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YESIM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO monthly call, taking place on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016, at 18:30 UTC.

On the call today, on the French channel, we have Aziz Hilali, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Michel Tchonang, Abdelkerim Ousman Toudjani, Aicha Abbad, Nkem Nweke, Sonigitu Ekpe, and Dave Kissoondoyal.

On the English channel, we have Seun Ojedeji, Alan Greeneberg, Barrack Otieno, Beran Dondeh, Sarah Kiden, Remmy Nweke, Daniel Nanghaka, Isaac Maposa, and Tim McGinnis.

We have received apologies from Fatimata Seye Sylla, Baudouin Schombe, Leonard Obonyo, and Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong.

From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Yesim Nazlar. Our French interpreters today are Isabelle and Camila.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone to state their name before speaking not only for the transcript purposes, but also for the interpretation purposes as well.

Thank you very much, and over to you, Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Yesim. Hello, everyone. I am very glad to gather once again after almost a month-and-a-half. We didn't have a meeting during the month of August because, as typical in August, we took a break.

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We are going to start as usual with open comment consultations. I will mention are things that have already been closed or are in the process of closing. The first one is naming and country codes in some TLDs, such as .art, .caravan, .kia, and .godaddy and so forth.

The goal of those public consultations is to gather comments from the community on certain changes that have been put forward for those top-level domain extensions that were just mentioned. Those consultations typically concern TLDs or requests by certain registries and concern new services and the registering of names and territories according to Article 4, Specification 5 of the Registry Agreement.

The second point has to do with the guidelines that have been put forward to the second review process. It is the ccNSO work with the Similarity Review Panel. The guidelines have been – this is considering the second string similarity review process.

The third point that was just closed a few days ago is the independent review of TMCH. As you might know, TMCH is the Trademark Clearinghouse, and the idea is to comment on this review process that was put together. As you know, the TMCH is a system that makes it possible to protect trademarks on the Internet. The idea is to check how efficient the TMCH process is.

Now, as far as the fourth point, it was closed yesterday, and it is the gTLD Marketplace Health Index. The fifth point – and the comment period will close on September 9<sup>th</sup> – has to do with the IANA Naming Function Agreement. Again, here the community is being asked to provide comment on the IANA numbering and naming functions.

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Following the recommendations that were put forward during the ICG group's working process, the ICANN Board plans to – the NTIA what it recommended. There should be a PTI set up in order to grant the new institution, the new PTI, the right to exercise the IANA naming functions.

The last point, which will close next week, is the .tel Registry Agreement and the proposed renewal of that agreement. This proposal comes as a result of a bilateral decision.

That is all I have for open public comments. Now, if you have things to mention about the agenda, go ahead and take the floor.

I don't see any raised hands. I don't see anyone in the chat, so let us move to the next point. I would like, if I may, Seun, Tijani, and Wafa, to leave the report for the future work of ALAC for after. Let us first talk about the information topics because we do have several points to discuss. So let's move that report to later if you don't mind.

I would like to go directly to the informational topics. We have with us Nick Thorne, who will now take the floor to talk about the study that he did with his firm or that he is in the process of doing for ALAC's review. If I may, unless anybody disagrees, I would like to give him the floor right now.

NICK THORNE: Okay. That's fine with me. Can you all hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, we can hear you, Nick.

YESIM NAZLAR: Nick Thorne, you have the floor.

NICK THORNE: Thanks. Well, I met many of you in Helsinki. The purpose of this contribution to your calls, which I'm doing to all the regional RALOs, is I guess, first, the need to form a bit of a judgment of how you all operate, but second, and much more important, to explain to you that this regular ICANN review of ALAC, which is currently underway and is being conducted by a group of consultants called ITEMS, of which I am part, is looking at the way in which ALAC conducts its business with a particular emphasis on the bottom-up legitimacy of the process.

The previous review – and there has only been one – simply looked at the way in which the top end of ALAC worked. We are now tasked, with your help, to look at the way in which the whole process works.

I have I think three points to make. Number one, this is meant to be a collaborative effort. No review is looking to be inquisitive – I'm sorry; I'm losing my French words. Nobody is looking to have anything which is contested. We just want to open up all corridors of information and comment and opinion and to try to take them into account. The word I was looking for was not [inaudible].

