
YESIM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the At-Large Regional Leadership call taking place on Thursday, 10 May 2018, at 15:00 UTC.

On our call today, on the English channel, we have Alan Greenberg, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Satish Babu, Lianna Galstyan, Eduardo Diaz, and Glenn McKnight. On the Spanish channel, we have Humberto Carrasco and Maritza Aguero.

From staff side, we have Silvia Vivanco, Mario Aleman, Evin Erdogan, and myself, Yesim Nazlar.

Our Spanish interpreters on today's call are Claudia and David. I would like to remind you all that Maritza and Humberto are currently on the Spanish channel.

Before we start, I would like to remind everyone to state your names before speaking not only for transcriptions but also for the interpretation purposes as well.

I'm now leaving the floor back to you, Humberto. Thank you very much.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much. Good afternoon, everybody. I would like to tell you that right now I'm driving to the airport. So to chair this meeting, Maritza will help me and in one hour Olivier Crépin-Leblond will be chairing this meeting because I'm driving to the airport. I want to ask

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Maritza, would you please read the agenda for today before starting with the first item in the agenda? Maritza, you have the floor.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you very much, Humberto. We are going to start then with today's agenda. The first item will be a review of the action items ALS regarding the ICANN 61 meeting. We will specifically discuss the regional leadership to plan for the meeting focusing on individual participants to be scheduled for ICANN 62. Then we will talk about the policy hot topics to be included in the agenda of the April regional leaders meeting. This will be discussed by Silvia Vivanco and Evin as moderators.

Then we will talk about the RALO hot topics to review and the next steps for RALOs.

Then we will review the individual/unaffiliated membership model, rights, duties in the case of LACRALO.

ALAN GREENBERG:

I'm hearing silence. Does anyone else hear?

MARITZA AGUERO:

We [inaudible] individual members about voting and all that. This will be discussed in the next meeting in Panama.

In today's meeting, we are going to talk about the ALS applications and the criteria and expectations toward best practice [for the application process].

ALAN GREENBERG: Oh, dear.

MARITZA AGUERO: This process will be discussed by Alan Greenberg today.

YESIM NAZLAR: Sorry, excuse me. Excuse me. Could you please ask Maritza to stop. It seems like we have a technical issue. I'm so sorry for interrupting. What we are having is – I'm currently listening to our interpreter on the phone bridge, and I don't have any issues with it. I was fine hearing her. But I heard Alan telling us he wasn't able to hear. Could you please confirm that you can hear me?

SATISH BABU: I can hear you. I cannot hear the [inaudible].

INTERPRETER (CLAUDIA): Hello? Can you hear me? Can you hear me?

YESIM NAZLAR: Hi. I can hear you, but it seems like the ones on WebEx only cannot hear the ones speaking through the phone bridge. I think this is the problem, so let me try to speak to the WebEx and try to explain the situation.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Alan, has sent me a message. He is not hearing anyone. Alan, is not hearing anyone.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: This is why I went to Adigo because I couldn't hear anything either, so perhaps that's what Alan should do.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Can you [inaudible] Alan to Adigo?

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah, I'm back and I can hear you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Ah, success.

ALAN GREENBERG: Again, with an echo.

MARITZA AGUERO: You can check the agenda that is on screen.

YESIM NAZLAR: Okay, just one second please because the problem is when people are speaking through the phone bridge, the ones on WebEx cannot hear.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Hello. I am on a phone bridge. Can you hear me?

YESIM NAZLAR: Yes, Lianna.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes, we hear you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Eduardo, if you can hear me, I am on Adigo. I'm dialed out on WebEx. Is that different from Adigo?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes, it's different.

ALAN GREENBERG: All right, I will dial in then.

YESIM NAZLAR: Many apologies for the delay. Our staff is checking the lines, and they are trying to figure this out.

ALAN GREENBERG: I hear a phone ringing. A phone is ringing.

YESIM NAZLAR: It's coming from Adigo's line. I think they are dialing out to someone right now.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Are you there now, Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG: I am here now.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Hey!

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yes, we hear you.

YESIM NAZLAR: Okay, so I would like to ask our [Spanish] interpreters to double check with Humberto and Maritza if they are able to hear us properly.

INTERPRETER (CLAUDIA): Humberto and Maritza were listening to us because [inaudible] talking with them [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

YESIM NAZLAR: What was that? I had to mute Fatimata on WebEx. Could you please repeat.

INTERPRETER (CLAUDIA): Humberto and Maritza were listening to us. We were telling them what was going on, so there's no problem for them to hear us.

