
YESIM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to today's APRALO monthly call taking place on Thursday 21st of April 2016 at 6:00 UTC.

On today's call on the English channel we have Siranush Vardanyan, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Maureen Hilyard, Holly Raiche, Satish Babu, Liu Conglun, Ali AlMeshal, Jee eun Choi, Nadira Alaraj, Kaili Kan, Tomohiro Fujisaki, Yasuichi Kitamura.

We don't have anyone on the Chinese channel so far.

We have apologies from Pavan Budhrani [inaudible].

From staff we have Rinalia Abdul Rahim, Silvia Vivanco and myself Yesim Nazlar.

And our Chinese interpreter today is Yiyi.

Finally I would like to remind everyone to state your names while speaking not only for transcript purposes, but also for interpretation purposes as well. Over to you Siranush. Thank you very much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Yesim, thank you very much. And I also see [inaudible] during that [inaudible] name in the roll call. So thank you everyone for joining to APRALO call, and we have quick a packed agenda. And let's start with the agenda item one, ALAC policy development from [inaudible], and I would like to ask Holly and Maureen to provide us update what is on ALAC table now. [CROSSTALK]

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HOLLY RAICHE: Thanks. Could I get the [inaudible] page shown please? And I can just go through it very quickly, on the screen. If not, I'll just go through.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: [Inaudible] say no to you Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: It's in the agenda, so I can go from there. The statements approved, just have a look, the principles oh, here we go. Somebody just did something and I can't see... Whoever has got control of the screen, can we go back please to the policy page?

Silvia? Hello? [CROSSTALK]

YESIM NAZLAR: Which page [CROSSTALK]...

HOLLY RAICHE: Well, the agenda has the policy statements on it, so could I have either the agenda or the actual policy page, either one?

YESIM NAZLAR: Okay. The agenda is just here [CROSSTALK]...

HOLLY RAICHE:

And can I actually move it a bit? Can you give me [CROSSTALK]...?

Thank you, thank you. Okay. First noted just the statement be approved, which is the draft framework of principles. Statements in progress, which is what should be of interest. The operating plan and budget, people will have read, I hope, the emails we we're working on. A statement for the budget, and there will be within 24 hours there is going to be an hour and a half call on that.

So that is pending. The draft response to new gTLD safeguards, I'm sorry Julie is not on the call, so we'll have to wait for Julie. The recommendation of the geographic working group, that's being voted on. That was a really interesting statement of policy. There were a lot of good comments. Maureen, yours was very good.

The conclusion of that was we're not going to change boundaries, but at this stage, but use some of the other mechanisms such as special [inaudible] and so forth, to deal with the issues, particularly things like [inaudible] or whatever. And as I said, that's being voted on.

The data retention, really I've had a look at it, does not raise any issues. Statements that seem to be [inaudible], there are none. Public comments requested, charter amendments for the registry stakeholder group.

That has already closed, now the launch of the registration authentication program, I actually had a look at that. Basically that is what the sort of thing that we were asking for that before you use a new gTLD, that there be some kind of test to make sure that the applicants will meet what they say in their picks. And essentially that is

what this is about, so there is no need to make a comment. Alan and I agree on that. At this stage, I'm not sure who is doing release of country and territory names within [inaudible], I'm just not sure at that stage we're going to change that up.

I'm not sure that's something we're interested in. And I was waiting to hear from who, either Edmund or somebody for the [inaudible] root zone. I imagine that's... I don't know where that's up to. Does anybody else know where that is up to at this stage? I think we haven't discussed that in the ALT. That will be discussed within 24 hours, 24 to 48 hours.

So that's the one thing I'm just not sure about, but it doesn't close until 28 May, so we've got plenty of time on that one. Are there any questions? [Inaudible]

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Any other questions? Maureen, do you have anything to add for this?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you Siranush. Maureen for the record. No. Most of the statements that we're actually looking at, at the moment, are actually being voted on, and so there has been a lot of discussion already. But I'm sure we will highlight to our members when anything really exciting comes up. That we want [inaudible]...

