

EVIN EDOGDU:

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening everyone, and welcome to the AFRALO Hot Topics Working Group Call on Thursday 21 September, 2017 from 17:00 UTC to 18:00 UTC. Today on the call with us we have Aicha Abaad, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Sarah Kiden, Mohamed El-Bashir, Gabriel Bombambo, Bakary Kouyate, Glenn McKnight, Dave Kissoondoyal and Fatimata Seye.

With staff side we have with us Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Ariel Liang, and myself Evin Erdogdu. I will also be doing call management. We have lifted apologies from Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong and our interpreters with us today on the French channel are Camila and Claire. And with that, I'd like to remind everyone to please state your name for the record and also for transcription purposes. Over to you, Mohamed, please begin. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Thank you very much, Evin. And hello everyone, thank you very much for joining on AFRALO Hot Topics Working Group Call. This is our second conference call. The first conference call was very productive and I'd like also to thank other colleagues who've joined us in this call like; Glenn who was already currently with us in this call and others as well. So today's agenda is basically reviewing the proposed draft working group chart or objectives that has been drafted by Daniel and you can see it on the screen currently in Adobe Connect.

And the second main item is agreeing hopefully in this call, that would be great, on the Hot Topics list that we debated last time. And the third

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item is to discuss the way forward and what are we going to do with the Hot Topics in terms of presentation, how we're going to maybe develop a document and also how we're going to work implementing or at least promoting those hot topics. So without further ado, we can start the discussion on the first item which is hopefully having your feedback on the proposed text for the working group objective and purpose. [AUDIO BREAK]

For our colleagues, Mohamed El-Bashir for the record, for our colleagues who are not in Adobe Connect, I hope that you have the text in front of you but if you don't have the text, I will just quickly go through it now so you can hopefully join the discussion.

So the main objective of the working groups are to add relevant topics to the one identified in the last ICANN meeting; discuss the topics and how it relate to ICANN policies; and come up with suggestions for the topics; and agreeing on the topics for AFRALO; developing or come up with a short, brief description for the topics; and hopefully also develop a document for the Hot Topics; and working on how we can implement an outreach; and to outreach an awareness for those topics. I give it to Tijani. Please Tijani, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Mohamed. Tijani speaking. Perhaps before asking about the objectives of the working group we have to ask ourselves about the objective of identifying hot topics for AFRALO. This is I think a question that we need to answer and it will clarify better the objective and it will

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make us choose the right topics that will really be useful for our objectives.

In my point of view, the main objective of identifying Hot Topics for AFRALO is to raise awareness of our numbers about the Hot Topics, the ICANN Hot Topics for AFRALO. I want to emphasize on this ICANN Hot Topics because some Hot Topics that are listed are not ICANN topics and they are not in the remit of ICANN at all. And in this case I don't think they are useful to be Hot Topics for AFRALO. AFRALO is at ICANN and everything we do is related to ICANN. So if it is a topic which is not in the remit of ICANN, I don't think it is that useful to discuss it. So in my point of view, it is good to make all our community aware of the Hot Topics discussed at ICANN and that are of interest for Africa.

The second main objective of [inaudible] Hot Topics is to make our community aware that there is a work done about them and to make them aware that we need as a community, as African community, as AFRALO, we need to participate in this work. So it is mainly to push our community and to explain them that being on the working groups that are addressing those Hot Topics is very important for our community.

Very important because it will make the voice of Africa heard at those working groups, and as you know, in ICANN, policy is done in working groups. It is done by the community and then it is approved by the Board etc. But first of all it is elaborated by the community, and if we are on the working groups that are elaborating the policies, I think we will win a lot. We will make the interest of Africa raised in the working groups.

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So the first is to make our community aware about those Hot Topics. Second is to push them, to encourage them to be on the working groups that are addressing those topics so that our concerns and our interest is put on the table in those working groups.

And third, the last point, is to express our opinion in case we cannot have our opinion raised in the working groups or if it is not taken into account, it is also for us to raise, to express our opinion about any of those Hot Topics if our opinion is not taken into account in the working groups, it is not in the recommendation. So those are in my point of view the three main objectives of identifying Hot Topics. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Thank you very much, Tijani. Mohamed here for the record. I would like to respond to your two raised points. Just before that, I did post the link on Adobe to the page that has the updated Hot Topics list. I just noticed that the current list that we have on Adobe screen, it is the list that was presented on the first meeting, which was the list that agreed on in ICANN 59, but we as a group have updated this list in the wiki. So the list has been updated and hopefully you can see the content soon.

