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YESIM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO General Assembly Organizing Committee call taking place on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2017, at 14:15 UTC.

On the call today on the English channel we have Sarah Kiden, Nkem Nweke, Barrack Otieno, Isaac Maposa, Daniel Nanghaka, Remmy Nweke, Asam Ahmat Doungous, Seun Ojedeji, Ramanou Biaou.

On the French channel we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Baudouin Schombe, and Aziz Hilali.

Currently we haven't received any apologies for today's call.

From staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, Evin Erdoğan, and myself, Yesim Nazlar.

Our interpreters today are Camila and Isabelle.

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

Over to you, Sarah. Thank you very much.

SARAH KIDEN: Hello. This is Sarah. Can everyone hear me?

YESIM NAZLAR: Yes, we can hear you, Sarah.

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SARAH KIDEN:

Okay. So welcome to this call. This is our second conference call in preparation for the General Assembly, but it's the third meeting as we had another physical meeting in Copenhagen. I would like to first of all invite Aziz to give a brief introduction, then we will take it on from there.

[Inaudible] Aziz on the call [inaudible].

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Sarah. Thank you for giving me the floor and hello everyone. I would first like to give you some background on what we did so far. Today I have sent myself information on all the ALSes at the end of February, 2017. By the end of February, 2017, we made a list of all the accredited ALSes and we sent it out. To give you an idea, we have 30 representatives of AFRALO. There are 42 participants who have thus far confirmed their attendance.

We sent out an invite to the ALS representatives asking them whether that was their second contact and whether or not they would like to come with someone else. Almost all of them except for three or four will be represented by their first or primary contact, as we call it, which is the person who gave us their name on the first day on which the ALS was created or accredited.

Now, regarding the participants and the information we have, we don't have time to cover everything but I would just like to say that, as you know, there will be many people who will respond to our invite and so

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we seized the chance to update all of their information. I have just personally sent the new file with all the updated information to Ariel and to Evin because that was one of the issues we had at AFRALO. We didn't have updated contact information for the ALSes that did not reply to our communications. So roughly 90% have updated their information which is now up to date.

Today we're going to discuss the program that we expect to implement for Johannesburg. For the time being we haven't exactly defined it. That is why we convened this meeting of the Organizing Committee regarding the schedule that we will organize.

I have already covered the status of ALS participation but we also expect to be able to carry out capacity building activities. Some of those who will be participating are newcomers at ICANN so it is very important that this training that we will be providing them with be comprehensive in order to give them as much information as possible in order to allow them to participate in the development of everything that ICANN does.

We have selected Tijani to present this item of the agenda which deals with capacity building, and he will be doing that in a minute. Then our agenda, as you may see on the screen, is going to be our third or fourth General Assembly so it will be carried out within the framework of our review of AFRALO and the At-Large community in general. We're going to discuss that of course, and we're going to be dealing with the specific items that are under review.

Then we should deal with the promotional items that ICANN prepares for its meeting as usual, and then I hope we will have enough time to

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discuss the African Showcase. If we get there, I'll let you know where we're at.

At the Copenhagen meeting Tijani, Sarah, and I, tried to consider what we could do to be innovative and to be attractive and appealing to people so this is my first intervention. I [have just] presented [Item 5] so far. If you have any questions that you would like to ask me, please do let me know. In any event, Sarah, you have the floor. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN:

I just wanted to add that we had a meeting in Copenhagen with staff – with Heidi, Gisella, Jean-Jacques, Adam Peake, and [inaudible], about the activities for the Johannesburg meeting. We talked about capacity building activities, something similar to what the Fellows usually have for their Fellowship morning meeting. And we had a debate about combining them with Fellows or having a totally separate track. We have not yet agreed on that but there was an idea to also include university students in the capacity building activities.

The other idea that came up was maybe we could pick a few universities in Johannesburg and bring them to the meeting. I think staff is going to follow up on that. Maybe they will give us an update [inaudible].

Finally, we may do an outreach activity with NCUC [inaudible] business activity similar to what EURALO did with NCUC in Copenhagen.

I think that's it from me, and Daniel had wanted to say something. Daniel, you have the [floor].

