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GISELLA GRUBER:

This is Gisella speaking. We're going to officially start the call [once] we're recording and the interpretation service.

Good evening and welcome to this AFRALO monthly teleconference on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 18:30 UTC.

On the call, on the French channel, we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Etienne Tshishimbi, Rodrigue Jacques Guiguemde, Gabriel Bombambo, Olévié Kouami, Abdelkerim Ousman, Krishna [Seedburn], Adam Ahmat Doungous, Maimouna Maye, Michel Tchoung, Ramanou Biaou.

On the English channel, we have Bram Fudzulani, Nkem Nweke, Liz Orembo, Daniel Nanghaka, Caleb Olumuyiwa, Seun Ojedeji, Isaac Maposa, Juliet Maina, Ali Hussein, Sarah Kiden, Omar Shuran, Barrack Otieno, Beran Gillen, and Mohamed El Bashir.

We have received no apologies this evening.

From ICANN staff, we have Silvia Vivanco, Heidi Ullrich, Claudia Ruiz and myself, Gisella Gruber.

Our interpreters for this evening would be Camilla and Isabelle.

May I please remind you just state your name when you take the floor and there'll [inaudible] for the interpreters so that they can identify you on the language channel.

As a reminder, if ever you need to mute your phone line, you can dial \*6 and if you wish to resume, you can dial \*7. Thank you. Aziz, you have the floor. Aziz, are you with us?

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AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Gisella. Thank you, Gisella and staff for being there for us always, to always assist us in teleconferences. Good evening, everyone. I'm very glad to see you. There are many of us here this evening for this teleconference, which represents my last teleconference as AFRALO Chair. So thank you for being here.

We're going to start right away with the agenda. So before [inaudible] I'd like to know whether you have any comments or any changes to suggest to the agenda. You have the link where you can access it so that you can check it. But as usual I'm going to start with our open policy issues. There aren't many public comment period so far [which is also] the case in ICANN. I have three that I wish to discuss with you that will be closing this year, the close date is this week, actually this very week.

So the first is for the proposed days for ICANN public meetings in the period of 2021 to 2023. As you know, there have many times we comment on the fact that ICANN meeting overlap with religious national or global holidays or with community events. So some participants even that we are a community representing all religions had some suggestions to make regarding the days for its public meetings. That is why ICANN has launched a public comment period on this subject.

The purpose of which is to gather comments from the community regarding the days that are suggested on the ICANN site for its public meetings in the periods of 2021 to 2023. The close date for this public comment period was the day before yesterday and the idea was to

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identify any potential issues before ICANN publishes its official meeting date.

So they gave the community a chance to make its comments. The community made many comments regarding [March], regarding Ramadan, Jewish and Christian holidays as well, and that is the reason ICANN has published these dates five years beforehand to avoid any conflict. Currently, ICANN is examining the comments received and seeing if they need to make any necessary amendments to those dates.

The second public comment period regards the proposed renewal of the .MUSEUM Sponsored Registry Agreement. So this regards the renewal of the Registry Agreement [inaudible] and whenever there is a Registry Agreement renewal, ICANN publishes the agreement online and they give us this possibility of making comments on the Registry Agreement, which is proposed to be renewed. So this is a comment between ICANN and the Domain Name Management Association.

Thirdly, we have the public comment [inaudible] Proposed Changes to the NCUC Charter. [Inaudible] civil society within the GNSO. The idea here was to gather contributions from the community regarding the amendment made to the charter for the GNSO (Generic Names Supporting Organization), Non-Commercial Users Constituency. They have therefore published the [transcript] of the comments and they are awaiting the analysis on the comment before they can adopt the third charter.

Now, there's all regarding the open public comments, I don't know if you have any comments to make. Any remarks? Otherwise, we will

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move on to the next item on the agenda, which is report. As usual, we're going to start with the recent and upcoming activities of ALAC. And I am going to give the floor to our AFRALO representative within ALAC namely Seun, Wafa, and Tijani.

I'm not sure whether Seun wishes to go first. If you guys please can hear, let us know. Otherwise, I'm going to give the floor to Wafa. Seun, are you going to talk? Can you go ahead if you're with us, Seun, please? Are you connecting?