YESIM NAZLAR: Okay, so we don't have any issues with the Spanish channel?

INTERPRETER (CLAUDIA): No.

YESIM NAZLAR: Okay, if everyone is able to hear me right now, I would like to leave the floor back to Maritza. She was going over the agenda. If that is fine with everyone.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes, please. We are now 20 minutes into a call, so let's try to get started again if anyone can hear me.

MARITZA AGUERO: Shall we read the agenda from the beginning, or shall we start from the point that we left? I would like some guidance in that respect.

ALAN GREENBERG: We all have the agenda printed. Let's just go on with the meeting.

MARITZA AGUERO: So we will start this meeting today by reviewing the action items [inaudible] ALS and ICANN 61. This will be in charge of Humberto Carrasco. He will talk about plan for individual participants. Then there will be a review of the policy hot topics and the next steps for RALOs.

Then we will review the affiliation and non-affiliation of individual members about the rights, duties, what is going on in LACRALO. That will be discussed by Humberto. Voting, participation requirements, etc., among some other issues that will also be discussed in the Panama meeting.

Then we will discuss the ALS application criteria, the best practices for the application process. This will be moderated by Alan Greenberg.

Then we will discuss the outreach plan for ICANN 62, the LACRALO plan, the EURALO plan. This will be discussed by Humberto, Olivier. Olivier will replace Humberto in the second half of this call as chair in this call.

Then we will define the topics for the regional leadership meeting to be discussed in Panama and then next steps.

Humberto, you have the floor now. Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Maritza. Having said what I said, it would be important to start with the first topic in this agenda. Can you please remember because I'm driving we have to talk about individual users, right?

MARITZA AGUERO: We will review action items, everything at ICANN 61, particularly individual users. Then I will tell you the rest, but this is the first topic.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: So, Silvia or anyone in the staff, can you please help me with these action items? I cannot read them right now. I'm driving.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, Humberto, of course. As you will recall at the regional leadership meeting in Puerto Rico, all the RALOs provided input and an update on what they are doing in regards to the participation of individual members in their respective RALOs. As you know, at this point, all the

RALOs are in agreement and they are implementing procedures to assess individual members, including LACRALO which recently approved an article allowing individuals to participate. In view of all this, the RALO leaders thought that it would be important to have an ad hoc meeting to discuss the participation of individual members in the RALOs. This is because some RALOs have full participation. Individuals can even occupy leadership positions.

INTERPRETER (CLAUDIA): Let me just apologize, but we are hearing [inaudible] voices on both channels and we don't know which voice we should follow so it's impossible to interpret. Sorry.

YESIM NAZLAR: Silvia, just one second please.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay.

YESIM NAZLAR: Claudia, I don't hear any other person speaking other than Silvia on the English channel. I don't know how it is on the Spanish channel.

SILVIA VIVANCO: I don't know which channel it is, but the point is that [inaudible] Spanish and English at the same time.

YESIM NAZLAR: Okay, I think then we need to mute Humberto and Maritza's lines because Silvia was the only one speaking to the English channel and her audio was good. We didn't hear [inaudible].

INTERPRETER (DAVID): Excuse me, the problem is that people are speaking at the same time in both channels. Humberto is speaking right now. So you need to decide either you speak on the English or Humberto speaks in Spanish. You need to tell them so that we can make a decision in regards who to translate. Humberto is speaking right now.

YESIM NAZLAR: Okay, could you please tell Humberto that Silvia is speaking because Humberto asked Silvia to go over the action items? Please confirm when Humberto and Maritza are ready to listen to Silvia speaking.

INTERPRETER (CLAUDIA): Yes, Yesim, we are ready to go.

YESIM NAZLAR: Thank you very much, Claudia. Over to you, Silvia. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, [inaudible] conscious of the time, I will summarize what prompted this action item. Basically all the RALOs are now at the stage

where they accept individual members. However, some have more rights than others. In some RALOs, individuals have the ability to nominate themselves or to be nominated for leadership positions and to vote. In some other RALOs, they don't have quite the same rights or they are still debating whether or not to give them full rights. In view of these differences, we thought it was important to have a meeting where all of them could compare notes and see if there can be some sort of [level] participation with the same rights for all the RALOs. So that's what prompted this action item.