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DANIEL NANGHAKA: I would like to make an inquiry about the Capacity Building session. The Capacity Building session that took place in Copenhagen [inaudible] to members [inaudible] like five or six members which [was supposed to be for] all the ALSes. And secondly, when it comes to the outreach and engagement activity, [inaudible] clear outline how it will be done. [Inaudible] outreach to [inaudible] in Marrakesh [inaudible]. Thank you. Back to you, Sarah.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Daniel. We've taken note of that. I think we'll move to the next item on the agenda. That is Item #3 which is on Capacity Building. I would like to invite Tijani.

Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. In terms of Capacity Building –

INTERPRETER: Sorry, we cannot interpret Tijani right now. He is not audible.

SARAH KIDEN: Maybe I don't know if Aziz would be ready to give an update about that since we can't reach Tijani.

[Inaudible] Aziz on the call [inaudible].

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INTERPRETER: [Inaudible] speaking on the French channel. We can hear him now.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I'm sorry. You couldn't hear me on the English channel. In terms of Capacity Building we have prepared –

GISELLA GRUBER: I'm sorry, Tijani. You're on the English channel and on the French channel. You should mute yourself on the English channel because we can hear you on both channels.

AZIZ HILALI: Tijani, you have to choose one channel. On the English channel we couldn't hear you. You could not be interpreted. So you're now on the French channel. I know he was not audible on the English channel so he just switched to the French channel. I think he should now mute himself on the English channel. I don't know whether you're on the phone or on Adobe Connect but you should mute yourself on the English channel. Me, I'm connected to both channels as well. I can tell. But I hear you at both ends.

[TIJANI BEN JEMAA]: Can you hear me? Can anyone hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes. I can hear you butt Tijani is no longer connected, I think.

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I'm going to let you know what's going on. Tijani, we heard you just fine on the French channel.

[INTERPRETER]: Aziz is asking whether you hear him.

YESIM NAZLAR: Excuse me. Could you please try to interrupt Tijani because I will try to explain him what the reason is.

SARAH KIDEN: Why don't we move on to Item #6 and then wait for Tijani.

[INTERPRETER]: [Inaudible] speaking French.

GISELLA GRUBER: Can we just hold on for a second. I know Yesim is managing the call but I'm trying to make a clarification. If you wish to speak on the French channel you need to mute yourself on the English channel, and the same goes for the English channel, whether it be on the phone or on the computer. But you're switching channels and we cannot follow. So if you wish to take the floor, we hear you much better on the French channel. The interpreter struggled to hear you because it's not audible. So if you wish to stay on the French channel we hear you just fine. It is clear. And I think we can now go on with the interpretation. Thank you, Tijani. And thank you, interpreters.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay. So I'm going to go on in French.

Regarding Capacity Building, we have set up a program that we are proposing to you right now. We have a pre-meeting program and a program that will take place during the meeting. In terms of activities, before the meeting I suggest we hold three webinars during which we expect to prepare ALSes for the meetings that they will have in person in Johannesburg.

Firstly, we're going to present ICANN At-Large and AFRALO to our ALSes during the first call. We're going to explain to them the AFRALO activities that will take place in Johannesburg. Then we're going to separate them into small groups in order to allow them to follow non At-Large sessions during the Johannesburg meeting. So we're going to prepare them in small groups. That's what we're going to do during the webinars that will take place before the Johannesburg meeting.

During the meeting we're going to hold between four and five 60-minute sessions – 60 minutes being the minimum – and during such sessions we will focus on ICANN policies that are under discussion at ICANN right now, not so much regarding what AFRALO and At-Large is because we're going to deal with that during the webinars but rather we're going to focus on the issues under discussion at ICANN right now which is policies in general, and we're going to have more interactive sessions, much more interactive than they are when someone is presenting and then waiting until the end for the Q&A sessions but then at the end no one ever asks any questions. So we're going to try and



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change the format to have more interactive sessions in order to have a more enriching session.

The goal of this capacity building program is to provide our ALSes with more information and more knowledge that will allow them to participate in the policy discussions at ICANN in the future. So I think that being said, we have already introduced the subject. Thank you very much.

