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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Very good. Let's start the call. Thank you very much.

YESIM NAZLAR: Okay. Sure. Thanks so much. Let's please start the recording, and start the interpretation. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO monthly call taking place on Wednesday, 6th of December, 2017 at 18:30 UTC. Before I start reading out the names, I would like to apologize for my mispronunciation. Unfortunately, it will not be as good as Gisella.

On the French channel, we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Gabriel Bombambo Boseko, Gabdibe GAB-HINGONNE, Etienne Tshishimbi, Nouradine Abdelkerim, Zakaria Issa Moustapha, Adam Ahmat Doungous, Aziz Hilali, and Raymond Mamattah. On the English channel, we have Mohamed El Bashir, Bram Fudzulani, Sarah Kiden, Vernatius Okwu Ezeama, Daniel Nanghaka, Ejikeme Egbuogu, Isaac Maposa, Pastor Peters Omoragbon, and Otunte Otuenek. From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Bruber, Claudia Ruiz and myself, Yesim Nazlar. I will be managing today's call as well. And our French interpreters are Isabelle and Aurelie, sorry.

Before we start, I would like to remind everyone to state their name before speaking for the transcription purposes as well as the interpretation purposes of course. Now, I would like to leave the floor back to you Mohamed. Thank you very much.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much, Yesim. Good evening, everyone. Thank you very much for joining this monthly AFRALO call. I hope you had good travels back home post ICANN meetings. Let's start by going through the public comments. That's currently open now. In terms of policy development, ALAC posted development, there is nothing going on now internally. There is, I think, many issues in the comment period now within ICANN, and I will just quickly give you an idea about which topics are currently available for public comment.

So, for example, we have the Internationalized Domain Name Implementation Guidelines. It's currently on the second public comment and it's ending on the 10th of December. So, four days remaining, but if anyone is interested internally, we can try to raise any comments or statements.

Enhancing Accountability - Recommendations for Diversity. That's something that I think is important for us, and my understanding we have as well Tijani and Seun are in the working group, so if there is any recommendations you would like to raise, especially for the issue of diversity, which is an important topic for AFRALO, that will be interesting, and we have time really to provide our feedback. The closing date for this comment period is the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. So I think Enhancing Accountability - Recommendations for Diversity is something that we at least need to have championed internally, and if Seun and Tijani are willing to take this on board, that will be a good opportunity for AFRALO really to give contribution.

Then, we have Recommendations to Improve ICANN's Office of Ombudsman. That is also open for comment up to the 5th of January.

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And there's recommendations for improvement of Staff Accountability, which is also ending the 5th of January. There is recommendations under jurisdiction work, which is a hot topic now, and I encourage everyone really to participate on this thing. Our champions are Seun and Tijani on this topic. The jurisdiction topic is a very hot topic now. It has been discussed extensively in Abu Dhabi, especially as the jurisdiction affects the participation of either ALSes or internet industries coming from countries that have US sanctions. It's a hot topic. It's something that we can consider submitting a comment if the members are interested.

Then we have the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team, and they have a draft report of recommendations that's already also open for comment up to 18th of January.

Operating Standards for ICANN's Specific Reviews. This is basically what the standards to be for in the ongoing reviews within ICANN. ALAC has been previously gone through a review, and lots of reviews are currently ongoing. Recently SSAC also went through a review, but there were questions about the methodologies in doing that. So, this is an opportunity to provide comment if someone is interested to contribute and provide comment. This will end the 15th of January, which is the operating standard for these specific reviews.

So, we went now through the open topics or open comment periods now, and we can proceed with our agenda. Currently, in terms of statements being drafted, there are a couple of statements that have already been drafted at the moment. Here, we can see that. We can

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see on the Adobe list there's a list of them. Tijani is already raising a hand. Please, Tijani, go ahead. Be short, please.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Mohamed. This is Tijani speaking. Thank you, Mohamed; sorry about that. I wanted to make a comment as far as the date that public comments are ending. For two of them, the first one is diversity and ombudsman. So, on the agenda, it seems the deadline is the 15th of December, and the 22nd of December for the others.