So we are looking to you through friends and colleagues to help us, number one, by answering the survey, which is currently being finalized with ALAC leadership. We expect it to be issued probably at the end of this week, if not on Monday. This is a questionnaire, a survey, which we

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have deliberately designed to include questions which will allow participants and non-participants in the ALAC system to be extremely frank in their views.

Your views will never be accredited to you or to anybody other than the four consultants doing this study, so you'll be speaking in confidence. That's the second point: we need you to contribute.

The third point: I would like to reinforce that point. This is meant to be a collaborative exercise. It's an opportunity for you to make the system work better. This is one of the few regular occasions where the Board will be obliged to focus on reports on the working of ALAC. Our hope is that we can build something which will be a help to you.

Finally, you will receive a personal e-mail address which actually allows any of you to send me a personal commentary outside of the survey. I encourage you to be [inaudible]. Your comments will be shared only with my three other compatriots on the consultancy, and I would very much to hear from as you, as many of you spoke to me frankly when we met in Helsinki. I should be in Hyderabad, and that will be another opportunity for you to talk to me.

Enough. I hope I've made myself clear that I'm not looking for anything [inaudible]. We're here to try to be constructive and to make the report better.

By the way, I was given ten minutes for this. If anybody wants to ask question now, I would of course be happy to answer your questions.

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AZIZ HILALI: Sorry, Nick. Thanks you very much. Now I'm going to open the floor for any members of AFRALO to see if anyone has any questions to ask Nick. Tijani is raising his hand. You have the floor, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Aziz. Our purpose is to explain where Nick comes from and why he's here. As you know, At-Large has undertaken a complete review, a comprehensive review, which had already been done about five years ago, I'd say. Every advisory committee and every stakeholder in ICANN must carry out these sorts of review periodically because this is in ICANN silos.

To do so, At-Large engaged a firm called ITEMS, and they belong to that firm. I think there's four people working with them. He started to have individual interviews with At-Large members that they have met everywhere, basically. In Africa, I know it was my team who belonged to that group and carried out the interviews. He did so in Gabon during the African Internet Summit, and he had a number of other interviews elsewhere. Every other member of the firm did the same in different regions.

Now, having concluded this individual interviews stage that included At-Large members and people who did not belong to At-Large but who did give an opinion on At-Large, they're working on the preparation of a questionnaire that is going to be shared very soon so that each of us can have a chance of seeing what he thinks in writing.

As you know, it's not always possible to express your opinion. At times, you may identify something that's not quite working the way it should

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be or that should be [enhanced] and you do not get the chance to tell people because you do not want to be hurtful.

In this questionnaire, you get a chance to say what you think in an honest way. That is the only means for this review to be useful for the At-Large community. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Tijani. Now Michel will have the floor. Michel?

MICHEL TCHONANG:

Thank you very much, Tijani, for what you have just stated. I would like to congratulate Nick for having been our union and our connection with this current review.

I have a question for the members of the firm. I would like to know whether before this individual interview stage set out for goals to be reached. The way the interviews were carried out was mostly based on AFRALO in our region, in any case, and that was what the members contributed on. The interviews having been concluded, we're now onto the second stage.

NICK THORNE:

Can I answer?

MICHEL TCHONANG:

Go ahead. [inaudible] more information that they would need. There's probably an incentive for them to back to they interviewed. Is there?

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AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Michel. Now we're going to give the floor to Nick for him to reply as briefly as possible, please.

NICK THORNE: Okay. I'll be very brief. Look, this is a progressive process. We did not start with any preconceived ideas. We sent out a questionnaire, and I am drawing a distinction between the Stage 1 questionnaire and what we are now about to send out, which is a much more detailed survey.

When we sent out the questionnaire, it was designed quite deliberately to elicit responses in the broadest possible way from the broadest possible community, basically, within the ICANN system.

In addition to the questionnaire, each of us – and certainly I – let me speak for me. Some of you sitting up there can [inaudible] know I had much deeper conversations because I was interested in getting [inaudible] initial questions that we first set out.

