
GISELLA GRUBER: Hello, everyone. Welcome to this AFRALO call on this 3rd of May 2017, at 18:37 UTC.

On the French channel, we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Olévié Kouami, Michel Tchonang. We have several people on the French channel. We also have Bram, Barrack Otieno.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Go on. I'm listening.

INTERPRETER: The interpreter apologizes. We're having some sound issues. [inaudible], however the sound is terrible [inaudible].

GISELLA GRUBER: Our interpreters today are Isabelle and Jacques. May I please remind you to give your name when you take the floor so that the interpreters can identify you on the other channel. That also goes for the transcript.

We need to make sure that we don't have any technical issues. Otherwise, we will have to stop the call. So thank you very much for your attention to that. Aziz, you have the floor.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Gisella. Hello, everyone. I am very glad to have you all present today for this monthly call. Before we start, I would like to say

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that you have the agenda in front of you. However, there was a last-minute request, and so we will give the floor to Beran who will talk to us about the onboarding program. I hope that we do have time for that, so please let us make sure that we actually reserve those five minutes in order to give her the floor.

First of all, I will start with the open public comments. I'm not going to go through all of the points that we have here on the screen. But if you have questions on one particular point, do not hesitate to ask me.

As far as public comments, the first point (we mentioned it last time) is the operating and budget plan of ICANN, the update, the five-year plan. The idea is to comment on that. According to one article, ICANN does ask for comments and suggestions on its operating plan and budget.

Second point, the guidelines for international domain names. Again, the idea is to update the 2011 guidelines. This is also about registering ideas.

The third point is something that is of interest for our region. There was a consulting firm that was [inaudible]. So the idea is to get [inaudible] situation. I think that in two days [inaudible] the period will be closed. If you do have things to say about that, do it before Friday.

The idea is to gather comments on the Internet community market study. All interested parties that dealt with the domain name system, then the Ethiopian script and the label generation [work].

Next point, the proposed amendments to the fundamental Bylaws to move the Board Governance Committee to another committee. For

those of you who know about this topic, it has to do with the Board Governance Committee (BGC) that takes care of all of the accountability mechanisms related to the Board.

Sixth point, the comments made to the proposed review of the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice team. There is a Review Team that is taking care of all of those topics – competition, consumer trust, and consumer choice. There is a report there that you can comment on.

Seventh point, deferral of Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) review. It is a review of the entire organization.

Eighth point, the GNSO Community Comment 2 (CC2) on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development process. That is a review or maybe an analysis on all of the additions that will lead to new policy recommendations related to the new gTLDs.

Ninth point, Recommendations to Improve SO/AC Accountability and ICANN Accountability. As you know, amongst the recommendations of the CCWG group, accountability is very important. So we need to improve the accountability of SOs and ACs. Some recommendations were developed by the group, and a final report was drafted by the working group. So we need to comment on that. It all has to do with ICANN accountability.

The last comment, a Proposed Renewal of the .NET Registry Agreement.

That's all I have to say for the first point having to do with open public comments. If there aren't any comments on that, we will move on to

the next point. I do not see anybody with their hand raised, so let's move to recent activities and future activities of ALAC. I would like to give the floor to Seun, Wafa, or Tijani, whoever wants to take the floor. Seun, would you like to go ahead?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I'm sorry. I am on the English channel. I am sorry. I cannot speak now, so if Seun can speak or Wafa, it would be better. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Who would like to speak to that? So we may move to the next point.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I spoke. Did you hear me? I said that now I am not able to speak, so perhaps Seun or Wafa can make the report. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: So who would like to give the report? Who would like to go ahead and give us a report on ALAC activities?

WAFI DAHMANI: I did not attend the last ALAC meeting, but I can tell you that we focused on policies and policy comments. As far as African DNSSEC, Seun and I prepared something that is published on the wiki, and it can be commented on. So basically you can make your comments on the document that we have posted on the wiki.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Wafa. I don't know if the interpreters could hear you. You're very faint actually. Now, can Seun hear me? Is Seun here? [inaudible] It seems we have an issue with Seun. We have terrible noises on your line, Seun. Apologies. So we will move on and if Seun would like to take the floor later, we can always give him the floor later. So let's move to the next point.