HOLLY RAICHE: ...geographic regions one, and there was a lot of comment on that, but that's, at this stage, being voted on. Other than that, I don't think there are [inaudible] attracted a lot of comment. [CROSSTALK]

Just the registrar data retention waiver, there are a lot of those. What that's about is basically allowing registrars generally in the European Union or other areas with very strict privacy laws, to have a data retention waiver, in terms of the data that is retained in order that they can comply with EU privacy protection, the data protection rules.

So that's what that is about. And there are lots of those statements [inaudible] probably the past year or so, or more. It's just, it's purely [inaudible] actually. So that's not... It's of interest, but not, doesn't raise any further issues than what we have discussed. Okay.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Holly. Also to give you updates about what Rinalia has said about the [inaudible] meeting. This is a proposal from ALAC for multi-year planning for At-Large RALOs face to face. And we formally call it white paper [inaudible] call. And the call will be actually, the first call for discussions will be taking today at 14:30 UTC for 90 minutes. So those who are interested can join for the discussions.

And Cheryl, please, you have the floor.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you Siranush. Cheryl Langdon-Orr for the record. It just took me a moment to come off of mute. I had put it in the chat that I want it on the audio record as well. We will need to focus as a region on some sort

of input into the draft bylaws for CWG IANA transition and CCWG accountability. That's expected to be out for public comment sometime in the next few days. And as Rinalia put into the chat, there are 400 plus pages in the new draft bylaws.

I really would think that is such an important event that just as we did for the region with our hub, we ran a webinar to make sure that everyone had the opportunity to ask questions, get answers, have any queries discussed, and that is taken as important feedback into the process that has now brought these outcomes around, both for accountability and the IANA transition work.

I've worked very closely with a number of the teams, if not all of them, it might be all of them, in getting all of this to start, on behalf of our region. But if the RALO and the hub would be interested in perhaps doing something, or offering something in terms of a Q&A and webinar, in advance of the close for public comment, we could, I think, either put in some regional opinion directly, or put in opinions that could feed towards the ALAC responses. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Cheryl. And I [inaudible] whenever the bylaws drop into the comment period will be open. We may request more input, and we may request some kind of [bridge?] probably during our next monthly meeting from you, because I don't think that many of us can digest 400 plus pages, so for the new draft.

So if you can provide us some key updates on what is there, that would be really great.

Okay. Any other questions related to these updates?

I don't see any hands raised. So thank you Holly and thank you Cheryl for your input. And let's move forward to the next agenda item which is APRALO regional elections 2016, and staff will provide some updates on this, what are the plans? What are the frameworks and timeframe for all of these elections upcoming for APRALO? Silvia, if I can give the floor to you.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much. Thank you Siranush. This is Silva from staff. Yes, I would like to announce 2016 APRALO regional selections, elections, and appointments. As you know, there are several positions that must be renewed at the end of the 2016 AGM in October. So all of the RALOs are, staff has organized a calendar to make all of the RALOs selections, elections, and appointments synchronized.

So we have a schedule on the screen. The positions for APRALO leadership positions, which is the ALAC member from APRALO, the chair, the vice-chair, and the secretariat. The secretariat in the APRALO case is a discretionary appointment.

The selections timetable is, the announcement will be made on the 26th of April for the call for nominations, and nominees statement. From the 26th of April until 9th of May, the nomination period will be for 10 days. On 16th of May is the deadline for nomination acceptances. From 18 May to the 25th of May, elections. And then the newly elected representative shall be seated at the ALAC and the regional positions at the wrap up session during the 2016 AGM.

