

GISELLA GRUBER:

Wonderful, we will now officially start the recording and interpretation of this call, please bear with me as we start the recording. The recording has now officially started and so will interpretations. Before I do start the call, can I please remind everyone to mute yourselves on WebEx, by clicking on the microphone, if it is gray, your line is open. If it's red, you are muted. If you are on the phone, the dega phone bridge and the operator's dialed out, you need to press *6 to mute and *7 to unmute.

This is a trial on WebEx, our first trial on WebEx, and we would like to avoid any interference for the interpreters to allow for accurate interpretation. We will now officially start the call, good evening to everyone.

Welcome to the AFRALO monthly call on Wednesday 4th April at [inaudible]. On the French channel we have Gabriel Bombambo, Christelle N'CHO, Tijani Ben Jemaa. On the English channel we have Bram Fudzulani, Maye Diop, Ejikeme Egbuogu, Sarah Kiden, Abdulkarim A.Oloyede, Nkem Nweke, Omar Shuran, [inaudible], Caleb Olumuyiwa, Hadia Elminiawi, [inaudible], Sarah Kiden, Dave Kissoondoyal, Ali Hussein, and Isaac Maposa. Apologies noted from Seun Ojedeji, and Daniel [inaudible]. From staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Claudio [inaudible], Andrea Glandon, [inaudible], Yesim Nazlar, Yaovi Atohoun, and myself Gisella Gruber. We have French and English interpretation this evening, if I could please remind everyone to state their names when speaking, not only for transcript purposes but to allow the interpreters to identify you on the other language channel, and to speak as loud and clearly as possible to allow for accurate interpretation.

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As mentioned earlier on in the call, this is our first call with WebEx, we are trialing this new platform so please do be patient with us. We do have a raise hand function, similar to Adobe Connect, and again, if you're not speaking please do mute your microphones, either on WebEx by making sure it is red, or on [inaudible] by *6 for mute and *7 for unmute. Thank you very much and over to you Mohamed.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much Gisella. Good evening everyone, happy to have you all on this monthly conference call for AFRALO. This we're experiencing a new tool, and I hope that we can get the best out of WebEx for this conference call. First I would like to welcome, to accredited ALSes, internet governance from Mauritius, and grants from foundation. I think on this call we have Dave, I hope [inaudible], John, and Casanka on the call, so welcome to AFRALO. Also I would like to convey our condolences to our dear colleague Hadia, for the loss of her mother and may her soul rest in peace and thank you very much for joining in this call, our thoughts and prayers with you and your family. We can start the call and please try to mute yourself in WebEx, or if you have been dialed in, another way.

There's a couple of public comment items that we can note, and it's already available to you in the ICANN public comment page. That's something that we can look at, in terms of assessments that have been approved by ALAC. ALAC have approved ICANN financial 2019 [inaudible] budget. Basically, if you review the ALAC statement, it raises concerns about the new budget and specifically the elimination of the crop program. Which is a budget line item that we have been using to

support our engagement in outreach to, there's a lack of internet community in our regions. As brought by the new budget [inaudible] will be eliminated, a lack of raised questions about almost 50% cut in the additional budget request for the support organization and [inaudible].

This is, in a nutshell, the feedback ALAC provided in their statement regarding the budget, there's other statements currently being drafted in ALAC, and I can just note a couple of ICANN fellowship programs, community consultation is currently prepared and ready for vote, data protection and privacy issues, basically ICANN interim solution for the GDPR issue is ready for voting, and on the reports from ALAC we can discuss more, or get more updates from our colleagues in at-large. We have also the key findings process of TSK rollover process, which is also ready for ALAC vote. Two statements currently being drafted by ALAC, which is the procedure for community gTLD change request, and ICANN reserve fund is another also statement that is currently being drafted. In terms of public comments, requests, we have about four items there, which is [inaudible] board member and taking [inaudible] process. A process for ensuring the integrity of board members and the deadline for this comment period is 17 April, and we have the product plan for proposed name collision analysis product, which is due 18 April. This is just... can you please put yourself on mute because we're hearing you speaking.

This is in a nutshell, the open comment periods and the status now and you can have those on the agenda. Please mute yourself if you are not speaking and I posted the open comments period in WebEx.

Moving onto the reports. The first report is the ALAC activities, and I would like to hand it over to Tijani, Sean, and Hadia, so they can provide us with an update on ALAC [inaudible] briefly. Tijani, maybe you can start?