This was true until yesterday, but yesterday it was decided with the co-chairs to extend those dates for diversity and ombudsman, because we didn't receive any comments, so the only date that we have now is January 5th, and that date applies to all four recommendations: recommendations on diversity, on ombudsman, on jurisdiction, and on staff accountability. For all of them, it is now January 5th. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you, Tijani. So, that's good. So we have a task now to submit our comments. Following up on the current open topics or current statements that are in the process of being drafted or reviewed within ALAC, there's the ICANN Reverse Fund, and the Public Comment on Rationale and Target Level, that's already past.

Now, Tijani has informed us that the recommendations for diversity, for enhanced accountability, have a new deadline which is good. So, I think the recommendation for diversity is the hot topic that we can contribute on. Tijani, I can see your hand raised again. Please go ahead.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Mohamed. Tijani speaking. As far as the two different lists, one says December 2017, and the other December 2018. Those are public comments that will be coming. They are not yet open, so the open public comments are up to the one that says Operating Standards for ICANN's Specific Reviews. So that's the last one that is open really. Now, I'm sorry, the next paragraph, December 2017 and the rest, those will be open in the future because it says upcoming public comments.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thanks, Tijani. Actually, I was finishing the first ones. The upcoming year, these are the ones that are going to be coming ahead of us. We didn't actually discuss or at least outline it. But, you're right. The upcoming public comment request, and you can see it as well on the agenda page or in the Adobe Connect on the right-hand side, in December we have almost five.

There is a Competition and Consumer Trust final report. There is a Privacy and Proxy Service Provider Accreditation Program. There's a New gTLD Auction Proceeds initial report, and there's the Next Generation Registration Directory Services Policy Development Process Initial Report as well.

Please mute your lines. We have some echo on the call. On January, there's also about nine topics that are going to be presented for comments. Those are a range. You can see the list over there. It's from three agreements that need to be revised, register agreements about

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ASIA, about COOP, that's going to be reviewed. Because of renewals, there's a process for change to community top level domains. There's the Implementation of Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Program, and there is importantly, the Draft ICANN 2019 Operating Plan and Budget. So, the expectation is that by January we will have a fairly big number of issues to be open for comment.

So let's go ahead to the reports part. In terms of reports, I will hand it over to Tijani and Seun to give us an update about ALAC. Maybe we can start with Tijani, and Seun is already on the call with us, so Tijani could start. And Hadia as well if she is online and she wants to say something. Please go ahead. [AUDIO BREAK]

I'm not sure if we have Tijani on the call or not, but if he's having issue talking to us, Seun, are you online and can you provide us with an update about ALAC activities?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. Can you hear me? Hello?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, we can hear you. Go ahead please, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, this is Seun for the record. A couple of things that have been in work for [inaudible] ALAC. The first one is of course the review. Some of you may already know that we have not actually gotten the final feedback from the board on the report that has been sent today in

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terms of the implementation of the review, the ALAC review. So that is still one of the [inaudible] things for ALAC.

There's also the call for GNSO that had gone to the -- GNSO was working with on the [inaudible] on geographic names and that call is currently off, anyone that is interested can apply. There is also the calls which we have put out for those may be interested to travel for Puerto Rico. This particular one is actually [inaudible] has been advocating one way or the other in policies or At-large [inaudible] working group. Mostly, also within the GNSO PDP and so on and so forth.

So, it will most normally be from ALS, but if you are also an individual member, you can apply to it, even if you are just an ALS member who is not the appointee from the ALS you can also apply to it. The call is open. I sent it. I recommend that anybody who [inaudible] should take advantage of the opportunity and [inaudible], follow the process and apply to [inaudible], but I think it will [inaudible] about staff comments [inaudible].

Apart from that, there's the GNSO call for [inaudible] has been made and Barrack Otieno has been selected to actually be the GNSO liaison for At-Large. So, Barrack has been working with Maureen and there's going to be some period of mentorship that they will [inaudible] together and then hopefully by sometime next year, Barrack will take full responsibility of being the GNSO liaison for At-Large. I'm sure I may have forgotten a few [Inaudible] may want to add. That's all from me for now. Thank you.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Seun. Tijani is not again [inaudible], and I don't see Hadia or Wafa, so I think we'll take your update for ALAC. Thank you very much for that. Now we have five minutes or so and we open the floor to everyone in AFRALO to give us an update about their ALS news. So, please, if you have any news of activities or events you did, please update us. Tijani, please Tijani be quick in terms of updates so we can start. Please go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. Tijani speaking. I think that Seun said just about everything that needed to be said except for the fact that ALAC also works on the subsequent procedures, the different working groups and working tracks. We do have members who work on other tracks.