The second action item was for policy hot topics which, again, the RALOs have developed. Some have more progress than others. The idea was to review what to do with them. For example, just to give you an example, AFRALO has created a working group on implementation of hot topics that they identify. The idea for them is to do an outreach brochure or pamphlet summarizing all these hot topics, and they can be used as a tool for outreach when they have regional meetings. So that's the second action item. [inaudible]

Okay, I heard some strong echo, but that's all I see today. Okay, so that's all for the action items, so back to you, Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO:

Thank you very much. I understand the situation. In LACRALO, we are restructuring or are amending [inaudible] so that the list may discuss and [inaudible] the individual members. This will not be easy because there's some opposition in the region. Some sectors are not willing to recognize the individual members as easy as I thought. So I hope that

before Panama, we may review and amend the operating principles. This is as far as LACRALO is concerned.

So from the [inaudible] point of view, we should be able to get to know the application forms, certain topics that are key [when we are] ready to implement because I know that some RALOs have some experience and we have not.

I don't know, Maritza, if somebody is asking for the floor. If somebody is willing to say something in this respect.

YESIM NAZLAR: If I may, Alan's hand is up and the second to go is Olivier. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: May I start?

YESIM NAZLAR: Please start, Alan.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Yes, you may speak, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. I think I heard Silvia say something, and I might have misunderstood, but I want to make my position very clear. I understand that in LACRALO potentially and in AFRALO individual members currently do not have a vote when there are votes to be

taken. I don't think that is optimal, but I personally can live with that. I'm giving a personal opinion, not wearing the chair hat.

However, I think I also heard Silvia say that in some cases the people cannot make nominations and cannot be nominated for positions, such as an ALAC member or as the chair or something else. If that is the case, we have a real problem that has to be addressed because we cannot consider someone a member of a RALO either indirectly through an ALS or directly as an individual member and not give them the ability to at the very least hold positions and nominate other people. That would be a real problem that we're going to have to address straight on.

So can I have clarification from Silvia or someone else if I heard correctly?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, Alan. Can you hear me okay?

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes, I can hear you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, yes. The second point where the members cannot be nominated or cannot participate in the leadership positions, yes, this is something that is being discussed in [LACRALO]. There is some reluctance to accept full participation of individuals at the moment. There is no consensus on that. I heard those opinions being expressed.

ALAN GREENBERG:

All right, let me try to be clear. The first At-Large Review which was recommendations that the ALAC agreed to, the ALAC and the regional people from each of the regions, and was adopted by the board says we must have individual members in each region. An individual member that cannot participate fully – and I'm willing to ignore the vote part – but cannot be nominated, cannot be an ALAC member, cannot be a chair in my mind is not a member. I think we have a real problem if the RALO is arguing with that.

I can hypothesize on what action ICANN could take, but I'm not going to do that right now. But it is very, very important in my mind. If we are going to claim to the board as we are today that all five RALOs have individual members, that these members cannot be disenfranchised in being able to hold office or being able to nominate people.

I think that is a really, really serious problem, and I'm going to have a problem as chair of ALAC presenting to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee the statement that we have individual members or will have very soon in all five if that's not the case. This is really serious. Thank you. I am finished speaking.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO:

I don't remember who asked for the floor. Before giving the floor to anybody else, I would like to reply to Alan. Since I'm chairing the meeting, I will briefly interrupt the order and reply to Alan.

LACRALO is thinking about providing full membership. I think that individual members would be given a vote through a virtual ALS or something like that. However, they might be nominated for....

INTERPRETER (CLAUDIA): Excuse me but Humberto's sound is quite choppy and gone now.

EDUARDO DIAZ: I think that we should reschedule this meeting to a later date when Humberto is somewhere that he can talk and we have this communication problem fixed.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah, I agree.

YESIM NAZLAR: Maritza, are you able to chair the call since it's really hard for Humberto. I think he's driving at the same time. I see you are on the WebEx as well, so it should be easier for you.

ALAN GREENBERG: I thought I heard Olivier was going to take over on the hour. Maybe he should take over earlier.

MARITZA AGUERO: I was trying to say to Yesim that I was supplementing what Humberto was saying and now Humberto is back.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I would like to say that at least in LACRALO we have [two stages]. First, [inaudible] recognize individual members as participants and, secondly, they will have some rights. They may vote perhaps through a virtual ALS or something like that and then they may nominate and they may be candidates to be ALAC members but not as chair or vice chair. This is the most likely situation from [inaudible] 100% of the rights being granted to them I think would be fairly not viable within LACRALO. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: I'm hearing two different statements from Maritza and from Silvia.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Go ahead, Olivier, please.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Alan, I think what's happening is that I am communicating what I have heard because this is [inaudible] LACRALO is not 100% clear at the moment. There are different points of view and they are now discussing these points of view. So there is no agreement on what is going to be the level of participation. So that's why it's important to have all the minimum thresholds established across the RALOs, and that was the point of this action item.