Topics for information, first of all the At-Large Review. The At-Large Review is basically the ITEMS study. That firm was in charge of reviewing the organization of At-Large. There was a first report that was very strongly criticized by ALAC and by all of the RALOs, not just [inaudible].

As AFRALO, we made a comment having to do with their report. I would like to ask either Tijani or Sarah to take the floor on that. I think that there was a call last week, and the idea is to revive the report based on the comments that were given. So I would like to give you the floor so that you can tell us what was in this report. Tijani, if you would like to go ahead and take the floor, you can go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes. Thank you very much. I am so sorry that this night I don't have Internet here, so I am not connected on Adobe Connect. I don't see anything in the agenda or anything.

Yes, for the At-Large Review, after Copenhagen, the ITEMS team have produced their draft final report. A draft because they are intending to update it after the consultation with the At-Large working party on the review.

We had a meeting with them after seeing their draft final report. We noted that they didn't change anything to their proposal, to their recommendations. They changed the form, they changed the number of recommendations, etc., but the main recommendations are there.

They are always recommending that we not have any working group anymore. They are recommending that we not have any Summit anymore. They are recommending that we replace the ALSes by the individual membership. They are proposing that At-Large in the future will not have their five-year [summit]. They propose to replace it by a regional meeting, etc. So it is exactly the same recommendations as before.

During the meeting we had with them, in fact we didn't argue a lot because it is clear that they have a program. They have a project from the beginning, and they don't want to change it anymore. So we understood that. We only told them certain facts and that's all. We know that the final report will be exactly the same, so we are now preparing ourselves to answer the final report. As soon as it is issued, we will answer it. I am sure it will be exactly as it was the situation in Copenhagen. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Tijani, for these clarifications. Just let me know if Seun comes back. Now let's talk about the Customer Standing Committee. Is Mohamed present? Can you hear us? Can you take the floor on that, Mohamed?

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

HEIDI ULLRICH: Seun, we can hear you. We're calling on Mohamed though.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Oh, okay. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Tijani. I'll just be brief and provide you with a brief update regarding the Customer Standing Committee. It had its monthly teleconference on 19 March. Basically on the conference call the PTI staff and its management provide the monthly report for review for the Standing Committee members and observers before it's published.

It looks [inaudible] PTI. Again, it's [inaudible] request and see if they're meeting their performance objectives in terms of processing the requests received, which is [inaudible]. The only two issues was raised that there were two manual processes that were discovered need to be automated unrelated to [lead server] changes. The other is not documented, which is related to IANA IDN tables repository and the submissions of the IDN tables by the gTLD registries because they are required by their ICANN [inaudible].

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. The audio is very bad.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Can you hear me well? Hello?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi, Mohamed. If you could speak up just a little bit.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sure. That's much better now?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Perfect. Seun, is that okay?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay, thank you. Do you want me to repeat?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I think it's good. I think you just speak up continuing.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sure. So in a nutshell, the report presented by the PTI was satisfactory to the group. There were no issues raised. Basically the PTI was requested to try to automate its services. Nothing major to be reported. That's all from my side. I'm happy to answer any questions regarding the PTI. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Mohamed. If you have no questions, let's move to the next point about subgroups for the second phase of the work of the CCWG regarding accountability. Seun is asking for the floor and is now connected. I'm going to give the floor to Seun so that we can talk about that topic and if you can tell us more about the report from the CCWG. Seun, you have the floor.

SEUN OJEDEJI: [inaudible] Hello? Hello? Hello?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Hello, Seun. [inaudible] hear you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: [inaudible] hello? Hello, can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Seun, we hear you very bad. Very bad, very bad.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Very bad? Oh. [inaudible] Hello?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Hello? Seun? It is always distorted, Seun. It is distorted.

SEUN OJEDEJI: [inaudible]

AZIZ HILALI: Let's move to the next point so that we don't waste any time. If no hands are raised, we're going to now talk about the preparation of the committee of AFRALO that is going to be present in the African [summit] that is going to happen in Nairobi in one month. With CROPP, two members of AFRALO are going to be able to participate in that Nairobi meeting. Thanks to CROPP, Michel and [inaudible] are going to be able to go and other people from AFRALO, Daniel Nanghaka and Seun, so four people.

