
GISELLA GRUBER:

...speaking. We are going to start both the call and the interpretation.

Hello everyone. Welcome to this AFRALO call for the month of October, on this 5th of October. It is 18:30 UTC time.

We have Aziz with us, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Baudouin Schombe, Michel Tchonang, Brahim Ousmane, Aicha Abbaad, Abdeljalil Bachar Bong.

And on the English channel we have Beran Dondéh, Isaac Maposa, Daniel Nanghaka, Seun Ojedeji, Sarah Kiden, June Okal, and Alan Greenberg.

We also have Barrack and Fatimata, who could not attend.

And from staff we have Silvia, Heidi Ullrich, and myself, Gisella Gruber.

Our interpreters tonight are Claire and Isabelle.

If I may, I would like to remind you to please state your name when you speak, so that interpreters are able to identify you on the other channel. And that is always good for the transcript as well. Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much Gisella. Aziz speaking. Hello everyone. Excuse me, I was not speaking very loud. Okay. Hello everyone. I am very glad to have this meeting again for the month of October. We are going to start, as usual, by public comments. I would like to remind you that you can review all of the comments on any topic that ALAC has been

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working on, or ICANN has been working on, on the Wiki page. The link is posted on the agenda page.

There seems to be some interference on the French channel, so please attend to that.

There are only two points that I would like to mention. The first one has to do with the origin of scripts rules, generation. Many things were suggested, and each community suggested different proposals for the origin script label generation for the root zone with certain label generation rules.

We currently have the LDR procedure, and the proposal for each language is published in public comments, so that any person who participated in the script might make their opinion known. So in general, the group that finalizes the script, finalizes the proposal.

And the solution to integrate the roles within the label generation role. Second point, a comment on the DNS marketplace study in Latin America and the Caribbean, ICANN is asking for comments on this project. This project of the DNS market study, over the entire continent, Latin America and the Caribbean.

The idea is to identify the weaknesses and the strengths of the entire ecosystem of the industry of the DNS within the region, in order to elaborate recommendations on an approach or a solution, similarly to what can be done in Africa.

As you know, right now there is quite a bit of work to be done in the Latin America and Caribbean region. If there isn't any comment or any

feedback, we will move on, because we do have a lot of items that we need to discuss. I don't see any hands raised. I don't see anyone asking to speak, so let's move to our items for information.

First point, the survey we did talk about it with the ICANN representative that spoke during our August meeting, oh excuse me, during our September meeting. He mentioned the survey that is being done currently. As far as the review of the ICANN At-Large community. This survey, the review of At-Large is being done by an examiner who is independent.

That independent examiner is a firm, and is carrying out the survey. I do believe the survey was sent to all ALSs, not only in Africa but in the entire world. So that we all might be able to give our opinion. I do believe that everybody who is present today knows that you have access to the forum online in order to provide your opinion on the survey.

The more participants we have, the more results we will have, and the better we will be represented. I do believe that your participation will bring immense value if there are changes that are necessary for the policies as far as the objectivity of ALAC, it will be helpful. I remind you that October 21st is the deadline to fill out the survey, and so I would like to remind you, as AFRALO members, to fill out the survey.

I do see that Tijani has asked for the floor, so go ahead Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Thank you very much Aziz. Can you hear me well?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. I am a member of the working group that is working on this review. We do work with [inaudible], which is a consulting firm that ICANN has hired and is paying for this review. And as a member of this working group, I participated in a teleconference call with [inaudible], and I am posting the link to the presentation that we made as far as the progress of the survey, the first results and so forth.

And what I would like to mention is that we are at the first step. We are at the preliminary steps of this survey. But up to now, they have received 150 surveys, and amongst those 150 surveys, there are people from At-Large, from SO and ACs, from other people who are not even ICANN. So 60% are At-Large, even though they do collect the opinion from all groups.