TIJANI BEN JAMAA:

Of course, thank you very much Mohamed. After ICANN 61 [inaudible] in San Juan. [inaudible] except three main issues that ALAC had to comment on, which are first the GDPR and the [inaudible] and the fellowship comments on the new budget [inaudible]. Those are three points that have been addressed in the ALAC special call and since then, the statement or the comments of ALAC have been [inaudible]. During the meeting in San Juan we discussed a lot of things, I mean that between the last meeting and now, [inaudible] concentrated on those issues. Thank you [inaudible]. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Hadia or Sean, if you're available can you please... if you have any other updates from ALAC please go ahead.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Hadia speaking. I actually have not ask about what Tijani said, I would just like to note that, for example, the plan to restart the route key signing key rollover process, it is a very intense dialogue and debate, and I think the discussions... we had several discussions, but in the end we have the same thing that we have now. I thank Tijani, I have nothing to add.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sean? OK, if Sean is not available, we can move to the next item which is basically an update and feedback from AFRALO members, from the ALSes. Please if you have any update, any activity, or any comment you would like to make, please raise your hand or you can speak now. We'll love to hear your ALSes activities.

ALI HUSSEIN: Chair, may I speak? Ali Hussein.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Please go ahead Ali.

ALI HUSSEIN: Good evening everyone, I am sure you are all aware that I'm now [inaudible] to the workshop 5, which is my last call into the conversation and unfortunately we had a lot of challenges with the new WebEx phone system so most of us actually got in quite last into the meeting. What I would basically like to report in, probably half the meeting I got involved in, mine today was to mostly listen and try to get myself up to speed on the whole conversation and I am hoping to be able to report a lot more in our next monthly meeting. I want to thank those who made it possible for me to play a role in their workshop 5. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thanks Ali. Tijani, you have a raised hand, please.

TIJANI BEN JAMAA: Yes, thank you very much Mohamed. I have been told that my voice is very low on the WebEx, so I will speak on the French channel through the telephone. I am sorry.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: That's fine Tijani, you can try using the French channel. I'm new to WebEx, with this large group of conference, I am not sure if anyone has a raised hand, or have an update regarding activities of your ALS. OK. In absence of any raised hand, we move to the agenda item, which is number 4. Report from our liaison, people involved in the different work streams, so start with myself and provide you an update on the customer standing committee of the new IANA or PTI. Basically, there was... we held monthly conference calls and the last report was the IANA performance as well as it was excellent, they usually exceed their performance metrics in terms of either having responses or [inaudible] closed tickets for about minimum 95% of the requests. IANA function performance is usually at a very good level, there is new... work for updating the charter of the group and including other new items in the monitoring of IANA functions, for example, the process of submitting international, the main names tables to IANA which is not covered by the current SLA monitoring. That is an ongoing work with IANA. But, there is no major issues and the new management Kim Davis has already now taken the leadership of the PTI and nothing much to report further than that. That's from my side. The next item is the see visibly g accountability subgroup work stream 2, either Tijani or Sean, can you

update us. Tijani you can update us, I don't see Sean being with us, please go ahead Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JAMAA:

Yes, thank you very much. So Mohamed once again I was asked to use the telephone because I was very faint on WebEx, regarding the CTWG, or the accountability workstream 2, as everybody knows, in San Juan we did have a plenary section, we were able to work together and we looked at all the reports. Certain subgroups already gave their final reports, and they went to the public comments phase. A few reports are not finalized yet, so we did finalize them and we did approve all of those reports and the next step is going to be to compile all of those reports so we have only one report for work stream 2, and we're going to put this report for public comment. In fact, it was for public comments 2 days ago already, so please read this report and let us all know about your comment, we have to look at consistency and compliance. The content already went through public comments for each report so now what is very important is the combination of the reports and if there is some consistency issues incompatibilities between reports, for instance. If you have this type of issues, please make comments. Once the public comment phase will be over in 40 days, we will integrate those comments into the final report and we hope that during the meeting ICANN 62 in Panama, we will be able to have this final report and ratify this final report with all the organizations that were chartered for the SOAC, ALAC, GAC, ccNSO, GNSO, and another one I think. Those organization, I hope, will ratify this final report in Panama and most of our work is done, we just need to do this final report presented to the

board and go to the implementation phase, that's what I wanted to say.
Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much Tijani. Just checking the WebEx chat, I think Beran had a raised hand earlier, if you want to give us an update. Sorry I did not see that. Beran, can you give us an update about your ALS.

BERAN DONDEH: Hello Mohamed can you hear me? This is Beran.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah we can hear you now, please go ahead.