We made a request for the \$2,000 that we have in our RALO. I don't know if you remember that. In Copenhagen we talked about it. We can use those funds. We can have \$2,000 for the [inaudible] activity. I don't know, is Michel with us? I would like to give the floor to Michel to talk about the organization of that particular assignment in Nairobi in a month. Michel, could you please talk about that? Michel?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: If Michel is not here....

AZIZ HILALI: Michel is not here. So to let you know about it, I sent a request to Pierre Dandjinou, vice president in charge of the [inaudible] Stakeholder Engagement, and he accepted the request to finance a few promotional items so that Michel and another person can have a booth at that Nairobi meeting. They're going to be present, and they're going to have

the AFRALO logo. They're going to, for instance, this is an African [sub meeting]. We have always been present. As AFRALO, this is quite important. If you have no remarks or points to raise....

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani wants to speak.

AZIZ HILALI: We have to talk about the election. I'm sure you received from the staff the announcement for the elections.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Jacques, please tell him that I want to speak.

AZIZ HILALI: Go ahead, Michel. Michel?

MICHEL TCHONANGE LINZE: I'm sorry. Thank you very much, Aziz. Because nobody could hear me. Hello, everyone. Good evening. We have the privilege to represent AFRALO in the Nairobi meeting. This is on June 2. We're going to be able to present for a few more days the activities of ICANN and AFRALO during that Nairobi meeting. We're going to talk about [inaudible] region.

I don't know if Aziz raised that point, but we did benefit from support that is going to [inaudible] to give at the disposal of the participants a

few USB keys, promotional items with the AFRALO logo. We're going to have [inaudible] even more information about our work. We have pens. We have the AFRALO logo on those pens. We decided together, we did a meeting, we're going to have an orange tablecloth in our booth. We are ready for those awareness activities in Nairobi. Earlier we talked about our General Assembly, and I think maybe we'll be able to have more pens and some pens could be reused in Johannesburg, so staff is going to look into that. Thank you so much.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Michel. Good luck to represent AFRALO in Nairobi. I am in point 4 regarding the elections. You all received the nominations through staff. There are five jobs that need to be renewed by nomination or election, different processes. We have a rule that only one person be nominated. That person is going to be designated. If you have several people, there's going to be an election process, just like we did the last time. We are looking at one ALAC delegate for a two-year mandate. A delegate from ALAC at the NomCom for a one-year assignment. Seun has a two-year mandate, and Wafa through the NomCom. The AFRALO president, that was me, I cannot be reelected because in my RALO I cannot do more than two terms. So if you have no points to raise, do you want to add something, Sarah?

SARAH KIDEN:

I don't have much to add, but I'd just like to encourage everyone to [inaudible] candidate, to nominate them or to support another candidate so that we can have a good selection. That's it. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Sarah. Now let's talk about the General Assembly. We had a call regarding the AFRALO General Assembly. I can hear someone typing on his or her keyboard and it's very difficult to hear you. Please mute your microphone. Yes, one hour ago, we had a call from the organizing committee for the General Assembly for the AFRALO in Johannesburg and we discussed several points.

We talked about, I'm not going to recap everything, but to give you an idea we talked about the training program, the capacity building. We have a team that is going to work on that. We talked about mentoring. For mentoring, we noted that we're going to have 46 representatives from ALSes that are going to be in Johannesburg. This is quite an important number; it's even a record. We never had so many ALS representatives. So for all of us, this is a great opportunity but also a big responsibility. For that event, that event has to go well. We're going to have programs for capacity building, also a mentoring program.

Barrack is going to be in charge of that. For capacity building, Tijani is going to be in charge of capacity building. I'm only telling you about the leaders of each group. We're going to have a Showcase at the end of the week of the General Assembly. We're going to work with Sarah who is in charge of the organizing committee.

We're going to give you more of a report, 46 ALSes are going to be present, half of them being from French-speaking countries and English-speaking countries. I'm not talking about their native language but the language they use. Eight groups will be made: four French-speaking

groups, four English-speaking groups. We're going to have an individualized mentoring program.

We're going to have a series of webinars, and please do participate in those webinars. Of course, we're going to repeat a few elements for the ones knowing ICANN very well, but you should be present. You have to follow those webinars to help out in the discussion of those important issues. We want to make sure that this meeting in Johannesburg is a very interactive meeting between ALSes and the trainers – the trainers and the trainees. We want it to be successful. The positive evaluation we will do: if half of those ALSes become more active, more involved in ICANN policies, this will be success. This will be positive.

