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Good morning, good afternoon and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the ALL APRALO Committees Meeting taking place on Thursday, 7th of September, 2017 at 04:00 UTC. On our call today we have Satish Babu, Maureen Hilyard, Afifa Abbas, Aris Ignacio, Pavan Budhrani, Ali AlMeshal, Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Nadira AlAraj, Yannis Li, Amrita Choudhury and Suhaidi Hassan. We have received apologies from Kaili Kan, Hong Xue and Holly Raiche. From staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, Siranush Vardanyan and myself, Yeşim Nazlar.

And finally before we start, I would like to remind everyone to state their name before speaking for the transcription purposes please and back to you, Satish. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Yeşim. Satish for the record. First of all, good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everybody. We're aware that for some of us this is very early in the day, especially for Ali and for Yannis—not for Yannis, I mean Lianna. So this was the most convenient here for Yannis [inaudible] so this appears to be the most convenient hour for most of us, so our apologies to the people who have this call at a very inconvenient hour.

So we are closer by a couple of weeks to our GA which is now slightly over a month. We are today on the 7th of September and we have the GA process, the GA cellphone on 1st of November, but the actual meeting starts earlier than that, so we have made some progress and

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this call is to take stock of the progress so far and to decide on action points that we need to get started with.

With that introduction, I'd like to call this meeting to order and get started with our agenda. We now move on to the agenda item number two which is travel and related updates. So Lianna, are you now on the call? Would you like to provide an update on the current situation after any additions and deletions to the travelers list?

LIANNA GALTSYAN: Yes. Hello everyone to this early hour. I'm sorry for the noise, I'm driving right at this moment. So yes, we have some updates. Unfortunately—hello? Can you hear me?

SATISH BABU: Yes, please go ahead.

LIANNA GALTSYAN: Okay, because I'm during the [inaudible] call. So we have a drop of one of our travelers from New Zealand. Unfortunately, they could not make to the Abu Dhabi meeting due to other commitments. So at this moment we have like—ICANN provided the right number but we dropped off this [inaudible]. We have provided citizens [inaudible] and all of them are invited or they received the invitations from the travel scene and they are in the process everyone. Personally, we are going to [inaudible] tomorrow. So in this sense, everyone received their travel arrangements.

There was some confusion about this since people know that they should travel from 27th to 4th, but they received through 28th and 3rd of November. And they asked in the chat and this is really very great that we have a chat for our participants and the staff and [inaudible] instantly on [inaudible]. This part about the travelers [inaudible].

SATISH BABU:

Right. So thank you, Lianna. So in summary—this is Satish again. In summary, we have close to 39 travelers now including the one individual member representative. We see that some of the dropouts are unable to provide a second person from their ALS to substitute for them which is a bit disappointing and it actually points to the need for some of our ALSes to be strengthened from the point of view of their participation in ICANN.

So Gisella is saying in the chat that the approved arrival date is 27th October, Friday, and I assume that the approved departure date is the 4th of November. 3rd of November, I'm sorry. Approved departure date is Friday, the 3rd of November.

So as of now, as Lianna mentioned, most of the travel process is already in motion. There are a few cases of delays, but I am sure it'll get resolved over the next few days. Heidi says that Friday is a training day for incoming leaders so it's not an open day.

So with that, I don't see any questions so we now move on to the next item in the agenda, which is a report by the subcommittees. Holly is on vacation and she's in apology in this call, but we had discussed in the previous APRALO monthly call that the capacity building sessions—

actually, what you see on the screen is not the right light for Holly. It is the capacity building sessions.

We have four sessions and the initial draft of the program is now in place. Out of the four sessions, the first half session is for housekeeping, it is on Saturday and that half session, half an hour session will be basically to update all the ALS individual representatives on the overall scheme of things for ICANN60 including the different activities that have been arranged for them. The capacity building program, the showcase, the GA and possibly a dinner for the representatives depending on whether we can mobilize our sponsors and that's something that Ali is working on.