Now, as far as the additional budget requests, I think that is open as of yesterday, and so starting yesterday, we are able to request or to fund new requests for budget considerations. Last point, as you know we had an issue before.

INTERPRETER: I apologize, I'm having some issues hearing. We have several voices going on. I'm terribly sorry. I'm going to have to ask Tijani to repeat.  
[AUDIO BREAK]

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: This is Tijani speaking. The onboarding program that was started about two years ago I believe, we are now moving on to the next phase and



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everything will be decided through the community. So the idea is to put forth the names of possible mentees as well as possible mentors.

So the idea is to have one mentor and one mentee for the entire At-Large community. Each RALO will need to propose certain things. As you know, during the first program, there was only African, so that was a little bit tricky. That was all I have to say. Thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much, Tijani. So, let's proceed with the next item which is the ALS update. Please update us about activities within your ALS. We'll love to hear it. For this one we have Sarah Kiden will be the first. Go Sarah, please.

SARAH KIDEN:

Hi, everyone. This is Sarah for the record. The update from my ALS which is Internet Society Uganda Chapter is the [inaudible] Uganda ideas next week on the 14th. We had wanted to have an ICANN read out but it was so close to the idea, to the Uganda idea, so we decided to combine both, so we will have both a chance from ICANN staff to present [inaudible] and then we have a session about the ICANN -- we will do a readout of the agenda ideas. That's it from my area. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much, Sarah. Tijani would like to provide an update with your ALS. Go ahead. [AUDIO BREAK]

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If Tijani, that's an old hand, please lower it down. Abdeldjalil, go ahead and please update us about your activities.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. This is actually an old hand, but... [AUDIO BREAK]

INTERPRETER: Okay. We seem to have lost Tijani again. This is the interpreter.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes. Well, let's give Abdeldjalil the chance to speak. He can proceed. [AUDIO BREAK]

INTERPRETER: Hello everyone. Just one minute, let me confirm who is speaking.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Abdeldjalil speaking. I wanted to talk about our ALS. As of November, we were able to put together our third version of the Internet Governance Forum. We had a little bit more than 100 participants. Different stakeholders were represented, whether it's the Government Civil Society and others were represented. That's basically all I wanted to say. Thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Abdeldjalil. Aziz, I think you are next in queue to update us about the ALS activities. Please, go ahead.

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AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. Thank you, Mohamed. I wanted to add things on what my ALS is doing, however, I would rather actually mention right now that we already spent half of the time that we have for the session and that we have barely started on the items that we need to discuss. There are a lot of things that we need to discuss, so we will need to focus on speaking briefly so that we can complete everything that we have to do. That's all I want to say for now. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Aziz. So, to move ahead now. We're going to have updates regarding the Abu Dhabi meeting report. Aziz, please update us. Please be brief. [AUDIO BREAK]

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. I would like to go ahead and take the floor, but I will be brief. For those of you who weren't in Abu Dhabi, we had the meeting there recently and I think the main event was that ICAAN announced the new director, new board member. It is Cherine Chalaby who is now chair of the ICANN board. We also have Chris Disspain who was named as vice-chair, so everybody recognized how skilled they are and how valuable they are as pioneers within ICANN.

The number of participants I believe was a little bit under 2,000. About 300 came from the Middle East. We also paid tribute to Steve Crocker during the meeting as he left the board at the end of the meeting.

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I would also like to add that there were some hot topic mentioned as far as data privacy, a very hot topic. And also, we talked a lot about the GDPR European Regulation on Data Protection. So, those were the main two topics. Most of the discussion within the community was about trying to understand the challenges of this new regulation for the different stakeholders.

