
UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly teleconference on Thursday 16th of February 2017, at [inaudible] UTC.

Today we have on the call, Holly Raiche, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Maureen Hilyard, Satish Babu, [inaudible], Ali AlMeshal, [inaudible], Siranush Vardanyan, and [inaudible]. We have Gunella Astbrink for apologies.

And on staff, we have Silvia Vivanco, and myself [inaudible]. And our interpreters today are [inaudible]. And I'd like to remind everyone to please state your name before speaking, not only for transcription purposes, but also for our interpreters. And with this, I'll turn it back over to you, Satish. Please begin.

SATISH BABU: Thank you. And good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Welcome to the February monthly call of APRALO. We have much of our leaders, including our [inaudible]... I would like to welcome everyone. We do have more [inaudible] to join us, but I'm sure they will join as we get started.

So, the first item on the agenda is the welcoming of one of the, one new members that have joined, [inaudible], and this is [inaudible] from [inaudible] Malaysia for the [inaudible]... But nevertheless, welcome to APRALO.

And we have [inaudible]... anyone else, we would want to, a very important topic that is the At-Large review. And before I had over the

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floor to Holly, last night, we had a RALO [inaudible] call in which one of the discussion points was how should RALOs [inaudible] to the public comment.

So we have, this RALO has its call, we have today, so [inaudible] can give it out, decide how we want to comment. Do we want all of the ALSes to individually comment? Or should they all [inaudible] and comment as APRALO? Or should all of us [inaudible] ALAC comment? [Inaudible] now, and even if we are not able to decide today, I [inaudible] pointers and from the [inaudible]... today. So with that, I would like to request Holly to please [inaudible].

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay, have we welcomed our new members yet?

SATISH BABU: Yes.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. Do you want me to go ahead with the review, Satish?

SATISH BABU: Yes please.

HOLLY RAICHE: It's Holly Raiche for the transcript record. And I'm sure many of you have been following, but the review [inaudible] of ALAC from start

[inaudible]... Every supporting organization advisory committee in ICANN is regularly reviewed. ALAC had a review back in 2008, and there were a number of recommendations, but at that stage, there were not many ALSes and RALOs were never new.

So the review, the earlier review, I'm sure Cheryl can talk about. Really didn't cover the structure that exists today. Today, the process has been that, we as ALAC, as an ALAC team, worked with the Board people responsible for reviews, to develop criteria and independent examiner, that's the body that actually does the review.

Spoke with a number of us, spoke with a number of other people who came up with a draft report, working party and other interested people, participated in discussions with them. Their report then reflected some of what was said, and they have now released their review, their review report for public comment were about halfway through that public comment period, and the public comment period for their review will be ending on the 24th of March.

Until then, we as a working party have been meeting pretty much weekly, and we will continue with at least two more, to work through our response to the review document. Now, it's a lengthy document, and after I, I'm meeting with the working party today, what was decided is we would come up with weaving ICANN and, with help from a couple of us on the executive, we'll come up with a summary, just one or two pages of, what the review is proposing.

So, instead of people having to go through 80 some pages, it will be possible just to have a summary so the interested people clearly, the

whole report is on the Wiki, for anybody to comment on. At this stage, what we have done is, or what I did, was to try to group together, some of the topics that the review covered, so that we can understand a little bit better, and sort of just reading through the recommendations and various comments.

We can kind of group together what the review talked about. It starts off really with the purpose for ALAC, its mission within the ICANN context, and there is pretty much agreement there. A lot of their comments which are, let's just say, not necessarily agreed by everyone, and indeed, not agreed to by many, a couple of the main themes that in fact, the processes and membership in ALAC is not as open as it should be.

It should be open to individual members, and they have a structure for that. Some of the responses have been well, we already are and we worked through some of that, that doesn't mean that we don't respond to what they said. Perhaps the more contentious bit that has been [getting?] a lot of attention is a proposed restructure in terms of the role of RALOs and the mergers of RALOs with ALAC itself, and how that would work.