Of course, if you are not a member of At-Large, your opinion may not be treated the same way as if you were a member of At-Large, but the survey is open to all. The proposals will do for the At-Large, and so of course, the opinion of At-Large members account for more, or will have more of an impact. Amongst those who participated again, 40% are not from At-Large, out of the 150 people who participated.

Other points, amongst the RALOs, we are the one that had the lowest participation rate, after us it was Latin America. So if you look at this, all of the statistics that we have as far as At-Large goes, is pretty

consistent. So if in the new gTLDs Africa was last, well that can be explained by the fact that we don't have the money and so forth.

But for other surveys, we still are last, you know we might still see well, there is an issue of language and so forth. However, for this particular survey, there is no excuse, there is no reason why as Africans, as internet users in Africa, we need to be last as far as participation rates go. And so I would like to stress that. I sent an email on that topic, the staff did their work, they sent an email to but I also did, to remind all of you, that we need to participate, we need to give our input, because we can change At-Large for our benefit.

If we don't give our opinion, the At-Large will hear about others, but not about us. So again, please, do try to give your opinion. It's very quick, even if you don't have time, it's very quick. I think it took me about 20 minutes. So please, do give a little bit of time to this project, because I think that thanks to that project, we will get results that are to our benefit. Thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Tijani. You are entirely right. I did see the numbers, and it is very, I regret that there isn't more of a participation from African countries. I would like to ask Silvia and Gisella again to show the numbers, to show the percentages, and to trust what we just said.

We need to change things, and it is upon us to do so, changes depend upon us. Otherwise, if we do not participate more, it will have an impact on the results of the survey. Thank you Tijani for that.

MICHEL TCHONANG: New person speaking. Thank you very much Aziz. First of all, I would like to thank you for all of this information, and I would like to express my opinion on that survey. You know, in the survey, there are two ways to see it. Either people think that... What I think is... What I would like to know is who will validate the survey and what will it mean?

Based on the results, it looks like the participation rate is not very good. But I think that we don't really understand the scope of the survey. I think that if we could motivate people, for example what would motivate me, and I don't know about the members of the group, but I would like to be a member of the group, because I think that we can bring something, if we work from within.

So I think I would like to act at the level of the structure itself.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you Michel for your questions. Tijani would like to speak now.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. I would like to answer one of Michel's questions. First, who would evaluate the results? We have an advisor, paid by ICANN. So it's, you know, a company, a consulting company, paid by ICANN that does the survey and that is responsible for the entire project, from beginning to end.

But there is collaboration with our working group. This working group has been setup, or was setup a year ago, it didn't just happen. But the adviser has only started working with us recently.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Let's move to something else, Tijani, we do have a lot of things to discuss. So if you do have other questions, you can address them to the staff. The staff needs to remind all ALSs to participate. We need to hear all of them in the survey. Thank you very much.

Now, let's move to the next item. The transition. I think that you all received the information, a piece of information that is, of course, of great interest to us all. That is very good news. I do believe that it is a very positive result, and it is the result of all of the work that was done by the community, by different actors, by different experts whom we all know personally.

I think that it has been two, over two years' worth of effort. And now, users as a community, we need to continue being constructive within ICANN. As we just mentioned, there are things that require our attention. We need to be present. We need to be involved. We can now say that, as users we really have a crucial role to play in the future of ICANN and in the future of the policies within ICANN.

Within AFRALO we, of course, followed very closely what was going on. We submitted many comments and statements on the transition. We had very active members of our group, and I cannot thank them enough. [Inaudible], Tijani, and Seun, thank you again. Thank you also,

my thanks goes to the staff as well who were present to help, and to facilitate communication.

So, I will stop on this topic. I think that Mohamed is not here, otherwise I would give him the floor. If he is here, then let him know. I think that we do have Seun and Tijani, so Seun, Tijani, you have two minutes each in order to let us know what to expect now that the transition has occurred, so very quickly, let's start with Seun. Seun, you have the floor.

