage of this, then we would try to continue the pilot in the FY 17 period, ICANN's next fiscal year, with an eye toward fine tuning things, learning more, collecting data and metrics.

So that eventually, this might be a capability or service that we could offer on a regular basis, almost as a core part of the ICANN budget. So Olivier, that's the overview, the general concept of the program and this pilot effort. I'm happy to answer any questions in terms of that might be, if you're interested in what you do, or to clarify any aspects of it. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Rob. Very helpful. It's Olivier speaking. And the document which you have provided, which is shown on the screen, it's very interesting indeed. I note the type of, the potential support areas providing assistance with front end research, on specific ICANN issues, preparation of issue overview documents, identifying and assessing key elements and impacts on the community.

This sort of stuff is something that we have been asked by our community, on many occasions, where an issue comes up and the next question is, yeah, but what does it really mean for someone in an At-Large structure. So as the RALOs are in direct contact with At-Large structures, this is probably the right location to ask what are the current issues?

And what are the forthcoming issues that At-Large structures might be interested in knowing more about, and certainly how whatever additional future policy of ICANN is going to attack them one way or the other? So, that's the current support, the potential support areas. The floor is open for comments, by the way, comments or questions on this.

I have a question, which you've already alluded to, what's the next step? If the RALO was interested in specific topic areas that it thought was going to be assisting its At-Large structures, what's the next step or way forward to do things? Is it for the ALAC? Is it directly with you, Heidi and...? You know, let's sort of see.

ROB HOGGARTH:

Thanks very much Olivier for that question. This is Rob again. The next steps or the direct call of action that was a part of David's mid-January communication was that, if any specific group was interested, that they should fill out the questionnaire and send it directly back to David. One of the reasons why you're getting a glimpse of Rob Hoggarth and other staff briefings on this last couple of weeks, is basically because we're interested in utilizing the resource.

David had asked folks to provide some initial feedback, if possible, by the end of January, recognizing that we only had a limited number of slots that we could test for this relatively short period. You'll note from the document that we figured we had about realistically eight opportunities here, simply because we're just testing this right now.

We don't think the full weight of ICANN staff to be able to support this, and that's why we're using an outside vendor. So by the end of January, we only got two responses from two communities. And so we've been promoting this the last several weeks, just to see if it's of interest to some folks, and we've gotten a couple of more indications of interest.

I understand potentially the reluctance, or hesitation to take this on because it is a pilot effort. And it's not without its, you know, challenge in terms of time commitment. As we've experienced with other pilot efforts, when you're testing something out, it's not completely smooth at the very beginning.

And it's perfectly legitimate for some folks to say, I'm not going to be an early adopter, I'm just going to see how this develops. But we are trying to encourage those of you in the various RALO communities, if you have the interest in this to explore it, or at least have a conversation with Dan O'Neil of WBC Global who is actually administering this project for us, with advice from staff.

Basically the staff team is me, David Olive, and Carlos Ray, and we're acting as advisors to Dan to help him in terms of actually implementing this. And so we still have, I'd say a couple, maybe a few slots left open, if anyone is interested in it. As the framework document indicates, it's

basically 100 staff hours broken down to 25 hours a month of some additional support.

But you know, the challenge that comes with that is managing that, or seeing if you could fully utilize it. Actually, if someone agrees to a test, it will just be useful for us to go through the effort to see if it works. But to circle back around, to close the loop on your question, Olivier, the bottom line here is filling out the questionnaire and getting it back to David, we're past the January 29th deadline now, so basically it's first come, first served in terms of folks reacting to it.

We end up that we're subscribed, but if we go to the next phase of the program in FY 17 and have the funds, we'll try to get priorities to folks who have already, you know, raised their hand. So that's the next step. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Rob. Alan Greenberg, you have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. I've heard this presentation a couple of times now, and I'm still having some trouble visualizing how we might use this effectively. Is it violating any confidences to tell us what the projects that have been proposed are?

ROB HOGGARTH: No, I don't think so. I think as with any of these pilot, we should be very transparent about them. We haven't put the mechanism up, we're

posting the questionnaire responses yet on the Wiki, because we've only got the two, and we've had two others say we're interested, we'll fill out the questionnaire. Basically what the questionnaire ask is, you know, are you interested in this service?

Do you have an existing...? I'm sorry, I don't want to speak too fast for the interpreters. Do you have an infrastructure for the capability of bringing somebody on board? In other words, you have a small policy committee or whatever. And then what it outlines is, okay, what type of support are you interested in?

It sort of tests, are you at the side of the spectrum that just needs information development, knowledge development? Helping to train your community members or inform them about a particular topic or issue. In terms of the topics or issues, Alan, what we did is we looked at the upcoming comments sections of the ICANN dot org webpage, to gauge between now and the end of June, what proceedings are coming down the road.

And basically created a spreadsheet and said, which one of these topics, or how many are you interested in, potentially commenting on? What I can share with you about the two questionnaires that came in was, one group basically checks every box. So that's something that we have to work on, not tremendously focused or helpful, but informative. And the other group, I think, pick and choose a number of different subsets of those, in terms of particular items.

