
YESIM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO Monthly Meeting taking place on Thursday, 19th of January, 2017, at 06:00 UTC.

On our call today, on the English channel we have Satish Babu, Ali AlMeshal, Holly Raiche, Jahangir Hossain, Julie Hammer, Kaili Kan, Maureen Hilyard, Narine Khachatryan, Pavan Budhrani, Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Tomohiro Fujisaki, Waled Khaliqi, Winthrop Yu, Yasuichi Kitamura, and currently I see that we don't have anyone listed on the Chinese channel.

We have received apologies from Kelvin Wong and Nadira Alaraj.

From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Evin Erdoğan, and myself, Yesim Nazlar.

Our Chinese interpreters today are Jessie and YiYi.

Finally, if I could please remind all participants to state their names before speaking not only for the transcriptions purposes but also for the interpretation purposes as well.

Thank you very much. Over to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Yesim, for the roll call and welcome to everybody on the call. Particularly we have Julie as our guest on the call. Welcome, Julie. We also have several new members – both ALSes and individual members. I'd like to welcome all of them. We have the following ALSes who have

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joined us the last couple of weeks. We have Internet PNG Clique, from where we have Stanley, Bill, and Decca. We have the National Information Technology Professionals Association of Afghanistan, from where we have Waled and Nooria. We have ISOC Afghanistan, from where we have Omar Mansoor Ansari and Aziz Taqwa. And we also have a new individual member [inaudible] Mumbai, India. Who have all joined us and at least some of them are on the call [inaudible]. I would like to welcome all of them to the APRALO family.

We have very tight and packed agenda for today so we may not be able to take all the questions that you might have, but please be assured that we will take up the remaining questions on the mailing list so please do not hesitate to raise the questions.

Silvia has raised her hand. Silvia, anything right now?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Hello, Satish. Thank you very much. Allow me please to introduce our new colleague, Evin Erdoğan. She's our new staff member who has joined the ICANN Policy Team and Evin is based in the Istanbul office and she was in [inaudible] and she will be supporting us. One of her responsibilities, she will be supporting the ALAC and the At-Large communities. So welcome, Evin. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Alright. Thanks, Silvia. And welcome, Evin, to this call and to APRALO. If there are no other immediate questions, we will move on to Agenda

Item #3. It is a very important item. It's an update from the BMSPC, and we have with us Julie Hammer representing the committee.

Julie, please go ahead.

JULIE HAMMER:

Thank you very much, Satish. I'm the Chair of the BCEC – the Board Candidate Evaluation Committee. As you have just mentioned, the other committee, the BMSPC – the Board Member Selection Process Committee – it is chaired by Tijani. I'm not sure whether Tijani is on the phone or not. He's not in the Adobe, but if Tijani is not able to join... Tijani has just joined, I see. He's here.

Just to cover my part of the process, the BCEC was established back in September and commenced its work on the 23rd of September doing a lot of preparatory work on our own Code of Conduct finalizing candidate requirements and doing a lot of development of tools and templates and planning our process.

We sent out the call for Expressions of Interest on the 19th of October and allowed four weeks for candidates to submit their Expressions of Interest. The final date for submission was the 18th of November and the very next day we sent out a request for references which had to be submitted within two weeks.

We announced after a period of about three weeks the six names of people who had submitted Expressions of Interest, and then we subsequently on the 16th of December announced the BCEC slate of candidates which were two names – Alan Greenberg and Leon Sanchez.

The process that we went through and the reason why we had a period of time between the submission of Expressions of Interest and our release of the six names was because the committee actually did a blind assessment where they didn't look at any of the personal data so that they could assess the candidates against criteria without having the references and without having knowledge of who those candidates were. We subsequently looked at the references, looked much more deeply into the information that had been submitted, revealed the identities of the candidates, and so we went through an initial evaluation and then a much more detailed evaluation to come up with a slate of two candidates.

At that point we have handed the work over to the BMSPC to manage the next stage of the process, and I'll hand over to Tijani to cover that. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Julie, and over to Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Satish, and thank you, Julie, for introducing your subject. As Julie just told you, the BCEC have posted and published the slate of candidates that contains only two names who are Alan Greenberg and Leon Sanchez. The original list of applicants contained six names, and the BCEC adopt four and kept only two. The immediate next step is for the RALOs if they wish to petition to add candidates on the final slate. But those candidates that can be added on the final slate

should be among the four dropped names, not any other name. Only those four people – those who have already submitted EoIs to the BCEC.

