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YEŞİM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly call, taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> of July, 2016, at 6:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have Satish Babu, Kaili Kan, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Pavan Budhrani, Maureen Hilyard, Ali AlMeshal, Pua Hunter, Yasuichi Kitamura, Nick Thorne, Hong Xue, Amir Qayyum, Lianna Galstyan, and Winthrop Yu.

We don't have anyone on the Chinese channel.

We have apologies from Siranush Vardanyan, Holly Raiche, Suhaidi Hassan, and Fouad Bajwa.

From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Yeşim Nazlar. And our interpreters today are Jessie and Yiyi.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone to state their names before speaking, not only for the transcript purposes, but also for the interpretation purposes as well. So thank you very much everyone, and over to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Yeşim. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, again. We have a fairly tight agenda today. And we will get started right away with the current development ALAC. And it's over to Maureen now.

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MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Satish. What I've done today is actually sort of summarized the public comment statements in a little bit of a table that makes it easier for me to understand, and hopefully for you. What I've actually written here too is the target group interest statement so that you've got an idea, if you are within that particular line of interest, for making a public comment. It could be that might be of interest to you.

Just going through the list, for example, the very first one is a paper that Garth is putting together on the consumer agenda, an issue that he raised in Helsinki with the Board. And although it's a paper that he's very passionate about, anyone can contribute to it. And it's to do with a perception that he has about the way that the Board makes decisions that he doesn't think benefits the whole community. But if you want to read more about it, you can on the agenda, from the public comments page.

The second comment topic is to do with Label Generation Rulesets. Now, the data is actually parsed already. But I just wanted to say that these rulesets are actually tables that ICANN has created to ensure that registries treat IDNs appropriately. And there are 29 languages that have rulesets. And so if you have English that is not your first language, you should have a look through the list in case you may want to comment on your language ruleset. Interesting to note that English is actually one of those languages that has a ruleset. And I guess that's for anyone else who doesn't have English as their first language, of course that would be interesting to see what [inaudible]. But I'm not quite sure, there hasn't been any movement on that public comment request. But have a look anyway.

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The New gTLD Registry Agreement, by chance, just today, Alan Greenberg and a small team have put together a statement. And the ALAC has just today started to vote on this prepared statement before it goes back to the Registries Stakeholder Group. And if you have a look at the workspace – and I can just check the actual workspace – you’ll see that comments have been made on the statement, on that particular request. And you will see the final statement that has resulted from the comments. And this gives you an idea of the general process for gathering comments from At-Large, putting them together, and the penholder making a statement, which goes to the ALAC and the ALAC votes on it.

The next item is actually one which I think – and I would hope that some of the ALS members will contribute to this review. This is the ICANN Fellowship Program application process. And there are many of us in APRALO who started off in ICANN through this Fellowship program. For myself, my first and second ICANN meetings were as a Fellow. And I have to say, in those days, the application process was not easy, especially when your country, like my country, wasn’t on the application list. I didn’t really know if I was actually eligible to apply.

But things have changed a lot since then. For those of you who actually came in through the process, it would be good for you to make comments on how you think things have changed for the better, and hopefully that they have. But if there are any suggestions that you might like to make about the actual process, the whole thing is to make easier for more people to know and to understand ICANN, and to want to be part of it. So you could help in that way. So I’m hoping we’ll see – we don’t actually have anyone who’s a penholder for that at the moment.

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But no doubt we'll find someone soon to collate all the comments that are going to come from APRALO, at least.

The other sections, there's about three public comments that are expected around the post-transition IANA, PTI, public comment. And I guess if you are interested, and they're very high level – well, I thought they were when I was reading through them – high-level comments that are required. But if you're interested in that area, please do participate. And there's a couple of others which I think will benefit from any comments that you would like to make about, like the .com or ccTLD issue.

I'll leave it there, and if there are any questions, I'll take them.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Maureen. Are there any questions for Maureen?

Hearing none, we will move on. But of course, if you have any questions later on, you can please e-mail us and we'd be happy to get back to you.

Welcome to Nadira, Rinalia, and Nick, who have just joined. And let's move on now. The next agenda item is regarding the very successful visit by the Leadership Team to China. Now Kaili will be talking to us briefly about the visit.

Kaili?

