

YESIM NAZLAR:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO General Assembly Capacity Building Activities at ICANN 59 call taking place on Monday, 15 May 2017, at 16:00 UTC.

On the call today on our French channel, we have Aziz Hilali. On the English channel, we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Beran Dondoh, Sarah Kiden, and Seun Ojedeji. We haven't received any apologies for now.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, and myself, Yesim Nazlar. Our French interpreters for today's call are Claire and Jacques.

Finally, as always, I would like to remind everyone to state their names before speaking not only for the transcription purposes but also for the interpretation purposes as well. Saying that, I would now like to leave the floor to Tijani Ben Jemaa. Over to you, Tijani. Thank you very much.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Yesim, and thank you, everyone, for joining. This call is a special call for the small group working on capacity building in Johannesburg at ICANN 59.

As you know, I sent on the mailing list the list of topics proposed because before that I made a call for topics and I received some of them. Now you have on the wiki, and you have the link on the chat, a list of topics. The purpose of the call today is to look to those topics, choose four of them to be the topics for four sessions. We will have only four substantive sessions in Johannesburg because Johannesburg is a

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very short meeting of four days. We will probably have another session, but it will be for evaluation not for substance.

As we agreed before, the capacity building this time will not be about procedure, about knowing what is ICANN, etc. This is done through webinars. We made already one webinar. We will have two other webinars in the next week.

In Johannesburg, we will have four substantive sessions about policy. I made a call for topics, and I received the topics that you have on the wiki. The purpose of this call today is to choose from those topics four to be used for the four sessions. Once we have done that, we will try to identify the right speakers for each of those topics.

I updated the wiki this morning, so it is really up-to-date. You have the topics. Please try to – not to vote – but at least to tell us what is your preferred four topics? I know that Seun has four preferred topics. Me too. I gave four. Beran gave four. But the others, can you please speak up and tell us what are your preferred topics? I don't see any hands and don't hear anything. Okay, Seun, go ahead. I don't hear you. Okay, it seems that we lost Seun. Any other one who has a preference for the topics?

SARAH KIDEN: Hello?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, Sarah, please go ahead.

SARAH KIDEN: Would you like us to [inaudible] now or [inaudible].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I don't hear you, Sarah. Sarah?

SARAH KIDEN: Hello? Can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Now I hear you. Go ahead.

SARAH KIDEN: I was asking if you want us to give our suggestions now or should we do that in e-mail after this call?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Oh, Sarah, I have already sent a call for topics I think one week ago. Then we had proposals and I sent the proposals on the mailing list. I proposed them. I put them on the wiki and I sent an e-mail to inform you about them and I asked you for your point of view. Now we need today, why we did this call, we want to progress. So please, if you have any choice, speak up. If you have any other topic that you want to propose, please go ahead. This is the right place and the right time to do it.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay, I'm just [saying to speak to agree with some of the topics on the wiki. But if I already sent them.]

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: No, those are proposals. If you have other topics, yes, please go ahead and propose them. They will be considered.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Can I say something?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Daniel, go ahead.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: [I'm proposing] could we have a [list like a topic of] introduction to At-Large? Because we've had Beran and [Isaac] [inaudible]. Hello?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Go ahead, Daniel.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Because there are special presentations that have been compiled by the Outreach and Engagement subcommittee on introduction to At-Large. [So probably it would also be very good on our agenda if you have that session.] Thank you. Back to you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Daniel, very much. You didn't attend from the beginning, I think, because I said from the beginning that we decided that the four face-to-face sessions of capacity building in Johannesburg will be dedicated to policy not other things.

As for the introduction to ICANN, we already did it in a webinar I think two weeks ago. It is part of the capacity building, and we spoke about it in the organizing committee. We said that the capacity building will be split in two parts. The first part will be webinars, and in those webinars we will give the right introduction to ICANN, to ALAC, to At-Large, [to everything]. This will be done in three webinars. But when we arrive to Johannesburg, we will address only policy issues. Thank you.

Any other remark? Sarah, do you have any other thing to add?

DANIEL NANGHAKA:

Probably I would make another suggestion. Another suggestion I have is because in the past, the past members of the different At-Large Structures not getting involved in the PDP processes. So probably we could something on how to [inaudible] the members to get involved in the different policy development processes or the different working groups. I think that would be a very good idea. [inaudible] you can have at least more participation from the different representatives. Thank you. Back to you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much. It is one of the topics proposed on this list. So if you want, you can say I want this one. No problem. Any other remark?