BERAN DONDEH: Thank you. We had [inaudible] we recently joined the at-large AFRALO as an ALS and after a long time waiting to be certified, so thank God for that. We're happy to be on board finally. We had a session with our members last Sunday, we did an introduction to ICANN, especially at-large and being an ALS to the ICANN. We had a turnout of about 35-40 people, I thought that was a good turnout for the first session that we had. We talked about, basically, the structure of ICANN. We also spoke about at-large and how people can join at-large. I was happy to use the community onboarding document that we had developed, myself and Isaac, and it was very effective and we had a good feedback from the session and we're hoping to have another session. We're trying to follow the capacity building webinar, and follow the hot topics and be

able to have bi-monthly sessions with our members. That is what I wanted to share. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you Beran. If I missed anyone who would like to provide an update for your ALS, please either put a chat on WebEx or raise your hand. OK, so we don't have any raised hands or anyone who wants to provide further updates. We have the NomCom, I think I have been told that [inaudible] wanted to speak, so [inaudible] please go ahead. [inaudible], you have the floor, please go ahead... I'm not sure if [inaudible] could hear us. Please go ahead.

NKEM NWEKE: Hello. For the record, my name is Nkem Nweke, [inaudible] South African ALS. I didn't get the last report on capacity building and regarding the [inaudible] capacity building webinar. How do I see into the capacity building webinar or [inaudible]? Hello?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes. Thank you very much. Can you hear me?

NKEM NWEKE: Yes I can.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: If I understand you, your question was about when is the next capacity building webinar that either ALAC or AFRALO [inaudible]?

NKEM NWEKE: Yes. I missed the first one as I didn't know it was [inaudible].

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: OK. Usually the announcements for the capacity building webinars or any policy webinars will be sent to the mailing list after the discussed mailing list. If you are already a member of the mailing list you should get the notification there. If you're receiving the emails in our mailing list, that's the channel you should expect to receive the announcement there.

NKEM NWEKE: Yes I do. [inaudible] is it the last call? The call for March, I didn't get that notification. I don't know what happened, I checked my spam mail, it was not there. I was wondering what issues, to be reminded of this one, when Sarah talked about the newly confirmed ALS. That's how I got [inaudible]. I don't know what happened as I used to get this information, now I no longer get this notification.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: It would be useful if you could write your email or in WebEx you can send your email to Yesim or Gisella who will look at this with staff, and make sure you are already subscribed to the mailing list and you're getting the notifications. I can see Tijani has a raised hand.

TIJANI BEN JAMAA: Thank you very much Mohamed. I will speak on the English channel as the question is in English. As the chair, the capacity building group of the at-large capacity building working group. I can tell you that you are right and I am happy that you are asking for it. That means that people are following the capacity building program, for this year we approved in San Juan the program of 28 team. I am working with the staff to define the exact date of all the webinars that we will lose for 2018. Very soon you will receive the information about the date. Thank you very much for asking.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you Tijani for that update. We continue, I'm not sure if we have Aziz for a quick NomCom update?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: May I have the floor.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: [Inaudible].

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello, I didn't ask to speak. It wasn't me Mohamed.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: OK. Thank you for clarification.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I asked for the floor. Do you hear me.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, can you please identify yourself so everyone know you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I'm [inaudible]. I would like to say that we will organize a [inaudible] at the end of this month and the beginning of May. It is very something which can do, we'll be happy to help for those people who want to participate, to attend the meeting and I hope there is something [inaudible].

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you [inaudible] for providing an update about your ALS. If we go back to the agenda items, Aziz, I think he is in the French channel, can you give us a brief update about the NomCom, where you are now, did you complete your work, any invitation of announcements or process. Aziz please. Since we have challenges between WebEx and Adigo, Aziz is already is Adigo and is on mute if I am not sure, he is not following up with us. We can proceed to the next agenda item and when Aziz is ready to speak we can give him the floor.

The item for discussion this meeting, we have the hot topics, we have two items. One, hot topics, AFRALO hot topics and what is the expectations of the next steps. Basically, if you are following up with us, we finalize the report, we presented the report in last months conference call and there was also the meeting in ICANN 61 in Puerto Rico, where the hot topics was the main issue. I've been told that Aziz is

ready to speak, sorry for the confusion between Adigo and WebEx. Aziz if you can hear me, please give us a NomCom update, please go ahead.