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KAILI KAN:

Yes, hi. Yeah, I will share our report with everybody about the APRALO Leadership Team visit to Beijing, China, to visit the ISC, Internet Society of China, during the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June period. The visit of the team that visited Beijing, China, ISC, there were Siranush. There was Satish, Maureen, and myself. Everybody, ISC invited others, but due to the time constraint, some of the Leadership Team not participate.

The visit had quite a number of goals. The first objective is to attend and participate in the 2016 China Internet Conference. This conference, since the year 2002, has been the largest Internet conference of China, with every year with thousands and thousands of participants, from both China and the overseas organizations, academia, industries, and so forth. And also this year, as well as previous years, there were Internet Hall of Fame inductees. For example, this year was Madam Hu, was also the founder of ISC.

And this year, during the conference, Satish was invited to give a presentation of the Internet of Things, or IoT, at the conference. Also, Siranush was invited to speak on behalf of ALAC and APRALO at the closing ceremony. In her speech, Siranush expressed APRALO's welcome to ISC for joining in ALAC and becoming an ALS. She also emphasized the importance for ISC to work together with APRALO, ALAC, and ICANN in order to fulfill ICANN's vision of one world, one Internet. And the speeches were really well received.

The third objective for the visit is get more in touch and gain more understanding about ISC's operation. ISC is a particular, somewhat special ALS, but it's still a multistakeholder structure, which not only it has a lot of academics to represent the consumer end users' interests,

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but also it works together and gains with government and also has industry members, as well.

So therefore, during the visit, our team visited ISC's headquarters, and also the calling center, which every year handles millions of calls and complaints from consumer end users and coordinate with the government, as well as industry, with a goal to protect consumers' interests. For example, over the last first half of this year, it handled almost a million such calls so far. So also, ISC demonstrated and explain to the [inaudible] they do in order to protect the consumer end users' interests and to deal with the government, as well as industry members.

So this visit was considered by everybody as a team as hugely successful, and we gained a lot of understand of ICS's operation, especially in China-particular environment. So this team visit was, as I said, hugely successful. And also, ISC expressed their pleasure and gratefulness for joining APRALO and expressed interest to participate more in APRALO's activities.

Yes, that's about it. And if you have any questions, well, please, I will be happy to answer. Satish?

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Kaili, for a very good presentation, and for all the initiative and hospitality that we got there in Beijing. Are there any questions or comments?

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KAILI KAN: Also, sorry, Satish, I forgot to say the report of this visit is already posted on our website and our wiki, as well as Siranush's speech and number of other documents presented by ISC for your information. So if anybody has any questions, please get in touch with me through e-mail or whatever. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Kaili. The Leadership Team also had very interesting, what shall I say, considerable differences when we went to China. It's a lesson for us how to kind of prepare ourselves when we go to a new country. And Kaili has been very patiently taking us through all this, and but for him, we would probably have committed some blunders out there. So thanks, Kaili, again.

And thanks are also due to Maureen, who prepared most of the report. She put in a lot of work on this. Thanks for that, as well.

Are there any questions [inaudible]?

Hong has actually written a comment, saying, "I hope the other ALSes in Beijing had known about this visit." So the visit was actually publicized in our APRALO communications. And that was the way we had informed the community. But as the initial slide showed, we did have difficulty in contacting the other ALSes. In fact, in the [inaudible] meeting, Cheryl had raised the point, and some of the [inaudible] meeting include [inaudible]. That's for your reference.

So are there any questions?

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All right. So we are moving on to the next agenda item, which is planning for Hyderabad. This is my, what shall I say, agenda item. So I will quickly explain what we are trying to do Hyderabad.

First of all, welcome everybody to Hyderabad, all the people who are traveling to Hyderabad. Since the meeting was moved to Hyderabad at short notice, we haven't been able to arrange a very elaborate program. But we are trying to have a good program, actually. And following four or five different things are the ones that we are planning now. And we are actually coordinating them among the leadership team to have a more focused approach to tying them all together.

The first of this event is that we did not have ICANN budget proposed for General Assembly, which would have been nice, then invited everybody, all ALS participation. But unfortunately, that was not possible because of the short notice and the budget not being big. So what we've done is we have then called a meeting of all the ALSes in India, with the travel support and accommodation support coming from the Government of India.

Now, we have requested the Government of India. We have not yet received the confirmation. We have proposed that two representatives per ALS can travel to Hyderabad, take part in the ICANN meeting. And also, the [inaudible] officially [inaudible] that we are organizing for them. That's the first one.