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

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hi Seun, yes, I can hear you, go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, thank you. Thank you Aziz. It's indeed a good thing and good news. So, what [inaudible] after the transition, the first is that [inaudible] the implementation of the bylaw, which was out of the [inaudible] of the stewardship strategy proposal, and also the new [inaudible], which is the work stream one.

So, [inaudible] of the bylaws, they have been done. I need to, [inaudible] perhaps Tijani wants to confirm, if [inaudible] California site [inaudible]...

From the website, it shows that the bylaw [implementation?] is in effect. On the side of the... As you know, the proposal [inaudible], the proposal consists of the names, the numbers, and the protocols. [Inaudible] the names, the PTI has been setup. The CSC [inaudible] have been created.

The... There is one group also which is going to be coordinating the IANA trademark and IPR issues. They have become as well [inaudible]... from the ALAC. And that is [inaudible]. It's among the [inaudible] members of that group.

So things are pretty much going on time. On the side of [inaudible]... CWG proposal [inaudible] to [inaudible]... work stream two [inaudible]... subgroups shall be created and they are currently developing their scoping documents. So very soon, the [difficult?] work will [commence?]. Say [inaudible] actually.

I think this call, this [inaudible]... but it also calls for more work, because [inaudible] is to also perhaps amount of work that needs to be [inaudible]. And then there is, finally, I think there is, while the transition has come and gone now, it will be completed, but now the [inaudible] of the community, so in order to make it work by actually contributing to making ICANN a better organization.

[Inaudible] of the public interest. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much Seun. Just a few things to add from Tijani. Tijani, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much Aziz. Seun already mentioned a little bit, the work that was done by the CCWG. And he also mentioned the second work stream, but what I would like to stress is the fact that there are nine subgroups to work with this. I am actually involved in four of them, but I decided I will really only be involved in two, because four of them is too many, really, for me to be involved.

The one on human rights and the one on ICANN's jurisdiction. Those two groups are very difficult, or the topics are difficult rather. But we are moving forward, last night we talked about human rights, and last night we talked about intellectual property rights. I'm sorry, about jurisdictions.

The interests are up, obviously, the interest of each party, each group are opposed. But I do think that we will move forward in the future. We do have a work plan that will help us address the different layers within the topic of jurisdiction, because it is not only limited, it's not only limited to the question of the corporation, of ICANN itself.

It is not just where ICANN is present, but there is the whole issue of contracts, what jurisdictions are they dependent upon and so forth. So there are many layers to this work. And so we are starting with the first layer and then we will move on.

The first part of our work that led us to the transition work stream one, actually defined what we need to do. And so, we have an idea of where we are going based on what we've done previously. But that's where we are as far as CCWG and work stream two.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We might have lost Aziz at this point.

GISELLA GRUBER: Gisella speaking. We are going to check. There seems to be an issue on Aziz's line, so just a minute please.

Tijani, please can you follow-up while we try to connect Aziz back with us?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. Okay, Gisella. No problem, but I have lost the Adobe Connect, so I don't know if anybody is asking for the floor. If that's not the case, we can move to the next item.

GISELLA GRUBER: Tijani, no hands up says Gisella.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Tijani speaking. So we are now... We have spoken about three groups. Now the working group on the naming functions, and the working group on ICANN accountability. So now we are going to move to the item D. No, it's down. Okay. Cross community regional outreach pilot program.

The CROPP program. Why did we put this item here? Okay, as you all know, [inaudible] has sent an email asking questions, and he has sent

another email as if it was, if there was something [inaudible], he was trying to show that.

So we wanted everybody to know that. To know what was happening here. As you know, last time I've spoken about this program, this CROPP program, and then I have sent an email to give you all the process with all of the links, and with that I had a personal conversation with [inaudible], several times, on how to do it, how we had to do it, how to, what was going to work and what was not going to work on this CROPP program.