So we weren't, and the questionnaire was not keeping open, pick any topic that you can come up with, in terms of trying to create a structure

and focusing on, you know, content development, educational type items. We tried to pick activities that were already going to be taking place. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this Rob. It's Olivier speaking. Alan, your hand is still up.

ALAN GREENBERG: My hand is up because I forgot to put it down, but perhaps we could get a particular Wiki so we can look at what was submitted? Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay...

ROB HOGGARTH: Thank you Alan. We will look to getting that, getting a space created for...

ALAN GREENBERG: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you had said they were already posted. My apologies.

ROB HOGGARTH: No sir.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Excellent. Thank you. It's Olivier speaking. I note that we are running out of time for this very interesting discussion. We'll probably follow up in Marrakesh on this. So thanks for joining us Rob on this call. Moving swiftly on, agenda item number six, public interest within At-Large and ICANN. Wolf Ludwig is in charge of this project, the paper on the public interest which he has presented to EURALO.

And now, EURALO has created the working group that we are proposing could be At-Large wide, and therefore that could involve all of the RALOs. Wolf, could you please summarize in five minutes?

WOLF LUDWIG: Yes, okay, thanks Olivier. It's Wolf Ludwig for the record. The presentation at our last secretariats' call already on the substance of the paper, so to keep it short, it was a major part of the last EURALO General Assembly in October in Dublin. And we had an interesting discussion on the subject and the thesis paper which was prepared by me, Wolf, was adopted by our members.

And it was connected to sort of a mandate to follow-up this important discussion on the public interest. And to create a working group at the EURALO level. So our consideration at the time was, okay, we will follow up on our regional level, but perhaps, and I had some questions at the end of my thesis paper that our paper and approach only concentrated on European history, European aspect, etc. and it does not necessarily include as a regional examples or parallels.

Therefore we also invited other RALOs to join the discussion, and to have a closer look on their own context, etc. and to contribute to the

debate. To keep it brief, we now are on the next move, on the next step, and we created our working group as you can see on the screen, with some particularly interested members.

And we would like to keep the offer open, that as soon as other people from other RALOs are interested, this will never be understood as a closed shop. So this will be an open discussion round, and if there will be enough support from other RALOs, we could even think about creating an At-Large wide working group on the subject, which will not focus so much on the European regional level and approach, but would include all the perspectives.

What could be very interesting, very exciting in my opinion. And if there is enough interest, I would be ready to put such a project with the approval of ALAC on the At-Large level. I think that's all at the moment. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this Wolf. Olivier speaking. And so the next step on this is to get notions of interest from other RALOs. Are there any comments or questions on this? Is there any opposition to extending this work to all of the different RALOs?

Is anybody agreeing with this? Should we move forward, the public interest across all RALOs? We'll have the working group and we can have a call for, I can see, well obviously a green tick from Wolf. Good, you agree to your own proposal. I like that.

I'm not seeing any other responses from everyone else...

WOLF LUDWIG: There is a response from Satish Babu in the chat room. APRALO will be happy to support this.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It has just arrived. Yeah, thank you for this Wolf. So that's fine. So we'll move forward with this then. And as we have three minutes left on our call and no possibility for extension, so far we have APRALO and EURALO. Let's follow up with the other RALOs please, Silvia, in writing, and obtain perhaps some volunteers from other RALOs.

I'm sure people in At-Large structures would like to join that working group. So that's one thing. Now we just have a few minutes left on this call to set the agenda for the RALO Secretariat meeting in Marrakesh. I was going to suggest the following topics. First topic, which was going to be a short topic, was to review the last couple of ATLAS 2 recommendations, and basically close them off in Marrakesh.

The second topic was the ICANN community document development and drafting resource pilot program for... And that really is following up on the call that we have now, for everyone to present proposals then, and discuss our proposals, which we could then bring to the meeting that Rob Hoggarth is organizing in Marrakesh. And hopefully the meeting is chronologically correct, and that Rob's meeting will take place after our RALO Secretariat's meeting.

And thirdly, I was going to suggest that we have a RALO survey coordination with Roberto Carrasco coming back to us, then to give us a

few more information on what's happening with regards to having knowledge of building surveys in our ALSs. Are there any other suggestions, is there anything against those?

I can do a cut and paste, which I'll do. There we go. Doesn't look good, does it? It's all in one piece, one line. Are there any other suggestions for time for topics to be discussed in the face to face meeting in Marrakesh?

I don't see anyone putting their hand up. So I gather that we have consent, silence by consent I guess. There doesn't seem to be much feedback. Any other topics that you would like to touch on?

Okay. That's fine. And Heidi, is there anything that you would suggest that we discuss in Marrakesh as well? Are there any issues that I'm unaware of since this is really an AFRALO sort of agenda? And of course, I'm going to ask Aziz to jump in here as well.

Going once, going twice, I can't hear anyone, and nobody is saying anything, so fine. Let's just have the agenda as this. Let's just share it on our mailing list, and we will then be able to have some feedback on this agenda.

And with this, we are in any other business now.

No other business. Okay. So thanks very much to all of you. And it's just one minute past the top of the hour. We'll see you all in Marrakesh. And until then, have safe travels, a good week, and this meeting is now adjourned. Thank you and thanks to the interpreters and to staff for supporting this call. Goodbye.

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