The second is our Capacity-Building Working Group. Tijani is heading that group. We had a discussion with Tijani and the group in Helsinki. And like what they did in Marrakesh, we are planning a special program



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for all the ALSes [who indicated] who will come for at least capacity building, as well as [including] the ALS activity and vitality. Because it's been some time since we've had an ALS meeting in Asia-Pacific, and that has actually been a problem. And we hope to be able to utilize this opportunity to have a special session that will encourage more activity from our ALSes.

The third event is the First Indian School on Internet Governance, which was already discussed among the APRALO Leadership Team. And we have got the approval from the Government of India for this. But unfortunately, they have cut down their budget [inaudible], forcing us to look into ways for funding. And we are looking at other sources. But the event is going to take place just before the ICANN meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> October and 22<sup>nd</sup> October, [three days]. We are also trying to provide solutions with reference to [inaudible] the APRALO ALS [inaudible]. So we are hoping that [inaudible] is going to be supported or proposed by an ALS, will get the Fellowship to come to this event.

This is the first time we are all facing this, so it is more in lines of a pilot. And the greatest [want] is that the ICANN meeting is kind of coordinated back-to-back. And we can hopefully use some of our experts who are coming for the ICANN meeting as a person for this event. So we are [throwing up] this event, and the website is not yet linked. But it will be available at [isig.in](http://isig.in). That is the URL.

The next item is a showcasing/networking event. This is still in the process of finalizing. There are some difficulties in having an APRALO showcase, as we normally. So this issue is being discussed, and we hope

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to finalize it over the next couple of weeks. In the next month's monthly call, we will explain how this is going to happen.

And the final event we are proposing is an outreach event, which we have to coordinate with the ALAC Outreach Working Group. Now, I just wanted [inaudible] India. It's a large city [inaudible] city. There's a lot of educational institutions and universities. And current proposal is to have an outreach to them, in coordination with the rest of ICANN. Because different stakeholder communities and groups are perhaps planning for such events, and we would like to coordinate with them. And we will be working together with the Outreach Working Group for this.

So this is the summary of what we're planning. If there is anything, if there is any submission from anyone, please forward that to us. If there are any questions, I'll be happy to take them.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, Satish. I have a couple of comments.

SATISH BABU: Yes, Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much. First of all, thank you very much for the effort and for obtaining support from the government. This is excellent news. So what I would suggest is to open a wiki page, where I would post all the updates you just mentioned. I will do up a table with members. And I think normally, it would be all the RALOs from an organizing committee.

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So that will be good to have a small organizing committee. And of course, we can start having conference calls, where we can review the progress and start exchanging ideas in preparation for the Hyderabad meeting.

So if that is okay with everyone, I will open a wiki page, and I will ask Satish to please send me all the information he has provided verbally, so we can already post it on the wiki page. Thanks.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Silvia. I think that's an excellent suggestion, and we'll be happy to follow the suggestion of opening a wiki page for this.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Excellent. Thank you very much. And we can start whenever APRALO is ready. We can start having conference calls, depending on the frequency you would like to have the calls. So thank you.

SATISH BABU: All right. Are there any other comments or questions?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Ali has his hand up.

SATISH BABU: Sorry, Cheryl. Please go ahead.

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CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I think that was Maureen, Satish, not Cheryl, although we are easily confused.

SATISH BABU: Oh, sorry, Cheryl.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Ali has his hand up, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Yeah, I see Ali has raised his hand. But, Maureen, you have to make an intervention before that?

MAUREEN HILYARD: No, nothing for me. I just think you're doing a great job. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: All right, thanks. Ali, over to you. You raised your hand?

Ali, if you are speaking, you are on mute.

ALI ALMESHAL: Hello? Do you hear me now?

SATISH BABU: Yeah. Now we can hear you, yes. Please go ahead.

ALI ALMESHAL: Hello?

SATISH BABU: Yes, we can hear you.

ALI ALMESHAL: Okay, sorry. Okay, thank you. Again, I said I'm supporting Silvia's suggestion to open the wiki page to hold the discussions for the meeting there in Hyderabad. And maybe I have noticed there was an e-mail from Gisella about the arrangements. She sent an e-mail last night. And I said last night is [inaudible] timing, asking about the General Assembly and the showcase and all of that. So maybe we can discuss this later on, some other conference call between the APRALO team, to arrange for all of these, what we can do, as we have already explained the activities and the plans that you are working on there in Hyderabad. Just wanted to draw your attention to the [inaudible]. I think Gisella is raising her hand again for that. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Ali. We have the e-mail, and I thought it was largely for the Leadership Time. That is why we didn't discuss in this call. But [inaudible] and [inaudible] open to everybody. But Gisella, it's over to you.