Heidi, go ahead. Staff, please remove this recording of Seun saying a few words and repeated every time. Please do something to remove that. Heidi, go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you very much. Just a suggestion from staff is if one of the session, and this might be perhaps the last session, could be focused on producing a document of AFRALO hot topics and the potential impact on African end users. This might be developed at the end based on the topics that they are discussing the previous days and then have a better idea of what the potential impact on end users might be.

Then this document could be used for outreach on what AFRALO does within Africa, for onboarding, orientation possibly to let new ALSes know what really the focus of AFRALO is in policy. Other RALOs have developed such topics.

INTERPRETER (JACQUES):

Aziz requests the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay, I will give him the floor in a moment. Heidi, go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

No, I'm finished. [inaudible] just to request if you could have some focus on producing this hot topics document, and the EURALO version is in the chat.

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

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Can I say something?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, thank you very much. Thank you, Tijani and Jacques. I'm on the phone. I'm not in front of my computer. So I just wanted to say that we should avoid boring topics for our ALSes. I absolutely agree with what Heidi said. I did send some e-mails and I think some topics are not as interesting for our ALSes as others. So we have to talk about what is of interest for us in Africa, for our issues in Africa, and how to involve. Really the topic is how to involve ALSes more in our PDP process. This is something I sent to Tijani. I don't know if he agrees [inaudible] to say it again to have people from other constituencies so that the ALSes know with 15 minutes for each constituency's half, we have the PDP process with the GNSO, ccNSO, and GAC, so our representatives from those entities constituencies.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Aziz. I'll make a note of that. You said that some topics might be boring, which is true. And Aziz, you would like to have the Chair from SOs and ACs come and present it? I think we did in London and it worked pretty well. The issue is that we only have four days to work and on the first day in the morning, we cannot do anything. There is the opening. So, it's going to be quite difficult with

only four training sessions on policies. We won't have a real impact. We want to have a strong impact.

We have to have at least those four policy training sessions. I'll make a note of what you said [inaudible] listening to us. And if there is a majority in the members of this group that would like to see it differently, it's okay.

My opinion is that it's not good to have training about ALAC, about GNSO, how they do develop policies. This is something that we did during our webinars. We're going to have webinars about those topics, and all the ALSes are always invited to our capacity building webinars, where we talked about those issues. So, and this is not specific to Africa. For PDP, there's nothing specific to Africa. All the regions do work on PDP. There's no specific policies for Africa.

The Internet is for everybody and concerns everybody. I might be in a minority here or a majority, I don't know, but I tell you, frankly, what I think, and I think that I would be disappointed if those sessions are going to be about the process about explaining what is this, what is that. We do need to have four policy topics and we're going to make it easy, simplified for our ALSes. We're going to explain to our speakers how to work, how to present, and we want it to be interactive, not lecture.

We're going to make sure it is interactive. This is my point of view. This is how I think. Please say something if you don't agree with me. We have to move forward. Tell me if you don't agreement with me. Thank you.

Who else wants the floor? Ramanou.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Ramanou, go ahead.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Can I say something?

RAMANOU BIAOU: Can you hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes, Ramanou. Very faint but we can hear you. Go ahead.

RAMANOU BIAOU: Well. I want to stress the fact that amongst the ALSes, there are some that maybe won't be there. So, maybe after the Johannesburg meeting, we should see who is going to continue with us. We all know that sometimes after the first ICANN meeting, some people feel very lost, so maybe we need to help them and not to give too many data because they have to learn a lot of things and we don't want them to feel as lost after this ICANN meeting. This is what I wanted to say.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Ramanou. You're right, but the topics that you see on the screen at the moment are not topic on which we are going to work in Johannesburg. Those are proposals, among which we are going to choose four topics. During those days in Johannesburg, the capacity

building will be down on four topics, on four items that we will address for people who don't know anything at all in ICANN, for people who don't know anything about the topic about ICANN, so we will introduce the topics slowly, explain the policy. We will need to explain.