Regarding your raised point of how we identify the topics and its relevance to ICANN, that has been discussed in the first meeting and it was agreed that yes we need to focus on topics related to ICANN. So when you see the updated list for example you will see the first item 'Internet Fragmentation' now is linked to DNS. It will be Internet 'Shutdown and its impact on DNS.' So basically the question was around how we can raise awareness about, let's say avoiding or at least the

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cases of internet shutdown using DNS and its impact on DNS, sorry internet users.

So we tried to link issues to ICANN core functions and we did remove some items actually from this list. For example 'IP Addresses,' we agreed in the last meeting that it's better to coordinate with AfrNIC and have AfrNIC updating our community about the status of IP addresses in Africa as we have an MOU with AfrNIC. So that's been -- okay, I hope we got the list. Actually the list that is -- if you go to this link, the comment that the list is a comment. Yeah, go ahead, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

I have the list, thank you. I have the list.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

That's great. Mohamed for the record. I just wanna make sure that others in the call as well they've seen the list so we can discuss looking at the updated list. [AUDIO BREAK]

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Now it is on the screen and there is the link on the chart. So you have everything.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Yeah, okay. Thank you, Tijani, that's great. So Glenn is raising a hand. Glenn, please.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Yes, hi. Glenn for the transcript. I think your response and Tijani's comment are quite accurate in terms of -- you don't want feature creep, you don't want to start doing Hot Topics that are relevant important topics, but they're not within the remit or mission.

So may I suggest, I'm struggling with this idea for our own RALO -- do you think there's some merit when you identify what the Hot Topics are, that it's actually, it's very well defined, that it's tied to one of the or many of the pillars that are set in with the ICANN strategic plan or do you think that's too complicated? Just an idea I'm thinking through based on your response, on Mohamed as well as Tijani's. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Mohamed for the record. Thank you very much, Glenn. Our current thinking is to develop a document that has let's say points about why this topic is important to AFRALO. Yes, you have a very valid argument about linking the topic to ICANN strategic pillars. That definitely is useful, that's an extra exercise. We didn't think of it but maybe to say that this is also aligned with ICANN strategic objectives x, y, z, I think that would have further strong justifications.

Maybe we can proceed with that but our initial thinking was to have the issue and then to have some text why it's simply relevant to us and some text about what are we going to do with the issue. Raise awareness, go to conferences, or maybe just debate it, what exactly we're going to do. Tijani, please.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes, thank you, Mohamed. You said what I wanted to say. Finally having the strategic objectives linked to the topics is a good thing. As you said, it is an extra exercise. But the most important thing is to identify the Hot Topics; is to encourage our community to be on the working group discussing those topics; and the final aim is to have our voice heard about those topics.

So identifying them, then working on them on the working groups and then if our point is not taken in the working group, make a statement to the Board or to the working group about the subject. In my point of view, this is the objective of the whole exercise. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Thank you, Tijani. Mohamed for the record. Evin, sorry for re-troubling you. On the page, if we can scroll down, I have a comment. I did write which is basically seven points of the updated Hot Topics; there was some discussion in the e-mails and I took those suggestions like the Fatimata suggestion on the e-mail which she's already now raising on chat and I updated the list.

So it would be helpful if you maybe scrolled down or at least took that caption for my comment on the same page. It is seven topics and two suggestions or two items we discussed in the meeting. So I think until -- - while we have that fixed we can discuss the objectives that [inaudible] by Daniel. Sarah please, and then Tijani.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Mohamed, Heidi has her hand up.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Okay, okay. Thank you, Tijani. If we can have Heidi and then Sarah, please.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you very much. I'll be brief. This is Heidi for the record. I'm looking at the objectives of this exercise as well as the Hot Topics. And what I'm not seeing so clearly is -- well, I think might be really the key part, and that's the impact on any of these activities or policies on the end user in Africa. You'll see that in the Hot Topics that At Large did at the ALAC prepared as well as EURALO, there's always a reference to the possible impact on end users. So I just want to stress that that's something that you may wish to keep in mind. Thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Thank you, thank you, Heidi. Please Sarah, go ahead. [AUDIO BREAK]