AZIZ:

Aziz speaking, thank you very much Mohamed. Very briefly, I would like to remind you of the positions that were vacant for [inaudible] 2018 were. There were 3 positions within the board, one for the GTD, two for at-large, [inaudible]. Sorry he is breaking up. Currently we are meeting regularly and we're working very intensely, because we need to announce the results of the [inaudible] deadlines have passed. We are now assessing the applications we receive, everything is within the expected period but we are paying close attention to the African meeting which represents about 18% of the [inaudible]. Then there's 18 in the Caribbean and Latin America, 15 in Asia Pacific, and the rest are split between North America and Europe. That's the representation we have. The first stage of our work entailed using the available meetings and we'll be working every single weekend to try and meet our goals within the deadlines that have been set. Once the assessments of the applications have been completed we will see the different candidates for the position at individual interviews, that is pretty much what we have been doing. If you have any questions, that is all from my side. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much Aziz. Regarding the hot topics issue and what's the next steps. AFRALO have finalized a report now and we need to discuss among ourselves what's the next step after identify the hot topics from

our perspective and what we need to do with it. My proposal is that we either select a new group of champions or a small focus group that lead AFRALO in terms of focusing on the different hot topics, so we can have someone is looking at the GDPR issue and that person, he or her, will be our champion in terms of AFRALO contributions to the hot topic or the issue, because identifying the hot topics is just the starting point, it is not the end objective. But, having activities and outreach [inaudible] hot topics in our region and also in our community, that's the main goal. I'd like to hear from you, what is your thoughts, ideas, how we can activate this work stream. The next steps for the hot topics and I would like to give Fatimata the chance to speak on this and Danielle as well. Fatimata please.

FATIMATA:

Yes, thank you Mohamed. This is Fatimata for the record. I think you said the main thing is now I think we did the budget activating of trying to find the hot topic, and trying to define in what we meant by each of them. Now we're looking for volunteers to select volunteers for topic, to champion that topic into suggest action items on how to go about it, maybe we present that to the [inaudible] and find strategies to implement the action items. It could be in the form of maybe an action plan for each topic, so that we can discuss it, validate it, and think about how to have it implemented. Those are my suggestions. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thanks Fatimata. Dani, I am not sure if you are in the call or not. I don't think Danielle maybe with us in the call. Do we have...

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Mohamed I think it has been a long time discussing these issues without moving actually forward. Maybe within the mailing list if staff could help us to send it and ask for volunteers, so that each volunteer would manage one topic. I think that would be good. Let's try to make it effective this time.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: OK, thank you very much for the suggestion. We will be sending an email to the mailing list and with the hot topics report and asking volunteers to be champions on the different hot topic issue. Do you still want to speak Hadia, briefly if you can? OK, Hadia has lowered her hand, no problem. This is what we will do, we're going to send an email to the mailing list and request for volunteers for the next step of the hot topics action items. Thank you everyone for that.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Mohamed if I may, sorry I cannot raise my hand. This is Silvia Vivanco from staff.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes Silvia, please go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes. About the hot topics, I just wanted verification from you. I listened to the recording of the AFRALO meeting in Puerto Rico and there was an

offer from Heidi to assist AFRALO to put together a nice document or two in printed form that AFRALO can use for hot topics. Whenever you consider that you have the document ready, we will be more than happy to work with our communication department to be able to have these nice documents printed out for you, you can actually use it when you get to meetings and you know, different conference in your regions. We will be ready for you, whenever you are ready to send the final document. Of course, if you form different focus groups, if you wish to have a conference call on the hot topics please let us know. That's all. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much Silvia, and thank you very much for reminding us that we are going to visualize the report and make in a different nice format, usable. In that, we will be sending you the report so that ICANN comms team can help us in visualizing the report. If we can... going back to the agenda items, Sarah, you have the floor. You can give us an update about the ALSes status in terms of membership, applications, and also individual applications you have received. Sarah you have the floor please.

SARAH KIDEN:

Hi everyone, good evening. This is Sarah for the record. In terms of, let me start with individual members. We have one new application from [inaudible], I hope that is how I said your name. She's from South Africa and she applied to be an individual member. Usually when somebody applies either as an area or an individual, we let the members know, so

if they have anything to say about the application they are free to say that. That is one individual application. In terms of the ALSes, I'd like to once again welcome [inaudible] foundation, the internet governance for Mauritius. Two new ALSes as of yesterday and today, we are happy to have you on board. There are a few more that are being voted currently, these [inaudible] help for the child of the desert, and is help from the [inaudible] that is currently being voted by ALAC. Then there is country organization for social development from Chad, it is also being voted. Then there is one more that is going to be sent for voting, that's action humanity for development, also from Chad. That will also be voted very soon. In terms of the... we don't have any new ALS applications, but we are trying to get hold of BSD Congo, so if anyone knows anyone from BSD Congo, we've tried to reach out to them, the application came in last year but they've not responded to our emails. If you know anyone from BSD Congo, please let them know, so they can respond. I think that's it for me. One more thing, we've been receiving a few requests to update your information. If you need to update anything on your page regarding your areas, please send staff an email and they'll be able to help you. That's it from me. Thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much Sarah, appreciate it. We just have one last item which is any other business, I have an update regarding the next AFRALO elections. I'm happy to take any other updates from you in the call. For the 2018 AFRALO regional elections, we have two positions will be coming up for elections. ALAC member representing the AFRALO is currently Tijani and [inaudible] serving us in ALAC. We have the position of AFRALO support there which is currently being served by Sarah.