We can also organize a teleconference for meeting the candidates, so everybody has an opportunity to ask questions live to all of the candidates. So that's my update Siranush. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Silvia. So we are really close to the process. And this is the unique process for all RALOs, so the deadlines and the timeframe is given for all. So we should start thinking about this. Let me read what Cheryl said, we are satisfied with our leadership team. We can [inaudible] support the seated members in their current positions for an additional term. That is what I was trying to suggest [inaudible] by the way.

Thank you Cheryl. This is also a possible way, one of the ways to do it. So, yeah, as Silvia said, this is all synchronized for all RALOs. So every RALO has now the new positions opened, and the elections process or selection process will be taking very soon.

Okay. Any questions from participants related to this upcoming selection election process? Yes Holly? Okay.

HOLLY RAICHE: It's a comment. I understand Cheryl's comment. My concern with just constantly turning over the same people is we don't involve other people, and I would like to see a way of looking at all of the names, who are people on this call. I would actually like to involve a lot more people and find a way to do that.

And even if we had the existing team continue, I would like to see people who are interested, and I would like to have a kind of mentor system, because none of us should be in the office for too long. We really have to find a way to train people up, and involve them. And my concern without the nomination [inaudible] that is we discourage people from participating.

So maybe an executive can deal with this, but it just worries me that we just keep selecting ourselves. And maybe we take this offline, but that's my thought about that. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Holly. And I would agree, for those who are interested. We would like also to know who is interested or, [inaudible] within APRALO leadership that there might be some mentorship program where we would be ready to mentor the new people to get them ready for the leadership positions available for ALAC or RALO and for NomCom as well.

So that's also a potential way of asking things about. And [inaudible] ask how many years for really selection applied, I assume Silvia is giving the answer. Silvia can you just, yeah. APRALO positions are for two years and secretariat is for one year. But how many times can people be reelected? That was the question which Nadia asked.

I'm not sure if I know the right answer, but I suppose that it's two terms. Is that it?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, this is Silvia. As you can see on the screen and also on the Wiki, we have included, in parenthesis, who can be [inaudible] for reselection. So you can see there in green who is eligible and who is not. Basically all of the positions you see there are eligible for re-selection and for reappointment, according to the APRALO rules and the ALAC rules.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Excellent. Thank you Silvia. Nadia, I hope the answer is clear. And yes Rinalia, this is indeed the way how we are thinking of mentoring the next layer of RALO leadership from the region because there are many people now coming to different constituencies to different ways like fellowship. And during each of the ICANN meeting, we are trying to get in touch with them, to talk with them, to find out the [inaudible] we will start continuing for [inaudible]. We're thinking about future of APRALO.

So this is a way of mentoring, the way how we think we should start this mentoring process. Cheryl, the floor is yours.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you very much. And just to be really clear, of course when I said I would support the team continuing, that assumes that they actually want to. They may not. And of course, Holly if you will like to start by not for running an ALAC position again, that's a fine, and fair, and reasonable thing, because of course the ALAC positions are one year alternate with the others, so we always have at least one well and truly experienced person in the ALAC position of the two that the RALO puts forward each year.

What I would also like to do is come in firmly behind the suggestion of training up leadership. I think that's absolutely vitally important. One of the reasons I'm perfectly happy to support an effective leadership team, it's exactly that. They're effective. It's now a bunch of newbies in there, and we've certainly what happened in some regions, thankfully not too often in our own, when that happened, where it takes some time upwards of 12 months, before things like policy discussions start to actually get dealt with.

In fact, some regions, I wonder if they do policy discussions at all. That's just my clear bias for our region, I suppose. I think the training up of leadership is vital. I think that's a terrific thing. I think we should certainly should look at that. Holly, I am less concerned about the interest and engagement in our region perhaps than you are, because I suppose I've come from the experience of when we had four, five, and occasionally six people, including the leadership, on these monthly calls.

And in recent times, we've had excellent numbers looking at the moment, we've got I think it's 17 active people and a couple of staff in addition. The Adobe person, I think he could be an honorary APRALO member, but I won't count you amongst the active participants for today's call.