And the last thing I wanted to mention is that we have an African who was named to be the chair of GAC, Manal Ismail from Egypt was named as chair of the GAC, and I think we were all very happy to see that. There are also new members, such as Leon Sanchez of ALAC, Avri Doria of NE, Sarah Deutsch from North America and as a liaison to the GAC. That's basically it for my update. Thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Aziz, for being brief and short. Sarah, do you also have an update from Abu Dhabi? You're also coordinating the Africann AFRALO meeting. Can you brief, please?

SARAH KIDEN: This is Sarah for the record. Also during the joint AFRALO Africann meeting, we went out in [inaudible] and it was about the GDPR and the effect it has on Africa. Even if it's for Europe, it definitely has an effect, because we do a lot of business with Europe. The update is the statement was forwarded to the board and we received feedback that the board had received the [inaudible]. That's it. Thank you.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Sarah. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the colleagues who worked also on the report, Ali Hussain and others. There was a teamwork on this. Thank you very much. This was really good work.

Back to agenda items, an update regarding the consumer standing committee for the PTI, or IANA previously. From my side, basically there's no major issues with the IANA performance. They have been exceeding their performance targets and SLAs in terms of conducting or executing the requests for the TLDs and for the root.

Now, IANA, or PTI, is looking for a new president, a new management as Leslie, the previous president, has stepped down. So, now Kim Davies has taken a leading role until ICANN can appoint a new PTI president. So that is from my side for the Customer Standing Committee update.

Now, to go into the Accountability working group and subgroups of Work Stream 2, Tijani or Seun. Who is available to provide us with a quick update? Tijani? Congratulations, Tijani, on being appointed as vice-chair. Please go ahead, Tijani. [AUDIO BREAK]

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Mohamed.

INTERPRETER: Just a minute. [AUDIO BREAK]

This is the interpreter. I was just confirming that I could hear him.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. I wanted to add something to what Aziz just said as far as 2019 and the meeting in Marrakesh. The board has decided that the 2019 meeting would be in Marrakesh. Now, as far as jurisdiction, I am the co-chair for the entire Work Stream 2 work. Of course, I am a member of the sub-group on jurisdiction. We already published a report that is out for public comments. The work was completed in Abu Dhabi. It was pretty painful actually, but we ended up with a report and that report has been published for public comments. The period will end on January 5th.

So, this is very important for all of you, especially for Africa and for Developing Countries. It is very important that you read this report and if you have comments...

INTERPRETER: Hello? Just a second, we had a little glitch here.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. As far as jurisdiction, the work of the sub-group is not over, we have published our report for public comment, so please do provide your comments before January 5th. ALAC will make comments and we need to make comments as well. That's it. Thank you very much.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Tijani. Let's go ahead now and discuss the main important items in our call, which is basically the Engagement and ALS Applications and individual members applications received.

So, let's start with the Engagement of AFRALO membership in the discussion of Hot Topics. For the hot topics, we had about three teleconferences and we have an active Wiki page with a list of hot topics agreed upon, and you can check the list of the hot topics that we already have on the link which I posted now in Adobe Connect. We need to finalize the report. We just have the hot topics and the description of the hot topics and details.

Daniel and myself were supposed to be finalizing that, early December. Lots of work has made us miss this deadline, but I'll give Daniel the floor. Daniel, briefly, in a minute or two, an update about the hot topics report, please. [AUDIO BREAK]

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Hello?

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

I'm not sure if we have Daniel with us. If not, let's proceed to the next agenda item which is the most important. Basically, we need to discuss the ALS applications received and we need to make a determination about it, accept it, or reject it or review it. So, we need to discuss that as a community. In this discussion, everyone could give us their comments, and I will have Aziz and Sarah as leading this item, and

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Fatimata as well. So, let's proceed. So Aziz, do you want to lead this with Fatimata? [AUDIO BREAK]

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. I have worked with --

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Yes, Daniel for the record. Can I go ahead and speak?

INTERPRETER: Hold on a second. Too many people are speaking at once. [AUDIO BREAK]

Sorry, this is the interpreter. I have an echo and I have other conversations going on, so I'm going to try again.

AZIZ HILALI: This is Aziz speaking. We received a lot of [CROSSTALK].

DANIEL NANGHAKA: This is Daniel. I'm on the line. Can I speak, please?

