YESIM NAZLAR:	Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO Rules of Procedures Working Group call taking place on Monday, 17th of April, 2017, at 14:00 UTC.
	On the call today on our French channel we have Fatimata Seye Sylla, Baudouin Schombe, Aziz Hilali, Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong.
	On the English channel we have Seun Ojedeji and Barrack Otieno. We are trying to reach out to Tijani Ben Jemaa on the English channel as well.
	We have received apologies from Heidi Ullrich and Gisella Gruber.
	From staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Yesim Nazlar.
	Our interpreters for today are Claire and Jacques.
	And finally, I would like to remind everyone to state their name before speaking not only for the transcription purposes but also for the interpretation purposes as well.
	I'll now leave the floor to Aziz. Aziz, please begin. Thank you very much.
TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	Thank you, Yesim. First of all, I would like to apologize for this late arrival. I am not late because I have a problem in my Internet. I was trying to solve it. I couldn't. So now I don't have any connection. That's why I will ask you to help me with the agenda and also with the content

of the pages. I sent an e-mail with all the links to all the subjects that we will discuss today. So please try to help me.

First of all I'd like to ask you to accept the agenda. Yes, go ahead.

YESIM NAZLAR: Hello, Tijani. Sorry for interrupting, Tijani. Of course, I'll be assisting you with the agenda. Please proceed.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. The first point on the agenda: do we accept this agenda? Do you want to change anything? I remind you that I don't have Adobe Connect so if you have something to say please speak up.

Hearing nothing, so I assume that you accept the agenda as it is and we will go to the next point of the agenda which I think – I don't have [inaudible].

INTERPRETER: Aziz would like to take the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, Aziz. Go ahead.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Tijani. I would like to help you out and take the floor at first to remind me and you on the agenda. I know you're not in front of Adobe Connect so I would like to remind everyone that we have

first of all the roll call and we already did the adoption of the agenda is going to be done by Tijani. We're going to talk about the performance metrics and the last review and adoption of the proposed performance metrics.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, Thank you very much [inaudible].

AZIZ HILALI: [Inaudible] on April 13 and he sent some links regarding the recommendations that we [have] made, we already worked on them and we already agreed on some. Regarding the individual membership then regarding the right to vote [of] the weighted vote, and the other points will be the performance of the members and what are going to be the criteria, the performance metrics, that we're going to use.

We also will talk about the de-certification. But the first question for Tijani – do we all agree on the agenda? If we all agree on it, we should start with performance metrics. I would like to give the floor to Tijani, and Tijani, you can be helped by me.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you, Aziz. So we already agreed on the agenda. Now we are at the point of the performance metrics. We worked on it a long time ago. We had two readings of the metrics. We had the first discussion on it. We had also an exchange by e-mail on this on the wiki also, and now we have the final proposal. I think we agreed on it before but I wanted to be sure that everyone is okay with it. So you

have the link. I hope you read it. Is there any objection to [this] proposal?

Seun. Yes, go ahead please. Go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yes. I [inaudible] metrics. Thank you very much [Inaudible] now. I want to suggest that things that we want [inaudible] every six months of [inaudible] that. [Every chance] [inaudible].

YESIM NAZLAR: Seun. Apologies for interrupting you but your audio is very bad and our interpreters cannot interpret at the moment.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Can you hear me?

YESIM NAZLAR: Shall we try to redial you?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Seun, I didn't understand anything from what you said so please try to have better connection to come back and speak about that. Before doing that, please be sure that this issue of performance metrics has been discussed on the call, has been discussed on the mailing list. There was a lot of updates. There was remarks and updates and there was two readings for approval. So normally I don't have to come back to it, but

since we had a long interruption, I wanted to [start] by that and to [start] by this.

So this is something which is normally adopted, but if you have something [this], Seun, please first of all try to have better connection, and second, if you have something please write or send an e-mail so that it can be recorded and we will try to see if there is any change to make. Thank you very much.