That would probably be the highlight of the summary page, and to explain, perhaps, better how the structure works now, to take onboard what they're proposing, but perhaps the kind of framework more necessarily reflects the way we work and the structures and how they function. There are some other parts to the review.

There are some reforms on, discussions on the role of ICANN, on the role of funding, on suggestions on the outreach of ALAC members to other internet bodies, the Internet Governance Forum, the IGF, some of the APAC meetings, and so forth. So, there are lots of recommendations, which I'm happy to go through, but just a final, to say that the timeline that we are working toward, the working party, and indeed, other people who are really interested in this topic, have our meeting every week.

And a lot of people have been putting comments on the review. We have two places where this can be done. There is a Wiki page where, in fact, there is a document with recommendations and some proposed structure. And I'm sure that link has been sent, but I'll ask that it be sent again.

There is also a Google Docs that is open for comment. And again, we'll send that link again. So, an action item is, given the note that we want to send to everybody in the RALO, those links again to both the Google Docs document, and to the document that's on our own Wiki page, to pick up the point that Satish was talking about. It is really, really critical, that we hear from as many people as possible, in response to the review.

One of the criticisms that was made to the review, and people have been able to comment without having their names revealed, so we don't know and we're not asking, was almost a criticism about, that there are a few people who make most of the responses, who participate, and if we are to have credibility in responding to this review, we actually need everybody to be involved.

Now, I have been very heartened because there are a number of conversations that are going on in terms of the Google Doc, in terms of the Wiki page, and even just on email. So, this is beginning to catch people's attention. But we would like, as much as possible, is to hear from the ALSes as to your views of the review, and your views as to some of the suggestions made in the review document and how you feel about that.

Now, I don't know, Satish, if you have a special session. There will be a public webinar, at the end of February, where everybody can participate, and the review team will be presenting the document. It may be very interesting to listen just to how it's presented. We have two meetings scheduled just for ALAC at Copenhagen, where those in Copenhagen will be first meeting with the independent examiner team to discuss matters involving some of the points they've made, some of the recommendations.

And also, just the working party and again, members of the At-Large community, to pretty much draft the response from ALAC to that review. Now, by that time, by the time we get to Copenhagen, we need to take advantage of the fact that people are face to face, and we need to have a document that pretty much ready for input.

So we need to be pretty closed to finish, because it's really the first and last chance where people can just sit around at a table and go over, and finalize what we're going to say, because by the time Copenhagen is over, really there is only about a week or 10 days afterwards. So, by that time, we need to hear from everybody, and Cheryl, am I missing anything? Is there something else you would like to say?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thanks Holly. I just follow on slightly. Cheryl for the record. With the [dates?] and things that were put in the chat, you know, 24th, etc., that's the end of the full public comment period. I just want to reiterate what Holly was just saying, and that is the importance of us having as much input and reaction as we possibly can from our At-Large structures, the individual members of the RALO, and the rank and file members of the At-Large structures.

There is no reason why any member of any of the ALSes can also respond here. [CROSSTALK] input before we leave for Copenhagen. Even if it's coming in during Copenhagen, it will be useful. But coming in after Copenhagen is going to be less useful for the coordinated response that we need to make.

That doesn't mean that an individual ALS, or indeed, an individual, cannot make a public comment up to and including, you know, 23:57, because it will take two minutes to load, on the 24th of March. I mean, you can, but if we can get as many as you to look at this document, and [inaudible] that document, I would encourage you to obviously read the full document, but go to the Wiki links that the action item has asked to be sent out again, use the short form and the topic headings that Holly outlined in her presentation.

Look at the recommendations. Look at some of the implementation suggestions this group has made, and make some comment. I am very keen that as many people as possible, attend the 13:00 UTC webinar on the 27th of February, but I do know that 13:00 UTC is particularly

unfriendly for our region. But if, as many of you, at least in leadership positions who may have talked to your At-Large structures, rank and file members, on this matter, if you can attend, or if you're intending to interact with the At-Large structures, if you can attend, that would be another opportunity for us to make sure that everybody has, had an opportunity for questions to be asked, and then for perhaps more meaningful comments to be put in.