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

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, I can hear you. You can go ahead, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, yes. So thank you. Thank you, Aziz. Just a quick update on activities with ALAC. Recently, ALAC pointed [just so] we can see - we can [think] as the – I don't know the co-Chairs to [renew] WT5 gTLD PDP [inaudible]. The PDP is actually going to address the issues around the geonames as the TLD.

So first of all, [inaudible] has been endorsed by ALAC to be one of the co-Chairs for that working group. As you got to ICANN60, two members of the AFRALO, we actually give them travel slots to attend ICANN61 in [inaudible]. ALAC has approved that as well.

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At-Large review implementation reports. Finally, they submitted to the Board and then ALAC also will give you the opportunity to do a 30-minute presentation during the last Board meeting in – particularly monthly video or something, [inaudible] video. Yeah, but [inaudible] correct way that eventually happen. So yeah, we will be able to give the reports and then we hope to hear from [inaudible] the Board. [Inaudible] before ICANN60 or maybe during ICANN60 and that response will now become [watch and watch] in the implementation will actually be [inaudible] in reality. But for now, we have done our part at the At-Large and it now sits on the Board to decide our next step.

In terms of the call, ALAC are actually issued calls for expression of interest to staff as the representative as that allows them to do stuff and also for ccNSO liaison. If you recall, the liaison for SSAC [inaudible] has been appointed the Vice Chair of staff and because of that, she would be... I [mean Julie] by the way. She would be leaving that position and needs to be replaced. And also Maureen would also be leaving the ccNSO liaison position much later, maybe sometime next year. And so, we have issued the call so that Maureen will be able to mentor with [that] if selected as the next liaison.

Other than that, there is no other probably that comes to mind [inaudible]. I will ask if my colleagues [inaudible] in the call as well [inaudible] any more thing that I may have missed. That's all for me for now. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Seun. Wafa, do you wish to add anything?

WAFI DAHMANI: I wanted to add to what Seun just said. This is Wafa speaking, sorry. There is something that is up for a vote right now as far as the ICANN meetings and the public consultation, and that's the only thing that I wanted to add as you're speaking. Thank you very much. I don't know if you have something to add, Tijani. You can go ahead and take the floor if you'd like.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Aziz. Yes, I think that what Seun said was quite exactly, quite complete. So thank you very much, Seun. I think that really there is everything. There is nothing to add.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you all. Very good. Let's move to the next point. Recent and upcoming activities. So let's go very quickly over that. What we typically discussed at this point is at the ALSes if they did something recently. They always ask us to inform us of what they've done during our monthly call. But because we do not have a lot of time, we typically like to have that information on the wiki page. However, if there's somebody who would like to talk about activities done by their ALS – I don't see any raised hand. Nobody took the floor so let's move to the next point.

So, items for information. Point A is the CSC (Customer Standing Committee) and Mohamed represents AFRALO in that committee. So welcome. And I would like to give the floor to the future Chair of

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AFRALO. Mohamed, if you can hear me, you can have the floor at this point. Mohamed?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much for your services and really it was an honor working with you in AFRALO. We're looking forward to your support for the next term. For the Customer Standing Committee, we had a conference call last month, the regular conference call and PTI or previously known as IANA has submitted its performance report. And there is nothing I would say exceptional in this report. And this month, they have reached 100% target of their... fulfilling their received request. No major issues.

IANA is still working on building a new process for the management of the IDN tables repository but all that was on this conference call. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Aziz, I believe that Mohamed is done.

AZIZ HILALI:

I must be disconnected. I do not hear anything. Can you hear me?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes, we can hear you.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Do you want me to repeat that again?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Aziz, we can hear you. Go ahead.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: First, I'd like to thank Aziz for his –

INTERPRETER: Mohamed, this is the interpreter. I think there's a problem with Aziz's line. So we'll just –

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay.

INTERPRETER: Gisella is trying to figure out what the issue is I think. If you want [inaudible] disconnected.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. Sure. No worries.