Now it's asking who benefits from this program. Everything is on the links I gave you. Everything is on the website. I sent you all of the procedures with all of the links. There is a dashboard with all of the links and all of the data, all the journeys, all the trips down, and for each trip there is the report made the person who had the trip.

For your information, I have used this program for AfriNIC. And since I've been participating to those AfriNIC meetings, we have a lot of ALS added to our list. So, as you can see, this is an outreach program made to outreach people so they come to At-Large to ICANN, so we are not travelling only to participate, we also want to do this outreach work to speak with people so they can come into our organization, At-Large.

So you can see all of this information. Then each participation I made in AfriNIC was not only to do some outreach, it was also to contribute to our work, to give possibility to the person and to AFRALO. So after our contribution, after our participation to the meeting, people come and want, tell you that they want to participate into the ICANN work.

If you go there just to say, okay, sorry, just come and join us, you won't have anybody joining. It is work that needs to be good work, serious group work, with a lot of contribution to give visibility and credibility to AFRALO. So people will want to enter our organization.

If you have some questions, I'm here to answer your questions. There is nothing hidden here, but we're insinuating this in his email, but there is nothing hidden. Everything is clear. If you have questions, I will answer them. For your information, I'm not the only person responsible for the CROPP.

There are two coordinators for the CROPP in AFRALO, myself and Danielle. And our role is limited to explain to you what you have to do, and to coordinate our work, and to ensure that the person asking for the trip will accept the rules, and will commit himself to do a report afterwards, after the trip.

Thank you. I regret it was a little long, but it was needed.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Tijani. I understand what you said and why do you say it. Okay. Can you listen to me? Okay. So, Aziz speaking. I've spoken with [inaudible], I wanted him to be here and to ask questions directly so we can answer them. And I want to remind everybody that all of the members of ALS can present, can apply to a CROPP program.

That this application can be accepted or not. There are some conditions. There are some rules, but these rules are the guidelines of

this CROPP program, and you have to respect them. It is not the review team which fix these rules.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. It is the staff, the ICANN staff...

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. ...the work...

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. No, the CROPP review team is something made for... The application to be well made. That's all.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Okay. If you agree, we are going to move to the next item. It is an important item. And it's about the General Assembly. I've spoken... I was spoken, on myself, alone, so I want to repeat. AFRALO General Assembly is going to take place. It will be the next African meeting, and it will take place in Johannesburg from the 26th to the 29th, June 2017.

It will be the fourth General Assembly. For the General Assembly, all of the ALSs are going to be invited, the accredited ALSs by ALAC. We have Tijani, Seun, myself, Barrack, and maybe I forgot somebody, [inaudible]. Okay. Is someone missing on this General Assembly?

And we are going to discuss several items. First I want to speak about the promotional articles, the proposals made. We want to have an

AFRALO brochure in several languages, Arabic, English, and French. We also want to have some [inaudible]. Silvia is making them with the staff.

We wanted also to have something to be distributed to put on the arm, and some speaker for the ALS representative saying, for example, ask me, I am from AFRALO in the local language, and we have spoken about the activity we are organizing in this kind of meeting.

The ALSs which are going to be invited with participate to an outreach program. They will also participate to a mentorship program for the first time. And we have a lot of new ALSs, so we will need mentors and help. So these ALSs will have mentors, that people will have some experience in ICANN.

It's a meeting that will be for four or five days. So there will be meeting with ALAC about our participation. Each ALS will invite a representative. If you have... We are not going to repeat what we are requesting, or what the staff ensuring, but we have requested, we have made some requests, and the agreement was, if a person in an ALS is not able to travel, or is not answering our call to travel, because sometimes this happens, we call the ALS and nobody is answering our calls.

So if this is the case, nobody is answering our call, or nobody is going to travel, the travel is not going to be offered to another ALS. And the leadership, the AFRALO leadership will represent their own ALS. We have requested the staff to accept a second representative of each ALS to be present, but the answer was negative.