Anybody would like to raise a point, ask a question? Or should we move to the next point? For the webinar, please join us. Tomorrow is the first webinar at [13:00] UTC. We'll present ICANN and policy development. The second webinar we'll talk about the general program and the activities of Johannesburg. The third webinar will be the last one where we'll start working in groups and start our mentoring program. So you're all welcome to join us for those webinars, and we're looking forward to seeing you on those webinars. We will be very glad about it.

Very well. Any questions regarding those issues? Do we have anything on the chat? Any remarks or questions? Okay, let's move to the next point.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Hello, this is Seun. Can you hear me? Hello? This is Seun.

AZIZ HILALI:

Two points. The General Assembly, the rules for the performance of the ALSes. As I'm sure you received an e-mail from our committee, and there is some unanimous points. For instance, depending on the number of ALSes per country what are the criteria that we're going to use to calculate and evaluate the performance of an ALS? Is it going to be to present in each and every monthly meeting? Is it strong participation to vote, voting? Participating in working group? Contributing by e-mails and regular contribution? Have a real presence on the ground, depending on the activities that these ALSes organize on a regular basis? How many meetings a year do they put together? And so on and so forth? We have to talk about this.

Personally, I am going to end my two terms very soon. I think we did a lot of work, but I have a regret. It's not doing enough and I should have done more making sure the ALSes do participate more in the process, in the policy process, in the ICANN policies. As you know, in the last few years, we did a lot of work. But fortunately, we have some very dynamic people – and I'm not going to give you their names, they know who they are – but those people that do work hard and give a lot of their time. If we had more people like that, I can tell you that AFRALO would have a stronger impact in ALAC. I don't want to sound disappointed. I do think that AFRALO, I'm very proud of it, is one of the most active RALOs at ICANN. I'm just finished with this. Anybody want to say something?

Let me go to the next point. This is about the Senegalese Chapter...do you want me to talk about the Senegalese Chapter of the Internet Society, ISOC Senegal?

SARAH KIDEN: Hello. Aziz [inaudible].

[AZIZ HILALI]: Excuse me, Sarah. Could you repeat. I couldn't hear you.

SARAH KIDEN: I was asking if Aziz had asked me to speak about the application or if he was going to speak about it.

[AZIZ HILALI]: Yes, of the Senegalese chapter because we need to make a decision today as far as the advice that we will give on that ALS. So you can go ahead and speak to that, Sarah. The Senegalese chapter.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you very much. We received an application from the Senegalese Chapter of the Internet Society in Dakar, Senegal. We received it at the end of March and the due diligence came sometime last month. So I would like to invite anyone who has anything to say about the chapter, if [inaudible] or if anyone has any comments to make about the application. Otherwise, if there are no comments, then we are happy to say yes to the application, to support the application.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Sarah. Yes, indeed, we received the due diligence. As you know, Alex Corenthin was the chair of that chapter, but now I don't remember the name of the new person. [Aminata]? No. Who? I don't remember the name, but at any rate it's the lady who was vice chair of the GAC who did a lot in Senegal to promote the Internet. So I think that there isn't any issue as far as proving that Senegalese Chapter of ISOC. It is a very active chapter. So if nobody is opposed, let's go ahead and ask Sarah to send....

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: She is Maimouna. Her name is Maimouna.

AZIZ HILALI: We will go ahead and send a positive advice. That's right, Maimouna. Thank you, Tijani, for mentioning that. So Sarah will go ahead and send a positive response to ALAC so that we can accredit this new chapter.

Now Beran needs to thank me because I managed to gain some time on our agenda, and we now have exactly five to ten minutes. We will go ahead and give the floor to Beran so that we can have an update on the onboarding program. Beran, you have the floor.

BERAN DONDEH: Thank you, Aziz. Can everyone hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, we can hear you. Go ahead.

[BERAN GILLEN]:

Excellent. Okay, I wanted to talk very shortly on the community onboarding program that we have running. I sent an e-mail to the list. It was a bit late. My apologies for that. We had a few hitches [inaudible], but basically I requested for five or ten minutes on this call to do a short discussion on the onboarding program.