So I continue, so Seun has an issue. I don't know what it is. He will tell us. Is there any other objections of this proposal, the [last] proposal? It is on the wiki. I sent the link to it.

Hearing nothing, I assume that everyone agrees on this proposal. Waiting for the mail of Seun. I assume it is almost adopted but I will see what Seun wanted to say. Now [inaudible].

[AZIZ HILALI]:   Tijani, can we call Seun back?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes please. Yes. I said we try to have a better connection with him. So please call him back.

The next issue will be the de-certification. I put on the wiki a small proposal – it's not the proposal – but it is [inaudible] more or les. And then I tried to give some parameters for de-certification. I hope you all read it. If someone has a point that you wanted us to discuss today, please speak up about de-certification, about the text on the wiki.

I sent the link. I don't hear anything so I assume that there is no objection on it. So I will let it during the period of this week, the upcoming week, so that you think about it again and if you have something you can put it on the wiki or send me an e-mail, and the next time we will come back with the updates on this text if there is an update and we will try to read it for the [first] reading for adoption.

YESIM NAZLAR: Tijani, Aziz has raised his hand.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Aziz, go ahead.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Tijani. I would like to… regarding de-certification it is written that a candidate or ALSes that do not exist anymore or that are not interested by AFRALO anymore and do ask to be de-certified, but we do not have criteria to start the de-certification procedure. We don't have those criteria started and we had an example recently where some ALSes were considered as non-existing and it just woke up when they received an invitation.

I think we need to be very clear on that. It's not normal. And I repeat it, it's not normal than an ALS doesn't react and only reacts only when the ALS is invited to participate in an ICANN meeting. We haven't heard from some ALSes from five, six, or even ten years, but they receive an invitation and they're still working and they're interested.

We have criteria regarding participation, regarding the votes, and participation to the working groups, to the ICANN policies. I think that it's quite important and my proposal has to be very clear and I would say that if an ALS doesn't do that, that, and that, it's going to be de-certified. This is what I wanted to say. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Aziz. Aziz, yes, you are right. What you said about the three cases I mentioned – which is don't exist anymore, not interested in what we do, or ask for de-certification – those are the cases that might happen, [inaudible] our criteria. But after that, I wrote something which [inaudible] saying that in the future the criteria [inaudible] that we worked on and that we just talked about, they are there to [serve] for that exactly for de-certification also. We have the [inaudible] status of ALSes [stand-by], but this is not the very last status. An ALS which is on stand-by during a certain time – and I gave an example on the wiki – can be considered as inactive and end ALS inactive should be de-certified [inaudible].

Of course there is a criteria, and [form] of the criteria will [serve] for the de-certification and we have, as I said, the last status is stand-by for an ALS. If an ALS is on stand-by for certain time – and this time we can decide on together – I gave a proposal. I asked you to tell me if this proposal is good. So after this period, if the ALS is always on stand-by status, it is inactive.

[inaudible] inactive it will not be immediately de-certified. We have a procedure for de-certification. We need first to contact the ALS by all

the tools we have to ask why they are so absent, and if they are not interested, it is de-certification. If they don't exist anymore, it is de-certification. I don't know but if they say, "No, I don't participate because I don't understand anything because the language is a problem, because something, etc." In this case, we will try to find a way to make them active again. And this is also with a timeline. If within certain time they are not re-activated – not fully but at least [inaudible] activated – we will consider that they have to be de-certified.

This is exactly what is the purpose of this call. The purpose of this call is to decide what are the metrics that we have to use to de-certify an ALS. And I gave an example on the wiki. So do you agree with this? If you don't agree, please speak up or write something on the wiki. This is only [contributes] the subject today because what we will work on for this week will be the de-certification and I want you to think about it and if you have any objection or any other idea that perhaps you have other ideas, please come and put them on the wiki or send an e-mail.

Any comments? Have I answered your questions?