INTERPRETER: Thank you. So this is the interpreter again. We're just trying to reconnect Aziz's line. Nothing is happening right now.



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MOHAMED EL BASHIR:           Okay.

GISELLA GRUBER:            Just to confirm that we are trying to call Aziz. So we just need your patience for just a little bit longer. Thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:           I want to thank you. I will be in mute.

GISELLA GRUBER:            Thank you all for your patience. We are still trying to reach Aziz. Thank you for your patience.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:            I don't know if... Oh, it looks like we have Aziz. Go ahead, Aziz. We can hear you.

AZIZ HILALI:                 So I apologize. There was a problem with my connection. The issue is that I can actually hear myself right now. There is an echo.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:            I think you need to close Adobe Connect, Aziz, to fix that echo.

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GISELLA GRUBER: Make sure that you have shut off your speakerphone on Adobe Connect and on the phone. I think it stopped now. Good. Okay.

AZIZ HILALI: So I don't know exactly where you are. We were listening to Mohamed. I don't know if he is done. I don't know if it is Tijani. Let's go ahead with Tijani who is going to talk to us about these CCWG activities.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Aziz. There is still an echo so there is still an issue on your end. So if you can just look at solving that, that would be great. I've had my report as you mentioned earlier, I am inactive member in two subgroups of the Work Stream 2 CCWG-Accountability. Those two subgroups are Human Rights and the Jurisdiction Subgroup.

So as far as Human Rights, things are going quite well but we have done as far as framework of interpretation. So that is done. The framework of interpretation on the Bylaws that was done during Work Stream 1 is completed and now we have another document that we are working on.

So as far as drafting, we were all in agreement. However, when we moved to public consultation, three [governments] expressed their desire to stress certain principles, basically the UN principles. And so, ever since we began working on these groups, we said that those principles did not apply to ICANN because ICANN is a non-for-profit organization. So we all agreed on that.

However, when we drafted the documents, in fact, three governments doing public consultation mentioned that they should be included. Even though we talked about that in a Framework of Interpretation, we mentioned that this is something that only applies to businesses not so much to a nonprofit but we have that issue now. So ever since this public consultation, some of the numbers in our subgroup who actually represent those governments as well have reservations with the text that we drafted.

They basically are saying that they are going to take into consideration the position of their governments. As you know, this subgroup is a multistakeholder subgroup. All stakeholders are represented whether it is civil society, private sector governments, ALAC and user status, registries, registrars – all of the components of the ICANN community are represented. So no one has a veto on the decision.

So the three governments that wanted to add that create an issue. We are not necessarily convinced that we should add more weight to those principles in our document. But they insisted, those three representatives insisted. They said that we should create a document stating that we oppose a minority statement and that they wanted to basically express the fact that they are not in agreement. So this is an issue but we decided to go ahead into the plenary but we do need to go back on the question.

So the question is to know whether or not we can meet at a compromised level but that really isn't an option. Either we accept that those principles are valid for ICANN or we don't. You really can't reach a compromise. So this is where we are. That's for the first month.

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Now, let's go back to the second subgroup on Jurisdiction. That subgroup has been the issue ever since the beginning and it is still an issue. So what we decided to do is to start with the principle that we are a corporation incorporated in California within an American jurisdiction, the jurisdiction of the state of California. And so, if someone were to prevent ICANN to act and to work in the way that ICANN is supposed to work, the rules that will apply are the rules of California.

And so, for example, only business that is not within its jurisdiction is not able to work with it so we have to find a solution to that. And the solution was to ask for a general license, a general license so that there are no sanctions that can possibly apply. So we are working on this text, on this document but as we are getting near the end, some people have some modifications that they want to bring and so we will not be able to bring a final document to the plenary. It will be for next time, I hope.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Tijani. We'll go on with the subject. Another important subject. We have another four items but only half an hour to the call. So first, we have to discuss the engagement of AFRALO members [in] the discussion of the hot topic identified in Johannesburg. This is the discussion with all the ALSes and together they identified these issues.

This has been entrusted to working groups that is to work on them. The working group is chaired by Mohamed. And there had already been three meetings to discuss on these key issues, these hot topics that were discussed during the AFRALO General Assembly.