So long gone are the days when we only had, you know, the same people who were in the position [inaudible] meeting. We do have much more active and interactive At-Large structure representatives than we had in the past, and I think that's a credit to the leadership team, which is one of the reasons I put forward what I think is still a very good idea, if anyone is going to continue to support them to do so.

But should we train up other people? Absolutely. And in fact, we should be looking at making sure that it's not just training them up for action, and activity, and leadership within our region, but also getting them engaged in direct policy development processes and discussions and working group that are ICANN wide.

And that's certainly something that from our region, very few of us are holding the lion's share of those activities. So I'd certainly be happy to have a couple of shadows for any of the meetings I go to that are done in the name of the region. So let's be smart about this. In order of the question in terms of term limitations, the APRALO rules of procedure do not have any term limits.

That is not a bad thing, because it means you do not have to get rid of people who are working effectively and efficiently, or perhaps might be in the middle of an important project, but what it does mean is that you do need to ensure turn by other ways, and your leadership team program of mentoring and training and assistance, and whatever else you want to call them, shadows if you like, I think is a great way of doing that.

But don't just leave it to leadership, do it wider and get more leadership from our region across the board. So there is no term limitations. And I do want to point out the position of secretariat, it is on the screen and noted it's a discretionary reappointment. It was in fact an appointment that does not necessarily need to be made. We have chosen to make it since we have formed a RALO, but it is a discretionary appointment, and it is one that is reviewed at a regular level, and in this case, it is reviewed in the annual rollover.

And I think that's dotting all of the I's and crossing all the T's from me.
Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Cheryl. Thank you for this really important intervention. And I agree with what you have said. The concern which we have discussed within the leadership team was, you correctly mentioned we have many people now joining our monthly calls, many people are coming to different ICANN meetings in different [inaudible]. So we, so for us not to lose this expertise, we can do some kind of internal mentorship program, develop internal APRALO mentorship program, where people knowing that we really appreciate their involvement, and we would like them to continue and see them as future APRALO leaders in ICANN.

And that said, I would also like to echo what Rinalia has said in the chat that it would be good to provide some guidance on PDP, wherever there is. One of the discussions during the last ICANN meeting in Marrakech, I provided the suggestion that whenever there is some discussion or PDP is there, some policy development discussion is there. We would like to have some risks one, two paragraph details on what is it, to be sent to all RALO ALSs. And the people who would like to find, or to be an expert in that field can participate, [inaudible] to know what it is all about.

Because sometimes the information is there but none of us know specifically what is specific policy development is about. So there will be a brief update from this upcoming, and we will share this with ALSs. We may have more ALSs participate in PDP process, which is really very important for all of us.

Cheryl, you have your hand raised.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. Coming off speaker and mute. It's part of those things that I just wanted to again put into the audio record, as well as what I put into the chat. Have a look at the Wiki page that's associated with my name and you'll see how many work groups, including PDP processes, I serve in. Any one of those, I am more than happy to have one, two, or even three At-Large structure members who are interested, who will turn up, and who will do the work.

Note that is the absolute essential. I've got voluntary bored and tired to having people, including from our region, put their names forward and then me still being the only person attending these meetings. And I can support mentor coach train or otherwise cajole, people who make sure that they feel confident, competent and up to speed in any topic that they're interested in.

But we hopefully have to do the topics that you're not interested in. So have a look at what's on, listen to what's being discussed at each of our meetings where we go through the list of public comments, for example. There is always room for people to assist in the [inaudible] with those as well.

So there are a bunch of ways of [inaudible] people, and let's look at the next three years as a major push on up-skilling on all levels. Thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Cheryl. Thank you very much. And yes, we may just answering Holly's questions, as we may hold a webinar on this issue. And we are doing similar webinars, I think, within also our last, the At-Large capacity building group, working group, so but we may have session for, webinar for APRALO members as well.