Sarah, you have the floor.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Tijani. I don't know if anyone has questions or comments about that agenda item.

Okay. I think there are no questions. [Inaudible] suggested something about the ALSes that are based in Johannesburg. He said we should invite them to actively take part in the capacity building activities, and I think that's a very good idea.

So if no one has any questions or comments, we will move on to Item #4 which is Mentoring and I will still invite Tijani to give an update.

Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much. Regarding Mentoring, it is a program that is going to allow our ALSes to have one person dedicated to each small group in order to answer to the members of the group's questions and to help

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them and guide them and, in general terms, to mentor them. This program will be organized as of now so we should try and decide as soon as possible who could be mentored for our group, who from our group could be mentors for these people, and once we have divided participants into small groups, each mentor will be assigned a number of mentees so that they can get help in order to be guided throughout the activities at the ICANN meeting and to give them any type of information because we have many new ALSes that could need help. And this mentoring activity could be very useful if it is properly carried out.

I will personally say that I think we should organize this effectively, meaning that those who volunteer to be mentors should dedicate time and will and energy to truly help newcomers, to help the new ALSes. As you know, not all ALSes have the same information and the same knowledge level as we do because we are more active within ICANN. So there may be ALSes that are not new but would still need help. So mentoring is one essential element of our general program in order to allow the participation of our ALSes at the Johannesburg meeting to be as effective as possible.

That's it now. If you have any questions I'm ready to reply. You have the floor, Sarah.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you for the update, Tijani. I think there was a question from someone. I don't know who was trying to ask. I don't know if that was [inaudible]. Someone had a question on the English channel.

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YESIM NAZLAR: Hi, Sarah. If I may, I think it was from Nkem's line. Nkem, would you like to take the floor?

SARAH KIDEN: I don't think I can hear Nkem.

NKEM NWEKE: Hello?

SARAH KIDEN: Yes, Nkem. We can hear you.

NKEM NWEKE: Alright. Before now, I didn't understand much of what he talk about, Tijani talk about the capacity building thing. Then now I understand it, I'm looking at mentoring I think it's a great idea.

Hello?

SARAH KIDEN: Hello. Yes, we can hear you.

NKEM NWEKE: I think looking at mentoring the ALSes members is a great idea. It's a welcome one. I love that [Inaudible] the program [inaudible].

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Hello?

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you for that comment. May we know who sent the comment?

NKEM NWEKE: [Inaudible].

SARAH KIDEN: Okay. Thank you, Nkem. Thank you for the comment and we appreciate your feedback.

Are there any other questions or comments to Tijani about Capacity Building and Mentoring?

NKEM NWEKE: None for now.

SARAH KIDEN: Anyone else?

Okay. I think we can move on to the next item on the agenda which is –

YESIM NAZLAR: Excuse me, Sarah. I see that Tijani and Seun have raised their hands. I think Tijani is the first one in the queue and followed by Seun. Thank you.

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SARAH KIDEN: Sorry about that. I didn't see that. Sorry.

Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Sarah. I understood his question. Nkem was saying he didn't understand what the Capacity Building program is. As I said, this program is to be attended in person during the four days of the Johannesburg meeting. We could have three or four, even four to five, sessions on a daily basis during which we would focus on the policies that are under discussion at ICANN right now, the policies under discussion.

So that is the main side of our capacity building effort. But together with that, we're going to focus on webinars that are going to be organized prior to the Johannesburg meeting that will be dedicated to the preparation of our ALSes. So we're going to present to them what ICANN is, what the At-Large is, what AFRALO is. We're going to explain to them the activities that are going to take place at Johannesburg and specifically ALS activities at Johannesburg will be and then we're going to divide the group into sub-groups. This is going to allow us to mentor subgroups because we're going to have 50 ALSes together there and it wouldn't be possible to mentor them all at once.

Each subgroup will have a mentor that will be assigned to them that will follow them during the meeting and answer to their questions. And then this division into subgroups should allow them to follow our

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program and to attend sessions other than At-Large, AFRALO, and ALAC, in Johannesburg. In doing so they would have a broader idea of what an ICANN meeting is.