Any petition by any RALO should be done according to their formal process. It means that it is not a decision of the RALO Chair, nor the decision of the RALO Leadership. It must be the decision of the RALO. And the RALO has rules for decision-making so they have to use those rules to decide if they want to petition to add more candidates on the final slate.

Let me tell you that the normal case so far, we did two rounds of selections. So far we never saw any additions. So it was always the slate of BCEC that is kept as a final slate. But the Rules of Procedure permit the RALOs if they find that there is a very important candidate that has been dropped by the BCEC but who has a very important value that they feel it would be a pity if the community will not make use of its competence to be on the Board, in this case the RALO could make [a] him or her on the final slate.

Any petition by any RALO should be supported by at least two other RALOs. And also, to support a petition, the RALOs will support the petition should use also their formal process to decide on the support. It means that it is not the Chair of the Leadership of the RALO who decides to support or not support. It must be the decision of the RALO, and the decision should be done according their rules of decision-making.

This is about additions of candidates on the final slate. To make a petition, you should do that before 19 of January. And since we have

the petitions, the support to the petition should be done before 29 of January. Those are very important dates.

If we don't have any petitions on 19 of January, that means that we will not wait until the 29 of January to start our process, we will start the next step as the BMSPC. And the next step will be the interaction between the community and the candidates.

You know that the candidates need to make their campaign and they want to speak to the community. And also the community wants to ask questions to those candidates so that they understand better what are their projects, what are their way of working, how they will serve the community. So this period of interaction is very important. And to do it in the best way, we will ask you, the community, and the candidates to tell us what are the best ways you want to use for this interaction. We may propose you three ways. You can use them all. You can use some of them. And we are open to any other way of interaction.

The interaction could be done through the mailing lists. It means that the community asks questions on the mailing lists and the candidates answer the questions on the mailing lists. We may use the wiki space that we open for that on which the community asks their questions and the candidates answer the questions on the wiki. Also the candidates can make statements on the wiki also. And the third one would be a teleconference where the candidates make their statements and then the community asks questions for every candidate.

Those are possible ways. But if you have others, we are open to do it. We want to make this interaction as good as possible and make everyone happy with it. It means the community and the candidates.

Those are the immediate next steps. If you have any questions, I am ready to answer your questions and I hope it is clear.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Tijani, for that update. We have, maybe if we can take one question. We are short of time. Cheryl has raised her hand. Please go ahead, Cheryl.

Can't hear you, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

I gather you can hear me now?

[JULIE HAMMER]:

Yes.

SATISH BABU:

Yes.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you, Satish. Unfortunately, that was very bad audio, for me at least, while Tijani was speaking. There was a bad echo on the line. But I believe I heard everything.

Tijani, with the three proposed methodologies for interaction with our candidates – and I’m glad we get to discuss that with you and that your BMSPC is open to any other suggestions – surely we should simply be seeing the BMSPC already planning for all three. The community would benefit from all three. So why are we not just seeing a time course and proposed dates for all three to begin with? Particularly since even if the extraordinary action of a RALO to do a possibility of a petition which would indicate that in the view of the RALO and two other RALOs the BCEC had made some awful travesty – and you might hear from my tone I am far from a supporter of that process.

Even should they [inaudible] from a petition process result in a petitioned person being added, we’re still going to need these interactions anyway. So why aren’t we seeing proposed dates now? Why aren’t we seeing fixed and firm... Wiki pages could be open already as far as I’m concerned, or at least be collecting questions especially if they’re questions to all candidates whether we have two candidates or 12 candidates? If they’re questions to all candidates, they’re questions to all candidates.

Just without asking for specific answers or defense, I would just like to suggest that at least from my very biased view I’d be encouraging the BMSPC to be getting on with that work. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Cheryl. If I may – unfortunately, the audio was very bad and I am not sure I understood fully your question. But I think that you are proposing that we start the period of interaction between the

candidates and the community even before the deadline for the petition.

If this is your question, I think that –

[YESIM NAZLAR]: Tijani, [inaudible] interrupting but [inaudible] because it's really very hard to hear you. If you could just please make sure that your speakers are [inaudible]. We hear echo.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I have only the Adobe Connect speaker so I don't have telephone muting. I don't know how you can have echo from my [side].