Now, in doing the survey, which is the next stage, our questionnaire has been informed by the issues which were raised with us during A) rather formal interviews on the questionnaire, and B) less formal conversations with people with whom we thought it's important to have conversations.

The next stage is the survey, but I tried to make clear earlier that, in offering you a private line to me, I would be interested either to hear what you say in writing, or to have another conversation with you.



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So if you want to reinforce the points you made in Stage 1, please do so, particularly if you go to [the properly reflected] and questions asked in the survey. The field is still very open and we certainly do not – repeat, do not – have any preconceived ideas, and we have made that very clear, both to the Board individually and to ICANN staff who are supporting us. I hope that’s clear.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Nick. We would like to thank you for everything you’re doing with your colleagues. Regarding what you just said, Nick, I think Silvia sent out an e-mail today for all AFRALO members. She gave them your e-mail address on the said e-mail so that they can all contact you in order to tell you whatever they feel like they need to tell you.

Now, if there are no more questions, I’m going to give the floor to Michel Tchonang. Please be brief because we’re already late. We already spent half the time we had for our teleconference. Go ahead.

MICHEL TCHONANG:

Okay. I’ll be brief, Aziz. Thank you. I would like to know how we will find out what the results of the questionnaire are and if there will be any feedback regarding the results of the interviews that have already been carried out. That’s what I would like to know: when the results will be available and how we will be able to use them in order to enhance our processes.

Thank you.

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AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Michel. I'm going to ask Nick to give us a 30-second answer, or else give us an answer on the chat because we've already spent half-an-hour discussing this. A half-an-hour already lapsed, and we have a number of other items on the agenda. Nick, if you'll be as brief as possible, please take the floor.

NICK THORNE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. We have not spent 30 minutes on this issue, but nevertheless, my answer is: there will be no direct feedback on the questionnaire you have already filled in, or on the conversations we've had with you. Our objective has been to take into account various commentaries in the survey, which you will see early next week.

As for when we [send] results, we will give a preliminary review to the ALAC leadership working party at the very end of the Hyderabad meeting. I don't expect you to see anything worthwhile because we're doing this seriously until probably the end of November or early December.

So that's my 30-second answer.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Nick. Thank you for having being brief. I see that there is discussions that are going on the chat, and more people are raising their hands. If you have any more questions to ask Nick, please do so via e-mail because I'd rather we move on to the next item on the agenda. Tijani, I apologize.

[inaudible] you can go ahead.

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NICK THORNE: May I? I will happily [inaudible].

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, [inaudible] regarding open public comments. I don't have any details regarding this, so we can postpone this until our next AFRALO meeting. This is about the adoption of the budget, which is good news for AFRALO, given that ICANN has already adopted the budget that will enable us to organize AFRALO's General Assembly within the context of the next African meeting that will be in June of 2017 in Johannesburg.

I'm not going to discuss this matter because I don't have much more detail to add. I have nothing but a link that I got from Heidi that I am sharing with you on the chat. You can access the agreement that has been reached regarding the budget through this link. We're going to postpone this until the next meeting, but until then, I would like you to think of how we can organize ourselves in general times so that we can organize our General Assembly. Now, I'll remind you that the last time we held such a meeting was in London, and that was a great success.

Now, we're going to move on to Item #3, which is [item free] information. Mohamed isn't with us today, so I'm going to ask Seun whether he can try to provide us with an update on the Cross-Community Working Group for the transition and the transition of IANA oversight.

Seun, you have between two and three minutes to give us an update on this. You can go ahead.

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Seun, I am not hearing you. If you're hearing me, please dial \*7 to unmute.

AZIZ HILALI: As we wait for Seun to take the floor, I'm going to give the floor to Tijani, who's going to –

SEUN OJEDEJI: This is Seun. Can you hear me? Hello?

AIZIZ HILALI: [inaudible] the Cross-Community Working Group on ICANN's accountability. Tijani, you have the floor. I'm sorry, Seun, but I couldn't hear you. I'll let him know that you're on.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Aziz. Regarding the CCWG-Accountability that's working on ICANN's accountability, as you know, we have adopted the results of the working team's work and its conclusions regarding the transition. This has been adopted and the Bylaws have consequently been updated to reflect the changes that were required for the transition.