So Silvia, if we can now put in an action item for, one of our topics for upcoming webinars may be the PDP process and to update what public comments are there, where we can discuss and what we can discuss and how we can involve people to provide more details on that. And I'm sure APRALO has the whole capacity issue, presentations and to provide the details for ALS members. Any other questions related to this?

I thank everyone for input on this topic. And let's move to the next agenda item. As you know, APRALO with APOC hub is holding webinars, [inaudible] we've had some webinars. And I would like to give the floor to Kelvin to update us on the upcoming webinar which will be in May. Kelvin?

KELVIN WONG: Hello. Hi everyone. Can you hear me?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, Kelvin, we can hear you.

KELVIN WONG:

Okay. Hi, thank you. This is Kelvin Wong from APAC hub. Thank you again for inviting me to this monthly meeting. Just on a related topic, we just had APAC space earlier in the morning, where we got the effectively just come together to talk about various issues. And one of the things that we like to talk next in one of this APAC space, which will happen by Monday on the webinar conference, will be topics on the policy development processes.

We're always looking for topics, so if you would like to suggest some topics as well, so feel free to reply or send a note to us, there was [inaudible] discussion, and I think we have some folks from here who also attended a session so thank you for that. So going on to the webinar that Siranush mentioned, this is also by [inaudible] session.

The last one was on universal acceptance, where we had captioning for the first time in this webinar series. I think we had very good feedback for that. My understanding is that for the next one, which is happening in May, we will also, I think, be having this live captioning. So the next one will be on 17th May, I don't think I've sent out the announcement on that yet, but it will come to you quite soon.

We'll send it out earlier so that we have more participation. So on 17 May we will be talking about DNS security and DNS [inaudible]. You will recall that I think the last time, sometime last year, we also had Steve Chang from ICANN staff to come in and talk about DNS ecosystem and related topics.

So this will be a slightly more advanced version of that, but we will also be advising our speakers to keep it to a simple [inaudible] and not dive

too much into technical details as well. So for that, 17 May. That's all from me. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Kelvin. Thank you very much. And also thank you for the continuous support to APRALO through to APAC hub. And just to provide some clarification, we are discussing, we expressed our willingness to caption the next webinar as well. But it's still under discussion because the coordinators of the project would like to involve other RALOs as well.

So APRALO has already participated in this process, which was really very successful. So the captioning might be there as well, but it's not finalized yet. Maureen? Please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you Siranush. It's Maureen for the record. I just like to sort of, I attended the APAC space meeting two hours ago, and it was to do with just APAC participation in the GNSO. And it was a really interesting discussion about how to get the, get them involved in this, involved in GNSO PDPs and other discussions about policy. And I couldn't, I mean, I did sort of like participate occasionally just to like bring in an ALAC perspective, but it does highlight the sorts of issues that they have with regards to getting their members involved as the same as ours.

And I guess that's sort of, I guess it's universal across the group to try to sort of find a way in which to engage our members into these

discussions. But yeah, I just wanted to say Kelvin, that it was really interesting session.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Maureen. Kelvin, if I can ask you, whenever you put the records of the web call for us, which you hope today, on the three to four UTC, if you could share the link with the records of the APRALO members, that would be really great [inaudible].

KELVIN WONG: Sure Siranush. We will be coming up with the, I think the notes of the meeting and post them on the community Wiki. [Inaudible] and they will be working on this. I will post it to the APRALO group once it's up, thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you very much. I could put as an action item as well, for [inaudible] to turn out to all ALSs the records of today's webinar on discussions, APAC participation in GNSO that would be great. Thank you very much. I see Rinalia posted, one of the recommendations of the GNSO review is to [inaudible] and diversity of PDP working groups.

If the GNSO ends up forming a specific working group to address that topic, would be great to have RALO and ALAC representatives in that working group. Agree Rinalia, and if ALSs would be knowing more about the processes, I think that there would be a lot of expertise and I will be looking at it for APRALO members to be a part of it.