[YESIM NAZLAR]: Okay, maybe we need to try that you speak a bit further to your mic.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: You want me to speak like this? I am far, so it is better now?

[YESIM NAZLAR]: It seems there is not much difference.

SATISH BABU: I think it is impossible to hear Tijani. [Tijani], can you mute for a second?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay.

SATISH BABU:

Okay, now the noise has gone off. Tijani, can you make a short intervention now?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

If the question of Cheryl is about starting immediately the interaction period, I am afraid it might be not convenient because we don't know all the candidates. Yes, any question can be asked all candidates equally but you may have specific questions for this candidate which is not the same question for the others. And we have time for the interaction. We are not in a hurry this time. Last time we are a little bit compressed. This time we have really, really, time to do it.

I presume that there will not be any petitions. So it will be starting 19 of January. It means that it will be in a few days. I think there is no hurry. We don't need to hurry up because we have already a timeline and we try to stick to the timeline to do things as it was planned so that we will not have any complaints.

SATISH BABU:

Right. Thank you, Tijani. I think this is [not the] best opportunity to raise [most] questions. I would suggest that we take the questions offline at the committee's website and get clarifications from both Tijani and Julie as we may need.

I'd like to thank Tijani and Julie for having been with us. As possibly [inaudible] timing and updating our community. Thanks very much and we are about five minutes behind our schedule.

We will now move on to Item #4 – ALAC Policy Update – the next two Agenda Items – ALAC Policy Update and [inaudible] update. Both by Holly Raiche. Holly, please go ahead.

Cannot hear you, Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: Sorry. You asked me a question. I was just [inaudible].

SATISH BABU: Yes.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. Question. Is somebody –

[JULIE HAMMER]: It's your turn, Holly.

SATISH BABU: Please go ahead. You can go ahead with the updates.

HOLLY RAICHE: The policy issues, sorry?

SATISH BABU: Number four – Policy Updates.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. Is the Policy page available?

SATISH BABU: Yes, we have the page on the screen now.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay, here it is. At this stage, there are only three open public comments. There's the At-Large Identifier Technology Indicators. I haven't had a chance to read this. I've read it briefly. I would suggest people read that if they would like to comment, but I'm not sure that actually it's of importance to us at this stage.

MOBI – Wafa's not on, so MOBI, I've looked at. Again, I'm not sure that this is something of general interest but certainly Wafa will be drafting it and I'm sorry she's not on the call.

The GNSO Business Constituency Workspace – we haven't as yet at an ALAC Executive Meeting decide if this is worth actually looking at or not. I haven't had a chance to look but we've had a brief discussion. It's more of a process thing. So whether or not people want to do that reading or not, I'm not sure. I would have to come back with, once we've looked at it – the ALAC Executive – as to whether we think we're actually going to do anything. We really don't have to spend any time

on closed public comment because those things have been adopted. And if there's anything else, we can talk about it next month because we will have an ALAC Executive Meeting before the next APRALO, and at that stage probably we'll have a better idea of if there are outstanding issues what they are.

There's not much of a policy advice that I think is probably worth a lot of discussion in this meeting at this stage.

SATISH BABU:

Alright. Thanks, Holly. I think Maureen has something to add. Maureen, please go ahead.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Satish. Holly, if I could just add a little thing about the Charter Amendments to the GNSO Business Constituency, is that I think in our last meeting Cheryl and I were volunteered to address this particular issue. I've actually written a comment already on the workspace and I'd really appreciate it if other people and APRALO had a look through that because we are At-Large and this is the Business Constituency within GNSO.

It's very interesting to read through their Charter to see how they operate. Their Charter is very similar to our At-Large Rules of Procedure and it explains how people are elected and how they're appointed to positions and what those positions entail and how the constituency actually operates. So it's actually a very interesting read, the whole 33 pages. But one of the things that is really interesting is that to get it to

this stage, the group that was actually working on this particular paper that went through 45 different versions of it before they actually got it to a state that's ready for public comment. It just shows you the amount of work that goes into putting together these documents. They're asking for people to comment and even if it's just to say what a fantastic job they've done. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you, and could I have a suggestion [inaudible] Silvia –

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Maureen.

HOLLY RAICHE: Silvia or Evin, could I suggest that this item be corrected because we've got a TBC which is really just to be confirmed whether in fact we're commenting, and that should probably put [inaudible] and Maureen on there and there's a link to it. Cheryl, go ahead.