Mohamed for the record. Sarah has just written that her call is dropped. If she could be dialed again. Thank you, Heidi, for the comment. Definitely what we're going to do in the next step after agreeing on the topics itself. And actually in part of the discussion when we have in the last call is to say, does this issue impact users? Does it relevant to ICANN and that were the main categories for having the item on the list. The next step is we need to develop and draft text around that. Thank you, Heidi. [AUDIO BREAK]



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Thank you, Evin, I think we have now the updated list. If you scroll down or if you can see end of the page, there's a written update, Mohamed El-Bashir. So basically this is the updated list from the last call and from the contributions of Fatimata and Dave and others as well in the e-mail. I think before going to the list, let's try to complete -- now we have the updated, the correct list on the screen. Go ahead, Sarah, please. [AUDIO BREAK]

Sarah, you can either type the question and I can try to answer it. Yes, yes. We're going to have a brief description about the topics. Thank you, Sarah. Let's go back to the first item which is basically 'Try to approve or agree on the first topics.' If there is no comments, I would consider that we all in agreement of the objective, the working group, and we can proceed to the Hot Topics. If you can just maybe use in Adobe the green button or the Agree button so I can understand that we can move ahead on the objective of the group to the Hot Topics.

Okay. So I got response from Fatimata and Tijani. And I was assume that there is no objections cause no one has raised objections we can move to the Hot Topics.

So on the Hot Topics, this is the updated list from the last meeting. It's open for another discussion. Just to give you a brief. We tried to be relevant to ICANN objectives. For example, on the previous list we have 'Internet fragmentation.' Now it's changed after debate last time to 'Internet shutdown and impact on DNS.' Now we have Cyber security, Online Safety, Privacy and Whois linked together; previously we had Cyber Security and Online Safety separate.

Now we have 'Promoting DNS tech in African registry, African TLD registries' as a separate item, and ICANN Accountability and Transparency, Internet Governance and Activities. And we have two topics that really need discussion and an agreement. One is the 'Remote region support' which we need really someone to explain to us, someone who attended the meeting in Johannesburg to at least explain to us what exactly meant by the 'Remote region support.' And we have an item suggested by Dave which is 'ICANN to contribute to the UN 2030 sustainable development agenda.' So with that, I will give everyone the floor to discuss it. I have Tijani first. Please, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Mohamed. Tijani speaking. The first topic, 'Internet shutdown,' is it an ICANN topic? Does ICANN have anything to do for this? Is it in the remit of ICANN to stop or to treat or to address internet shutdown? I don't think so. So this is my first comment. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Thank you, Tijani. Mohamed for the record. Sarah, would you like to speak? [AUDIO BREAK]

Okay. Mohamed here for the record. So we have Tijani's response and comment about 'Internet Shutdown' not being relevant to ICANN. If could elaborate to us or at least could discuss this further. On the last conference call we made a compromise that talking about impact of using the DNS on internet shutdown and maybe -- I'm really not clear about what exactly is the objective of this. Are we going to discuss

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cases where there was internet shutdown using or utilizing DNS as a way to cut access to sites? I was not in the last ICANN meeting so I want really to hear from people who were in that meeting before dropping an item. So I can understand. Yeah, please Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. Glenn asked me a question on the -- not, Dave, Dave asked me a question on the chat saying that the internet shutdown impacts the DNS as well.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, it does. Yes it does, but what ICANN can do for that? We need to discuss the topics that can be addressed in ICANN on which we can work in ICANN.

SARAH KIDEN: Hi everyone. This is Sarah. This is my chance to speak.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, Sarah. One second, please. I am finishing. And for which we can give our point of view to the ICANN. So this is something which is out of the remit of ICANN. ICANN can't do anything about that. It's right that it impacts DNS, that's true, that's clear. But what can we do as ICANN about it? Thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR: Thank you, Tijani. Sarah, please go ahead. [AUDIO BREAK]

I think Sarah is also dropped again. Dave, are you on the call, can you speak? If you have arguments or suggestions about -- and I think, yes, Dave raised a hand. Please, Dave.

SARAH KIDEN: Yes?