Aziz? Do you hear Aziz?

YESIM NAZLAR: Tijani, Aziz just raised his hand right now.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, there is still some work to do for about this path about de-certification. I'd like to answer in a global way and say that we have – Tijani didn't say it, we have left that during the IANA Transition so our

working group didn't join but Tijani and myself, we would like that this issue about de-certification parameters, performance metrics should be solved before Johannesburg's meeting because we have a lot of ALSes and we'd like during the General Assembly to have them and we would like to finish this work before Johannesburg.

There are two comments on the chat. Abdeldjalil is saying that de-certification is very important for our RALOs, and it is not the number of ALSes that is going to improve our work but the quality of their participation. We need to inspire other RALOs. And Baudouin says that the three problems are joined together – performance, de-certification, and quorum – are three problems that have something to do together.

Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. Thank you for those comments, Baudouin and Abdeldjalil. And thank you, Aziz, for summarizing that. We want this work to be finished before Johannesburg because we want the General Assembly in Johannesburg to adopt, read, modify if necessary and then adopt the recommendation that you will do for AFRALO because AFRALO is only body who can modify our operating [inaudible]. So that's why we want it to be before Johannesburg and because also in Johannesburg we will have the most number of attendees in the General Assembly. We've never had it before. So this is a good opportunity to make this adopted by the maximum of numbers of AFRALO.

Any other remarks about this point?

So please I urge you to go on the wiki and to make a proposal so that I can compile them and next week when we come, we will read the first reading of the recommendation we may do for AFRALO about de-certification.

Okay? No comments. Okay.

YESIM NAZLAR: Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, please.

YESIM NAZLAR: We have a raised hand, in order, number one is Silvia and number two is Aziz, and I also would like to update you on Seun's current situation. He is now back on the phone bridge. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Very good. So first of all, if Seun is and if his line is better I will give him the floor first so that we finish with the [inaudible].

Seun please. Seun?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. Can you hear me? Hello?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	I think it is better.
SEUN OJEDEJI:	Okay. Thank you. I sent my comments to the mail, to the list. I think what it is I said before, in relation to the performance metrics I think I have suggested that the number of months – where we have six months or [inaudible] six months [inaudible] – should be updated to 12 months so that an ALS who is required to provide two reports would not be doing so in six months but a minimum of 12 months. I mean [normally] two reports in 12 months. That is more realistic [inaudible] too much demand on the volunteer ALS.
	Most/some of the ALSes are largely operating online and requiring them to provide activity of two activities every six months may not really be – the activity may not really be what they do, may not be what they are doing for ICANN during that period. So if we do it for one year, so maybe they would be able to plan those two activities within the year of annual project or schedules.
	In my mail I put in other reasons why I think it should be updated to 12 months and I wouldn't want to waste our time in [inaudible]. That would be all for me on the performance metrics.
	I would recommend on the wiki topics [inaudible] raise my hand. Thank you.
TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	Thank you very much, Seun. Seun, please put your remarks on the wiki or send them in the mail so that we try to find a way to incorporate this.

	Now I am back on the Adobe Connect because my connection came back, so thank you very much for helping me and I see that Silvia doesn't have her hand up now. Is it right or is it [connection] which is wrong, Yesim?
YESIM NAZLAR:	Thanks, Tijani. It seems Silvia has lowered her hand.
	Silvia? Okay, she said yes she has lowered her hand.
SILVIA VIVANCO:	Thank you, Tijani. I just wanted to alert you that we have received [statements] from Seun explaining his point of view regarding the performance metrics. So if you are okay with that I can post those on the wiki page as well.
TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	Okay. Thank you, Silvia.
	Now Aziz, you had your hand up. Go ahead if you have something to say [inaudible].
AZIZ HILALI:	I just wanted to explain what Seun said on an e-mail that he sent, but I think he had the floor and he explained it very well so it's okay.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: So this is the second point. The last point is [inaudible] which is about the quorum. As you know, the quorum on on the rules on our operating procedure is one third for the meeting to be valid. We must be one third of the total number of the ALSes or seven ALSes. So at that time I think it was [inaudible] to have seven because we were very few. But now with 52, I think it is not acceptable to accept a meeting to be valid with only seven attendees. So this is something that we have to change.