I hope this is clear enough as an explanation. Thank you, Sarah.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Tijani. I would like to give the floor to Seun. My apologies. I didn't see your hand up. Seun, you have the floor.

Is it just me or we can't hear Seun?

YESIM NAZLAR:

Hi, Sarah. Seun is not on the phone bridge, and according to the AC he writes, "Okay, looks like my mic is not working."

Just a quick update to Seun, since he's an English speaker, the AC room is on the English channel so if he can connect his mic, we can hear him. Seun, please let us know if you need a dial out. We will be happy to dial out to you.

SARAH KIDEN:

Should we give him a minute or we can go on to the next item then he will make his comments after?

I think we have a problem. I can't hear Seun and Gisella says she can hear him so I don't know.

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YESIM NAZLAR: Yes. You're right, Sarah. We'll be dialing out to Seun because unfortunately we cannot hear Seun when he is speaking to the AC room. So let's please dial out to Seun and get him on the phone bridge.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Yesim. Thank you for that.

YESIM NAZLAR: Sure. Of course. And meanwhile if Seun can please hold on for a second.

SARAH KIDEN: Yesim, should we go on to the next item as we wait for him or we should wait for him?

YESIM NAZLAR: As you wish. I'm just checking how long it will take for our operator to take Seun on the phone bridge. But if you would like not to lose any time, if we can go on to the next agenda item.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay. So I would like us to go to the next agenda item which is local community engagement, and either Aziz or Tijani can give an update about this. So Aziz or Tijani?

AZIZ HILALI: I will go ahead then. I just want to clarify –

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SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: – which point we are on at this time. Local community engagement, right. Okay.

SEUN OJEDEJI: I'm on dial out right now.

AZIZ HILALI: [Inaudible] talk about local community engagement and I will also mention the point on General Assembly because I think that we need to move forward.

So as far as local community engagement, we tried to get in touch with people that we know onsite. We tried to contact people from the .za. So those are people from AFRALO that we know in South Africa, and the idea is to try to see if we could possibly do engagement and outreach at the university level. But for now I must admit that we were not able to really get in touch with anyone that could help with that even though we do have names of professors who might be interested. So that's where we're at.

However, we do have a local ALS managed by Gabriel. He ended up answering to our e-mail and so Gisella has been in touch with him and so we are trying to talk to him about local community engagement. We



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are trying to get him to help us for the Showcase as well. But I know that we only have 10 minutes left until the end of the call so I don't know if we need to move to the General Assembly point on the agenda unless there are questions on the point that we are discussing, meaning local community engagement. Are there any questions on that?

Sarah?

SARAH KIDEN:

We have more than 10 minutes. I thought the call was a one-hour call.

Okay. We'll move on to Item #6 which is the General Assembly, and I'll invite Aziz to give an update about where we've gone so far.

Thank you, Aziz. You have the floor.

YESIM NAZLAR:

Sarah?

SARAH KIDEN:

Yes.

YESIM NAZLAR:

Excuse me. May I interrupt, please?

SARAH KIDEN:

Yeah, sure.

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YESIM NAZLAR: Seun is now on the phone bridge and I see that his hand is raised so maybe he would like to speak before we move on. Thank you very much.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay. Seun, you have the floor.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Thank you. Can you hear me?

YESIM NAZLAR: Yes. We can hear you, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Thank you very much. I wanted to comment on the webinar, I mean the Mentorship program as well. [Alan] suggests to Tijani that the webinar, the timeline should be published [inaudible] the agenda for each of the webinar sessions [inaudible] actively then one can depend what [inaudible] and then the other. They should [inaudible] confirmation so that people know what the agenda is [inaudible] planning.

In relation to the Mentorship, I think in order for it to be effective, it will be good to train a quick probably questions trying to check the language of preference of the ALSes contact that are attending the event so that we can then match the mentor to the mentee based on the language

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preference. I thought it would make it more effective. Apart from that, [inaudible] for now. But [inaudible] disconnect. You have probably [inaudible] mentors would be contact who will be attending the [inaudible]. Maybe if you can [inaudible] the existing RALO list but [inaudible].

Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Seun. Two things – the first thing is to have the topics for the webinar published and the other thing is to have a list of mentors and their mentees, and we should match them based on language so we will capture that in our action items and we should be able to give an update by the next meeting.

I see Tijani has his hand up so Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much. Can you hear me?

Thank you very much. As far as mentoring, of course yes, we will publish the list of mentors and mentees, and we will also indicate the preferred language for each person whether they are a mentor or a mentee. And of course, the idea is that people are able to choose to be at ease. We will not force them to do something that they are not comfortable with, because the idea, of course, is to help them. So yes, that will be done.

Now, what we do need at this point is volunteers because at this point we only have Abdeldjalil as a volunteer, and so I do hope that we can

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get more people so that we can establish the list that you are requesting so that we can [dispatch] this information quickly. Thank you.

And one more point since I have the floor I would like to say a couple of things as far as local community engagement is concerned. As Aziz said, we did contact several people during the Copenhagen meeting, but the issue is that so far people show a lot of goodwill but nothing concrete. So at this point what we need is to go to the higher speed to speed up a little bit, we need to contact those people again to see what we can do with them and also to try and get the help of that ALS that is onsite and hopefully they can help us contact the right people. But I do think that this is something that we need to do because it is one of the values that AFRALO brought to ICANN, that brought to At-Large, ever since we worked together on that in Durbin. That's all I have to say.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Tijani. Just I've seen four people volunteering for to be mentors. We have Seun and Barrack for English speakers and we have Abdeldjalil and Baudouin for French. So that's four and not just one mentor.

I don't know if there are any questions or comments. Aziz has his hand up so Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI:

Okay. Thank you, Sarah. Before moving on to the General Assembly agenda, I wanted to add in the answer to Seun that we also put together an online survey that we will send to all of the participants in

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Johannesburg. We will ask them several questions. So please, if you do have some ideas for this survey, if you have some ideas of what needs to be included as far as questions in there, let me know. This is something that I did when people were registering. I tried to use that opportunity to ask them questions on their ALS. As we are preparing the meeting we actually have all of the information. We have fresh information on the ALSes, so I think that we will use the survey to ask them questions. We will ask them after the webinar, and right before they leave for Johannesburg they will already have some knowledge about ICANN and so we will put together a survey in order to have an individualized program or it might be a group program. We will communicate the entire agenda for the week for our meetings within AFRALO and ALAC but also we will include other meetings that might be of interest to them – for example, ccNSO meetings or GNSO meetings or whatever it might be – based on the desires of each participant. So that is something that we will put together so that when they come to Johannesburg each persona will have its own personalized agenda based on their needs.

I think that we actually have 15 minutes left, so if there aren't any questions on that I would like to actually talk about the General Assembly item.

Usually there is always a welcome message from the Chair and then we talk about the different things that were done over the past period. I think we will need to cover, unless it's two or three years, we will also use this opportunity to discuss things because we have a large number of ALSes I'd like to remind you that Tijani is now the Chair of the Committee.

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INTERPRETER:                                 Sorry, I had to interrupt him. I couldn't hear him, but it's better now.

AZIZ HILALI:                                 So what I was saying is that I would like to propose to add a point on the changes to the Rules of Procedure. I think it was back in 2014 that we put together a working group. There was a wiki page where I included members of the working group that took care of that, and so we need to address several points and those are the points that we will discuss. How can we involve ALSes more? How do we make sure that they are more active and engaged in working groups as well as in overall activities? What activities is each ALS doing in its community?

So all of those criteria are important in order to find out how an ALS is performing. We also mentioned individual membership. We also mentioned voting by country. And we noticed that there was a lack of balance between the countries that are represented and the number of ALSes.

Other issues – and this is a question that we can talk about later – but sending e-mail messages and using the wiki page to identify which issues should be the topic of the General Assembly, the topics that you would like to see on the agenda for the General Assembly. I do think that this is an important point that we need to discuss and I think that the time would be right to discuss this point.

There are 42 ALSes that will be present, and I think that it would be a good thing to prepare a plan on our Rules of Procedure during the

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meeting. I think that the future of AFRALO depends on it. It is absolutely critical that we have the courage to really talk about this issue because I will be quite frank, when people are invited to travel and come, they are much more involved and the answer much better.