INTERPRETER: Okay. Sorry, this is impossible. I have too many people speaking at once.



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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Daniel, can you wait until this agenda item is finished, please?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Okay, thank you. [AUDIO BREAK]

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. So, what I was saying is that I have been working with Mohamed, Fatimata, and others in those requests and what I would like to mention is that we are getting a lot of requests, and I would almost say, too many requests. So, I would like to ask the new leaders of AFRALO to really study in detail the new request to make sure that each ALS really answers our criteria, our requirements, so that AFRALO remains a group of ALSes that truly contribute to the development of ICANN.

So, I think there were 11 requests or so. For some of them, I told Mohamed as a chair what I thought, so I think that Sarah and Mohamed are the ones who need to make a determination but we really need to speak to everyone to make sure that we make the right decision.

Second thing, we don't necessarily need to decide on every single one of them, unless there are some who really do not cause any issue, but for some of the requests or applications, there are issues, so I would like to ask the leaders to address that question. If you need any information, I am available to give you whatever is needed in detail for each ALS. Thank you very much.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much, Aziz. Thank you for the note regarding the number of applications we are receiving. I think we are one of the biggest RALOs in terms of ALS count. Maybe we need to start considering, at a later stage, quality, ensure that we have active ALSes on board. With that, thank you, Aziz. I think myself and Sarah and Fatimata, we can lead you to the applications received and we can discuss it, so if you have any comments about an application, please update us now in this call.

So, we received an application from the Fantsuam Foundation in Nigeria. They are an NGO that works in different areas, mainly education, they have also an ITT training program. We have Habaka, that's basically an NGO from Madagascar. They are active, it seems. They have good activities on the ground. And then we have BSDCongo from the Republic of Democratic Congo, RDC can chat now. It has already been received.

And there's Help for the Child of the Desert and the Sahel. That's from Chad. We have multiple applications received from Chad. We have the Cultural Organization for Social Development working on social development issues.

And then from Mauritius we have two applications, interestingly. We have the Internet Governance Forum Mauritius, and we have the Mauritius Internet Governance Forum. We will talk about this now in a minute because this is a confusing application, two similar applications.

We have ISOC Gambia. We have ISOC Madagascar. Both applications were sent in November, and we have the Association Tchadienne Pour

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l'Assistance Sociale, which is basically the Association for Social Support in Chad. We have Action Humanitaire pour le Developpement, which is also a Chadian NGO.

So, I will open the floor for discussion, hearing your comments about these applications. Please, and I also will put my hat as a chair and also contribute in this discussion. Thank you. Please go ahead and provide us with your updates and comments. [AUDIO BREAK]

Fatimata, and followed by Aziz, please. Then, Tijani. [AUDIO BREAK]

FATIMATA SYE SYLLA:

Thank you very much. This is Fatimata speaking. I wanted to add something to what Mohamed just said as far as quality. I think that right now, all structures are using different ways of outreach. Now, as far as eligibility, what we are looking for is associations that work towards promoting the internet, toward end users, and so forth. Those are not just structures that use the internet as a work tool, so that is different.

When I looked at these applications recently, what I realized is that most of them are in the category of structures that use information and communication technologies as a tool, so if we are moving towards that approach, then we are basically welcoming anyone because they all use the internet as a tool.

So, that's what I wanted to say as a general remark, and so this is basically what I think about this. And I know some of these, but I don't want to comment specifically on any of them.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. Thank you very much. Aziz, go ahead, please.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. I would like to be brief because we have 11 of these applications and so I'm not quite sure that we can actually decide on each one of them, but what I would like to ask Sarah and Mohamed is that we consider the following. For each ALS, there is a due diligence practice, so I assume the leaders read through that or analyzed or did their due diligence. What I would like to know is where was due diligence negative.

So for example, for BSDCongo, the website is not ready. So, based on my experience, what I know from the past is that we always asked candidates who do not yet have a website to wait until they do have a website, and then they can ask again, be a candidate at that point.

Now, as far as the two ALSes with the same name, and of course we know who is in charge of the Internet Governance Forum for Mauritius, Dave. We know him well. He has been at AFRALO since 2007 or 2008. As far as this ALS, there is no issue with the person or the due diligence. But I think for three or four of them, we need to ask them to wait because we need a very clear answer as far as due diligence is concerned.