SATISH BABU: Cheryl, please.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: The ALAC and the Leadership Team haven't decided. Maureen's proposal is that we do a hail fellow well met at least because it's a good job and a great amount of work. I'm not sure that Alan and I reached version 42, but we've certainly reached and recognized that it was the

third overhaul of our Rules of Procedure for the ALAC but we were certainly in the high 30s. So I think it's comparable work to what we did within our own ALAC Rules of Procedure, the major difference being we'd already done it twice before.

If Maureen's recommending that we do a hail fellow well met, once the ALAC and/or Leadership Team agree with that, then yeah, change it. But I'm not sure it's up to APRALO in a meeting to make changes to that. Holly?

HOLLY RAICHE:

No, you're absolutely right. I had forgotten that in fact we haven't made a final decision. I remember the discussion and you and Maureen going away and looking at it, but you're right, it's still TBC. It's just I suppose this doesn't reflect all of the work that both of you have been putting in. So maybe the action item is just on... at the next Executive Meeting perhaps we should put up what Maureen said and then at the next meeting this can be put up for drafting with your names against it which would be very useful because then we can comment, if nothing else, to say hail fellow well met.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Holly, Maureen, and Cheryl. Are there any questions or comments on the Policy Update?

Seeing no hands raised, I will request Holly to move on to the next item for her item which is the At-Large Review Status Update for a very brief update on the At-Large Review.

HOLLY RAICHE:

That's fine. Thank you, Satish. Where we're up to, for those who haven't been actually following the process of the review, the review was started – let's put it this way, there is an At-Large Review document done by the Independent Examiner that called the ICANN team – they have released a first draft which has been available for comment really by the Working Party but largely by ALAC as well.

The period for that has closed for comment. They are at this stage have taken away all of the comments that have been made – and they were considerable – and will be releasing the document for public comment, I think the date is the 20th.

At this stage, we are in the process of scheduling a couple of meetings. The report – the report subsequent to all of the comments that have been made – will be released for public comment. We will all therefore have a chance to look at the document and to see the extent to which the comments that have been made have been taken into account. So that will be the next document we look at and that will be available soon.

What has been suggested but not yet confirmed is some kind of webinar whereby they present a revised – we don't know if it's revised or not – but the document that they're releasing for public comment. That hasn't been confirmed. There may be one, there may not. But there most certainly at the Copenhagen meeting will be, if it's not a webinar there will be a meeting of the Review Working Party – plus anybody else in the At-Large community who would like to be part of that meeting

and make comments – to talk with them, first to get a run-down from them as to the revisions that they have made or not made in response to our comments and we will then presumably discuss the revised document to the extent it's been revised.

Because Copenhagen will be – some of the period of Copenhagen will be in the public comment period – the actual public comment will not close until a few days after Copenhagen. The task for the Working Party at this stage will be to actually start to draft and think through what we're going to say as an ALAC submission to the Review. And maybe I should back up and say, this is the second Review the ICANN procedures requires [that] the SOs and ACs regularly reviewed. The first At-Large Review was five years ago. We did not have the full structure of the RALOs and the ALSes at that stage. So this Review while still looking at the At-Large, is also looking at the whole ALS/RALO structure and making some comments on that structure as well as the way in which we proceed.

So for those who have not read the Review, it is still available online. What is not available online is the ability to comment. But the revised document will be released for public comment fairly soon, and whether that revised report is available for discussion at a webinar or at the actual Copenhagen [meeting] we're still working through that. I had a meeting this morning with those people in ALAC and ICANN who are working on schedules. So the actual times and dates I don't have at this stage, but there certainly is going to be a bit of work on our response and an opportunity for at least a couple of meetings to work through the revised report and to work through what we as ALAC are going to say about that review.

I'll end it there and take any questions if people would like to ask any.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Holly. The Review is supposed to be published tomorrow. The 20th is tomorrow. I assume it will be coming out tomorrow. Are there any questions or clarifications on the At-Large Review?

I don't see any hands.

HOLLY RAICHE: [Maureen's typing].

SATISH BABU: Alright. We will move on. Thank you very much, Holly, for that update. We now move on to Agenda Item #6 which is the 2017 [inaudible] for APRALO. There are several bits of it. The first part I'll be handling. Can we have the slides on them please very quickly? Please move on to the next slide - #2.