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GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you very much, Satish. Just to say that I think a call with the organizing committee, whoever is decided to be put on this organizing committee would be great, rather sooner than later, because you have quite a few activities at the Hyderabad meeting. And just from experience in the Marrakesh meeting, there are quite a few logistics involved, even though we know that APRALO is extremely organized and we have no doubt it's going to run very smoothly. The Hyderabad meeting, from a staff perspective, is just going to be a little bit challenging, due to the location of the conference center and the shuttles that we're going to need to get from all the hotels to the conference center, etc., the timing of the conference center.

And we're working on those details. We're having a call with Meetings Team next week. And hopefully after that call, I'll be able to give you far more details of the timing, which will help us fine tune your schedule, as well. Because with the capacity building, you will no doubt want a few sessions like we possibly had for the NGOs in Marrakesh. But all the details, I think, would be good to address, as I said, rather sooner than later, as we're putting the At-Large schedule together. Thank you very much. I'm very much looking forward to working with everyone on this. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Gisella. That is a very [interactive] intervention, because the Hyderabad meeting is short notice, and all of us are kind of caught unaware, and we have to do a number of things. So first of all, the wiki page and the organizing committee and the open call, please go ahead with that.

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Secondly, for the outreach, individual outreach exercises, we would like to ensure that we do this in coordination with the other parts of At-Large, as well as the rest of ICANN. We don't want any overlap or confusion. So we would like your help, the help of staff, to ensure that there is no such overlap or we don't end up doing the same thing without the coordination [of others]. So that is also an important thing.

Thirdly, there are logistical challenges in Hyderabad, which will require everybody to cooperate. The distance, the traffic, the time for commute, these are all non-trivial. So be prepared for a bit of work on this, especially from the side of the [inaudible] and the Leadership Team.

Any other comments?

All right. So we now move on to a very important area that Ali has been coordinating. This is the APRALO mentoring program. It's over to Ali.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you, Satish. Do you hear me?

SATISH BABU: Yeah, we can hear you.

ALI ALMESHAL: Hello? Okay, great. As you all –

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SATISH BABU: Yeah, we can hear you.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you, Satish. As you all know, that APRALO have created a new initiative this year, which is the mentorship program, which we have communicated to all the APRALO team that are on the mailing list. And we have received a good response from that, total of 13 candidates who stand up to be part of the mentee list and attend the mentorship program that we are developing, to put the [share of] mentees into that program. A mailing list has already been sent out to all of these mentees to provide us with their profile so we can match mentors that would be volunteering to take this journey with them.

As you know, this program will take around nine months and will end up in 2017, with Copenhagen meeting. But there will be a number of [inaudible] feedback report and follow-up and evaluations during that. The program is already posted, and the updates [are not really] on the wiki page. But we'll be sharing it once we finalize all the responses we get from the mentees. As of now, we have received around four or five responses for the profile from the mentees who have signed up for that. And we are waiting for the rest until the end of the month.

On the list here, I can see that we have Nadira, who is part of this process, to have stand up for this. I can see Lianna, as well, ought to be from the mentee list. And we are hoping for the rest to participate and join our monthly call, because this is where they will get all the up-to-date feedback on the programs of what the APRALO teams are doing.



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I don't have more to add at this stage, but we'll be sharing with you the program and what we will require from you, like to [bust] the feedback after we start the program. In the APRALO monthly call, we'll be asking one or two, or maximum three, to give feedback from the program, because you know this is a very limited program, for nine months. So this will be there as well.

Any questions? Any query? I'm more than happy to answer. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Ali. Are there any questions on this? So, Ali, is the program closed? Meaning, have you closed applications? Or is it still open?

ALI ALMESHAL: Yeah, the receiving nomination is closed. Now we are receiving the mentee profiles.

SATISH BABU: Right. Thanks, Ali. I think we are all looking forward to this program, because it will make a coordinated difference to our leadership, particularly for the Next Generation. And we need to have a [right plan] that can produce [inaudible].

Now we will move on to the highlights of the APRALO strategy for the year '17. And Maureen will give us the highlights. Over to you, Maureen.