So, second item. The mentorship. They asked us to organize a kind of sponsoring. Also, we are going to ask Google, AfriNIC, Google,

[inaudible] more sponsor when we had a meeting in South Africa. So the organization committee that we are going to form today, is going to take care of all of that, and we try to organize in the best way possible this meeting.

So now, I'm going to give you the floor so you can comment or propose something. And if you want to participate to this organization committee, you are free to do it. Who wants to take the floor? You have the floor.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Daniel speaking.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani take the floor. I want to participate to this organization committee. Okay. Yes, I'd like this organization committee to be created, who wants to participate to this committee.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. I propose Sarah as secretariat. I notice Sarah is with us. She is our secretary from the Hyderabad meeting on. So Sarah will be our secretariat. Tijani, who else wants to participate to this group? Seun?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: This is Daniel.

AZIZ HILALI: There will be automatically named to participate to this committee.
Now I'm going to give the floor to Sarah and then to Tijani afterwards.
Sarah, you have the floor.

Somebody is asking for the floor?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Yes, it's Daniel here speaking. I would also like to be part of the
organization committee. Thank you. [CROSSTALK]

Daniel here.

INTERPRETER: Yes Daniel, I have told Aziz. It's okay.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Okay, thank you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Who is speaking?

BAUDOUIIN SCHOMBE: Baudouin is speaking, he is asking a question.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, Baudouin, you are here. Aziz speaking.

BAUODOUIN SCHOMBE: Yes, yes, I have been listening.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Did you have the answer of, the comment of Tijani about the CROPP program?

BAUODOUIN SCHOMBE: Yes, I have heard that. Baudouin speaking. Yes, I have heard that. I am beginning to understand. I didn't know how it works. So, now I'm understanding. I am understanding. I applied for South Africa.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Please, Baudouin, when you speak, you have to give your name and to speak slowly so we can understand you. Please, can you repeat what you said?

BAUODOUIN SCHOMBE: Baudouin is speaking. I'm Baudouin from [inaudible]. I had applied for South Africa meeting, but when I received the answer, the answer I have my application was not in the CROPP program.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Who wants to answer to Baudouin? Tijani or Daniel?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. Daniel, please answer the question. If Daniel can't answer the question, I'm going to do it. [CROSSTALK] answer the

question? Baudouin is saying that he has made a request for the CROPP program for the South Africa meeting, and he has no answer. Please can you... Receive no answer. Please, Daniel, can you answer to Baudouin?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Yes. Daniel for the record. Can you hear me?

INTERPRETER: Daniel, go ahead, yes Daniel.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Yes. The one thing is that when Baudouin sent his CROPP request, he filled in the request for IGF Mexico, which is not in line with the CROPP guidelines. And as far as CROPP is concerned, it's meant to support travel and participation for activities, engagement activities within African region. And then, the application that was submitted for South Africa, that is to participate in the African IGF, the applications could not go through because the CROPP program takes eight weeks to be processed.

But we did not have... It was submitted late. So none of those CROPP requests could be approved. I think that's the main reason as why those CROPP requests were not approved. Thank you. Back to you Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you Daniel. It was a very clear answer. I hope that Baudouin was satisfied by this answer. And now I see that Tijani is asking for the floor. Tijani, you have the floor, and then we'll give the floor to Ramanou Biaou. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. If you want, we are going to ask Barrack to be in this organization committee. And I've heard Baudouin asking to be in this organization committee, and Daniel also. So we have a committee now. Is there any other person want to participate to our committee, they are welcome, of course. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Okay. So, let's summarize. We have in this organization committee, we have Daniel, [inaudible], Baudouin, Sarah, Tijani, Aziz, [inaudible], and Barrack. Is it okay? Is there someone else wanting to join this committee? [CROSSTALK]

...you agree this committee to be shared by the AFRALO president, AFRALO Chair? Tijani, are you [CROSSTALK]...