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Before I give the floor to Mohamed, I would like to remind you all for the main purpose of this working group page which is to confirm or to add other hot topics, which will then be categorized by priority level. We will now share with you a link on the chat where you can find all the necessary details in the wiki page.

So Mohamed, you have the floor. You can go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Forgive me. Excuse me.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, Tijani. Go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: We also have to give Seun the floor so he can give us his reports on the subgroups on Work Stream 2 because he's also there.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, because you're in the same group – I thought one of you would speak for you both. I apologize, Seun, and [inaudible], would you like to add anything else to what Tijani said regarding the subgroups on Work Stream 2 from the CCWG? I'm not hearing you, Seun. If you wish to speak, you can go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. Can you hear me?

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AZIZ HILALI: Yes, I hear you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yeah. Those are the two main – I will say the two subgroups and I think that Tijani captured the status of this accurately. So before the jurisdiction, we also tried to go topic-wise. So currently, the recommendation for the OFAC – [I'd read] in the OFAC issue, which actually restrict some certain countries depending on the [sanction] of [inaudible] U.S. government to do business with ICANN.

The recommendation for that particular topic is currently in the final stage within the subgroup, so I think that is going to move forward soon. And then, hopefully and after that, there's also the topic of – okay, that gives me now maybe [inaudible].

The second topic that was also discussed [inaudible] Tijani if I remember. [A while] I think Tijani provided [every] update accurately. For the other subgroup, the one on the Ombudsman, they have already submitted their report, the one on staff accountability. They've also submitted something, the one on... I think that's all. There's probably one more. I'm not following the updates. I don't have the updates [inaudible].

But otherwise, the two focus on the human rights and the jurisdiction, and that's all [that we] covered already. Thank you.

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AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Seun.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you for the work that you do.

I was just giving the floor to Mohamed that is to tell us about the working group that has been passed with considering the main hot topic in which AFRALO should be working. So, you have the floor, Mohamed.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Aziz, for the introduction. And I would like to start my report by thanking the working group members who have worked actively on this topic. So, as Aziz said, our main objective is to review and finalize the list of the hot topics that initially has been agreed on ICANN [inaudible] meeting and maybe add to it and consider hot topics to be the main topics for AFRALO to work in the [community]. We had three teleconferences and now we have almost the final list of hot topics. That is on this wiki page. We can review it.

There are about eight hot topics starting from promoting DNSSEC, the new gTLDs and geographic names, new gTLDs subsequent procedures, GDPR and privacy registration data directory services and WHOIS, ICANN accountability and transparency, diversity of ICANN within the government activities and capacity building and awareness. So those are the issues that have been considered by the [group and] hot topics for AFRALO to LACRALO and active in the [comment] periods.

Our objectives to have an outcome in a form of our report and the report will be lifting the hot topics, and why it will identify and give

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information about – why these issues are reported to AFRALO and what are we going to do [inaudible] activities to achieve those goals.

So I would like to ask you all for help and if you are interested to be a part of drafting group for writing this report, please you can inform us here in this teleconference or you can write on Adobe Connect chat or in the wiki pages.

So that's all for me and I would like to have support from your side and encourage you to participate actively with us. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Mohamed. Given that this is an item for discussion, I would like to give our participants this chance to take the floor in the case they should want to say a comment on what Mohamed just said. Likewise, I would like to ask whether anyone wishes to volunteer to participate in the [inaudible] of this hot topic, something [inaudible]. I think by now it would be important for ALSes to participate for this [inaudible] or they do participate but an enhanced level of engagement would have AFRALO clearly convey its viewpoints and for it to be as involved as possible with the work on those subjects.

Are there any ALSes wishing to take the floor to discuss the subject and to let us know which subjects would be most interesting to them or should make any comments [inaudible] been said? You have the floor if you wish to take it.

I'm not seeing any hands raised, which is somewhat strange. In the absence of request to take the floor, we're going to move on the next



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item, which is the AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting. As you know, at each ICANN meeting [inaudible] Brussels in 2010, so seven years ago, AFRALO has organized this classic almost traditional joint meetings that gather all of the African community be they from the GAC, from the GNSO or from ALAC. So we all meet as meetings which where people participate in which they all [inaudible] discussions regularly.