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MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Satish. What we're going to start off with, actually – oh, that's interesting. Obviously, the fonts aren't comparable here. But what I thought it'd do first is have a look first at the highlights for this year, the financial year '16, to outline to members the sorts of things that APRALO has been involved with, such as the Leadership Team, what we've been involved with over the last year. And I think that looking, first of all, at what we considered was our objective, it was really to look at helping to build capacity amongst our existing ALSes, as well as to create opportunities to build connections with potential member groups, and maintain relationships established with regional MOU partners. That's particularly important for us, because our partnerships with these regional organizations, and you'll see that as I go through our program and what we've achieved.

I think that, for example, one of our biggest successes has been in our relationship with the APAC Hub, Jia-Rong and his team. And we established pretty early, like starting from financial year '16, a [claritive] model of working with them, especially to do with the capacity building that we wanted to do with ALSes. And the best thing about working with them is that we were able to collaborate on capacity-building webinars, which were focused on what we, as APRALO, felt was important for us to know. And the topics have been really relevant to us. In 2015, when we started, we were looking at IDNs and Internet governance, basic DNS, the New gTLD Program. They were all things that were important to the basics of what makes – what sorts of things do we do within ICANN? And in 2016, we maintained that sort of program with the APAC Hub, and we will continue to do that in the future, as well.

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And you will notice that during the financial year '16 – and of course, we're looking at July to June – that we were engaged in a number of outreach activities within the region. And it was really significant that we were able to get five years to the APRICOT meeting in Auckland. And we were actually able to meet with members of the APTId community, as well as the APSTAR community, so that we're actually getting APRALO raising its profile within the region. I think that's very important, especially when we want to – these guys are holding their meetings all throughout our region, and we would like our ALSes to be as involved as possible in those meetings.

And [fortunately], our role is to do with communication. And we've continued to do this in our monthly meetings. We try to make sure that everybody knows what's happening in our region and what we are involved in. But as well as this, we do use the webinars. We produce e-books. And we really push our APRALO site on the At-Large community website, as well as the workplace site, which originally was just a site for storing things that we didn't know where else we could put them. And that's still operating, as well.

But we also don't want you to forget the APRALO outreach calendar, which we encourage that you send any events that you're holding along to us so that it can be seen that our ALSes are actively working in the communities in our region.

And of course, we want you to participate in the public comments. So that goes without saying.

Can we have the next slide, please?

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Okay. So now we're looking at this coming year, financial year '17. Our goal is still the same, to be encouraging and working with current ALSes and future ALSes, and still maintaining those relationships with our regional partners. And as I said before, the regional partners are important, because the events that they run are in areas that we have ALS members. And I think, probably very disappointingly for people in Bangladesh, where the APNIC meeting was to be held originally, and which has not been moved to Sri Lanka.

And of course, the most important thing for us this year it going to be the mentoring program that Ali spoke about. And this is something that we, as a team, have been talking about for some time, because we need to grow our leaders. We feel that that's important. And we are thrilled that we are a regional organization that is comfortable enough within our own selves to be able to promote such an activity. But we do acknowledge that it's going to be quite demanding, both on the mentors as well as the mentees, because the expectation is going to be high for both, I guess. But it'll be something that'll be a challenge for both groups, and we hope to get some things out of it for APRALO in the future. And, yeah, we'll definitely be supporting each other along the way. And we've got friends out there who will support us, as well.

And of course, as no doubt you're all aware, the At-Large community, of which APRALO is a part, is currently undergoing a review. And in Helsinki, we got to meet the team who've been assigned to each of the regions and who'll be talking to as many of you as they can, to get an idea of how well you think the At-Large system works. Many of us were able to have our chat with the review team in Helsinki. And at one time – and it was quite extended time [inaudible] – the whole [inaudible] had

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the whole Leadership Team. And if you could get a word in edgewise, you would have been lucky. But I think that it was good for us to be able to have our say, as a team, with him.

And so I'm sorry, I'm sort of taking over from Satish for the moment, but I'd like to introduce you to him, and to let himself tell you a little bit about himself and what he's been doing as part of the review, and perhaps what else he might want of us, to help him with a review work, as a reasonable organization, APRALO. Over to you, Nick.

Is Nick online?

SATISH BABU: Yeah, I think he's online, but maybe he's muted. Nick, are you muted?

Yeah, Nick, you raised your hand. Please unmute your [video] and go ahead. The floor is yours.

We still can't hear you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: It would be great if somebody could give [crosstalk] –

NICK THORNE: Hello?

SATISH BABU: Is that Nick?