We're now focusing on the second part of our work, which is the one that deals with the recommendations in order to enhance accountability and transparency requirements that are not necessary for the transition but that are necessary for ICANN, as you will.

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There are number subgroups that are to work on definite subjects, so our work has been divided to a number of subgroups. One of the Work Stream 1 subgroups will go on working in order to deal with the Independent Review Process, the IRP as it is better known.

Regarding the new subgroups that belong to four out of nine subgroups – and it is truly impossible. Each group meets once a week, and the discussions are not agreeable because we have to deal with the definition of the future accountability [tracks] and the different accountability mechanisms that ICANN is to follow.

I am in the Jurisdiction Group and the Human Rights Group – those are very controversial – but I also contribute to the Transparency Group and one more group. So I am a member of four. Like I said, there is five other subgroups that are made up of general community members.

We figured we should divide the accountability into different sectors and that the community should be involved in this work. So that is why we have started to work on different subgroups. There's one subgroup that deals with the Ombudsman.

So you see there is all kinds of aspects of accountability that are being dealt within the different subgroups. I am working within four of these subgroups. The subjects are very different and they're controversial, and each of them is trying to define his own interest. I expect we will be able to reach a common agreement towards the end of the process.

Thank you.

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AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Tijani. Thank you, thank you, thank you for everything you do. You, together with Seun and Mohamed – I know all three of you represent AFRALO in an excellent way. So I would like to thank all three of you for all the work you do on behalf of all AFRALO members.

Now, I'm going to ask the interpreters whether Seun is online, whether he can talk to us. Otherwise –

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello? Can you hear me?

INTERPRETER: Okay. Good. Then I'll let him know. I'll just wait until he finishes his sentence.

AZIZ HILALI: In August, there was a call for membership for 2017. ICANN has created two committees that will be in charge of selecting candidates. So they each have a different role. These two committees are in charge of selecting the future Board members, the future Board Directors, for ICANN. So this is [inaudible] in the Board. That is where At-Large is represented.

These two boards are called BCEC and BMSBC. Please correct me if I make a mistake, Tijani. The BCEC, according to what I've understood, is an evaluation committee that's going to be in charge of validating the different candidacies for the ICANN Board, and this committee must

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accurately be formed by two delegates per RALO, per Regional At-Large Organization.

We select three representatives for this committee, and then there's also the BMSBC that's in charge of the selection process, so everything until we reach the selection of the Board members. So this committee is going to oversee that process, which includes the election. That makes a total of 12 people.

At-Large, once [they have] this group to be balanced in terms of representation, we have two members of each region in each of the committees. It was the [staff] that of [at least] the call for membership and RALO members either appointed someone to represent their RALO or else they designated someone from their region that they felt was suitable in order to represent them within the committee.

For AFRALO we have Mohamed El Bashir, Fatimata Seye Sylla, Dave Kissoondoyal, and someone else representing us within the BCEC. For the BMSBC, we have Seun and Baudouin Schombe.

In August, both groups were formed, and Tijani Ben Jemaa was appointed Chair of the BMSBC. There's other RALOs that sent their own candidates, and it was someone from NARALO that was appointed Chair of the BCEC.

Now, Seun, unless we have any hands raised, I'm going to give Seun the floor. If you're ready, Seun, you can go ahead and tell us about the CWG, the Cross-Community Working Group on the Transition of IANA Oversight Functions.

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Go ahead, Seun. You have the floor.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Thank you very much. This is Seun for the record. Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, I hear you. You can go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Good. Briefly, the [BCEC] rep has been appointed. As you may recall, the CCWG [asked for a] proposal, proposed to actually form the Customer Standing Committee, and then the Customer Standing Committee – ALAC was required to appoint a [inaudible] liaison, and that has been done. The liaison for ALAC is Mohamed El Bashir.

As far as current activities in the CWG now, currently we are discussing issues related to the IANA IPR agreement. Currently, the group is asking ICANN to sign the agreement on behalf of the [inaudible] community. I [inaudible] a letter is intended to be written to ICANN to actually check and they agree to act in that capacity. The letter also includes some requirements that ensures that the community is more of playing a significant decision-making role in the management of the IPR and the IPR-related to names [inaudible] community.