As you know, we have [inaudible] a call for a theme. There were many issues, many subjects identified, all of them being important but the one that was most supported by the participants of our joint meetings is the GDPR, that is to say the General Data Protection Regulation and its impact on the Internet data protection in Africa.

I would, on behalf of our entire group to thank Barrack who suggested this subject and to thank everyone who joined Tijani and Barrack in their effort to draft the preliminary statement. As you know, we always make a common statement during those meetings. And these statements are discussed during the meeting and then validate it or adopt the [inaudible].

So I would like to give the floor to Barrack, Ali and Tijani very briefly to introduce the subject to the ALSes. So I would like to ask you to please try to convey what it is you intend to improve these recommendations for ICANN in the [status]. Barrack, you have the floor.

INTERPRETER:

Barrack, can you hear us? You have the floor. This is the interpreter.

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BARRACK OTIENO: Okay. Thank you very much. So, we have – as Aziz had mentioned, we’ve watched on this preliminary statement together with Ali Hussein who is on the call. Juliet Maina as well as Tijani. So basically, for those who attended the last couple of ICANN meetings, you may have noticed that the issue of the General Data Protection Regulation has been a hot topic attracting a lot of interest across all approaching organizations and advisory committees.

So in the statement, we have basically tried to design the General Data Protection Regulation for the sake of our colleague in At-Large Structure that may not have been following the development. We’ve also outlined the key provisions in the General Data Protection Regulation and why the regulation is important in African [life], important to African [inaudible]. So as you know, [inaudible].

INTERPRETER: Barrack, I cannot hear you anymore. This is the interpreter.

BARRACK OTIENO: Hello?

INTERPRETER: Yes. I cannot hear you.

BARRACK OTIENO: Okay. So I’m saying that the GDPR replaces the previous European Union directly for data protection that was drafted in 1995. GDPR was

finalized in April of 2016 that will become effective on May 25, 2018, which is next year. So we have a substantive transition period between now and then. Basically it raises the bar on data protection in a number of areas.

So some of the chief provisions in the GDPR is it's basically outlined, mentioned on protection of personal data. And it also introduces new things such as the rights to be forgotten and the increased requirement for [content] especially for organizations that are handling personal data. So inasmuch as this regulation is meant for the European Union or European Union Membership, it's important for African countries to pay attention because we are – most of our countries are major trading partners of the European Union.

So the reason why the African community should pay attention to this regulation is because most of our countries lack data protection legislation or data protection framework. And if you read the General Data Protection Regulation, you will notice that it goes to great lengths to save that data of subjects in the European Union. And for people that don't pay attention to the regulations, there are very hefty fines that are subjected to them.

So especially for African businesses that are handling a lot of European data mostly in France and even some of our electronic command businesses, it will be very important to pay attention to these regulations.

The other point is as you all know, most of the African countries do not have sufficient local content. And we are relying a lot on foreign

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contents. Meaning [inaudible] will be subject to these regulations as we make use of the Internet. So the statements basically address all African stakeholders to examine how the regulations will affect the organizations that is businesses or governments and also to implement internal data management policies that ensure that they comply with GDPR regulations. And also to raise awareness on the [inaudible] of the regulations to mitigate any risk that may arise from non-compliance. And also considering the fact that most of our countries are trading with Europe to find ways of using the regulations to their advantage.

So in brief, this is what the statements talk about and probably I'll invite maybe Ali or Juliet to add in case I left out anything.

ALI HUSSEIN: Thank you, Barrack. Good evening, all. Can you hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes. Go ahead.

ALI HUSSEIN: I think Barrack has basically covered it all. The only thing that I would like to add is a guarantee being the [GDPR] – I mean, there is a good enough transitional period, come into effect on May 25, 2018. So there's good time for businesses to start looking at these and making sure that they are in compliance.