Somebody is speaking on the English channel. Seun, is it you?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yes.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay. Are you asking for the floor, Seun?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yes.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay, just a minute. Now we are going to give the floor to Ramanou.
Seun, you will have the floor after Ramanou.

RAMANOU BIAOU: Okay, Ramanou speaking now.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: You have the floor, Ramanou.
Yes, Ramanou, yes, we can hear you. Go ahead please.

RAMANOU BIAOU: Okay, thank you. I am Ramnou Biauou from [inaudible]. And I don't know if I've followed what Tijani said at the beginning of his presentation about the committee. I wanted to know if there were some special conditions to participate in this committee. I've seen that there are some applicants already, but I think, so I think that it's better to have a small committee, for the committee to be efficient, but if there is still room, I want to participate to this committee, if Tijani can explain me a little bit more about the committee.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Okay, very well. If you are a member of the ALS of [inaudible], I tell you, welcome, you are welcome, and member of the ISOC of [inaudible]. You are welcome. Please Silvia, can you add Mr. Ramanou Biaou to our organization committee? Tijani, you are asking for the floor.

Seun, first, you have the floor. Seun, you have the floor. Seun, can you hear me?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yeah, this is Seun for the record.

INTERPRETER: Okay, just a minute. Go ahead Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yeah, okay, this is Seun for the record. I just wanted to also indicate interest in being one of the committee members. But I think Ramanou made a very good point about number. Number of members of the committee. Yes, it's good to have the smaller group so that we can all be, especially [inaudible] a bit more productive in [inaudible].

However, if it's good we have many as well [inaudible] just in case some of us don't have that much time to actually do the actual work. So I'm volunteering to be part of the committee, but I will suggest [inaudible] to be volunteered [inaudible] for the planning of the event. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you very much. Seun, you have been added to the list automatically, because your participation is very important. Okay now, we have eight minutes left, and we have a lot of items to discuss. Two persons are asking for the floor. So I will give you one minute each. Tijani, you're first, then Ramanou. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, thanks. I wanted to answer Seun's question in English. And the committee will be, will not be very large because as you know, if you have some people on the committee, only five maximum will be coming and working. So we will need, I think, this kind of number. And Seun, you are automatically on the committee since you are member of ALAC. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Okay, very well. If you want to be in our committee, that's good. So we have women. And Sarah is with us, okay. So Ramanou is also a member of this committee. So we are going to move to the next item, and it is very important. It's a very important item.

At each ICANN meeting, we try to organize a joint meeting, a joint meeting AFRALO African, that will take place in Hyderabad. Gisella told me that this AFRALO African meeting will take place on Saturday, 5, on Monday, 5 of November.

Now what we have done until now, we have decided during the last meeting, we have decided to send an email to two lists. The AFRALO list and the AfriNIC list, asking all of the AFRALO community if they can keep

the same topic, and we have received some answer. I sent this email, and we have tried to analyze the answers we have received, and the topic on which you are agreeing is more than speaking only about the transition, the impact of the transition of the IANA function, and the ICANN accountability.

That will be the topics on which we are agreeing, on which we are agreed. And I'm going to turn to write it down on the chat. These topics are written now in the chat in French and in English. Now, what I would like to do is to ask Mohamed, Tijani, and Seun, I know that Mohamed is very busy at the moment, so we asked Tijani and Seun, and the pen holder.

That is to say the one which, who will draft a first proposal will be Seun with Tijani's help. I'm going to give them the floor so they will tell us where they are, to give us a report on the AFRALO proposal. And to know when we will have their draft. We give them the floor, Seun and Tijani.

Seun, you have the floor, or Tijani.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, this is Seun. Can you hear me?