NICK THORNE: Nick is here. Can you hear me?

SATISH BABU: We can hear you now. Yeah, we can hear you now. Please go ahead.

NICK THORNE: Oh, excellent. Okay. Thank you very much, indeed. And, Maureen, thank you for that excellent introduction. I actually enjoyed meeting the APRALO Leadership Team in Helsinki. It might not have appeared as if I was enjoying the meeting when it was happening, but I got a lot of out of it, and I thank you for that.

For those who I haven't had the pleasure of meeting, I am one of a team of four individuals conducting this independent review. I do stress independent. My own background is I am a former British Ambassador to the UN, who went on, having retired from the Foreign Service, to be the International Relations Advisor to the CEO of ICANN. That was in the days when it was Paul Twomey, and I spent a brief amount of time with Paul Twomey's successor.

My objective, in joining this call, really is just to tell you all that I am open for ideas and am still at the learning stage. I picked up an awful lot in Helsinki. I've talked to a number of you privately since. Anything that is said to me remains with me, but will of course hopefully inform the recommendations we eventually come up with. I'll be in Hyderabad. So anybody who wants to talk to me then, very welcome. Please try and

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warn me in advance, and we can actually fix up a meeting. Otherwise, just grab me in the corridors.

My particular interest with APRALO is that it's fairly clear, from looking at all of the regional organizations, that you are quite a long way ahead of the others, in terms of your organizations, the level of commitment from individuals on this call, and the professional way, if I may say so, in which you conduct your business. So I'm really not in the business of looking to criticize anybody. I'm much more in the business of looking to learn from you so that I can make my input into the team. We've divided the RALOs amongst us to look for best practice and to look for ideas on how we might improve the situation.

Finally, my particular focus is on ALSes, to use your jargon. One of the things that I get regularly is the issue, if you like, of credibility. How do we increase the legitimacy – it's early in the morning here – of the At-Large input to the rest of the ICANN family, if you like, leading up to the Board? And I think the way we do that is to increase the quality and quantity of ALSes reporting up through the RALO procedure. So I'm very interested in how you think we should improve the way in which we recruit ALSes and how we make the information flow to and from those grassroots inputs [inaudible] at the moment.

I will stop there. Thank you again for giving me the time to introduce myself and the program. Happy to answer any questions. The most important thing is I'm here. Please grab me and shout. I want to hear what you've got to say.

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SATISH BABU: Thank you, Nick. I have a question for you. Would you be contacting individual ALSes sometime now?

NICK THORNE: Satish, yes, there is some, but only those who've indicated they're willing to participate. I'm really looking for willing victims, if you like. Otherwise, I'm focusing on those who've been recommended to me by members of your leadership team.

SATISH BABU: Great, thanks very much. Any other questions for Nick?

Thank you very much, Nick. And we will see you soon at Hyderabad, and also we'll be working with you. And you can be guaranteed that we will help you in every way possible and hope this whole exercise works out fine. Thanks again.

NICK THORNE: Thank you, Satish. Goodbye to all.

SATISH BABU: Bye-bye.

We have any other business, the last item on our agenda. I think we are pretty much on time. Are there any other comments or questions of any kind?

Right. Maureen, you have raised your hand. Please go ahead.



MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Satish. Just to remind everyone that when we have our call relating to the Hyderabad get-together, the more people who can come along to that meeting, the better, because we really do need everyone's help, anyone who's going to be in Hyderabad. And Gisella and Siranush will let us know when those meetings will be held. So if we can gather the masses together for those meetings, we'll be a long way along, having a great time in Hyderabad. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Maureen. For Hyderabad, this is for any of you planning to come and you require and kind of assistance, please contact us [inaudible]. Meanwhile, Rinalia has raised a question. "Who is going to the Asia-Pacific [regional ideas], which is scheduled for next week at [TIFI] in Taiwan?"

Maureen and I are going, certainly. But is anybody else making it to [TIFI]?

So yeah, [inaudible] commentate that [inaudible]. So, Rinalia that is it, maybe the four of us. And of course, you, that's five. That's five who will be there at [TIFI].

Right, any other questions or comments? All right then. Thank you very much. Thanks to all the speakers. Thanks to the interpreters, and of course Yeşim and Silvia, who [handled] the call. We have...

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YEŞİM NAZLAR:

The meeting is now adjourned. You will be disconnected. Thank you, everyone, for your participation. Have a lovely day. Bye-bye.

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