It's true that we are not going to address all those subjects because they are going to get crazy, of course, but this is not what we are going to do. And I also want to say that it is one activity called capacity building. It is a training, and for training on four days with one session each day, we will address four topics, one per day. I think it's not too much for ALSes, and we will work in a very organized way. Heidi, you have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes. Thank you for giving me the floor again. So, I think that I hear Aziz supporting the idea of a development of a hot policy topic document for AFRALO. That would take at least a half of one session, if not the entire session. It might be that there are only three topics of policies are discussed the first three days and then that fourth day of capacity building, be focused on developing a document that can have real input going forward on what are the African AFRALO hot topics and what are the potential impact.

And that might be a very interactive session because you can use examples of what the possible impact of a particular policy is. But coming back to the actual topics to be discussed for capacity building, it might be useful to have test cases or real life examples of, perhaps, a current public comment that they could actually work on, so that, so again, how that might work is that a topic is introduced by a discussion,

a lecture a little bit, then there's some questions and then this session ends with the members developing some points that might go into an AFRALO or an ALAC statement, so they can really feel what it is like to comment on a particular policy.

And then this the last item is it might be useful if this group chooses, let's say, five topics for today and then send a note to the AFRALO ALSes coming to the sessions and ask them what their top three priorities are. Because then that will ensure that there's interest among the groups. Thank you very much.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Heidi, I am afraid I didn't understand your last point. You won't – the ALS has to stay, to say what are their top three [inaudible] you said something like this.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes. So, again. So, basically, if this group could select, let's say, five out of three or four days and then you send a note to those AFRALO ALSes coming and ask them what out of those five, what are their top three. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Heidi. Ramanou... A moment, Daniel. Is it a new hand?

DANIEL NANGHAKA:

Can I say something? Hello?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Daniel, wait a moment, please. Wait a moment. Wait a moment. Okay. Now you have, now you have the floor, Daniel. Daniel, you have the floor.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Can you hear me? Hello?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I hear you very well.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Daniel, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I hear you very well.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Yes. Based on what has already been spoken by Heidi and Tijani. My suggestion is currently we know that the ALSes have, some of them have been conducted activities probably in, if we were to send out a [form] or an e-mail or all the ALSes asking them the different activities that they've been... all different ways that they engage the end users such that the benchmark on that to identify the possible challenges or gap that you can be able to help to [inaudible] to build the capacity of

the different [inaudible] representative such that they can [inaudible] information to the end user regarding the different activities.

And as far as the ALSes getting involved in the PDP processes, I suggest that I agree that this is at least highlights which policies they are best interested in and how they can best contribute or engage with the end users such that we can get more user feedback. Thank you. Back to you, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Daniel. Thank you. So, your first point, it is I think it is something that we will address in General Assembly. We will have all the ALSes present, and you ask them what are the challenge reaching out to their members and what are, what are the most important or their most important topics, hot topics if you want. They want AFRALO to be involved or want AFRALO to develop policies in it or develop comments on, etc. As for your second point, yes, it is exactly what will be done.

Any other hand? Okay. I am really – I will not say sad, but I am really... that this discussion take place on the list. I made the call for topics and then shared the topics proposed days ago and it would be good that this discussion take place on the list so that today we can go ahead and have already something done.

Any other hand? Any other remark? I don't see any hand. I don't hear anyone speaking. How will we proceed? First of all, we need to select today topics. Perhaps not today, but we have at least to progress because we need to select speakers and be sure that speakers are not

waiting for us. They may have their schedule busy when we ask them, so we need to ask them early and now it is not early at all. Especially that we choose to address the policy issues, and we need to have the best speakers for each policy issue. How do we proceed?

INTERPRETER (CLAIRE): Tijani, Aziz is asking for the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, go ahead, Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI: Tijani, I have a concrete proposal to make. So you will have to define the topics and we will define the speakers. After Heidi and Daniel's intervention, I propose to organize an online poll asking all the ALSes what they prefer among all the topics you have proposed. As Daniel said, we will see what were their activities. We can also propose to them that if they have other topics that are not among those topics, they can add new topics. We will give them four or five days, and then we will decide which topics are more asked by the ALSes. Okay, I have finished.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Aziz. I think it's okay. I have no problem. We can do that. It will take more time, but if the group thinks that it is okay, we can do a survey and propose those topics and ask the ALSes for the four items they prefer to address during the capacity building. If there are

other topics they want to address, they have to tell us which topics. We will chose the four topics to address during the General Assembly.