This is not the last bite of the cherry, and that's [inaudible] quickly go on to. The public comments that come in from everybody, including Great Aunt Mary if you can convince her to make some, will simply go to the independent review people from ITEMS. They will then take those for whatever [inaudible] they are worth, and they may or may not make any editorial changes or significant changes to their document that we have as a draft at this stage.

Then they show a process where the review team that we have, which has got regional balance, but we'll also be including the ALAC, and I would like to think regional leadership, have a number of pieces of work that then go on for several months, after their final report comes back. And it's out of that final report that we get to do possible rebuttal, if there are things that we think are not implementable, or they simply got wrong, and I must say sadly, I think we've got a number of things factually wrong, and because they've got some facts wrong, they've made some misinterpretations and some erroneous proposals, at least in my very biased view.

But, we then eventually take this all the way through to the Board's structural, sorry, organizational improvements committee. And then

that group promote to the Board, what recommendations they believe should or should not be adopted. After that, then our work begins by seeing what can or cannot be implemented.

This is not the end of the process, it's the beginning. But it is a vital part, and I just want to make sure that you start putting feedback in sooner rather than later. Thanks.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Thank you Cheryl. I would like to stress what Cheryl has said. We really need to hear from every one of you. It would be nice if you all read the 87 pages, I think that may be a bit much for some of you. We have made that there will be translated into at least a couple of more languages, and it maybe, I think, Spanish and French. I don't think that's going to help anybody in this region, but it may be that we can do a translation at least of the summary document as well.

And we can check on that if you like, but if we can make... I will circulate, make sure every one of you, gets a least a summary document to look at the structures, to look at some of the recommendations that have been made. And we'd like to hear back, because when we respond to the review, we have to respond on behalf of all of you.

So, we actually need to listen to you very carefully, and to understand your responses to what is being said. So that said, there will be a link, a couple of links going out, and when the summary document is ready, if you can go back to your ALSes, see what they think, and provide feedback, we would all, Cheryl, and I, and Alan would be very, very grateful.

So, happy to take any questions, otherwise back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you Holly and Cheryl. We're running a bit behind schedule right now. What we can do from our side, from the leadership team, is to ensure that we contact all of our ALSes, and ask them to participate in the [inaudible] the teleconference for that. We show up in numbers, and we understand so that we can go on [inaudible]... from Holly and Cheryl on this, and is there any specific actionable items, we can [inaudible] ensure that it is passed down to the broader community.

[Inaudible] the next agenda item, number four, is the Board member election update. We have had some interactions on this with the community, we had a conference call last month about the [inaudible], which did not elicit any objection from anybody in the community. We have gone ahead and decided that we had proposed.

And now, the elections that start from the last week of [inaudible] election, [inaudible] will start just before Copenhagen. And I would like to clarify the solution that APRALO will be taking. Now, we had some discussions in the leadership team, and some of our senior leaders who are not necessarily part of the leadership team itself, but [inaudible] guidance, and we [inaudible] on how we should be kind of exercising [inaudible] on [behalf of the community?].

And we will be [inaudible] discussions. Now the RALO chairs agree, there is a vote for [inaudible], and I will be guided by these discussions that took place [inaudible] and the leaders, [inaudible] this will be

solutions. My vote is not, kind of completely independent, but it will be guided by the discussions that we've had so far. So, that's an update.

Are there any [inaudible] comments and [inaudible]?

[Inaudible] to the council updates and [inaudible] Holly to provide us with the updates [inaudible]...

HOLLY RAICHE:

I'll lead off by saying, hopefully we can save a bit of time here. One of the items up on the policy list is the At-Large review, I've already talked about that. Don't need to do that again. The other one that's actually up for comment, and by the way, we can, everybody is welcome to go the website, the page has a complete list of all of the policy issues that are open for a statement. Please have a read of it.