We are still discussing issues relating to the definitions on how to better capture the names community. So that is still under [discussion]. It will have asking what part of ICANN really captures the names community



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and the [inaudible] promote that. The [inaudible] of the CWG perhaps may capture that adequately. I have [inaudible] still are open discussion.

Members of the CCG, which is the Community Coordination Group is actually the group that would be in charge of oversight of the IANA IPR [inaudible], the names committee that's required to appoint three members. We haven't started discussing how to do that, but it's pretty much clear that the committee appoints three members and they need to come from the cross-community. I think very soon, maybe by this [inaudible], we should be getting into that discussion.

Finally, the public comment period on the IANA IPR, which I [likely] mentioned [is still on], and the CWG is looking to submit its own comment to the prospects after our meeting tomorrow. We have a meeting tomorrow that we'll be [holding] at 14:00, so I invite every one of you to join us in that meeting and make a contribution. You may also check the mailing list of the CWG for in-charge of the comments that [will be] sent to us [inaudible] to the public comments.

For now, that's all from me, [barring] any questions. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Seun. Are there any questions from the members for Tijani or for Seun? In the absence of any hands raised, we're going to move onto the next item on the agenda.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Aziz, can you please speak into the mic? We cannot hear you.

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AZIZ HILALI: Yes. I'm sorry. Can you hear me better now?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Perfect.

AZIZ HILALI: The next item is the regional pilot program on outreach for our community, that is, the Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program, as we have named it. It is the CROPP program. The two people who are in charge of representing us are Tijani and Daniel. Daniel, if you're here, would you like to tell us about it?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Currently my network is not very good and [inaudible]. Can I request for Tijani to say something? Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Daniel. Then we're going to give the floor to Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Aziz. During our teleconferences, we have presented the CROPP a number of times already. As you know, the CROPP is a regional outreach pilot program. They [inaudible] a program that's been created for five regions and for their community. This program allocates to each

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RALO and to the NPOC and to the NCSG a number of travels; that is, five travels for each [inaudible]. So AFRALO gets to have access to these funds for five travels a year during the course of the fiscal year that starts on July 1<sup>st</sup> and that ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

This pilot program has been working for three years already. This is the last year it's going to be a pilot program. I think as of next year it's going to be part of the core of ICANN's work. It is going to become an official program within ICANN's budget and will no longer be a pilot program, like I said. As I was saying, it gives funds for five trips in order to work on outreach.

So the purpose of the program is, for instance, for AFRALO to have a chance to organize different outreach activities with the Internet users' community so that they can be integrated into our community. As you know, we represent the interests of the Internet users' community, but we cannot represent everyone through our RALO. So our purpose is to work on outreach in order to get in touch with more end users in order to bring them into our community so as to represent as many people as possible and in order to improve AFRALO's and ICANN's image. That is pretty much the purpose of the program.

Each person that applies for a trip within a year must first define what the purposes of his trip are – what he wants to do, what he intends to accomplish there, and why he wants to go there. The objectives presented there have to be compliant with the objectives of our organization that will have been drafted at the beginning of the fiscal year. This strategy has been approved in our June meeting.

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The objectives need to match the strategy, and those objectives need to match the guidelines as well. That is defined by the senior staff that supervised the program. All of this is present in the pages dedicated to the CROPP program.

Each year, there is a review, and following this review, certain things are changed. The last version is actually FY17, so it's the version that is for the new financial fiscal year. For this coming year, we have two main events, in my opinion. The two main events are, first, the AFRINIC meeting, and, secondly, the IGF Forum, the Internet Governance Forum, for Africa.

The AFRINIC meeting occurs twice a year. First of all, we have the AFRNIC meeting, and then we have the Internet African Meeting. Ever since we created the CROPP, we organized those two meetings in a constructive way, with lots of content. AFRINIC recognizes AFRALO as one of the ISTARs, so we do get involved in the opening of the ASTARs. Just like there are ISTARs, there are also ASTARs.