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Sarah.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay, thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR: Okay, go ahead, Sarah, please. Dave, you're next. [AUDIO BREAK]

Okay. Mohamed here for the record. I think Sarah has an issue about her connection. We will just see what she writes on Adobe and please go ahead, Dave. You're next. [AUDIO BREAK]

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: I'm sorry. Yes. She needs to look at [Participant speaking in French].

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SARAH KIDEN: Okay, thank you.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Tu parles en Anglais and tu [Participant speaking in French] en Francais. Voila.

INTERPRETER: Dave, you are speaking in English on the French channel.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Okay, Dave speaking. I'm going to speak in French. So we have the translation.

SARAH KIDEN: Hi everyone, it's Sarah. This is my time to speak.

INTERPRETER: Sarah, just a minute, Dave is speaking.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Okay, Dave speaking. There are some opportunities in which I don't agree with Tijani and this is the case today. It's a rare opportunity on which I don't agree with him. I think 'Internet Shutdown' is something on which ICANN can have a role to play and when there is an internet shutdown we all agree that it is not a DNS problem, so I think that ICANN can have an influence on all the governments, on all the member

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states to take a commitment to have policies and laws so internet access can be sure and so there won't be any shutdown.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay, thank you.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: I hope that you have understood me. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN: Hi everyone, this is Sarah. Is this my chance to speak?

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR: Yes Sarah, please go ahead. [AUDIO BREAK]

It's Mohamed for the record. Yes Sarah, you can speak. You can go ahead. [AUDIO BREAK]

Okay, so Sarah has already raised her question, that's fine. I think, Sarah, you are in the French channel. I'm not sure, but it would be easier to have you on the English channel. Tijani, please.

SARAH KIDEN: Yes.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, thank you very much. Sarah is not on the French channel, she's on the English channel but she has a very big problem with the connection. Let's come back to the issue of internet shutdown. I am ready to write and email to the list, to explain how this week [CROSSTALK] impact anything by discussing the internet shutdown --

SARAH KIDEN: Hi everyone, this is Sarah. Is this my chance to speak?

TIJANA BEN JEMAA: -- because given ICANN through the GAC cannot act on anything. We cannot make policy on this, we cannot oblige anything. ICANN doesn't have anything to do with that. So, it is a problem, a big problem. I strongly disagree with the internet shutdown. It affects the end users, we will not have access to internet if you shut down the internet. That's right, but is it something that we can impact when we discuss it in ICANN? Thank you. I can write an email explaining all this if you want.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR: Hi, it's Mohamed here for the record. Before going back to the issue of internet shutdown, answering Sarah's question. Yes, we are going to have a description about each ICANN developed, as we agree on the ICANN [inaudible]. We also will see who's going to volunteer to draft or write those couple of lines for each item. So, thank you, Tijani and Dave, for debating the internet shutdown. I agree it's a topic that impacts internet and domain name system users in Africa, yes.

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I think the raised question about what we are going to do as [inaudible] and what we can achieve -- I would just be cautious and never disagree with the statement Dave said about ICANN to influence government. I don't think ICANN have influence in government in any way that we have recently. If a government decided to shut down the internet for different reasons, and we have seen that in Arab-Spain revolutions, we have seen that recently in some African countries.

No one could do anything about it, and we just need to be clear about what exactly -- what we are proposing to do. Do we raise awareness within ICANN about the issue? Do we try to lobby African GFAC? I mean, what exactly is the objective of what exactly AFRALO is going to do? So, I suggest we have that discussion on the mailing list, that will be useful. And I will give it as the last item on this topic ICANN for Dave first, and then Omar. Please go ahead, Dave.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL:

Dave speaking. I agree with [inaudible]. I think we have to consider like that. But I have also good reasons to think that ICANN can help us to explain those Hot Topics, as the topic of internet shutdown. So I agree with Tijani. We can discuss about that on the mailing list, and then we will take a decision. I agree. Okay, thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Omar, please go ahead.