Thank you very much. Any questions related to APAC hub, APRALO next webinar as well? So May 17, the information will be sent soon. Be ready to participate actively in those webinars. They are really very important, and provide them with quite good information to our ALSs.

Thank you. I don't see any other hands raised on this topic, so we would move forward to another agenda item, which is individual users in APRALO, rules of procedures. And I would like to give to the floor to Maureen to provide updates where we are, because during virtually couple of months, we were discussing this, we were re-doing our rules of procedures and Maureen will provide an update on that. Maureen, the floor is yours.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Siranush. Maureen for the record again. Yes, just to recap. The issue of individual members has been sort of like on the table for quite a while now, and at the end of 2015, you know, we said to like look very seriously at making some changes to our rules of procedure, as necessary, to make, to include some more information about people who actually want to join APRALO as unaffiliated members.

I'm just going to introduce this, because I know Cheryl is supposed to be sort of like part of my team here, and I'll need her input. So I just wanted to say that after our discussions last year, I put the, a summary of the issues on the Wiki, and we had two, just two responses from ALS members.

And interestingly, they're quite different, opposing almost. So you know, I think it's really important that we get more input from members

within APRALO, because if we're going to make changes, they must be appropriate to the wishes of our membership. But at the same time, there are moves and other RALOs to increase the opportunity for individual members.

And we just want to make sure that it's the way that APRALO members want to, that this change will be made. But I would like Cheryl to have some input at this point as well. Thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thanks Maureen. Cheryl for the record. Indeed, as Maureen just outlined, we've had on the rules of procedures in 2016, the commission, the ability, the classification of the unaffiliated member, and we in fact, have discussed at a couple of meetings a number of the benefits and features doing such.

And we had put out, and that Silvia has I think, yes thank you. Silvia has got the link, which hopefully you all will be rapidly encouraged to go and make some commentary on. I just want to be really, really clear to everybody however, as we're going to be really, really clear with Maureen and to every other region, it's not actually negotiable to have them.

The outcome of the first ALAC review, and I pressed send on the chat before I finished that sentence, I apologize, I'll fix that in a minute. The first ALAC review, and we're about to enter into our second ALAC review, had a number of recommendations, all of which have been substantially if not completely implemented.

And the one that is not having the great big green tick is the one that says the opportunity for individual or unaffiliated membership in every RALO needs to exist. So it's not a matter of, you know, we can stick to the status quo, it was a recommendation of the external reviewers. It was a recommendation that was supported by the ALAC at the time.

It was a recommendation that was accepted and endorsed as an action that should happen by the ICANN Board at the time. So it is an expectation. How we do it, we've got the bare bones putting our rules of procedure, and therefore we can tick a box from our region saying it is permitted, but we do recognize that just the sheer numbers that we can work with in our regions, our region as opposed to many other regions, may mean that, for example, we should have a design that says for every perhaps, we choose a number 15, five, 500, doesn't matter what, just as long as we know what that number is and its published and advertised for every one of these classes of unaffiliated members to a particular numerical value, that would equate to a particular weighting if and when we take the At-Large structures to vote.

You can of course unaffiliated members, we would assume deserves the same right to have their voices heard and their power of their membership to cast a vote, if and when a vote is ever called for, would be amongst those member benefits.

Now in other regions, they have an equivalent of an At-Large structure, which is the house, for want of a better word, that the unaffiliated members are living. Well that's fine if you've only got 15 or 20 unaffiliated members. If you've got 2,000 of them it's very different. And so we think we should [inaudible] and make sure that they're very

close to make sure that benefits as well as other issues, which may be not benefit, but risks, are properly managed with a region of numerical At-Large could possibly be both from a country by a country and population within country based.