Heidi, we are going to have a fifth session in Johannesburg that will address another issue. First we will work on the hot topics and interactive session with the ALSes. Then we will do an evaluation. It will take 20 minutes. We will ask people to prepare this session sending e-mails or with a form on the wiki page. But they will [inaudible] about the evaluation of the capacity building that we made. What do you think about that?

First, we will send all the ALSes that will come to Johannesburg the list of the topics that we have here on the screen, asking them to add new topics if they have some new topics to add and to choose the four main topics they prefer to address during the capacity building session in Johannesburg.

Second point, we will have four capacity building sessions on policy and one session for evaluation and for brainstorming with the group about the hot topics that the African ALSes want to address.

What do you think about this program? Heidi, go ahead. You have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes, thank you very much. That's well noted. Thank you for that. Tijani, could I ask for an action item that you work with Ariel, Silvia, and myself on getting the language in English and French for that poll ready today or tomorrow so we can get that out?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, absolutely. Thank you very much. Very good. Any other remark? Heidi, it's an old hand?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sorry. Old hand. Yes.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Any other remark? Okay, I have to give you my concern. I have a concern. We need to identify the speakers. Why do we need to identify them now? Because we need to have them free for us. Every day we pass, every day we lose a chance to have them because those people have a program and have a schedule and perhaps they will not be free for us. The quicker we do this, the better it is.

We will send the poll, and I will work with Ariel and Heidi. We'll prepare the poll and send it to the ALSes, give them four days, and collect the topics, compile them, and come back to you through the mailing list – not a call, the mailing list – giving you the top four topics. Then preparing a call to identify the speakers. This has to be very quick, very soon. Yes, Yesim?

YESIM NAZLAR: Thank you, Tijani. I just would like to read out what Seun says on my [inaudible] because he has a bad connectivity at the moment and he asked me to read this out to share with you. Seun says, "Please inform group that I think it will be good to give brief of the PDP at the face-to-face even though we have done it webinars. We should give them the brief at the face-to-face where people will be more focused and not be distracted. Thank you." And he is typing something else as well, "This is all for now. Thank you."

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, Yesim, he wants us to – what he proposed to address on face-to-face – he said it is better than the webinars. What is it about? Yesim? Sorry, I don't have....

YESIM NAZLAR: Sorry. I actually just put everything on the Adobe Connect chat. You can just take a look at the Adobe Connect chat.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay.

YESIM NAZLAR: He's still writing and deleting, so I'm waiting for the other sentences to pop up, actually.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I see. So to brief the ALSes on PDP. Okay.

YESIM NAZLAR: PDP, yes.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, this is also something that should be decided on in this group. So Seun is proposing – he has it on his four topics, so it is one of the options. So, yes, we will put it as an option and, if it is selected, yes, we will do it. Thank you, Seun.

Any other remark before we close this call? Yes, Yesim? It's a new hand?

YESIM NAZLAR: Yes, if I may. Yes, please. Seun put something else as well. He says, "Currently also put that I like this suggestion about asking ALSes for topic of preference. It will be good to know what they are interested in. However, it's important to be snappy about it, so maybe we ask people to complete this survey within a week or less. Yes, that's it. Thank you."

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: What is the meaning of "snappy"? Heidi, do you know what is the meaning?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, Tijani, it means fast, quickly.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Ah, quickly, okay. Okay, quickly, but he is proposing one week so it is not quick. Anyway, okay, thank you, Seun. Thank you very much. Any other comment?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Tijani, I believe he said one week or less. So if we have the text by the end of the day, we could send it out tomorrow (that's Tuesday) and have it finished on Friday. So that's four days.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, very good. Thank you very much, Heidi. Any other proposal or other remark? I don't see any hand or any voice. I will thank you all. I thank our interpreters and our staff. Really I thank our staff because I invited Heidi to come with us because I thought we would speak about speakers. She has a good knowledge about people in ICANN. But unfortunately, we couldn't reach this point. No problem. Now we have a plan, and I hope we will follow this plan and we will have our work done perhaps at the end of the next week. Not this week, next week.

Thank you very much. If you don't have another remark, another thing to say, I will adjourn this call. Nothing? Okay, so this call is adjourned. Thank you very much.

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