The one that's open is about the CCWG accountability, and that's a part of the whole IANA transition process, which probably we should talk at some point. But there is a statement being drafted. At the moment, nothing is there. It is being drafted. Comments are due the first of March, so we do have a bit of time to look at that.

The only other thing, and it doesn't have a timeline, is a statement we adopted as ALAC on creating a consumer agenda. The reason that that is interesting, is that it may well feed into the comments we made about the At-Large review. But otherwise, the other policy issues are closed. So, thank you.

SATISH BABU: Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Hi, this is Maureen for the record. I just wanted to, Cheryl might want to comment on the SO AC accountability thing, because Cheryl is actually one of the leaders in that group as well, and there are some things that she may want to raise.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Okay, thanks for that Maureen. Cheryl for the record. Satish, I'm just happy to say that this has now been ratified by vote. Yes, I'm one of the co-rapporteurs for the sub-team in work stream two on accountability that is focusing on SO AC accountability, and we put out a questionnaire for all SOs and ACs to respond to.

It was only about six questions. It wasn't what we thought particularly onerous, but it was essential. We put it out during Hyderabad meeting. We asked for it to be back by early if not mid-December. Most people got it back fashionably late by end of year. ALAC got it into us extraordinarily late, and before it had its ratification.

So, it's just a ratification vote. We're operating on the material that is in there, and that was given to us about three weeks ago. Thanks.

SATISH BABU: Yeah. Thanks Cheryl. Maureen, do you have anything else to add to this?

MAUREEN HILYARD: No. Thank you. Maureen for the record.

SATISH BABU: Right. Kaili, do you have anything to report to the community?

KAILI KAN: Hello. Do you hear me? Hello? [CROSSTALK] Yes, just to briefly report about the current status of the CCTRT, on the review of the new gTLD program. The concerns for us, ALAC, At-Large on the, for the end users, basically there are two issues. One is about, over the last two or three years, there has been an extremely large volume of part of new registrations, including both legacy gTLDs, as well as new gTLDs.

Okay, over the last two or three years, it is, the data shows there [inaudible] to 80 of the new registrations are being parked venues. They do not resolve. Okay? So, venues not being used at all. And also, especially for China, it is estimated to be well over 90%, because China, over the last two or three years, had over 50%, total 50% of the total registration occurred in China. Okay?

So, that is one issue that bothers the consumer experience, okay? Another issue is about the trademark holder owners, because now before there are only a few dozen legacy gTLD, but now there are like a thousand of them, and many of them, some of the brand name owners were forced to defensively register their brand names.

Some even into hundreds of new gTLDs, and that certainly is not the intention of the new gTLD program. And also, from the end user's point of view, that is, of course, with harms end users' interest. So these two issues have been raised by our ALAC members, our representatives at the CCTRT, and also sometimes had quite some discussions, or even I would say, some heated discussions.

Well, it is because of multistakeholder model that especially some people representing the DNS industry, especially those of the registries and registrars. Their business interest is not exactly how we see in parallel with end users. So that's where [inaudible] came from.

But anyway, these are overall speaking. These two major issues are being included in the interim report. I think to be presented in Copenhagen, global conference. And so that is kind of a status of the CCRT. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks Kaili. So, [inaudible] all the different [inaudible]... Anything to add to [inaudible] policy questions?

Are there any questions on any of the policy updates?

So, thanks Holly, Cheryl, Maureen, and Kaili. Someone's mic is on, can you please mute it? Right. So, we'll now want to, another really important update, this is on the [inaudible]... NomCom representative. He is going to update us on the [inaudible] NomCom process. [Inaudible] please go ahead.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay, Satish, can you hear me?

SATISH BABU: Yes, go ahead.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay. So, the NomCom [inaudible] 17 has taken [inaudible] activities from the Hyderabad meeting. And in this new NomCom, we talked about the number of positions available in the ICANN Board, [inaudible] appointed ccNSO Council.