Anything else you want from me Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Nope. That's good. It clarifies everything, I think. But I'm just sort of like asking for more, you know, like more input from our members. It would be good to get, to hear from them as well. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Maureen and Cheryl. Cheryl and I would like to request, once again, to our ALS members to use their Wiki page for individual members, and provide your input because we do have open APRALO for individual members, but we need to have the process, not to bring account for many individual members who may come and join us, and which is a potential for APRALO, with our diversity, so we need to hear from you as well how you see the process in place.

So use that page and provide your comments which is really very important for us, for future. Any questions related to this topic? If no, let's move forward to the next agenda item, which is item 57, the discussions which currently are in place. This is the PowerPoint which I wanted to share with you, then this was discussed during April 12th conference with [inaudible] and RALO chairs with ICANN executive team.

So I wanted also to update you what our current discussions related to the selection of ICANN 57 venue for the meeting. And you know that for the record now, is selected, but there are discussions related to [inaudible] and potentially there are predictions that 20% of population may be effected and will be effected.

So and this virus can be sexually transmitted. And there are a few options being currently discussed. One option is to relocate meeting to Las Vegas, and to hold it one week prior to Puerto Rico planned one. So it may be 22nd 28th of October, the week prior to the one which is now for San Juan.

And options this late are really extremely limited as it was mentioned. And to continue planning to hold the meeting in San Juan as planned. So there are two options discussed, and there is some considerations now [inaudible] cause for this. So on 11 of April, you had CDC announce that the mosquito known as [inaudible] in 30 US states. And it is preparing for the spread to the US mainland.

And some considerations of that is also that we have active host in San Juan, which is [inaudible], and also there might be a 1.2 million cancellation penalty. So if we cancel Puerto Rico, there should be a penalty paid. So and this is also should be, one of the considerations by ICANN.

And there is LAC TLD statement on global Internet meetings in Latin America and Caribbean, so to keep ICANN 57 in Puerto Rico. And other social media for [inaudible] neutral. So some considerations are there. And they were requesting also feedback from all SOs or ACs. So this

topic is still under discussion and the final cancelation for Puerto Rico is not there yet, so [inaudible] meetings, two discussions are there to find out the final venue for ICANN 57.

And I just wanted to give this update to all of our ALSs to know what are the plans for the next ICANN meeting after Helsinki. Any questions for this?

If no, then we just have 10 minutes left. I would like to give the floor to Silvia to update about ICANN 57 fiscal year 17 budget request for APRALO. And what is the process currently there, and when we expect the results from the Board. Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, thank you Siranush. This is Silvia. Yes, [inaudible] now that the staff has now completed the review and the recommendations on the fiscal year 17 request. The next step would be the Board finance committee will review these recommendations and analyze it. And following this, the full ICANN Board will review and make final decisions.

The announcements of the results will be made in May, hopefully early May. And also I would like to mention that from the At-Large community, all the At-Large fiscal year 16 fiscal year requests approved are completed now, or on track for completion. So fiscal year 16 was very successful, and thank you. That's all. Thank you Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Silvia. And yes, we discussed this issue also during APRALO face to face meeting in Marrakech. And although are requests are

pretty nice and well accepted, and we provide a lot of additional input also to this, and some of them may go to global stakeholder engagement, or a team within their framework, and we have discussed this with [inaudible] to pay attention to this if our request will not be accepted by the Board to be funded through ICANN fiscal year budget.

So it can go to the global stakeholder engagement framework. So thank you Silvia for the update on this. Do you have any questions? So in May, we are accepting the answer from the Board. Yes, it will be [inaudible] as Rinalia corrected that. So [inaudible] we are expecting the decisions coming from the Board.

Any questions? Yes, I don't see any hands raised. Let's move to the next agenda item, which is Asia Pacific [inaudible] Internet governance. And Satish would like to provide some current discussions and updates related to this. Satish, if I can give the floor to you please?

SATISH BABU: Thank you Siranush. I hope you can hear me.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yeah, we can hear you well.