I'm not sure how government in Africa is going to move forward but my suggestion, [Barrack], if we could potentially rope in the African

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commission and see whether there is a potential partnership to drive this GDPR conversation at that level, maybe then it would be taken with the [fierceness in] [inaudible] because my concern would be that they will leave it up to the last minute then will start talking about now we need more time and all that kind of talk.

So I think this will be something that may be a good idea to take it up and sort of collaborate with the African commission, so the African Union Commission. That's all I have to add for now. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Ali. Thank you very much, Barrack. Everything you mentioned is actually very important. I wanted to make sure that Juliet had nothing to add before Tijani speaks. Juliet? Anything to add? Okay. Thank you very much. I do have a question but first Tijani, go ahead. You have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Aziz. I would like to first thank Ali and Barrack for presenting this draft statement. They sent it to me so that I might be able to make any comments but unfortunately, I have not yet had the time to work on it. I have a very heavy workload at this point but I will work on it as soon as I can.

What I wanted to mention is that our interest with this GDPR issue is anything that has to do with ICANN. So our statement is within the ICANN community so we need to discuss topics that has to do with ICANN. So everything that was mentioned as far as the application of

the GDPR which will start on May 25, 2018 so – I apologize, there was a loud noise. What was mentioned as far as the African community is specifically African. But there is something to be said about the word of the African community within ICANN. This is what we have to discuss as a working group at the GNSO that is addressing this topic. The Board is also discussing the topic. There will be discussions on this topic during the Abu Dhabi meeting. So the question is, what is the impact on ICANN?

Well, the impact is on the WHOIS. And the only data that we have are given to us through that WHOIS within ICANN. So what we need to study is what the impact of this GDPR is on the WHOIS because that is what ICANN does. And we also of course can talk about the impact on us. The RDS, the WHOIS just are topics that we have been talking about for a while. We were never able to really find the right balance between public data for the sake of transparency and to avoid major issues, and private data and people who want their data protected.

There is a difficulty there in finding the right balance. But I think that what we need to do here is to consider the GDPR within the ICANN system and run it within the work that we are doing at ICANN as we speak.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Tijani. I had a question but actually you answered my question as you spoke. So are there others who would like to say something about this? I do have a question for the drafting committee. Silvia is with us and the question is, “When will the last version, the final

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version of the draft be ready?" Because we need to translate again to French. We need to make sure that it is final at least two weeks prior as to the meetings so that we have time to translate again to French. And also we need to make sure that the staff has access to it so that it can be distributed for the African AFRALO meeting. So I don't know who would like to answer that question. Tijani, Ali, Barrack? Tijani, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much. I think that October 15 is the deadline for the final version. I will work on the statement. I will give my comments ahead of that date. Quite a bit of time before that date.

AZIZ HILALI:

Silvia, I don't know if you can hear me but if we can write that down as an action item, as Tijani commits to make sure that he works on it before actual date. So that is the answer to you question, the question that you sent through e-mail. Thank you very much for your work, Ali, Tijani, Juliet, Barrack, thank you so much for everything.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:

You're welcome.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

I would like to stress the fact that Barrack, Ali, and Juliet did all the work. I was not involved in it. I didn't do anything. All I will do is add my comments. So they are the ones that we need to congratulate. Thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much to all four of you but more specifically –

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Second point, Aziz, I am not going to send the document. It will be the drafting team Chair, I think it is Ali. Ali will send the final draft when it is complete after he has received my comments, he will finalize the document and send it.

AZIZ HILALI: Very well. Thank you. We are in agreement. We don't have much time left so let's move to the next point as far as ALS [inaudible]. We are not going to spend a lot of time in that point unless Sarah has something to mention. For most of them, we don't have due diligence done so we can't really add much but let me if I'm making a mistake here.

Secondly, ever since we started with individual candidates or applications, there are three requests. Etienne Tshishimbi, who has been with us for quite a while, finally she can have an official status as an individual member. Etienne, I know that you need to fill up a form online so please do that on the website. Abdelkerim Ousman has also applied and Raymond Mamattah has applied as well.

So I would like to suggest to you to welcome these individuals, as individual members if that is okay with you. Tijani, go ahead. You have the floor.