This is an important year for us because of multiple things happening. We just heard about the At-Large Review and it will start implementation now [until] it's adopted. That's going to happen in the later part of the year. We also have to look at the transition and [there are] changed rules in the post-transition ICANN. And we also have a General Assembly later this year. So all these things are happening the same year which makes it a very important year for us.

Next.

We have tentatively identified various [inaudible].

I hear echo on the line. Can you please mute?

Capacity Building, enhanced participation in ICANN policy, better community and member engagement, looking at both ALSes and individual members, contributing to [regular initiatives] with our partners, and the Mentoring Program which is essentially for Leadership development and recruitment.

Next. Next slide please.

There are several programs that are coming [out of this]. I do not have time to get into this but we will be opening it for comment. I'm just placing it in this meeting. We have at the end of one or two months to finalize this. We have webinars coming up. We have multiple tools of Internet Governance, both the regional and country. We have the Capacity building sessions during the ICANN meeting. We have participation in regional and global meetings, our Mentoring program, the Policy Document Development Pilot which we are hoping that our ALSes and individuals to participate better in the policy process. We'll be having at least two surveys over the next two or three months. One will relate to the policy priorities of our ALSes and members, and the other will look at the capacity and the constraints that the ALSes have so that we can discuss these in detail during our General Assembly.

We will also be having metrics and will be collecting the participation of the ALSes in various processes. We have a tentative [concept] of a newsletter. We have our wiki social media, the mailing list and so on

which we will be using. Some of it like social media we have to still work on it. And finally, we have the General Assembly coming up.

Next.

The General Assembly is open at this point. This point is to be raised for your comment. [The idea is that it either would be] during ICANN60 October, 2017. The tentative program we have proposed that it is divided into 30% on organizational matters, 40% policy and 30% other matters. The organizational matter will include things like ALSes, their activities, the Rules of Procedure, At-Large Review, Leadership and Mentoring, NomCom updates, ATLAS III which might be on the horizon at that point in October, Capacity Building, etc. Policy will be policy updates during the General Assembly and how our ALSes and members can participate better. And [inaudible] we have other things like technical updates, regional and RALO partnerships and [inaudible] by dignitaries in ICANN and so on.

Roughly we would like to divide our time in this fashion, but this is up in the air. We welcome your comments. I will stop here and move on to the next item which is going to be handled by Ali – Ali and Maureen following each other.

Ali, please go ahead.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thank you, Satish. Do you hear me?

HOLLY RAICHE: Very faintly.

ALI ALMESHAL: Hello? Do you hear me?

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes.

ALI ALMESHAL: Okay, great. Thank you.

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

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you very much, Satish. We are now to the point of the APRALO Leadership in APRICOT. This is one of the budget requests that we have put [forth] for the CROPP. Satish, Maureen, and myself, will be in to this event and we'll be having different slots to speak there and different [inaudible] workshops or events. Being into the APRICOT, this is the [10th] time that the APRALO attends this APRICOT meeting and we found this very much a good [forum] and give us a good exposure and opportunity to meet different people from different communities across Asia.

That's why we have put different proposals [with you] which was initiated by [inaudible].

Then speaking about the [inaudible] budget, this year I think we have submitted six proposals. I think this is the biggest number of proposals that we have submitted, at least up to my knowledge since I joined the APRALO. So let's take the proposals submitted, one for the General Assembly, one for the Global IGF, and we get the request from ISOC [inaudible] and there is a request from India for the School of Internet Governance, and we have another [inaudible] side, and we have the [ABIGF] proposal for potential APRALO leaders, and a new proposal for the APRALO Leadership for APRICOT to be part of the continuation budget, not as the CROPP.

Moving forward, we have covered the proposals that we have submitted in the finance and budget. Then we have the General Assembly. I need first to give you some update about the General Assembly and then I will give it to Maureen if she has any update as well on the other items.

The General Assembly I have some briefings for that [just preparing] from now. I have spoke this week with the head of the Finance which is part of the [inaudible] related to our region. We offered the full cooperation with whatever they will be doing in Abu Dhabi in terms of activities. They are very much happy and welcoming that.

Second, I have contacted [inaudible] ALS or ISOC, and they are more than happy to open all the connections they have, especially when it comes to the outreach for the academia and some other entities that we can reach to.