You can see the capacity building sessions. 28th October, Saturday, to be the start of the program. All sessions are during the lunch break and we're discussing with Siranush if we can get some of the ALS representatives who are also fellows to kind of participate in some way for the capacity building. So these are four contributive lunch breaks from 28th to 31st, and Holly will be filling up the exact topics in this framework. The link is below; Silvia has pasted it in chat. Please check during the next few weeks and you'll have more of the sessions fill up there. Amrita points out that it is Lianna's birthday today so happy birthday, Lianna, on behalf of all of us.

LIANNA GALTSYAN:

Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU: We now move on. Yeah. So we now move on to Maureen for the showcase and related programs. Over to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Satish. All right, okay. There's a few different pieces to go through here. Very first thing, of course is for those of you who had not sent me your photograph and just the full ALS name, I would really appreciate it. So you know just one of your latest photos and if you feel like we sort of like can see what you look like. But please, send me a photo so that I can actually get the roll call slideshow up and organized.

Secondly, I have to apologize because I sort of like lost touch with the ALS members who actually volunteered to look into the history research, the history of APRALO. I'm not quite sure whether anyone else is actually sort of like started anything, but if you could let me know and I can actually help you get going on that one.

But I can report that the APRALO fellowship evaluation has actually been completed and that's really for the GA and I thank Nadira for her ladyship in coordinating that with some great support from some of the other fellows that she was working with. So it's an evaluation which will be very handy for as we prepare for some of or look into engagement, enhanced engagement sort of like practices for getting ALSes more involved. Okay.

I think for example, you know like we had 40 people who are going to be coming to Abu Dhabi and we have 13 people on the call. We've just you know so like there must be a way in which we can get people more engaged and we can [inaudible] when the calls are going, and they're

quite regular for APRALO. So we need to have a little chat about that when we have our General Assembly.

The showcase includes our main event during Abu Dhabi, it is an opportunity for us to sort of like showcase APRALO, its diversity and the fact that we are celebrating a decade of APRALO. And I think what we've got first of all, although it's not noted here, our color is red so it is pretty important that you have something that is red. I know that it has been mentioned that if you have a national costume, it may not be red but if you have a national costume that would be really great. So that's sort of like something that probably Lianna will talk about with you, but red is our color, that's among the main things.

We are actually sort of like starting to [inaudible] on our speakers program. It is a tradition to include some of the important personalities within the ICANN, like our board chair and the CEO, and we have probably some short words from our sponsors, I hope. So you know, we're trying not to make this part of the program go on to too long because we only have 90 minutes anyway.

So we will have the speakers program and there will also be some entertainment provided so that, firstly, decorations and the catering is actually sort of like being coordinated so that on ground side Ali and he may mention more related to that later.

Just also to remind you all of the fact that we didn't have sort of like information that may help you, a little bit more about APRALO and ICANN, and it's available on various sites. I'll also put the links in as soon as I finish this, but the welcome to APRALO is just a brief tabloid

which is currently on my ALS website because the WordPress site that we have, which is a freebie of course, which is an informal website doesn't actually allow sort of like any select uploads that are too large and the tabloid is quite large.

But there are also the webinars that have sort of been put together by our outreach and engagement, the ALAC outreach and engagement team. So it's sort of like there's quite a lot of information that's available out there and I think that you should [inaudible] yourselves up a little bit before you come along and it just makes it a bit easier.

I know that [inaudible] organized a whole lot of mentors for the fellows and it will be really good. If you have any questions or queries, please let us know. Lianna, Lianna Satish, Ali, Holly and myself are always willing to answer any questions or queries that you have. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Maureen. Satish for the record. There is a question from Yannis that you might want to answer. Yanni says for the showcase they're all just short remarks or we might also intend to invite a keynote with substantive presentations similar to women in Vienna social. This might be interesting. Maureen, you want to take that?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yes, I think that what we found in the past is that this is an evening event, it's after a whole day of talks. I think that one of the things that we try to do, it's sort of like a fun time and it's a bit of a sort of like [inaudible] wind down. We want important people to actually have an

opportunity to participate, but really still like a keynote is probably a little bit sort of like onerous for what we want to do. Entertain probably, it would be our keyword. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Maureen. Satish again for the record. We have a very tight time issue on the showcase so we have been instructed or rather asked by staff to restrict the total time. So it is under that constraint that we are working. So thanks for that question, Yannis. Are there any other questions or comments?