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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Aziz. So first of all, they need to fill up the form. I don't want to disagree with you but there needs to be a request, an application request, and the process is to fill up the form online.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much. I saw the latest had already been received by staff. So we're going to ask the staff because it's up to ICANN staff. [Susie], can you please write this action item? Write this down. It is that the staff needs three applicants to fill in the application so that we can consider it and see if we will adopt it at our next meeting.

[inaudible] wish to add anything on applications or do you wish to take the floor for any other [inaudible]. If you're with us, we'd like to hear from you.

INTERPRETER: This is the interpreter speaking.

SILVIA VIVANCO: May I speak? Hello?

AZIZ HILALI: Is this [her]?

SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia.

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AZIZ HILALI: Okay, Silvia, you can go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO. Yes. Thank you very much, Aziz. I just wanted to clarify that the applicants have received the application form and they are probably completing it at the moment. So as soon as they send it back to staff, we are working to process the application form. But they already have it and so they'll report it on the wiki page. And so our file is complete, they need to complete the form, the applicants. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Silvia. Thank you for the information. Now is there Any Other Business items? I'm not sure whether anyone would like to take the floor. Otherwise, we're going to close the meeting. I would truly like to thank you all for your help. I hope I have lived up to your expectations as AFRALO Chair over the past years. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart and that's to say every time we meet in person.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Excuse me. I would like just to speak.

TIJANI BEN HEMAA: Okay. I'll let Aziz know as soon as I can. I would also like to thank everyone who worked with you during your chairmanship. As secretary, during Aziz's chairmanship, we always have every document ready, we have the reports. I haven't seen many monthly reports maybe and this

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has changed. But ever since Aziz took over, he did it very well. He did an excellent job. He's flexible. He can reach the necessary compromises and he managed to do a great job to chair AFRALO.

And as an active member at ALAC, I was literally paying tribute to Aziz and I hope that we can go on working in this. I hope AFRALO will go on innovating and being one of the best RALOs because I think we are the best today. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Tijani. I will still be Chair at Abu Dhabi, for reminding me. We have requests from the English channel.

SEUN ODEJEJI: I like to stay on the queue as well. I will stay on the queue.

AZIZ HLILALI: Okay. We'll adjust the queue afterwards. We have Mohamed first.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much. I like just to say a few words and physically to say thank you, thank you very much to Aziz for his leadership in last couple of years for AFRALO. AFRALO has tremendously transformed under his leadership. We had worked in person. And beside his many activities, his daily work at teaching university, we always find him and he's always ready for AFRALO work. And that was even more clear and evident when we had ICANN Marrakech. Thank you very much, Aziz. And be

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assured that you're not leaving us and being far. You will be always on close and to AFRALO and everyone. And we're looking forward to working with you. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Mohamed. We'll have Dave then Fatimata then Seun. Thank you all. But I'm not leaving AFRALO. Of course I'm staying with you. So we'll now have Dave. Go ahead. Dave, take the floor.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL:

Thank you, Aziz. I would like to thank you on a personal basis and also on behalf of the [inaudible] I work with, my entire team. I would also like to add that I met you in 2010, and it was a true privilege for me to cooperate with you in organizing our meeting in Marrakech, ICANN's meeting in Morocco. I was amazed at how much time dedicated and how much work you did to organize all of AFRALO's activities. I know you [inaudible]. I'm sure you'll do a wonderful job in anything you do in the future, in any future venture.

All right. We have an applicant from Mauritius with [my] ALS. We're going to have to get some more issues with my ALAC. And I'm sure the organization will greatly benefit from everything you did for us in the future.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much. Thank you, Dave. Fatimata, you can take the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Good evening, everyone. I could actually do without taking the floor because everyone who preceded me has said everything I intended to say. But I think we need to stress the importance of what Aziz did. He's raised the stakes for everyone following him as AFRALO Chair. I would truly like to stress his diplomacy and the way in which he spearheaded AFRALO during his chairmanship. He was always open to discussion, to debate. He worked with all his might to face all the challenges we've had to face during his tenure.