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OMAR SHURAN:

Hello, this is me replying. I'm just thinking back to my suggestions regarding this topic in the last meeting. I suggest that you rename this topic to internet accessibility and availability. Does it include the internet shutdown issue as well? Regardless of the idea that Tijani has come up with, I do disagree with Tijani regarding ICANN's role in this regard. But anyhow we will [inaudible] this in the mailing list. I'm just mentioning that probably [inaudible] this topic to internet availability and accessibility will be the better [inaudible]. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Mohamed for the record. Thank you, Omar. Just to remind as well others about the previous discussion last time about accessibility, and we concluded that accessibility has different elements associated with internet access. Some of those elements are not within ICANN's mandate. Accessibility could include [inaudible] availability. It could have internet speed, [inaudible], policies for internet access. Some of those are outside the jurisdiction of ICANN and core function. And then we agreed that we're going to link this to the DNS and internet shutdown. So I encourage you to -- let's continue the discussions on the main list, that would be great. And this is a very interesting discussion really to continue. Thank you very much, Omar here.

So, is there any other topic issue you want to raise or comment about it? I have a question regarding the Remote Region Support. As I said, I was not in the meeting and I'm not sure really what exactly this topic's about, and we have it on the 'to be discussed' topic list. This one and the other topic which is ICANN Contribution to 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, as proposed by Dave.

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Tijani, sorry, I don't have your hand raised. But anyone who would like to provide or comment, that would be great. Especially on the topic of Remote Region Support. Tijani first and then Omar.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes. Thank you very much, Mohamed. Tijani speaking. I think that during the call of 60 minutes, we cannot discuss the topics one by one. And the best is to make an action item for each member of this group, to give their comments on the lists already established of Hot Topics, provide other Hot Topics if they have others, or discuss what is already on the list, on the mailing list, so that in the next call we would have something we would compile more or less our comments, and we'll have at the end something that is more or less agreed by everyone. I commit to comment on all those topics, and perhaps some others. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Omar, please. Glenn, you can proceed, please go.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Great, thank you. Glenn for the record. What Tijani's comment made me think of another idea, and it may have some merits, but we've seen penholders or shepherds, in other examples of when we do policy. I'm just wondering if there's some merit within our community where people have a strong passion on one of these Hot Topics, that they could sort of take the lead and be the pen holder or the champion that they could actually try to steer the conversation to the next level,

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because as you said earlier, what do you do with that after you identify the Hot items? How do you engage the community?

So perhaps getting someone to say, “Yes I’m very, very, very knowledgeable on cybersecurity. I’d like to take charge of that.” So just an idea I want to throw out to you. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Thank you very much, Glenn. Mohamed here for the record. Regarding Tijani’s first suggestion of discussing the topics individually on the list, that definitely is fine. We should continue the discussion on the mailing list on a weekly basis. But I’d just like to remind everyone that this is the ‘agreed so far’ list. So if you have any additions to it, that would be welcomed. Any discussion about when ICANN like internet shutdown to be removed, that definitely will be welcomed. And for Glenn’s point, that’s a very good point, thank you very much for raising that.

I think the end objective and goal is to have champions within our RALO, who will lead the discussions on those topics. I mean, we need to identify in the implementation of the Hot Topics [inaudible] the Outreach or the action items we need to agree on, who are our community members who have the knowledge and active participation in those topics, definitely.

At this stage it might be early to do that, but if we have someone already interested here in the Working Group, they can show interest at an early stage definitely. Thank you for the suggestions raised through.

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Okay, so for the two items that we had from the previous call suggestions, I'm not really hearing any comments about them Remote Region, and ICANN's contribution to the 2030 Sustainable Development agenda. Maybe Dave, because you are the one who suggested the second item, ICANN's contribution to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda; if you can just explain to us what you mean by this, as we have you on the call here instead of receiving emails. Maybe you can explain to us what exactly about your suggestion. [AUDIO BREAK]

Mohamed for the record, we lost Dave, he's not in the call.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. May I speak, Mohamed?

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR: Yes please, Tijani. Go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. What can ICANN do for the Sustainable Development goals? I have a problem with the objective of the Hot Topics, because if we agree that the objective of those Hot Topics is to first make our community aware about them; second, welcome them on the ICANN working groups, and then third, if our point of view wasn't taken in the Working Groups, we make a statement to raise our voice about these topics.