SATISH BABU: Okay. Thank you. So the [inaudible] school of Internet governance was being convened by the community, and are [inaudible] wanted from the APRALO team will probably be on the committee. There are three interesting efforts I mentioned about this, I mentioned the [inaudible].

One is that there are many schools all around the world on Internet governance, that effects Asia Pacific focus. This is different because we are also [in that?] territory. The [inaudible] is that [inaudible] our trainers, training program so that it's able to [inaudible] individual countries to send some [inaudible]... program.

So this has been designed as a trainer's training program, so that that the trainers can come back [inaudible] training program in their own countries. Third is that this program is meant to be [roaming] from country to country. The first program first year is [inaudible] organized in Bangkok. But the training group is willing to take it to different countries, so that they can [inaudible] in this country, the country [inaudible] program.

And the final [inaudible] interesting is that, the Asia Pacific community driven program, we will be able to [inaudible] the topics covered. We can actually we can bring in any topic that we want to. It is advantage for us if there is something that we want to cover particularly. So this is an early announcement. Please watch the website [inaudible] dot Asia for more details. Thank you very much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you Satish. And if I can request you to follow up on this and [inaudible] workshop, the deadline or the space will be open for providing workshop proposals, please update APRALO members in the course for us to follow up and not to meet the deadline. Because the first...

MAUREEN HILYARD: She's gone away. [CROSSTALK]

I think Siranush has left us. That's what she said in the chat.

SILVIA VIVANCO: It's looks like Siranush has dropped the call.

YESIM NAZLAR: Hi. This is Yesim speaking. I am currently dialing back to Siranush, so she'll be with us in a couple of seconds. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Can you hear me? I'm back. [CROSSTALK]

Sorry for losing your chair for a couple of seconds, so I'm back with you again. And yes, my point was to update, to get updates from Satish on the deadlines of proposal submissions, and for APRALO [inaudible] participation in the first Asia Pacific school on [inaudible]. And a very interesting, I share Nadia's point here, very interesting point about mobile comments [inaudible] as well.

So, any other questions related to that?

If no, there is AOB part. Anyone is open here to talk about whatever they think and they would like to talk with APRALO members. Just to start with, I would like to talk to [inaudible] about Asia ITF which will take place in [inaudible] from 27th to 29th of July. And we are planning to have APRALO participation there as well.

One of the workshops submitted by our global stakeholder team, APAC hub, but it was not unfortunately selected. So [inaudible] proposal was not selected, it will not be in the agenda. But there will be different workshops there, APRALO members will take an active part there.

So I don't think that the... The deadline for submission has been shared with you by [inaudible]. If you remember, I don't... And the deadline has passed, I assume, and I think that many of our ALSs submitted that proposals and are waiting for the results. So we are looking forward to the [inaudible] workshops has been accepted and APRALO participation there.

Any other people who would like to say something or share something with ALSs?

So I don't see any hands raised. I see two people who would like to start [inaudible], yes, I appreciate you sending the website, AP net IT dot Asia. So please, go to that site and find out more about the Asia Pacific summer school [inaudible].

Or [inaudible] so. Yeah. Anyway, to provide you with [inaudible] the information. So if there is, no one would like to say anything on this topic, we are one minute already [inaudible], we are quite on time.

I would like to thank everyone for your participation, and I would like to especially thank Rinalia for finding time to join us, because your participation in APRALO is always very important and fruitful and your comments provided here are appreciated and very important for our ALSs as well. So we are looking forward to see you more often,

[inaudible]. To see you more often, though I know you have a pretty tight schedule.

And also one of my suggestions relating to PDP discussions earlier, if we send for the webinar, we would like also to see you there so I can update, [inaudible] to our ALSs. So it was a pleasure seeing you in APRALO monthly call.

And I also thank all of our ALSs and members who have time for being here with us. And have a great day ahead everyone.

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