Lastly , I have met with the host in Abu Dhabi who will be hosting the events such as Abu Dhabi TRA or UAE TRA, and I have met with them face-to-face and we spoke about all these possible coordination, sponsor, and funding. And we discussed the outreach, Capacity Building, workshops, possible partnership. All of these have been looked into and all the funding that is required.

This is just an initial. Initially they have no objection to all what we have said but they need to go analyze and then they would say yes we can go, no, whatever. After that we can sit and put our official proposal and requirements to them.

Tentatively I have seen that they have full cooperation with us, which is great, and they are more than happy to support APRALO in this meeting. That's for the General Assembly. I might leave this to Maureen if she have any more on the other items [that would] add. Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Ali. No. I don't want to spend too much time on this because we've got more on our agenda but just to mention about the finance and budget requests. Three of those requests have come from APRALO Leadership and [therefore] see one about the General Assembly the APRICOT meetings which, as Ali said, we've been attending these for a couple of years already and we're going to be going to Vietnam next month. There's great value in this and we've actually put that into the application. We'd like to make that a permanent thing if possible. And of course the Global IGF which is another activity that Leadership Team has been involved in.

The other three applications came from within the community and I think that's really great. We did put the message out and we hoped that we would get some submissions, and the Armenian IGF [CIG] that is supposedly made the three ALSes joining together for the India [CIG], and of course the IP Internet Governance Academy we'd like to get some of our ALS members along to that Leadership course if at all possible.

That's it for me. Let's carry on. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Maureen and Ali, for the update with the budget proposal. Are there any questions on any of these items? You might have suggestions which are welcome. We will be opening a wiki page for these and you can please post your additions either in that wiki page or by e-mail on the list. If there are any clarifications, please bring it up.

I don't see anything. We still have time to look at this point and I will very briefly touch upon a few items. I've already talked about the GA [inaudible]. We will have Capacity Building. We will have inreach and outreach. Our Showcase, we traditionally have a Showcase where we introduce our ALSes during the GA. In Hyderabad we had a Showcase but we didn't have a GA so we didn't invite all the ALSes. In Abu Dhabi we will have a Showcase where we will introduce all the ALSes at least to a slide show, but is [our thing] because all the ALSes will be there so we will have to have a pretty good show there. So Ali will help us with... it was Holly who helped us last time with the funding.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes.

SATISH BABU: We look forward to further support from everybody who can help out.

Moving on, we will also have a [inaudible] service as mentioned. This is what is roughly planned right now. I will now move on to the next agenda item which is the Mentorship Program and the update. It's over to Ali. Go ahead, please.

ALI ALMESHAL: A long list. So we'll just go ahead now with the update from the mentee. We can start with Narine. Are you there?

NARINE KHACHATRYAN: Hello. Can you hear me well?

ALI ALMESHAL: Yes we can. Go ahead, please.

SATISH BABU: Yes.

NARINE KHACHATRYAN: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. First of all, I'd like to express my thanks to organizers of the APRALO Leadership Program. Thank you, Ali, and APRALO Leaders, particularly to Maureen

Hilyard for assistance throughout the whole program. Also deep gratitude to Holly Raiche, who's an organizer of the ALAC Capacity Building Program during the last ICANN meeting in Hyderabad in which I've been privileged to participate as a Fellow coach.

By the way, it has been an incredibly rewarding experience to work with three to four mentees for 12 weeks, each of whom have had different levels of expertise and came from different stakeholder groups and different parts of the world. But we have managed to build a strong team and continue to communication within our team until today.

On my current engagement in At-Large and in At-Large activities and Cross-Community Working Groups, I participate in the activities of At-Large Capacity Building Working Group Chaired by Tijani Ben Jemaa, and I also follow as an observer their activities and discussions of the Accountability Work Stream 2, one of the subgroups. Also the discussions related to public interest led by EURALO and as well as the Cross-Community discussions related to Human Rights.

As for the contribution to the regional Internet related work, I continue participating with my colleagues as in previous years in the preparatory work of EuroDIG as well as the [inaudible] on Internet Governance. And concerning the work in our region – in APRALO region – the last meeting of ICANN in Hyderabad has provided an excellent opportunity for communication and collaboration of these colleagues in APRALO region, and since then I've tried to continue active communication with as many community members of the region.