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This is in my point of view the objective of the operation. If we don't agree on that we have to discuss that. Or perhaps I am wrong and you can tell me, "You are wrong." And that's all. But if this is the objective, how this item what ICANN can do for the Sustainable Development Goals objectives, it cannot be in the framework of our work I think. I am a little bit [inaudible] because I give the impression that I am stopping anything that comes in the list. This is not my objective at all, this is not true. I am only not clear about what we do, what this will lead us to. This is my question, this is my problem. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR:

Mohamed for the record. Thank you very much, Tijani. In agreement in terms of yes, this topic and the Remote Regions topic, that's why I put them outside the list. And then right in here on the call, so at least we can have an agreement about them moving forward. Personally, I think it's very difficult to link this to ICANN. I don't see a direct link. It might be an issue, or at least might be in the governmental circles and forums in Africa -- we haven't debated about those issues, but not at the user's level, and not certainly related to the DNS level.

So that's why I did try to give Dave a chance to explain his suggestion, but he was away. So I think personally I would recommend removing those two, I don't see a relevance really to them, and even in this call we failed to get anyone from the people who attended the last meeting where this has been explained to us what exactly the remote region support -- what exactly is in this topic, what's the issue? So I'd like to give Dave a chance to speak. Dave, please go ahead.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Dave speaking. Can you hear me?

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR: Yes.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: In the email I sent I said that ICANN and the Internet Governance Forum could get involved in the Sustainable Development Goals. That's not exactly what I meant to say. If you go back to the email I sent you, Mohamed, you'll see that I added an amendment to be made to this item on the ICANN accountability.

On the Hot Topics we did indeed have this item [inaudible], and it was also the IGF. So what I proposed was to keep ICANN and the IGF, given that there are many African members and many members from our own AFRALO who take part in the Internet Governance Forum, who would be perhaps interested in the rest of the ICANN [inaudible] list. That's what I meant to say. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR: Mohamed for the record. Thank you, Dave, for the explanation. So, if you don't have strong feelings about this item, because I have [inaudible], that's why they put it here. I think we can go ahead and remove it with the Remote Region Support. Yes, you already submitted a comment about ICANN Accountability and Transparency which is already updated in item number five on the list, and that is fine. And

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we have number six on the list Internet Government Activities and Issues. That's already there.

So I think now at least we can say in agreement, or at least we have seven topics to debate on. I think the focus of the discussion, let us not focus on the objective, just removing items. I think, as Tijani earlier stated, let's focus on the discussion about if this item is relevant. And what we can do on this item internally within ICANN, and also externally in terms of reach out. So we'll take this list, the seven items list back to the Wiki and we continue discussing this if -- I mean, the [inaudible]

We have just a remaining couple of minutes. I'd like to move to the last item which is agree on what needs to be done. My proposal is that we need to draft a document, maybe similar to EURALO's Hot Topics document. We need to have the Hot Topic and we need to have a few lines about why it's important to AFRALO and African internet users. And then a few lines about what we're going to do with the Hot Topic.

And I can put the draft on the Wiki. Let's try to add text and a description to the seven items so at least we can have a document that we could discuss on the next meeting. So my suggestion is to, if there's any objections on the seven items, raise it on the mailing list. And the next is we need to draft this document, which should have a description and text about the item and its relevance, and what we're going to do with it. So any volunteers who could lead the drafting? Or anyone who'd like to work on the drafting on the text for the Hot Topics?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Mohamed?

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR: Tijani, please go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: It's important that we discuss these topics, because we'll write a document about the Hot Topics. So first we have to finish the discussion about the Hot Topics, identify this item list and then seek a volunteer to make a first draft of the document.

MOHAMED EL-BASHIR: Mohamed for the record. Thank you, Tijani. Yes, I agree with you on this. But I would like that just on the next call we are not debating the Hot Topics again. We're actually moving ahead and at least we have a text about the items that have agreed. If we can do both in sequence, that will be great. And give ourselves like two weeks for the next call, or maybe even 10 days, so we can have an outcome.

Okay, so I think we have one minute remaining for the conference call. If there is no disagreement about this, this is what we can do before the next call; agree to finalize the list and also start working on drafting some text. Thank you very much for joining the call. I wish you a good day ahead or a good night ahead of you. Thank you very much.

EVIN ERDOGDU: This call is now adjourned. Just to remind you to please disconnect your lines when leaving the bridge and AC room. Thank you very much for your participation and have a wonderful rest of your day. Bye-bye.

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MOHAMED EL-BASHIR: Thank you. Bye-bye.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Mohamed.

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