Sarah, can see your hands up, do you like to cover? You have any other business, to give you a chance at the next speaker slot. Expect the next announcement regarding this election, hopefully by 23rd April and it's the standard election process with nomination tiers and conducting the election. That is from my side regarding the update on the current elections. Sarah please, you have an update?

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you Mohamed, this is Sarah again for the record. Any other business regarding just promoting our various activities. I note that for this call we had many people telling us what their ALSes have been doing, would like to compile that and put it in some sort of report or newsletter. I will send out an email shortly, but I am requesting you to send us that information so that we can compile it and share it with the rest of the ALSes, even for people who have not attended the call or just to promote your ALS. We will be sending out an email about that shortly. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you Sarah. I'm not sure, if there is anyone who has any other business ICANN to raise? Any comments or update? OK. No raised hands.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Mohamed?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Please go ahead.

GISELLA GRUBER: This is Gisella, apologies for interrupting. Just while I'm at a state [inaudible]. Just to let all the participants know that we will be sending out a survey that IT have compiled. Unfortunately, at this stage only in English to provide feedback on WebEx, this tool. We are looking into various different tools, WebEx is one of them, and Zoom as well. Unfortunately, at-large does not have a Zoom account. The more feedback we can provide them with, the better. This will enable them to choose the most appropriate tool and this will be used throughout ICANN. Thank you very much. Back over to you and Dave still has his hand raised. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you Gisella. [inaudible]. Dave can you please go ahead and speak.

DAVE: Yes, OK you can hear me. In the name of internet governance Mauritius, I would like to thank ALAC and ICANN for the accreditation for the internet governance Mauritius.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you Dave and we're happy to have you in AFRALO, you have been an active member, you have been an ALAC member before and you're a valuable contribution, giving a valuable contribution to AFRALO, happy to have you. Fatimata has lowered her hand, if there is no one else on

our queue list, we conclude the meeting. We already will have us one hour meeting, it's interesting to use WebEx, I think it is hopefully in the coming calls, we'll see how it goes and as Gisella says please provide ICANN with your feedback regarding this tool. It is very new to us and it seems there is some challenges with linking Adego to WebEx and the quality of the voice, but let's see how it goes. Thank you very much for joining AFRALO call and looking for... who is that?

ABDULKARIM A.OLOYEDE: This is Abdulkarim.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Please go ahead.

ABDULKARIM A.OLOYEDE: Yeah. With regarding the hot topics, if you want to help out on one of the hot topics, what do you need to do? I didn't hear that properly.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you Abdulkarim. For the hot topics we're going to send to the mailing list an invitation for volunteers to join a small group where there will be leading AFRALO contributions relating to that hot topic. For example, if you are interested in GDPR and would like to contribute or lead AFRALO work on GDPR, you can volunteer and basically you will be our champion in working that area. That means liaison internally with ALSes, contributing to any policy development related to that hot topic.

We are going to send an invitation for ALSes, or members to participate and identify volunteers to lead the work on the hot topic.

ABDULKARIM A.OLOYEDE: That is fine. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you. We have Yaovi has her hand up, Yaovi would you like to speak? Maybe that can be an old hand. OK, so thank you very much there is no one. Thank you very much for joining the call, have a good evening and hopefully we can speak on the next conference call. Thank you very much, bye-bye.

GISELLA GRUBER: [inaudible] Yaovi thank you, this Gisella. If you would like to send an email on whatever topic.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: This is for the report on DSR [inaudible] report, just to remind that participant [inaudible] for this report. This is what I want to share, we do have a [inaudible] for feedback from the community to the [inaudible]. Thank you.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you very much Yaovi that is on the record, the recording is still going. If you would be so kind to follow it up with an email on the AFRALO mailing list. Thank you very much, the meeting has been

adjourned. Thank you very much to our operator and to our interpreters and to staff for joining me on this call, as well as to all our AFRALO members, that you very much and have a good evening. Looking forward to speaking to you again soon, bye-bye.

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