And also but for the decision-making for the voting, the quorum is 50, more than 50 of the total number of ALSes, not of the attendees or of the present people [no] of the total number of ALSes. I think we have to keep it. We have to say at this level it is important to have at least half of our ALSes approving something to be adopted.

I don't know if you have any comments. If you have another point of view about that. Waiting for your comment.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. Can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, Seun. I hear you. Go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Yes, so my question is, Tijani, so when we say 50% of the ALSes I hope this is all the ALSes, [not necessarily] active [inactive] or whatever [actions] they may have.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Seun, when we speak about ALSes, any ALS which is not de-certified is an ALS. So it is the total number of accredited ALSes, except if an ALS has been de-certified, it will not be included in the quorum.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I see Fatimata. Fatimata, please go ahead.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much. My question is linked to Seun's question because I'm not satisfied about the answer you gave about the 50% of the ALSes certified. If 50% of the ALSes don't participate at all and if we try to have a quorum with the ALSes who are [sometimes] ALSes, I don't know how we are going to reach our goal if we need to have 50% of our ALSes certified ALSes, but if they don't manifest themselves how are we going to reach our goal? This is my first question.

My second question is about Seun's request [saying] that he wants to give a year, I would like to know what are the rationale about that. Why do we have to wait a year to take a decision? Are we going to leave one year this ALS after our first notification? Some ALS don't react at all, as Aziz said. For one year or more we don't hear anything about them. To wait for a year, okay. But I don't really understand the rationale about this proposal of Seun's. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Fatimata. What you said is very interesting. First, I'd like to come back to your first comment. When we speak about quorum, when we are going to implement these new rules we will have adopted the de-certification principles so we will see the ALSes which are on stand-by status and then which [the] inactive status then we will begin the de-certification process and all the ALSes who are not active will be de-certified and will disappear.

So if I say 50% is necessary, it is because I am conscious about the fact that sometimes we are taking important decision for our community and I think it is not adequate, it is not right, to take this decision with just one third of the members approving the decision and the rest not. For me, we can't accept it this way of voting or taking decision.

So 50% is good for taking a decision but for that, we need to implement first the de-certification system. These will go together. We will approve all the rules and we will approve the de-certification rules, the quorum rules. The quorum actually [at] currently is [of] 50%. We are not deciding now the fact of taking a decision or no. We are deciding to have a status quo about the decision [no].

And Seun mentioned criteria, the metrics, the performance metrics, and as it is document that we have on which we have worked together during several weeks and this document was adopted. I wanted to speak about this document because it was a long time ago and I thought it was like [reminding of the] document.

Now I will read this e-mail, Seun's e-mail, and we'll see the proposals, and if they are acceptable proposals for the majority of this working group we are going to do some changes if they are necessary. If there is no consensus in the group among the members of the group, we won't change that. So [if] his proposal is about the number of months and it's about the performance metrics.

Abdeldjalil, you are asking for the floor.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Good evening, everybody. I wanted to know about the quorum. If the ALSes accept the individual member of AFRALO, what will be our [inaudible] possibility? And second question about the ALSes' performance. Sometimes they are active but not their primary secondary contacts so we need to speak with their primary contact, secondary contact, and then with the ALS. The ALS needs to replace these contacts by new members. It's a long process. That was my comment. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Abdeldjalil. About your second question, of course, we need a contact to be able to receive a feedback from the ALSes. We have two contacts – primary and secondary contacts. Okay, if the primary contact and the secondary contact don't answer, we have some feedback which will come from the report because you have seen that in the performance metrics there is a report that must be done about the work made in the country. All the work done by the ALS in the country will be mentioned in this report, and this is one of the criteria, one of

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the performance criteria, so we are not [inaudible] the ALS is into [its natural] in its country and we know what they are doing in their country but there is no other way if we don't have any contact with this ALS. We need two contacts and we will have this report. I forgot the name of the report but if they do their report, we will know that they are active in their country and if there are other members active also we will note [that] because they will work with us during the teleconferences, etc.