I think that the leaders of AFRALO give an opinion first before asking for our opinion. Very often what I find when I ask my colleagues to represent ALSes is that the answer is a little bit too quick. What I ask

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them is not to give their opinion right away. What we need to do, according to our rules, is to wait until we have done due diligence. From what I know about that process of due diligence, it takes a while and there is a lot of information analysis that is done, so once due diligence has been done, then we can decide. So, I think that we can't really make a decision at this point until we know that. Thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you, Aziz. I just would like to provide general comments and I'll also give the chance to some other speakers. We have issues in terms of the received applications. Some of them are not complete, and some of them require more clarification. The major issue I think, as outlined by some of our colleagues now speaking, is that the relevance of the application or the ALS application to the ICANN mandate and to ICANN work.

We have received applications from organizations that do not have direct work in ICT on the internet. Their development objectives are completely different from our mandate, so we need to be careful and we need to ensure that those applications fall in that category. We have received duplicate applications, applications from entities that do not have formal registrations. What I'm saying is that we need to have organizations that are registered in the country or are active. We don't want applications coming from individuals without proper organizations supporting them and have membership and activities.

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So, that being said, I will give the floor -- Tijani is next, followed by Dave, Abdeljalil, and Bakary. Tijani, please. [AUDIO PAUSE]

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Mohamed. This is Tijani speaking. I would like to make things easier. I read all of these applications in great detail. I took a lot of time. So, we actually have six individual member requests as well, it is not just ALSes. So I read them all, and I will tell you which ones I would personally accept. I think that will be a starting point.

ISOC Gambia is good. Habaka Madagascar is good. ISOC Madagascar, I would accept. For those, in my opinion, we don't need any additional information. The application is very clear. It works. It's fine. For the rest, I think we need more data. So, there's another one. ISOC Mauritius, not ISOC Mauritius. Okay. But that's good. So that's all I wanted to say. Those are the four, sorry. That's it.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much, Tijani. On the list, I have Dave, please. Go ahead, please. Be brief. [AUDIO BREAK]

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL:

Thank you very much. I would like to talk about 274, Internet Governance Forum Mauritius. This is a recommendation that I made, and why did I? Well, because I used to be the chair, but then Chris Stevens became chair after me, and so he put forward an application.

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At this point, ISOC Mauritius has a different status, and so we are in the process of rejuvenating the association and that's why I submitted this application, because some of our members want to keep working. We have the issue of ISOC Mauritius, and in 2017, what we have done at ISOC Mauritius justifies our application as an ALS.

INTERPRETER: This is the interpreter. He is finished. I apologize, I had a terrible sound. I hope it was clear.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: No problem. Thank you very much. Thank you, Dave, for the clarification. Just to clarify, we have received two applications that are very similar in name. We have received Internet Governance Mauritius and we have Mauritius Internet Governance Forum. So, we need to get more information about those two applications. And I note your comments, thank you very much.

Then, after Dave, on my list was Abdeldjalil and Bakary. So, Abdeldjalil, do you want to speak? I don't see you have raised a hand.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello, this is Seun. I'd like to stay on the queue. This is Seun. I'd like to stay in the queue. Thank you.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Seun. I'll add you to it. So, Abdeldjalil is not there. I can give the floor to Bakary if he wants to speak.

PASTOR PETERS OMORABON: Just a quick one. Hello, this is Pastor Peters. I'm sorry, I have to leave now. I'm going to work. My job starts at 1:30. I'm four minutes late. So I will pick up on the transcript tomorrow, and I wish you all a very good night. Bye.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much. Thank you. If we don't have Bakary willing to speak, I'll give it Seun. Seun, be brief please.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, thank you. This is Seun for the record. I think the application for Mauritius in my opinion, my suggestion is that we keep the two of them pending. I don't think we currently process either of them. I think we should just keep them both pending. It does not make sense to approve two of them and I don't think it does to approve either of them as well. My recommendation for that, if we are getting to accept these kinds allowed to have an application active before approval, if we are getting close to the deadline, I don't know what that deadline is now, if it does not expire before we approve it, then so be it. I think Mauritius [inaudible] we need to give them some time to sort this out back home, and then they can do something that's official. That's my personal view.