But it's true that he's staying with us and I know that of course he will go on working with us at AFRALO. But as Heidi was saying, I think he will always be our Chair. Always with us as is Tijani who is always with us anywhere we go. So our thanks to you both and to all the AFRALO team. Thank you, Aziz. Thank you.

I'm glad Sarah is connected here. She will go on working with us. I have Sarah on the participant list as well. Sarah, you can take the floor.

SARAH KIDEN: I think Seun put up his hand first but I can speak? I'm going to be very brief. I'd also like to just say thank you like everyone else. Particularly I just want to –

AZIZ HILALI: Excuse me, Sarah. He's saying Seun should go before you he put his hand up first, and then Sarah. Sorry. You can go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, thank you. Can you hear me?

SARAH KIDEN: I hear you, Seun, yes. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Good. So what you said, a lot of you have said about Aziz already. I think we do have the opportunity to say proper a thank you and farewell face to face. So for now, just likely what has been said, I just want to [inaudible]. And most importantly to also congratulate you for having a new Chair, for making sure that you also hand the baton to another capable hand. Because that is also an achievement, to leave the position and then be sure that that position will actually be [inaudible] and be managed properly. I believe that would of [judge] to you.

So thank you very much for your contribution. And we look forward to celebrating this and congratulating you physically at the face to face. Thanks.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Seun. Thank you for saying that. We have Sarah now. You can go ahead.

SARAH KIDEN: I just want to also add my voice and to thank you very much to Aziz. And please allow me to add Tijani as well. The kind of energy they put into

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AFRALO is just unbelievable. Anyone who knows from the outside, it might look different but when you're on the inside, you notice that you require a lot of time. You require a lot of energy and Aziz and Tijani just keep going. They just keep going and going and going and it's just a challenge to the rest of us.

So I really, really appreciate the energy he put in. And I know we'll continue to work together but I just say wanted to say thank you very much for your leadership and thank you for welcoming me when I came into my position, I almost was just getting started. I hardly knew so many things but he made sure that I caught up very fast. And yeah, I really want to thank Aziz and Tijani as well. Thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you. Thank you very much. We have Daniel who's also asking for the floor. I'm going to apologize for the interpreters and with the staff. But we have Daniel who is [inaudible] taken. He can go ahead, either way. Thank you.

DANIEL NANGHAKA:

Thank you very much, Aziz. And I'd like to put in my sincere applause to Aziz and Tijani because they've been so much supportive in building my leadership career as far as the ICANN is concerned. With that said, anytime that I would not understand something [inaudible], they would explain to me all the different [positives] and how to go about the [inaudible] and so forth.

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I believe it has been really a great expertise. It's not like a one-man decision but I really appreciate so much the team that we worked with. And I'm also looking forward to get cooperation with a great team and the leadership of Mohamed for [affirmation] because the great thing is that is [inaudible]. Thank you very much. Back to you, Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you very much, Daniel. Thank you very much. We're going to have to end the call, but I would like you to know that all of us, regardless of our position with this ALAC, are all as important. Because what matters is taking AFRALO further. We have all been working for this. And it's not only because of me that we got this far. Thanks to our entire team, thanks to everyone who loved this work and this organization. We're all brothers here. We don't receive any compensation from ICANN but ICANN has become a passion for us. It is in our DNA.

I can guarantee that there is not a day that goes by without me thinking of AFRALO and ICANN. I would like to thank you all. And I said you were family. So I assure you wherever I am, we'll go on working for AFRALO. I will think of Wafa, Fatimata, Tijani, wherever I am, I would go on helping AFRALO.

So thank you all and thank you to the interpreters for having stayed with us thus far. Thank you all. Thank you Gisella, Claudia, Heidi, Silvia for everything that you do. And so we'll see you soon at Abu Dhabi [Insula]. So thank you and see you soon. Bye.



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SARAH KIDEN: Thank you. Bye-bye.

AZIZ HILALI: The call has now ended. Please remember to disconnect your line. Thank you for having participated this evening and see you soon in Abu Dhabi [Insula]. Goodbye.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you. Bye-bye. Good bye.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, everyone. Good night.

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