INTERPRETER: Yes, Seun, yes. I can hear you. Go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Okay, good. Thank you very much. Seun for the record. [Inaudible] within the small group, and Tijani has also suggested some ideas. The [inaudible] which I was raising within the group, was that the current work of the WS2 is that, work stream two, is just kicking off. And then [inaudible] yet to really, really make [inaudible] comments on.

Tijani had suggested some [inaudible] which we could actually delve into, and it's [inaudible] also thinking, and the group also agrees as well. So, I'm hoping, we're hoping that by, before the end of this week, we should be able to have initial drafts. So maybe [inaudible], we should be able to have something out to the group, the entire list for comment.

So maybe sometime early next week, I think should be able to get a final first draft, and [inaudible] a final first draft to the AFRALO mailing list, the African mailing list. Thank you. [Inaudible]

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you Seun. We have this project statement, that we need to present a draft statement around the end of the week. We need to be ready at the end of the week, so we can send it during next week on the list. So we can have a final version. Then I wanted this statement to be shorter than usual, because I think when the statement is too long, people don't read it. Okay. Thank you. Tijani, do you want to add something?

Thank you very much. We'll conclude on that point, and the conclusion is that Seun and Tijani will send their work by this weekend, by the end of the week. So again, thank you both, because the work that you do is absolutely tremendous.

Next point, second to last point, our opinion on the accreditation of new ALSs. So over the past four years, over the past four years, we doubled, and this is not an exaggeration, we doubled the number of ALSs that we had. We used to be 20, 22, and now we are up to 45 almost.

So we need to keep all of those ALSs interested, to keep them involved and active. That month we accredited two ALSs. The ISOC Ghana, and one other one. Now, we are looking at the [Benin?] Internet Governance Forum.

We do have a due diligence survey that we do on the organizations that are sent by the staff to the different members of AFRALO.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Gisella speaking. Aziz, I am so sorry to interrupt, but you need to speak a little bit louder for the interpreters because you are hard to hear. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

So, Aziz speaking. So what I was saying was that we accredited two ALSs last month, that I think development in total, and one ALS, the Internet Governance Forum for [Benin?]. Due diligence already was received, and I would ask that you give your opinion. If you want my personal opinion, I am all fine with those ALSs.

I do not see anybody... Baudouin would like [CROSSTALK] go ahead.

BERAN DONDEH: It's Beran.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay, go ahead. I'm not sure who spoke and wanted the floor, but you can go ahead.

BERAN DONDEH: This is Beran for the record. What I wanted to say is with regards to keeping ALSs and individuals active, I'm actually part of a pilot program, an onboarding program, where we have mentors, the two of us in At-Large have been participating in this program, myself and Isaac [inaudible] from Zimbabwe.

And we have a mentor, Dev Anand Teelucksingh. And we're working with him to actually come up with documentation on how to actually bring people into ICANN, based on the levels that they comment. And I think that this is important, because we all come in at different levels professionally and through our volunteer lines.

So it's important that each person that joins ICANN, whether you're joining through an ALS or as an individual member. That you have received at that level, and you're able to actually come in and understand the system, and be placed into the system, and be kept active and engaged.

Now, I came into the system, I was a bit overwhelmed, and I'm sure a lot of people would agree that it is a lot to take in when you come into ICANN, and it takes a lot of dedication to actually keep at it and keep active. So, we're working on a documentation, and we would want to

open our doors to anyone that want to share their experiences, anything that you think would be able to help whoever is coming into ICANN, to make it easier for him to ease into any roles within the At-Large.

If there is anything that you have to throw, any light that you can shed on our documentation, any links that you think would help, or that help you when you were coming into At-Large. Please contact us. My name is Beran Dondeh, I'm more than happy to share my email address with staff, and then hopefully you can send me whatever info that can help with this documentation of myself and Isaac. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you very much Beran. I do have two things to say. First, as far as the individual members, we've talked about that within AFRALO on several occasions. And for now, no decision has been made as far as individual members. I know that other RALOs did it, but as far as AFRALO is concerned, we are still working on that, on that individual question.