That's all I have to say. Thank you very much.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Aziz. I don't know, are there any questions about that agenda item?

YESIM NAZLAR: Sarah, if I may? I see Tijani has raised his hand now. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. I just wanted to add that we will be representing 46 ALSes, not 42. There are the 42 that Aziz mentioned but there are also the four official ones from AFRALO. So 46 out of 52 is really a record. And that's all I have to say. Thank you very much.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Tijani. Are there other questions? Barrack has a question. Barrack, you have the floor.

Barrack? Barrack, are you still on the call?

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BARRACK OTIENO: You can hear me now?

SARAH KIDEN: Yes. We can hear you.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay. Thank you. Mine is to support the discussion of the Rules of Procedure in light of the current ALAC Review. I think it's a very important topic that we need to tackle in Johannesburg. The other issue that I would want to suggest maybe is outreach, just to have a feel of what we've been able to [gain] or rather what ground we've been able to cover in terms of outreach efforts. So maybe we can include that as another substantive agenda item. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Barrack. We have taken note of that and I see we have less than 10 minutes to go so I'd like to invite Aziz or Tijani and Gisella to tell us about promotional items and the Showcase in the next five minutes.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Sarah?

SARAH KIDEN: Yes.



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UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Shall we talk about promotional items or is that included in the Showcase?

SARAH KIDEN: We should talk about promotional items and then go on to Showcase and take questions after that because we have a few minutes to go.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Sarah. As far as promotional items, what we spoke about with Gisella and others is that we talked about AFRALO brochures in French and English and in Arabic. We also talked about AFRALO business cards as well as T-shirts. And that is something that I ask each time. I would really like for us to have AFRALO T-shirts – the orange T-shirts with some mention of AFRALO on them. I think that it would be a great way to identify all 46, as Tijani mentioned, all 46 members. I think that it would be a good thing for all of us to wear the same shirts on the evening of the Showcase so that people recognize us.

We also talked about a bracelet. We talked about stickers, ribbons, and I don't know what else there was that we mentioned but I would also like to mention something at this point on the Showcase that we will put together.

I would like to ask Gisella something. I know that we have been trying to get in touch with an ALS. I think that they finally answered. It is a South African ALS based out of Johannesburg. I believe the name is Gabriel. And we are in the process of contacting that person. Gisella has been in touch with him. And so I would like to ask again that we call him to see

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if he can help us basically to help us figure out what we can do in terms of maybe finding a band or finding a way to get local resources involved in the Showcase. We will also need to start asking for sponsors so we will ask Google, GT – I think that worked last time. I know that there is also an artistic society that we can ask but we also ask AFRINIC to help. And during the Showcase the idea is also to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding between AFRALO and AFRINIC because the agreement, the Memorandum that we had is now over.

Last point – and this is something that I would like to address to talk specifically to Gisella and the staff – I would like to have something planned so that right at the time when we have the Showcase, right at 7:00 p.m. – that the Showcase start at 7:00 p.m. right away – because I would like to remind you that the new way that the meetings are organized is such that in the evenings there is a cocktail, and that working cocktail every evening. And so I think that we need to start our Showcase before that evening cocktail.

That’s all I have to say, but if there are any questions I’ll be happy to answer them.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Aziz. I don’t know, I see Barrack’s hand is up. Is that for this item?

BARRACK OTIENO: Yes. Can you hear me?

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SARAH KIDEN: Yes. We can hear you.

BARRACK OTIENO: I just wanted to add, I posted on the chat, we may want to contact [Emila] the [Facebook] representative in South Africa. She may want to collaborate with us.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you for that. We are going to take note of that in the action items. Thank you.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay.

SARAH KIDEN: Are there any other questions?

NKEM NWEKE: Hello?

SARAH KIDEN: Yes. Nkem, we can hear you. Please go ahead.

NKEM NWEKE: Hello [Inaudible] for the record. Hello?

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SARAH KIDEN: Yes. We can hear you. Please go ahead.