I'm sure we all come from different backgrounds coming into ICANN. A lot of us came through the Fellowship [inaudible] and others came to the official engagement through their corporations or their work or just maybe through a friend. But what we do all have in common is that at one point in time we were all new to ICANN. My journey started five years ago.

What this onboarding program aims to achieve is what ICANN has done is they've brought together all the communities, all the SOs and ACs, and they've identified people, veterans in each of these SOs and ACs and have chosen as well "newbies" so to speak in each of these SOs and ACs and paired them up to be mentors and mentees.

The purpose of this onboarding is to basically come up with some form of a toolkit that will be a cross-community toolkit that will enable newcomers to be able to join their respective SOs and ACs, participate, and build up their participation to a level of possible leadership position. So that's the purpose of this onboarding program.

It started just before Marrakech. [We did a pilot from] Helsinki to Hyderabad. We also had another session at the last meeting in Copenhagen. What we plan to do in this upcoming year of financial year

'18 which starts with the meeting in Abu Dhabi, is we are trying to implement what we've come up with. So far, we've come up with documents.

Before we can implement that, we need the buy-in of the community. The mentor that we have in At-Large is Dev Anand Teelucksingh. He is actually on the phone with us, and I'll give him a minute or so. I myself am one of the mentees, so he is my mentor. We also have another mentee, Isaac Maposa, who is also on the call with us. So it's the three of us that are coming up with these documents for At-Large.

Basically what we're asking on this call is we're trying to get [inaudible] on all of the RALO meetings this month to basically ask your feedback on the documents that we have come up with. We're going to share these documents with you over the mailing list. We'll share the links of all the documents.

The purpose of this is to get your feedback, share your experiences with us. What works? What didn't work at the time you were coming into At-Large? And how can we make it easier and better for those who are incoming? That's the purpose of the onboarding. The documents are on the wiki. We also have them on PowerPoint format as well as Google Docs to encourage editing and comments.

I think now I'll give the floor to Dev and then Isaac maybe if they want to add anything to what I've said so far. Thank you. And we'll also take any questions that anyone has. Thank you.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Hello?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, I'm not sure who is speaking. Go ahead.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Hello. Yes, this is Isaac speaking. Hello, sorry Dev stepped away for just a minute. He said he is stepping away for a moment, so I will [inaudible]. Beran, I [inaudible] unfortunately my call has dropped for the [inaudible] it's constantly dropping. I'm not sure what are most of the things you covered. But [inaudible] working on the community onboarding program. Currently, we are working on the documentation. Hello? Can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, we can hear you. Go ahead. You can continue.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Okay. We are currently working on the documentation. Some of the documentation will actually be put into a course format and be uploaded on the ICANN [inaudible] platform as well so that it can actually help some newcomers to come on board into our community and At-Large community.

We are also waiting on the implementation of this community onboarding program. So we are actually in the process of trying to come up with a best implementation strategy. So we also need the

community's contribution and feedback so that we can come up with something that best suits our community.

So please we do encourage you to put up your contributions on the mailing list when we do send out the documents asking for your contributions and feedback. I'm sure Beran did send the documents on the mailing list, but we'll also send [inaudible] later as well to continue working on the documentation.

I think for now that is all from me. Thank you. Hello?

[BERAN GILLEN]:

Thank you, Isaac. Aziz, I think that's it from us. We'll try to keep it short. We didn't want to go over the time limit. But if there are any questions or any short interventions, we would be happy to [inaudible].

INTERPRETER (ISABELLE):

I am hearing nothing from Aziz. Gisella is trying to figure out what is going on.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Aziz, can you hear me?

AZIZ HILALI:

I apologize. I was speaking, but my mic was on mute. Thank you very much, Beran. Thank you, Isaac. I think you can hear me now. What I was saying is thank you, Beran. Thank you for this new project.

Congratulations actually. I also would like to ask everyone if you have comments on this project, this onboarding program.

We are actually at the end of the time that we had for this call. So thank you all for your presence. Thank you, Isabelle. Thank you, Jacques, for your work. I would like to thank the staff as well: Gisella, Heidi, Silvia, Evin, everyone. Thank you so much [inaudible], and we will talk soon.

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