And another position that [inaudible] NomCom, these are the PTI Board positions. So the positions for the PTI Board are also available this year. So, just to summarize, we have two Board positions for the ICANN Board of Directors, then we have two ALAC representatives, one from each of the regions, like AFRALO one, APRALO one, and the LACRALO one.

So these seats will be the ALAC representatives. And then two members of the GNSO Council, one member of the ccNSO Council will also be elected by the 2017 NomCom. I can see that we have one [inaudible] position, so we are trying to have our best to do the outreach in the APRALO region. And by the way, this time is what dedicated to the outreach by the whole of the NomCom.

We have a subcommittee on outreach. We are also trying our best to address, and particularly go to the communities which are under represented. We have identified two for example, the female applicants, which are slight low in number, and the NomCom would like

to have a good number of female applications, so that we are able to select good qualified candidates for the Board and other council.

Yet another region, for example, the AFRALO region, has traditionally have less number of applications, and similarly, we have identified the Eastern Europe part, which is slight less representative in the ICANN Board. The two new positions that will be open from 2017 NomCom and onboard, will be the PTI Board positions.

PTI Board was originally as the post-transitional IANA, but base it on this, they changed the name because it was politically not correct. So the new name is now public technical identifiers. Public technical identifiers, we have a very small Board, only five Board members.

And the NomCom 2017 will be selecting two positions this year. So they are mostly interested in having some technical people on it. There is not much policy making in the PTI Board, most of the activities are related to the technical business, some governments, no doubts, some [inaudible] also.

But that's it. So they are more interested in having the people who know the [inaudible] of IANA, who know technically how the things are working. [Inaudible] Board positions for the PTI are available this year. Other than that, the traditional eight positions are available, two for the ICANN Board, two for the ALAC representatives, two for GNSO Council, and one for [inaudible].

So that's it, thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you for this update. A couple of interesting points. One is the PTI [inaudible] the [inaudible]... Another point is that, just like At-Large, NomCom is also on the [inaudible] review process, the review participants, and Cheryl and [inaudible] are members of that. So, that process will hopefully [inaudible] improvements to the NomCom [inaudible].

Are there any questions for [inaudible] on the NomCom?

As Maureen has pointed out, the NomCom [inaudible] the link, so [inaudible] for an update. We now move on to agenda item number seven. This has two parts. This is organizational matters. The first is about the ALS and [inaudible]... hand it over to Silvia [inaudible]...

So, as we have been trying to sometimes to update [inaudible] contact information, and [inaudible] on the activities. Now ICANN staff have been trying to contact some of us ALS representatives, while most of them have responded, some people, some of the ALSes and representatives have not responded, and we can see the red on the [inaudible].

This is also because last night in the secretariat's call, the problem is not only with the [inaudible] but almost all [inaudible] have a similar issue. But, it is important that we are able to fix this. You understand that there may be a few, one or two [inaudible] are dormant, and we are aware that some of the other RALOs have already started processes for de-registration of these dormant ALSes [inaudible].

We haven't started that process, but the updating of the [inaudible]... So I now pass on to Silvia for the intervention on this. Silvia, go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much Satish. This is Silvia. That's right. Just to add that this efforts from all, from several of our staff members. And we divided up the work, and tried to reach out to all the ALSes, one by one, for the past couple of months, we called in, sent reminders, asked them to answer a questionnaire to write conduct administration details.

So, what you see on the screen is the [inaudible], that will be migrated into a web based interface, that will be visible to staff only. However, the staff would be also, part of this data will be available to community members in the Wiki page and the At-Large website. So, as I put on the chat, so far on this 22 of the 49 ALSes in APRALO have responded to our inquiry.

And if the final deadline is tomorrow, to have all of the data on that spreadsheet, and then next Monday, we will be working with the [inaudible] put all of the data in our web based interface. So, if you haven't done, so please respond to the email from staff, where we requested data points.