So as said that for the dress code for the showcase would be that if you have a national dress, that is preferable. If not, of course it's a networking social event so anything appropriate. We should also probably mention that APRALO has an official color which is red, so maybe it's a good idea that we try to wear red, and also there would be at least two group photographs; one during the showcase, one at the GA.

So please be around for these photographs because this becomes something that we can use in our brochures and so on. So it's important that you wear a good dress, traditional or otherwise because that would also appear in the photographs. Silvia says wear something red as was done in Beijing and Singapore.

Right. So we now, not seeing any questions, move on to Ali on the financial side of things. Over to you, Ali.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thank you very much, Satish. This is Ali for the record. Okay, on the finance things I've been working out with ICANN staff. Gisella is on top of all of these. As we mentioned before, it's confirmed that they are—I mean, the hosts are taking care of the showcase, catering and the culture. It's all about the arrangement right now. Erhan from ICANN staff has connected us with the meeting team, the catering team, and Gisella is inquiring all of these emails. So we are waiting just for the accord from the catering team to go to the host where they will look into which one to approve.

This is for the catering and as I mentioned, the culture show, the performance will be there as well. That's what we have to decide on through our program. What time; is it before, is it after, is it in the middle of the showcase program. I mean, the location itself again, it depends on -- still I don't have an idea about the venue, rooms and availability, but I'm sure ICANN staff will be the first to help us and to know that place.

For the dinner, we are still looking into a sponsor. Maureen is helping in that as well, and once that is confirmed, I already sent a message to the ICANN staff in charge of dealing with the subcontract in Abu Dhabi for the transportations. So again, Erhan has connected me to the agent that has been contracted by ICANN for the transportation and some other activities within Abu Dhabi and I'm waiting from them for a call for the transport from the venue to the recommended restaurant for the dinner. So this is all subject now to the sponsor, subject to the funding for that dinner, if it is available and for the number of people who will be attending.

For the catering for the showcase again, we say it will be around 200 plus or minus. So I'm expecting that this week maybe the catering team of ICANN will be sending this to a host for their approval. For the time being this is the total update of the finance part of it. Back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Ali. Satish for the record. So this is actually very good news. The only thing remaining is the dinner which we are already trying and will get back with an update later. Maureen has raised a hand. Maureen, please go ahead.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Sorry, Satish. Sort of like I was just looking at the finance for catering and that's the catering for the showcase, isn't it? That thing here? Finance for catering?

SATISH BABU: Yes. Right.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Right and yes, we're still working on the update. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: One thing I'm not clear, this is Satish again, is if the dinner materializes, when is it going to be? Because most evenings seem to be full already so is there a slot available now?

ALI ALMESHAL: That's the question, Satish. Yes, that's a good question now. There was a suggestion to do it on a Friday but most of the people will be leaving on that day, so I don't know if that will work. That's the thing that we have to clarify, when we are doing that. If you look into it, Gisella—

SATISH BABU: We may not—go ahead, Ali.

ALI ALMESHAL: Yeah, yeah. Gisella has just typed in the chat like, you know, Monday is gala dinner, Tuesday is chief broker farewell, Wednesday is showcase, but you know cocktail Thursday could be a good time because it's only the cocktail, so it'll take only like a matter of half an hour or one hour, people just gathering and then we can go out for that. If that can be possible on Thursday.

SATISH BABU: Okay, that's a possible slot, so we will hold it till we have a confirmation for the dinner sponsors. So are there any other comments or questions on the finance aspects? Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Thank you, everyone. Hi, this is Heidi. Just Ali and everyone else, if there is no alcohol needed during the showcase then we can use the ICANN funds available, you know, towards the promotional items. So

I'm not sure, you know, I believe that we talked about pins that will say "Celebrate diversity", and I know that Sylvia's working with communications on business cards and the brochures, so I'm just wondering if there are other promotional items that you were interested in considering. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Heidi. Ali, you have a response? Just go ahead.