During each AFRINIC meeting that we have organized ever since the beginning of the CROPP program, we also gave a presentation with lots of content. It's great to present AFRALO, but it needs to be a substantive presentation. The main topics are defined for each meeting, and every time that there is a meeting, we present one of the topics and try to bring a lot of content, a lot of substance, to the meeting. I think that is what contributed to the thought that AFRALO is ASTARs' group.

On top of that, we also, during the last meeting, asked together that there be clarification as to our representatives. Daniel was there. I was

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there. We now have a booth that we took care of. So there is always one of us who is present in the room to talk to people and one of us who is at the booth.

I think that we are finally at a point where we have moved forward and we need to keep doing this. We need to keep up the good work. Do not forget that those meetings are extremely important. There is a large number of representatives from the Internet community who come to those meetings. There are many ALSes present – 42 of them last time – and they do outreach work.

When people see you, when they see that you have prepared a presentation, they come to you and they enter into a relationship with you. I think that is why it's important that you need to be visible. We try to do a lot of outreach at coffee breaks, etc. When you ask someone, "Why don't you join AFRALO?" the question is, "Well, what will that give me? Why is it good for me?" We need to explain to them that it's going to be a plus to the community.

So through all of this, we gain some ALSes, and now I think that we have gained visibility. We need to not lose ground at this point, and we need to continue to participate in those meetings.

We now have requests for participants within AFRALO. What I think is that we need to be reasonable. I think [I was] a bit long, but it is important for everyone to understand how interesting this is and how important this is to remain close to the community and to give the community a sense of who we are so that people might come and might

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get involved so that the voice of Africa might be heard a little bit more loudly.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much for this presentation, Tijani, on this regional outreach pilot program. Yes, we have talked about it before, but it is important. I think it gives people a better idea of what is being done. If you do have questions, do not hesitate to talk to me, to talk to Tijani, or to the staff about this program.

I am not sure if there are any questions, but we do not have a lot of time. We only have six minutes left, and we still have several points to discuss. I don't want to abuse the generosity of our interpreters, who always end up working a little bit more than they thought they would.

If there aren't any questions – I don't see any raised hands. It doesn't seem that anyone is asking to speak on the phone lines. If that is the case, we can now move to the subjects open for discussion.

First of all, let us talk about the Hyderabad meeting, the joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting. We do need to discuss this a little bit. I think that, over the past two years, we have always talked about the same thing, which is the IANA stewardship transition, and, of course, accountability and what that means for Africa.

I will give the floor to Tijani or Seun, either one. Let's see if we actually do the same thing this. Very quickly, Tijani, please go ahead.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Aziz. I think that, at this time, it would be very important to work on what is being done right now to give Africa's point on what is going on and what has been discussed as far as accountability goes – everything that is being put together, the different committees, the CSC, and so forth, what the CWG is doing and so forth. I think that that should be the topic of the meeting. I think we need to talk about transition and about accountability.

I can't tell you exactly the type of statement that we will draft because we need to see what is going to be done within the subgroups over the next weeks, over the next couple months. I think at the time of the Hyderabad meeting, we will have more content, more substance, and be able to decide what we will do as it begins.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much. Seun, would you like to add something to what Tijani just said? If so, let us know, but what I would like to add is the fact that the French-speaking part of Africa often is unhappy because we don't publish the statement in French early enough so that they might also be able to contribute something.

Tijani, you know that we have the issue of language in Africa, so I don't know if that would be possible. But that is a request that we've had to –

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Yeah. I'd like to [inaudible]. This is Seun.

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AZIZ HILALI: ...the statement maybe a few days before in Hyderabad because it might be translated into French.

SEUN OJEDEJI: This is Seun. Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes. You can go ahead, Seun. Go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Just a quick one. I want to suggest that we send a call for suggestion of topics to be [made]. Let's hear what the community feels, which we'll be talking about. Like has been said, I think, since [inaudible] will be talking about the IANA transition accountability, but the fact is that that is the current, major topic within ICANN in the last few years. So I feel we have to talk about something relating to that, which is why I think it's good to send the request to the list. Let people propose what topic they want us to discuss, and then you can then pick it up from there.

I think we should also set a timeline for the deadline of the topic suggestions, so that we can then form the group that will develop the first drafts. We should actually release a French version or of any other language as well. Yeah, it's possible, even if means that I will get volunteer to get it translated before we have the official one translated to save time. That can be done.