And if you could send that, we can send that email again, or we can also put it here in the chat. [Inaudible], if you could put that email. So, we have this final push to get information from ALSes. And this is very important because we have the name, the logo, the telephone numbers, contact information from each ALS.

And we have our primary contact and our secondary contact. So, it's a very complete database. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you Silvia. I think that [inaudible] Ali has raised his hand. Ali, please go ahead.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you Satish. This is Ali AlMeshal. Silvia, now you said, these numbers are not responded yet. What will happen to them? I mean, they will not be migrated to the web interface or what?

SILVIA VIVANCO: They will be migrated. The things that, the contact that we have, that's what we would migrated. They may not be the most up to date, and they may not be current, so that's the only thing. All of the ALSes data will be migrated, including those who didn't respond.

ALI ALMESHAL: Okay, because I have seen an email come to my ALS as well, and it seems like the requirement, it's like somebody had just registered as an ALS. That's mine, the reason why some of these ALSes did not respond, because the requirement, what you are asking for, is a full registration application from scratch, sort of, because they are asking for every single information, which everything should be done in the registration part, and it has been done previously.

So, I do understand that you're looking for an update, and there is an update. But maybe those ALSes who did not respond, maybe there is no update on their current status, or maybe they haven't [inaudible]

their email. But specifically because I have checked mine, because [inaudible] was on the list.

So far nothing gets updated on that. So I just wanted to know what would be the action. Thank you Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you Ali, and this is Silvia. And yes, you are right. We did receive some email from people saying, we have not changed any contact information. And that's one possibility, of course, that they didn't change any contact information, and we are just migrating the information we already have from the application, from the time when they applied.

However, some did change the information and give an update, so that was very useful to have this exercise, to have up to date information.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you Silvia. This is Satish again for the record. As I told Cheryl, whose hand was raised. Cheryl, you have a question?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Yes, I do. For whatever reason, is there an option for people to accept speakers, and once you do that, our hands drop. So, try not to put us, accept us to speaking if we're running a queue. I know it seems counter-intuitive with the way the Adobe Connect runs, but as soon as you accept us, we actually disappear.

It's very confusing, especially in long queues. All right, enough of that. Cheryl Langdon-Orr for the record. I'm pleased to hear that the information that has not been responded to, that the group hasn't responded, are having at least the information we have as is, [inaudible].

I'm very keen to know whether or not there will be an ability for a simple update to be made, as many of us, for example, may at other meetings, run into some of these people, or representatives from these At-Large structures in other forums, it would be once it is a simple URL, it will be great to say, oh look, we've noticed that, and perhaps someone in your organization should.

I feel that the ones in Australia, even though nothing changed, I wasted my valuable time to do so. It wasn't clear, whether we have to change, or whether we had to, whether there was no change. So, maybe once we've got a database, and we allow people they trust to work with our staff, if not work directly at updating that database, that will help.

Just before we get too far into all of this, I am keen for, at least our region, if at all possible, to not go through an aggressive process of decertification. I am happy for us to fight to have classifications of [inaudible] At-Large structures. I think there is a case to be made for At-Large structures within our region, who may only be interested once every 10 years on a single topic, to at least be able to do that.

I will certainly be arguing very strongly, against an active decertification program, which I have seen in other regions, which is why I'm raising it now. So be forewarned, the grumpy great-grandmother will be fighting

you all tooth and nail if you want to get into aggressive decertification. Sure, there are some times where people actually, and we've had it happen within APRALO, an entity closes, folds, no longer functions, and we have been requested to decertify them.