The other thing that I wanted to mention to Beran is that what you are working on, is that something that you do for AFRALO, or for ALAC, or for ICANN? I did not quite understand for the work that you are doing with your colleague.

BERAN DONDEH:

Okay, can I come in.

INTERPRETER: Yeah, just one second.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, the question was for Beran. Go ahead, you can answer.

BERAN DONDEH: Okay, thank you. This is Beran for the record. Yes, this is actually a program that started in Marrakech. It's an ICANN sponsored pilot program. It started in Marrakech. And it's running for a year, so this meeting is supposed to be quote/unquote the last meeting, but it's not supposed to be a meeting-centric program.

This is supposed to be a program that attaches community leaders, or seasoned community members, with incoming community members in a mentor/mentee relationship. And what we hope to get out of this program is actually to... Hello, can you hear me?

INTERPRETER: Go ahead, Beran. I can hear you.

BERAN DONDEH: Yeah, okay, all right, sorry. What we hope to get out of this program is to have a generic document, that actually we're able to work with. Not necessarily just for AFRALO. So when I think about individual members, I'm not just talking about AFRALO, I'm talking about At-Large as a whole, because when we finalize this document, we're going to be presenting it to At-Large and ALAC, and we're going to get feedback from this.

So what we have mentor/mentees in all these communities, the ccNSO have the same, you have the GAC, well all of the other ACs and SOs, they have mentor/mentee relationships. So it's going around in all of the communities.

So we are all coming together in the first days of the meeting, on the 3rd of November, where we will review our zero draft document. And then, but before that, we hope to actually present our zero draft document to At-Large and the ALAC. So this isn't just for AFRALO or NARALO, this is an At-Large document that we hope we'll be able to put on the website or on the Wiki, where people are actually able, we're able to actually point people to newcomers, where every document that could help a newcomer would be centralized.

So if a newcomer wants to know about how to use Adigo, they can go there. If they want to know how to use Adobe Connect. We do understand that all of this information is already available on the website, but we're also trying to identify loopholes where the information is sort of dispersed. So we're going to our work is to support all of it under one umbrella.

And hopefully we'll recall that Wiki At-Large onboarding, or whatever we choose to call it, where we would now point newcomers. So we would appoint ALSs to, we appoint different people that we feel are interested in At-Large and hopefully they're able to benefit from a centralized location for documentation. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much Beran. Aziz speaking. I believe that there is another point that we need to mention, but I do think that Baudouin wanted to speak. We went a little bit over time, and I don't know if the interpreters can stay or not, so please be brief. Baudouin.

BAUDOUIN SCHOMBE: Baudouin speaking. Just a quick proposal. Would it be possible to have the list of all active ALSs and all inactive ALSs, because it's great to have the numbers, but I think it's important to know which ones are active, and which ones are not.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you Baudouin. Yes, there was a group that was formed within AFRALO to first define what active meant and what inactive meant, and what are the standards that we use in order to define whether this ALS is more active than another. So, we can direct that question to the group.

So we went over time, and I would like to leave that last point on the report for the next time.

Seun and Tijani have to talk about that, and then we also have recent and upcoming activities of AFRALO members. We will talk about that next time. But Tijani would like the floor. Go ahead, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. Thank you Aziz, but it is the second teleconference that we have had where we didn't get a report on what ALAC is doing, on the

activities of ALAC, and so I would like to recommend that those reports be put at the beginning of the agenda for our meetings. It is the second time that we haven't been able to report on ALAC activities, and I think it is important. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Aziz speaking. Thank you very much. I do appreciate the comment, and we will start with that next time. Thank you very much. Thank you Heidi, thank you Gisella, Silvia, for being with us. Thank you all member of AFRALO who have been with us today. I would like to also thank Claire and Isabelle for their work, and I apologize for the delay.

Thank you very much and we will talk soon. Goodbye. Thank you.

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