On the individual membership, one of the challenges we have with that, because the requirement is that only Africans who are not members of



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an ALS can be an individual member. I actually have one question [inaudible] to simply ask if they are a member of an ALS. [Inaudible] membership, individual remember application already, that's obvious that they are already members of and ALS. While I personally have no problem with this, I think our current process is an immense issue. So, I also suggest that the ones that clearly don't have a current ALS affiliation, we should accept, and the ones that do, for now we can put them on pending while we discuss [inaudible] on the list. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much, Seun. We need to conclude the ALS applications. We took all your comments. Thank you very much. So I think, as a conclusion, we have a couple of ALSes that doesn't have issues in terms of the application process. That's basically ISOC Gambia, ISOC Madagascar and Habaka. For the rest, we need maybe more information. We'll take it case by case and look and review the issues in each application. Thank you very much.

I have Bakary has raised a hand. Bakary, if you are here, I'll give you a chance, one minute. Please go ahead, briefly please. [AUDIO BREAK]

Bakary, can you please go ahead and speak? [AUDIO BREAK]

Okay, for the sake of time, let's proceed to the individual applications. I'll hand it over to Sarah; please give us a list of the applications and let's discuss, generally, what to do with those applications. Please go ahead, Sarah. [AUDIO BREAK]

Sarah, are you here?

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SARAH KIDEN: Yes, this is Sarah for the record. Can you hear me?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, we can. Please proceed.

SARAH KIDEN: Yes. I was saying that I think you could [inaudible] once we talk about application 272. But I don't know if [inaudible] is here. He's been typing 272 so I think he wants to say something.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sure, I did give him a chance. Do you want to speak now? I had your hand raised. Please, please, speak. [AUDIO BREAK]

INTERPRETER: This is the interpreter. I'm not sure if he is on French or English, but we cannot hear anything on either line.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: He's in French.

INTERPRETER: Okay, then we cannot hear him. [AUDIO BREAK]

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: I think we have a problem with hearing Bakary, so I think Sarah, we can hear you.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay, this is Sarah for the record. We have five applications for people to become individual members, and let me read out their names and I'll give general comments, and then -- someone's line is open. I'm hearing an echo. Okay, it's better now.

So, we received five applications. I'm going to read them out. I will give general comments and then I will request anyone who has further comments to also speak about this. We received an application from Abdulkarim Oloyede from Nigeria, Ejikeme Elvis Egbuogu from Nigeria as well, Raymond Mamattah from Ghana, Caleb Olumuyiwa from Nigeria and Mary Uduma also from Nigeria. These were the five applications that we received so far.

The general comment I wanted to make based on what to say about the ALS applications as well, it seems many people are not even following the requirements and they were just filling in the form, so we have to take a closer look at some of them again, so it's good to follow the recommendations that you made during the rules of procedure and we voted. And we actually had that list of requirements so it's good to actually be able to meet all of the requirements for you to become an individual member.

For example, some of the requirements say that you should be a permanent resident of one of the African countries. You should not be a member of an accredited ALS. So if already, like for example, I'm from

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ISOC Uganda and I'm already a member of ISOC Uganda, I don't have to break away and go and submit an individual application because by virtue of being a member of ISOC Uganda, I already qualify to be a member of AFRALO.

Generally, many people didn't follow many of the rules but we will follow with other people offline to see how we can improve this in the future. I think that's it from me, unless anyone else has other comments to make.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Okay, Sarah. All noted. Please, Tijani. Go ahead. [AUDIO BREAK]

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Tijani speaking. Thank you very much, Mohamed. So, first of all, as far as ALSes are concerned, I would like to ask you not to postpone the decision too much because some of them have really been waiting for quite a long time. There are 11 of them who have been waiting, so...

INTERPRETER:

Sorry, we cannot hear. Just a second. [AUDIO BREAK]

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay, so this is Tijani again. So, as far as ALSes, I don't think we can postpone the decision too much because some of them have been waiting for quite a while. We currently have 11 in the pipeline and we need to make a decision. So what I would like to propose is that

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because some of us have met rather than the applications and so forth that can't really give a decision, so let's give ourselves a week, and then we will vote electronically after a week to basically decide whether or not we accredit them. We can't wait. I think it's important.