ALI ALMESHAL: Yes, thanks. This is Ali for the record. Heidi, we were thinking of using this fund from ICANN; if we succeed to secure a good budget for the dinner, then we need some additional budget as well for the transportation because that will be some additional cost to take all of the attendees, let's say 70 to 80 persons to the restaurant, so we thought that this fund can help in supporting this requirement at this stage. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, perfect. I'm taking note of that. So then are the business cards and the brochures and perhaps some pins, is that going to be sufficient then?

SATISH BABU: I should think so.

ALI ALMESHAL: I think, yes.

SATISH BABU: Right. So are there any other comments? All right, so we now move on to Lianna for any other additional information on the ALS liaison or outreach. Over to you, Lianna.

LIANNA GALTSYAN: Thank you, Satish. This is Lianna speaking. First of all, I want to say to Silvia, it seems Ali mentioned that Silvia is dealing with the brochures. Now Heidi said about the brochures, etcetera. May I add, Silvia, that whenever this initial design or content for the brochure is ready to share that with all of us before sending to printing and review the text everyone. And to [inaudible] as well.

So for the engagement fees, I have talked to Ali about the possibility to start the engagement. If you know when you said that there is something planned or going to be planned in regards to engagement to the ALSes from the point of view of the talks, [inaudible] is trying to do some engagement and the other to help her. But as we said, it was summer time and now we [inaudible] and they were not working and Ali felt that we think we could charge them actually. So I don't have much update on this. Do you?

I really hope that for the next in two weeks when we have our call we will have already something on this topic and I can update you all in this time. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Lianna. Ali, please go ahead.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thanks, Satish. Ali for the record. Just to update on Lianna as well, I think last fall we said there should be an arrangement for a joint call with the ICANN staff involved or engaged into this like the Middle East GSE and the person who is involved in the NGOs, I think [inaudible] or someone else.

LIANNA GALTSYAN: Yes.

ALI ALMESHAL: So we said we should have a call together so we know what they are planning. So I was just wondering this action was not yet taken; if we can rearrange for that, it would be great, like a call between myself, Lianna and staff and whoever would like to join. But we need the people who are in charge of these activities on the ground.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Ali. I think we can mark that as an action item: a joint call with the APRALO leadership team and the outreach staff.

Okay. Are there any further comments on outreach or ALS liaison? I'm not seeing any hands up. We will now move on to the GA sessions. Can we have the document, the Wiki on the screen, please?

LIANNA GALTSYAN: I'm sorry, Satish. I am on the phone and I cannot see if you can please make comments as to what's on the screen. I will very much appreciate that.

SATISH BABU: Do you have a comment now, Lianna?

LIANNA GALTSYAN: No, no, no. I'm just asking that I cannot see the screen since I'm on the phone connected, I cannot see any --

SATISH BABU: Yeah, sure, sure.

LIANNA GALTSYAN: Please comment whatever you see there. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Yeah, we understand. Right. So we have on the screen now the draft GA. This is still work in progress so we have put in some basic structure out there. The first session of 90 minutes has two parts; one part where we have a number of dignitaries speaking starting with the ALAC chair, Göran Marby, the CEO of ICANN. Maybe someone from other ACs and SOs; Rinalia and Leon are two board members incoming and outgoing. The APAC hub and Middle East just started a group GSE, so these sub-speeches are five minutes each and one 10-minute presentation on APRALO's decade of diversity. The presentation is titled: APRALO

Looking Back, Looking Forward. This is to summarize whatever we have to say to these dignitaries as well. So this is the first part.

The second part of the first session is participant self-introductions. Very brief introductions totaling about 15 minutes for the 40 participants. We may have more than 40 because 39 are the funded travelers, travelers that we have funded, but there are some ALSes sending second and third travelers on their own funding, so we are likely to have about 45 or there about as the number of participants in the GA. So the seating will have to be for 50 so that we will plan that and the participants' introduction for 15 minutes and a discussion on ALS and member responsibilities, expectations and obligations. So this will cover the first part of the GA, a 90-minute session.