NKEM NWEKE: [Inaudible] for this we have a road show in any of the [inaudible]. I think that [inaudible] very much needed [inaudible]. Hello?

SARAH KIDEN: Hello, Nkem. Please say that again. I think I missed it.

NKEM NWEKE: I suggest we have a road show in any of the universities that we choose.

SARAH KIDEN: Yes, Nkem. We hear you.

Nkem was suggesting that we have a road show at one of the universities so I'm going to throw that to the Organizing Committee to continue discussions on the same. And we have one minute. I don't know if Aziz has anything to say before we end this call.

I see two hands up. I see Aziz and I see Tijani and Barrack.

Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Sarah. I wanted to remind you that June is actually winter in Johannesburg, so as far as T-shirts during the Showcase I am not sure

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whether or not it would be possible to wear a T-shirt because of the weather. It might be cold. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN: Aziz, do you want to respond to that?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes. Absolutely. I'd just like to tell Tijani that we have indoors rooms so even if it is a bit cold all we should do is put on a sweater below our T-shirts. That would be it.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Aziz. I don't know if there are any other questions. It's already time to end the meeting. Is there any questions, comments?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Barrack is raising his hand, Sarah.

SARAH KIDEN: Barrack?

BARRACK OTIENO: Sorry. That's an old hand. I'm trying to remove it but I'm unable to.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hello? Can I ask just to comment? Hello?

SARAH KIDEN: Yes. Please go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: This is [Inaudible] for the record. I just wondered [inaudible] during the meeting. I just wanted to find out I hope you'll be able to circulate the names [inaudible] the meeting so that we will be able to catch up with [inaudible] discussion that the agenda items [inaudible]. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN: I don't know who that was. I heard someone speaking but I don't know who that was.

YESIM NAZLAR: Excuse me. If I may interrupt. Unfortunately, we weren't able to understand who was speaking, so can I please ask that person to speak up and say his name as well please before speaking. Thank you.

[BRAM FUDZULANI]: Hello. This is [Bram] from Malawi. I came in late. I [am having trouble] with the connection. I was saying that maybe I'm hoping that you circulate the minutes of the discussion so that we can catch up with the agenda items, the first items that were discussed so we can catch up as well. That was my only comment. Thank you.

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YESIM NAZLAR: [Bram], apologies for interrupting but it's really hard. We cannot hear you. I'm not sure if Sarah was able to hear you but definitely our interpreters cannot hear you. So if you are on the AC, may I please ask you to type what you were saying or otherwise we need to redial to you maybe. I think I know you're on the phone bridge.

[BRAM FUDZULANI]: Can you hear me now?

SARAH KIDEN: Yes. I can hear you.

[BRAM FUDZULANI]: I was saying that because I came in late I have trouble with the connection on my side. I ended up missing out some of the first agenda items [how] they were discussed. Mine was just to confirm that, are there going to be minutes circulated after the call so we are able to catch up with whatever was discussed earlier on the call?

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, [Bram]. [Bram] is telling us to share the notes from this meeting that we just had and we will post that on the link and share it with you after the meeting.

I see Aziz's has his hand up and I think we should be winding up. So Aziz, you have the floor.

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AZIZ HILALI: I'm not sure what you want me to do? You want me to sum up what I said? Is that it?

SARAH KIDEN: Your hand is up. That's why I asked you to speak.

AZIZ HILALI: No. In fact, I was raising my hand because I wanted to say that, given that we have an upcoming meeting – we have our monthly meeting on Wednesday – I would like to ask Sarah if she agrees, to try and see whether we could have the minutes for this meeting ready in order to brief AFRALO members on everything that was discussed here regarding the organization of our General Assembly.

On the other hand, I also wanted to say that as the General Assembly Organizing Committee, we should absolutely continue our discussion on the mailing list. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Aziz, for that. I think I'd like us to end this meeting. We are five minutes over time and we will continue this on the mailing list and on our monthly call which is on Wednesday. So I'd like to invite you to join us two days from now. We will share all the other details.

Thank you, everyone, for attending the meeting. Thank you, staff, and thank you to the interpreters for joining this call.



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YESIM NAZLAR:

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

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