So if we have active members in this ALS, active with ICANN, we will know it. If they work in their country not directly with ICANN but if they work, we will know it thanks to the report and that will be a proof of their work [and of] their activity. I hope I have answered your question, Abdeldjalil.

Abdeldjalil, you have the floor. Go ahead, Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I'd like to give you an example. When I say, "How are we going to implement that?" Okay, I give you an example. Maybe we are in Durbin in the General Assembly in a meeting and we need to take a decision, [no]. Do we have to say that the quorum will be 50% of the persons which are present in the meeting or 50% of the members who are certified ALSes? That was my question because [we will] never be able to have 50% of the members. This is our experience. We know that. So we are going to say 50% of the members assisting to the meeting or 50% of all the ALSes' members of all the functional members?

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: In Johannesburg we will be 46 ALSes and we will be able to take decision without any problem. 50% of all the ALSes existing, not 50% of all the ALSes assisting to] the meeting.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. 50% will be 22, 20-something. If we are 50-something and if we need 50% to have the quorum we will need to be 25 assisting the meeting, or we are just speaking about the quorum to take a decision or to vote?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, I'm going to explain again. Now, in our rules, our rule says that for a meeting to be able to deliberate in an official, in a normal way, we need to have at least one third of the ALSes present or seven ALSes, but this meeting can't take any decision if there is not 50% of all the ALSes – that is to say 26 because there are 52 – if we don't have 26 ALSes present for the decision. This is the current situation. What I'm proposing now is that seven for a population of 52 ALSes is too small a number so we need to cancel that part and we need to keep one third for the meeting, and if we need to take a decision voting, we need to have at least 50% of all the ALSes – that is to say 26 ALSes – and this is done also through voting. I think we are going to reach 50% of our ALSes if we implement the system of de-certification because thanks to the system of de-certification there will be a lot of ALSes which will be de-certified. Did I answer your question, Fatimata?

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Tijani, that means that this rule will be implemented only for de-certification because if this is the case, we will be together during a General Assembly, as in Johannesburg, because all the ALSes will be there. But does it mean that to make this de-certification we will need to wait to have the quorum of 26 ALSes also – 26 ALSes voting?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Fatimata, if we are working on this issue it is because we need to have updated rules and rules ready before Johannesburg so we can work with AFRALO in Johannesburg and so we can adopt these changes in Johannesburg. Once we will have adopted them, we will speak about de-certification, we will speak about the criteria for de-certification, and we will be able to begin de-certification after, only after, the Johannesburg meeting. And for decision, we need quorum and we will have an electronic vote with 50% quorum. So it is an important decision on which we need to agree.

Was it clear?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you.

Fatimata, we still have time. We have a week ahead of us. If you have some ideas please send me an e-mail so next week we can have all these recommendations drafted and we can take into account all the

opinions of the participant of the working group. I'm speaking for you and for Seun and for everybody, too. Thank you.

Is there any other comments about quorum and about de-certification? You have the two links. I have sent them. They were on the agenda and you can comment on this page also.

Are there any comments? It's almost time to conclude our call. If nobody is asking for the floor I'm going to thank you all. Thank you and I'm sorry about the delay we had because of my connection problem and I repeat that I am waiting for your comments on the wiki page about those two issues – de-certification and quorum – so next week we can have a first reading for de-certification and we can discuss about the quorum issue if there are any other things that you want to add.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: If there are no other comments, thank you everybody. Thank you to the interpreters. Thank you to the staff. And see you next week. Thank you.

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

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