Then we have a break and then we have the second part, a 60-minute session. So this will cover the policy priorities for APRALO which is by our own Holly, Maureen, Kylie and other people from APRALO. Then a discussion on ROPs individual members, enhancing member engagement, improving quality of participation; this is a discussion that I have tentatively marked as Cheryl and I—I haven't asked Cheryl yet. I thought she would be on this call, but unfortunately, she has not been able to join, so I will sound her out by email. And then something on leadership development, capacity building, mentoring by Ali and Lianna, and then regional program partnerships, some discussions. So this is 60 minutes.

And then we have the debriefing session on Thursday, the last day, and this is basically some information on the ICANN policy hot topics,

regional policy topics by someone from APriGF or APNIC or APTLD. We have to ask Yannis for help for suggestion for some names of speakers.

Then we have feedback and this is again a session that I basically wanted Maureen and Lianna to moderate, so we have to work out some structure for this hub to elicit feedback from all the participants there. And then we have—we are basically flagging the time from the GA at Abu Dhabi to the [inaudible] in 2019 March as the interval of time where we can get our ALSes to make some improvement. So this is the last part of the debriefing session.

This is the GA sessions in summary. As I said, this is still a work in progress and we will be enhancing these things as we go forward. I see Gisella has raised a hand. Please go ahead, Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you, Satish. This is Gisella for the record. Just regarding the timing, we've been trying to piece the schedule together and the block timings in Abu Dhabi are such that on the Wednesday from General Assembly, the first block starts either at 8:30 or 9 o'clock depending on when you wish to start and runs till 10:15. So basically the first part of the GA would either be 75 or 105 minutes that's 1 hour 15; 1 hour 45 and part two would be 90 minutes that's running from 10:30 to 12. You don't obviously have to use the whole 90 minutes you can stop earlier so just so you know that that is what is available for you according to the chat.

And on the Thursday for the debrief, the way the schedule is currently the block schedule, we have key cross community sessions on that day

as well as the public forum which takes up the whole day. The options are [inaudible] as we debrief from 8:30 to 10:15, or again from 9 to 10:15 if you don't need a full hour 45 and you only wish to do it in 1 hour 15, or you can have it at lunch time but that is subject to catering budget because then we would only have a 60-minute session but as that would be running over the lunch hour, we would need to provide lunch, and as I said, that is subject to catering budget. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Gisella. Satish for the record. These are very important points and we have to make our schedule fit to the block schedule so we will work on this. Given the fact that most ALS representatives do not have much of a chance to speak after having come all the way for this meeting, we might want to take up all these times that we have so that they have a chance and opportunity to speak as these things especially for things like feedback which we get from the 10 minutes it can actually go to about 30 minutes so that there is a reception time for people to at least make a notional [inaudible] intervention.

So we will then refit the timings and rearrange schedules as we have a final picture of the blocks schedule and the timings and required from our side so we will do that by the next call.

Gisella your hand's up, is that an old hand? All right. So are there any other questions or comments? So any further questions on the GA schedule? Please write to us. We welcome any community input on any of these aspects, anything that you want to cover. We will be subject to the time constraints we'll be able to squeeze in.

With that, not seeing any other comments, we move on to the general matters which some of it has been already covered. We have the matter of the APRALO booth which is a joint effort with Siranush and we have a volunteer from Iran I think who's helping Siranush to manage the booth. Siranush, would you like to speak about the booth if you're still—you're on line. Would you like to make an intervention here?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes. Can you hear me?

SATISH BABU: Yes, go ahead.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you very much. Yes, we'll be running the ICANN information booth starting from Saturday and two of our alumni; one from Iran and another one from Pakistan will be leading to booth activities. We will be planning together with Deborah who is managing booth activities, some sessions people to come to the booth and have brief meetings with new commerce, with fellows, with national, and I know that there is also a special APRALO booth there, so if you need any help there just let me know, but I'm sure that the At-Large staff is taking care of them.