That's fine. But I'm certainly not suggesting we list everyone as active. I think the way APRALO has proposed a number of layers, or labels, that can be applied to the activities status of an ALS is a good way to go, and I'd like to think perhaps our rules of procedure review, we might consider something like that while there is an aggressive calling. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks Cheryl. We are short on time, so what we will do is we will take it up at the next meeting, which might be in Copenhagen, or [inaudible] in that [inaudible]. So, we agree with the issues about certification and so on, [inaudible] and then [inaudible]. The next is [inaudible], since we are running short of time, I will ask Maureen about this. Please go ahead Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thanks Satish. Maureen for the record. This probably piles on a little bit from what Cheryl has just been saying, in that some of our rules of procedures may, could be amended to take into account some of the things that we want to ensure and protect, to protect our ALSes, and also to select, strengthen some of our processes to make sure that we keep ALSes engaged.

And circumstances, sort of like in country, are such that they may want to be de-registered for whatever reason. But we are also looking at our unaffiliated members, for example, and if there is some criteria within that section that may need a little amendment, especially in light of the At-Large review, and some of the issues that have been raised within that.

So, we're supposed to sort of like draft amendments, but we will bring them back to the members to consult with you all, as we make any changes within those rules anyway. So, we'll be in touch. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks Maureen. So, at some point, we will be setting up review process, and [inaudible] more information on that [inaudible]. The next agenda item is number eight, which is the [inaudible] budget update. I ask Maureen or Ali or both to cover this. It's all yours.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Ali, do you want to start on that?

ALI ALMESHAL:

Yeah, I'll give it quick, and if you have any comments, please go ahead. So, this is Ali for the record. This year, we have [inaudible] for the personal budget report for 2018. And it was the general [inaudible] and the APRALO [inaudible] for the APRICOT, and you had the global idea, and then we get [inaudible] from [inaudible]... And from India as well [inaudible].

And then we get the [inaudible] attendance. All of this request has been reviewed for two times, for the budget finance committee, and now there are [inaudible] to listen to and be discussed. And so, the first review, there were some comments, and Maureen has an update on them, and amendment some of these changes, some of these...

The way [inaudible]. Even these [inaudible] of that as well [inaudible]... done some things as well. And this proposal now, I'm waiting for the next call to see what will be the status of that. Maureen, do you have anything to add?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Nothing more to add, Ali. Maureen for the record. I think you know, it's sort of like in the lap of the gods now as we put all of our proposals in, and the fact that they've gone to the budget committee is sort of like credit enough. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you Maureen. One [inaudible]... There is one [inaudible], there is one as in ALAC proposal, not from APRALO, but between the [inaudible] have an impact for us. It is a small fund for the use for APRALO for activities that at the grassroots level. That is... We had mentioned it earlier, it's a \$2,000 fund.

If it's approved, then ALSes can apply, there is a process for that. So [inaudible] and the [inaudible] has to endorse it, and if it's approved, then the funding would be ALS selected activities. The guidelines [inaudible]...

Any questions on this budget update?

[Inaudible] I will now move on to [inaudible]... led by Ali [inaudible]. So, Ali, please go ahead with your update.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thank you very much Satish. This is Ali AlMeshal for the record again. Yes, I can see that the [inaudible] program is going very good. And I will [inaudible] and this is [inaudible] to increase the communication and exchange [inaudible] to get them more engaged, and without having that much delay, I would have our [inaudible] feedback to [inaudible] so I would hand over this to [inaudible]. Please go ahead.

Is [inaudible] on the line?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

Can you hear me?

ALI ALMESHAL:

Yes, we can hear you. Please go ahead.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

[Inaudible] ...to each member of APRALO, for a more active participation in [inaudible]...

...it is going to be held in Copenhagen. I don't think [inaudible] more active participation [inaudible]...

So I would like to thank you Ali, to help me be more active participate of ICANN [inaudible]...

And I would like to thank Satish Babu, for guiding me and helping me to [inaudible]...

Thank you very much for giving me this change to...

Thank you, thank you.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you very much on this update. I'm looking for your active participation, and we more than happy [to have you?] on the APRALO team, and APRALO community to help each other. Going further, as we know, APRALO is a diverse region, and from Nepal to [inaudible]...