Thank you.



AZIZ HILALI: Okay. I agree completely with you, Seun, and we do this, actually, on a regular basis. I didn't mention it, but before we actually decide on the topic of the meeting, we do send an e-mail to the community within AFRALO and within AFRINIC, and we mention what the topic is that we propose. Then we also ask whether or not there are other topics that the community would like to see addressed. We gather all of the proposals. There is a secretary who usually takes care of that. We gather all the proposals, and if there isn't any new proposal or better proposal, we use the same topic.

That being said, it is quite obvious that we will be speaking about the transition, as you know, during the next meeting. Is there anything else? Tijani, you wanted to add something? Or do you agree with what was just said?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, I agree. [inaudible].

AZIZ HILALI: Very good. Now, the next topic, second to last, is the new request for ALS accreditation. First, the [INTIC] for Dev or Institute of the ICTs for Development – we left this pending back in July. We are a little bit late with the accreditation of this particular request. I would like to remind you that, back in July, we decided that we were not opposed to the CLS. Quite on the contrary, we do agree. However, there is an issue, and that issue is quite simply the issue of representation.

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The fact that the same organization might be represented within several entities within ICANN, so I don't want to start a long discussion on this topic, but what we decided during the meeting is that we have a private meeting with Tijani, myself, and the ALAC President with the staff. So what we ended up doing during this meeting is getting to this conclusion. I won't read it to you.

What it suggested is that we do give a positive opinion for certifying the ALS. We will write to ALAC and say that ALS advises that ALAC might certify this ALS. But there will be the following comment with the suggestion: ALAC is working on the multiple affiliations question of certain ALSes, and depending on the results coming out of the ALAC, there will be some consequences. So that's what we had to say.

Do you agree or not with what I just said? Go ahead if you would like to speak to that topic.

Michel said that it is a good resolution – very good. I don't see anybody opposed. Tijani, since you did work with me and Alan Greenberg on this topic, would you like to add something?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, Aziz, I'm good.

AZIZ HILALI: Very good. Everyone is agreeing. So there is an advice from AFRALO to ALAC to certify this ALS, and this ALS will be informed that ALAC is working on the question of multiple affiliation of ALSes because this

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particular organization [inaudible] is also represented within NPOC within ICANN.

Now, the second request came from an organization that works on [durable] development. It has already been accredited, so we don't need to talk about it now.

The Internet Society Ghana Chapter. We already received the request. We also received the due diligence work. I looked over their due diligence work, and I am now asking you whether or not you think that we should give positive advice on this particular Internet Society Ghana Chapter.

Would somebody like to speak? Tijani, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much. I do agree with the certification of this ALS. I know the people in Ghana. I read their request, and I do believe that it is a solid ALS. We can go ahead and accredit it. We don't have any ALSes in Ghana, and our objective that we stated quite a while ago is to have at least one ALS per country.

Excuse me, I made a mistake. We do have an ALS in Ghana. However, the President, the Chair, of that ALS, is in Germany. So, practically, we don't really have an ALS in Ghana.

AZIZ HILALI:

There is an issue with Tijani's sound, apparently.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Well, I am actually done. What I mentioned is that we do have an ALS that is supposedly located in Ghana. However, in reality, the leader of that ALS is not in Ghana. They are in Germany. So it is the first ALS that will truly be based in Ghana.

AZIZ HILALI: Can you hear me? Okay. We are back. First of all, I would like to apologize because went over the time. I am not sure who is speaking at this point. Somebody tried to take the floor. Maybe it was Tijani, but we can't hear him, so I will now continue.

I would like thank Isabelle and Camila for working a little bit over time. There are a lot of interruptions and issues with the sound, but I would like to close the meeting.

Thank you, everyone, for participating in the meeting. I would like to thank the staff. Thank you, Yesim, and thank you, Silvia, for putting this together. Thank you – to all of you who participated. Thank you to the interpreters. Goodbye.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Bye, guys.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Bye.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE:           Bye, everyone.

YESIM NAZLAR:                This meeting is now adjourned. You can now be disconnected. Thank you very much for your participation. Have a [inaudible]. Bye-bye.

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