Anything, if you have a question related to the ICANN information booth, I would be happy to respond. Next week, we are planning to have a Skype call with our booth leads and meeting teams to see what special activities will be planned there, some kind of info meeting for

them, so by that time I may have more information coming. That's all for my side.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Siranush. A couple of points here. First, I'm not sure if there is a separate APRALO booth. I was kind of under the impression that it is the same booth; ICANN booth is also the APRALO booth. So if there are two booths, well and good. If there is one booth, we will have to share this.

And the second thing is that it'll be very helpful if, Siranush, you can keep Maureen and Lianna in the loop because what might happen is that some of the travelers, APRALO, ALS representatives, might end up in the ICANN booth. You know, they might also need help, so you all volunteers may need to at least push them to the other booth if there is a second booth.

So now I see Maureen and Silvia have raised their hands. Maureen first and then Silvia.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Satish. I'm on my mobile phone at the moment. One of the things I just wanted to mention and I had actually put it into the AC, but it must have collapsed, and so it didn't come through. But this is all [inaudible] outreach and it's really important I think that if we can ensure that the outreach doesn't just with the ICANN staff. The At-Large outreach and engagement committee are really concerned that—

they're actually not being involved and they're trying to do a coordination thing across all the different constituencies.

And I know that that was one of the things that Lianna wanted to ensure, was that we [inaudible] to like crossing over into areas that other people were actually involved in with regard to outreach. And so if we could put that in as an action item, that the outreach and engagement committee is also included into any arrangement. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Maureen. Yeah, maybe we can flag that as an action item, that the ALAC outreach and engagement working group or committee is also involved in this. Silvia, please go ahead, and then Amrita.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much, Satish. Yes, I could follow up with Erhan, our colleague, and he is checking with his team, he's understanding is that there will be an At-Large booth for our community so he will get back to me on this very shortly. Once this is 100% confirmed, then I will coordinate with you to [inaudible] on sign-up sheets so everybody can put their time when they're available and I will have more details on the location of the booth, etcetera. So just bear with us for a few days and I think you'll have a confirmation that we'll have our booth. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Silvia. Satish for the record. That's good to know and we will wait confirmation from you on this matter. Amrita, please go ahead.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Yeah, hi. A part of it was currently addressed but I have a query regarding the At-Large booth. Would it be only an information booth or would there be people coming in turns to discuss with -- for example, if there is an ICANN information booth and there are people who are interested to know more about At-Large, would they be directed to the booth at the specific time when certain community members would be there to kind of help them, help to address their queries? And the second part is would there be also some showcasing by individual ALS members at the booth?

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Amrita, for these very interesting questions. I'll respond first and then it's over to Siranush. I think the understanding is that if we're going to have an At-Large booth, then not only APRALO but all the other RALOs might also end up there. So first of all, it is a common point for the entire At-Large community. Secondly, since we are the host RALO we have an additional responsibility and obligation to let our ALSes use that space for highlighting what they do, so if they have any material it can be distributed there and so on.

So this needs to be fleshed out a little more in detail and once we know from Silvia if this is going to be the At-Large booth, then we can start work on these matter. Over to you, Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: I just wanted to add that if there is no At-Large booth, then all ALSes are more than welcome to come and ask for any formation related to At-Large or any other community to ICANN information. If there will be an At-Large separate booth, those who will be approaching the ICANN information booth can be directed and will be directed if there is a specific At-Large or APRALO or other RALO's questions then they will be directed to your booth; so that's a collaborative effort, so no issue in that.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Siranush. That sounds pretty good and if there are two booths then we will also direct other people who come to the At-Large booth to the ICANN booth, if required, so it's a joint effort on that.

Are there any other comments? We have eight minutes to go and a few remaining points. The giveaways, we have discussed regarding the brochure and the card. We do not appear to have any surplus budget for anything else, but I could be mistaken, and we might want to take this up once all our financial situation is completely clear; we are aware of how much funds are coming and going. And if there is any surplus funding, we can of course pick up any additional giveaways like USB drive or whatever. So we will do this in coordination with Heidi and the staff team once we know the financial situation clearly. Ali, please go ahead.