As an example of what we have done together with other volunteers, we started running mobile messaging and social media, professional groups and to build the capacity of our community members in the field of Internet Governance. Nadira Alaraj from ISOC Palestine has been the main idea initiator and the catalyst behind those mobile messaging groups. Many thanks to her for this important undertaking. But with this initiative, with volunteers we manage to keep the group active with lots of participants from APRALO region and we manage to keep it relevant in this day-to-day communication for over a month via mobile messaging with members of our community help me better understand the Internet system of the Asia Pacific region and the issues it faces, the challenges and perspectives and still I think that much work related to Capacity building is yet to be done in this direction.

Lastly, related to the work in our country in the activities of our At-Large Structure, this February we launched the ninth edition of the Internet Armenia Program which is a National Capacity building and awareness raising program and to promote education of young people and adults using the Internet and online technologies. And with workshops and activities in schools for young people, their parents and teachers, with video materials, books, and newsletters, we raise awareness about safe and responsible Internet use so the program has had impressive figures and outcomes so far – I mean in terms of reach, coverage, impact, etc. so it is launched every year on [Safer] Internet Day.

Thank you very much for your attention.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thanks a lot, Narine. That was a great update. Looking more forward for more. [inaudible], he is on the line, I believe. Go ahead, please.

SATISH BABU: Please stick to three minutes.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you, Ali. [inaudible] for the record. Can you hear me?

SATISH BABU: Yes, we can hear you.

ALI ALMESHAL: We can hear you. Please go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [Since] Maureen asked me to speak about my goals and what I want to [inaudible] in ICANN, [inaudible] summarize from my side will be to make a difference. I've seen a lot of people, even Fellows in the past, they come and they go. But I want to stay. I want to contribute. I know it's too early for me to [inaudible] after a year or two but eventually that's my target. Even I look at Ali to be my mentor, I'm also amazed and motivated that there's so much more with ICANN and ALAC. I want to be like [her] one day. Maybe become mentors for the mentorship program.

[Inaudible] looking forward is the PDP. We all know that [inaudible] very important that we at ICANN [inaudible] technique of technical person that I am and the Internet. I hopefully can guide [inaudible]. [Inaudible] mentorship program, the program itself [inaudible] initiated but I personally think that the [inaudible] flow. [Know] almost everything about ICANN and its [inaudible]. You can go online and –

SATISH BABU: I think we've lost you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [Inaudible] the most important thing [inaudible].

ALI ALMESHAL: We have a very poor line and a very noisy one, [inaudible].

YESIM NAZLAR: It seems that Satish's line has dropped and currently we are dialing out to him again. He will be joining us in a minute or so.

SATISH BABU: I'm back.

[ALI ALMESHAL:]: [Satish], you can take over because we are over the time and we have problem with [inaudible] line, I think.

SATISH BABU:

Right. Thanks, Ali, and thanks, Narine and [inaudible], for the updates. We are moving on quickly and closing the call right now. Holly has an update – the release of the Review for public comment is 31st January, not 20th.

We now move on to the last item quickly. The newsletter – there has been two volunteers for our newsletter. We need a few more volunteers. Anyone else interested in joining [hands], please contact me or the staff and we will get back to the newsletter as soon as possible.

Silvia has an update about the webinar tomorrow. Silvia, please go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much, Satish, for that. Yes, I would like to please invite everyone to join us tomorrow at 5:00 UTC for the 9th webinar that we are holding in collaboration with the APAC Hub. As you know, this is a webinar series which we started back in 2015. This webinar will be this time entitled, “Updates and Takeaways from IGF 2016 and What it Means for You in APAC.”

This webinar will provide you an update of the sessions that were recently concluded in the Internet Governance Forum and that are relevant to the APAC community. Representatives from the APAC who were in Guadalajara, Mexico, will give a read-out of their sessions as well as share their takeaways, including what do the discussions mean for you?

The speakers, we have a great line-up. We have Satish Babu, we have Maureen Hilyard, Adam Peake, we have [Ann Beng Wa], Professor of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, and Janice Lee of .asia.

Please join us tomorrow at 5:00 UTC. Thank you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Silvia. With this we have a hard stop now. My apologies for killing the time by a couple of minutes. Thank you and good day to all of you for having joined this meeting. We will have more discussions in the next month's meeting.

Thanks and bye-bye.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Thank you, Satish.

YESIM NAZLAR:

Thank you all. This meeting is now adjourned. Have a lovely rest of the day. Bye-bye.

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