Now, for those of us who have information, I think it's important that we exchange, that we communicate this information so that everybody has the necessary information to make a decision, so please, communicate that data, and then we can move on and decide.

Now, as far as individual members, we have Etienne Tshishimbi who also sent an application, so there's an extra application. He doesn't have an ALS. He has been with us, so he also did send his application. I would like to add him to the list. Thank you very much. [AUDIO BREAK]

INTERPRETER: This is the interpreter. Tijani is done.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much. Tijani, completing the ALS review, I have recommended that we have ALSes who have fulfilled their requirement and we should approve them, which basically those are ISOC Gambia, ISOC Madagascar and Habaka, and those ones have already fulfilled all the requirements and don't have issues on the applications and we need to approve them. That's my recommendation.

I didn't hear a negative response from the call and I hope we considered them as approved and we move ahead. We'll work on the other ones to get the missing information or decide on those ones.

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For the individual ALSes, I agree on that, we need to follow the process, but let's also have a chance to review the current procedures later on along the line. So, any application that has fulfilled the requirements now, let's go ahead, and I think we shouldn't waste much time; in the coming days, we can approve the ones that fulfill the requirements. The others, let's review the process or at least give them a note about the current status. So, I'll give it to Abdeldjalil next. Please Abdeldjalil, go ahead. [AUDIO BREAK]

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Abdeldjalil speaking. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mohamed, for your intervention. I totally agree also with Tijani and his proposal that we take time to study the applications and then decide. Aside my organization, social development, I have talked to different Chad organizations, and we have had some training. There was a cultural organization for social development who came and I met the vice-president, he's also the vice-president of ISOC, so it's a very active association, so as far as I'm concerned, they're good.

As far as individual members, I know Caleb very well because I'm his mentor. Mary Uduma is also very active. We have worked together, and [inaudible] is also the new general secretary for ISOC Nigeria, so I don't know if ISOC Nigeria is an ALS, if it's a member of AFRALO or not. I'm not quite sure what the status is, but that's basically what I have to add. Thank you very much.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Abduldjalil. So, I think if we can conclude with that, we already have a list of ALS applications that we can approve. For the individual ones, now the applications that fulfill the requirement, are not part of an ALS, we can approve and we will do that as chair and secretariat and vice-chair. The leadership will follow up on those. Thank you very much for your comments about those applications.

The last agenda item on the call is basically that's an update. The update is about the 2019 additional budget requests, so just briefly update you that there is a working group sub-committee called Finance and Budget Subcommittee. I'm currently a member of the Finance and Budget Subcommittee which has the chairs of RALOs, and the main objective of these committee is to review any budget requests related to outreach and how to improve the engagement of members, and RALO requests a process, so I will be keeping you updated about this work. This is important for us so at least we can have our outreach a request is already fulfilled in the 2019 budget.

So, this is the last thing from me. Please, if there is any other business, declare it now so we can adjourn the call. Any other business, please? Silvia has already [CROSSTALK].

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: -- speak from Nigeria. I would like to be on the queue.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay, thank you very much. There's an echo. Silvia has posted the link to the Finance and Budget Subcommittee link. Please, go ahead.

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ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Hello. Once again, my name is Abdulkarim Oloyede. I am speaking from Nigeria. I just wanted to [inaudible] a little bit back. I'm sorry for taking us back. It's on the individual member application. I wasn't so sure of what was the final conclusion. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you for the question. The conclusion, we are going to check which application has fulfilled the current requirement, basically that the applicant is not an ALS member and we're going to approve that application, and we're going to maybe discuss with the other applicant about their status. That's the current conclusion. Thank you. [AUDIO BREAK]

So, if there is no other business, I would like to thank you very much for attending the call, for the good productive discussions. We'll get back to you with more details on the remaining ALS applications that have not been approved, and also we will update you on the individual applications which will be approved and the status of the next ones. So, thank you very much for attending the call. Have a good evening, everyone. Bye.

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