Hello?

SATISH BABU: I think [inaudible]...

ALI ALMESHAL: Yeah, he said there might be some issues with the line. I don't know if he's on the line or not.

I can't hear him.

SATISH BABU: I think [inaudible]...

ALI ALMESHAL: Fine, then not to take that much time. I think, just a final note before we close the topic, as our [inaudible] session would like to have any comment before we close this topic. Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Very briefly, I'm, as you know, back up for both of the mentors, as they go through the mentoring journey with the EMTs, and if need be, further mentees, but the mentors still may need a little bit of additional support. But one thing I thought we might try and do, if we can do it before Copenhagen, that would be great.

If not, I'd like, and Maureen to organize it as soon as possible after Copenhagen, but my preference would be before Copenhagen, I would like to run a little master class for you all. In other words, mentors and mentees. So, if we can find a slot, 60 minutes should do.

It doesn't have to be strictly to closed to just the mentors and the mentees, but certainly they would be my primary focus, and just run a little tiny case of stepping up to leadership as a master class, but something I thought was probably time we did, whether that's seen as a reward or a torturous process of course, is yet to be determined.

But if you would like to consider that, I think it could be valuable at this stage. Thanks.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thanks Cheryl. May I ask that staff put this as an action item so we get reminded on that?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, this is Silvia. Could you repeat the action item please as you would like it recorded?

ALI ALMESHAL: Yes. To arrange for a 60 minute slot for Cheryl would like a workshop or a class for [inaudible].

SILVIA VIVANCO: Can you repeat? I cannot hear you, sorry. 60 minute slot?

ALI ALMESHAL: Yes, for 60 minutes [inaudible].

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: And if possible, before Copenhagen.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay.

ALI ALMESHAL: Yeah, before Copenhagen.

[CROSSTALK]

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Ali. [Inaudible] interesting to hear from him as well. The last agenda item will be any other business. Are there any other comments that anyone else would like to make? On any topic?

It's not the last thing for the last agenda item [inaudible].

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, thank you very much. As you know, we are coordinating with APAC Hub a series of webinars for this year. So, the first one was on January the 20th, and we had very good participation, 36 participants in total, 21 from the community, and 15 members from staff.

And it was on the update in 2016, and the impact on end users. So, based on that success, we will continue organizing webinars. We have a list of webinars lined up, topics, and one of them will be the new gTLD procedures, policy development process. And the next one will be the GAC members in developing countries.

And topics have been selected, as you know, out of the policy survey done by APRALO last year. So, we will continue coordinating with our colleagues in Singapore to provide you with this webinar. We have around five or six more throughout the year, so we don't want to do one per year, not to overwhelm everybody.

As we know that there are so many other webinars going on within At-Large. So, we think about five or six per year, which is a good number to provide you with a webinar. So stay tuned for that.

And also, Satish, I would like to mention that I think [inaudible] on Monday, this is a topic on the document development and drafting pilot program. As you may recall, this is a pilot whereby we hire a consultant call [inaudible], and they have posted three primers.

And there on the policy development process cross community Wiki page, and so the next stage will be [inaudible] requests from you to produce the content of these primers, provide your questions, suggestions, edits, and after this review, we will have a conference call with a consultant with an adjusted primer, so they are useful. I'll just refer to you and for future PDPs.

So that's on Monday, February 13th. And that's all. Thank you very much Satish, over to you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much Silvia. The last point about the document development pilot is important. This primer [inaudible] it will help especially the [inaudible], but also newcomers and the [inaudible]. So, [inaudible] provide some feedback on these primers, please be on the Wiki. So, we are about five minutes past the hour, we would like to close the session.

Before closing, is there anything else that anybody else wants to highlight?

Not seeing any hands, I would like to thank everybody who joined us for this call. And we hope to, at the next call, next meeting, will be in

Copenhagen. Before that, we have quite a bit of work to do on various things [inaudible]. So thanks once again, the meeting is now adjourned.

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