ALI ALMESHA: Thanks, Satish. This is Ali for the record. One of the items that I have discussed with the host as well is to provide a giveaway, so there might

be—I'm waiting just for the confirmation, there might be some giveaways during the showcase that we might give away to the attendees there. So that, we can at least use the other budget for something else [inaudible]. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Ali. So that's good news again, so once you know what it is, please inform the staff so that they can plan accordingly.

ALI ALMESHAL: Sure.

SATISH BABU: Now the next point is—yeah, thanks Ali. Banners, I'm not sure if we need to, we can have a banner in the showcase location. One or two banners basically stating our team decade of diversity. So this again we have to discuss with the staff. It might be good to have some kind of a backdrop or a banner so that it appears on all our pictures as a kind of evidence of our GA.

We have discussed the dress code; we already mentioned that it's traditional and red and all that, so we'll skip that.

Instruction for travelers. So I think between all the committees, we will have to put together a list of instructions if there is anything particular, but at least emergency contact numbers, medical numbers if there is any such thing, and if there's anybody who would require additional help because they have a disability, that we should know. So these are

the things we have to maybe -- and of course, we have already mentioned it but to be expected standards of behavior, we have to reinforce as an instruction as well, so it may be a good idea for the leadership team to throw up a bunch of instruction; so we might want to do this over the next couple of weeks or so. If that's okay.

And the last item in the agenda here is prerequisites and reading material for ALS representatives so that there is some basic information available to all of them and they are not absolute zero. Now this again, we will consult Holly and also the APAC hub because they have developed some material, and then recommend to the ALS that they should be reading this up, or if it's a short online calls or something, then they should be taking those calls before they attend the GA. This again we have to get it done over the next couple of weeks. Are there any comment on any of these?

I don't see any hands up. So we move on to the last item on the agenda which is any other business. Are there any comments or questions that anyone wants to highlight on any part, any aspect of the GA?

ALI ALMESHAL: Satish? I think—

SATISH BABU: Yeah, please go ahead, Ali.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Sorry, just a quick comment. Maybe we have said that in the previous meeting, as well on previous calls. Just to re-clarify again that there is no concern about the dress, what you need to dress, what you need to do in Abu Dhabi, those who haven't been to this region. So I'm just telling you like Abu Dhabi or Dubai or whatever countries other than Saudi Arabia, you are free to do whatever or you are free to wear whatever you wear; whatever you are using today or wearing today, you can wear it in Abu Dhabi.

There is no restrictions on the dressing or the clothes. The only point that I want to highlight, if people are planning to visit the Sheikh Zayed mosque, which again, it's a mosque, so you would need to be covered. I mean, the whole body needs to be covered or at least the head. That's the only point. Other than that, everything is do it as you do today. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Ali. That's a very important point, and that brings me to another aspect that information like this needs to be communicated to all the travelers and on the call today we have only about -- the maximum was 18 participants, right now we have 12. So I would suggest that in one of the future calls, maybe the next or the one after that, we must insist that all the travelers must attend, and during that call we can pass on information like what Ali just shared because this is important. So maybe we can plan one call where all the ALS and other representatives have to participate.

So the webinar or the mailing lists, these are all instruments of communicating to our participants. So let's then plan it out.

So we are now one minute before the top of the hour. Assuming that there is no other point, we will close this call now. I'd like to thank everybody who has joined this call and contributed to it. So we'll be reaching out to all travelers on the mailing list on calls maybe through a webinar over the next few weeks, and have a good day, and it's over to Yeşim for closing the call. Yannis mentions that we can put everything on the APAC list directly so that everybody is aware of these things. And over to you, Yeşim.

YEŞİM NAZLAR:

Thank you very much, Satish. As you have just said, this meeting is now adjourned and I wish everyone a lovely rest of the day. Thank you, bye-bye.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you. Bye.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

Thank you all, bye.

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