ALAN GREENBERG: Olivier has his hand up.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I was going to wait until Humberto lets me speak, if he doesn't wish to speak further.

ALAN GREENBERG: There's no way to know.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Oliver, you have the floor. Please go ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much, Humberto. Just a quick point of order first. I think we jumped through the agenda. We are, I gather, on agenda item Number 5, so we will have to come back to the RALO hot topics discussion which was item Number 4.

I note on Number 5 here that the agenda mentions there is still a question on what the admissions thresholds are, voting rights are, participation requirements are, and I think speaking specifically of LACRALO. There is a mention here which says this could be the main topic of an ad hoc meeting in Panama.

Now I have heard what Alan has said and I absolutely agree with him because these are recommendations. The recommendations of accepting individual users have come in from the At-Large Review and they've been put to the board. And the second At-Large Review has been even stronger than this in that the requirements that were set by

the contractors went even further in effectively dissolving the ALS, the At-Large Structure idea, and having everybody as an individual member.

We've come up with a counter argument saying actually all of our RALOs are now implementing the ability for individual members to take part and to have pretty much the same sort of rights as At-Large Structures. Each region does it in a different way, but I think that if LACRALO is still in discussions as to what the admissions thresholds are and voting rights are and so on, then it really is down to LACRALO to come up with a proposal model. And then when we all meet up in Panama, when all of the RALOs meet up in Panama, we're going to have to look at all of the RALO methods and see which ones work, which ones don't work in the eyes of the At-Large Review.

Because if we have a solution that doesn't actually fit our response to the At-Large Review, what's going to happen is that the board is going to impose a solution that they come up with that might be even less workable than the solution that we have here. Whether we like it or not, whether our At-Large Structures like it or not, something will be imposed on the ALAC and on the At-Large community. And at that point, I think it might hurt a lot more than just a question of whether there would be voting rights or the ability of an individual member to participate in the elections.

But it's a big discussion that we should have, so what I would suggest is that we move on now as time is moving along. But it's definitely a very important discussion that we need to have. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: That's a new hand from me.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Go ahead, Alan, please.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. To be clear, number one, there is not going to be any opportunity in Panama for an ad hoc meeting. If we want a meeting of RALOs, we're going to have to schedule one. There is currently one on the agenda on Thursday. If that's not going to suffice, we need to know now that we need a meeting. That's number one.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes, go ahead. Yes, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: There is an action item from Panama that in addition to the regular regional leadership meeting in Panama that there will be another meeting that will focus only on individuals. So I think Olivier, as he was saying, was basically the RALOs, particularly LACRALO, will just need to come and work from now until then to move forward and then in Panama all the RALO leadership, and I would suggest At-Large also have a further discussion face-to-face.

ALAN GREENBERG: Heidi, I understand that. The wording in the agenda says an ad hoc meeting. I'm saying if we don't plan for it, it won't happen.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, I don't know where ad hoc came from. No, I seem to remember...

ALAN GREENBERG: I don't know either. I was only addressing the words "ad hoc."

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, no.

ALAN GREENBERG: I'm saying that if we want a dedicated meeting other than the one planned on Thursday, it better be requested now because otherwise it will not happen.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Correct. I did let Gisella know yesterday that we do need to schedule a formal additional meeting of the regional leadership [inaudible].

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay, thank you. May I proceed?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Absolutely.

ALAN GREENBERG: The main issue, however, is this is going to be discussed, our proposal is going to be discussed by the Organizational Effectiveness Committee at the end of this month, prior to Panama. The board prior to the Panama meeting, if things go as planned, will have adopted the OEC recommendation, assuming they recommend that our proposal be accepted. There's no time after the meeting or during the meeting to change what we are proposing. In my mind, if we cannot guarantee that individual members will exist in each RALO and have at the very least the ability to participate as active members, nominate and be nominated for positions, that is RALO leadership positions and ALAC seats, then we have a really big problem and we are misrepresenting ourselves to the board. As ALAC Chair, I have a real big problem with misrepresenting and stating personally that we are doing something if later on we say we're not going to do it. So I'm waving a very large red flag saying we have a real problem if we cannot fix this prior to Panama. That was the end of my intervention.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I didn't really know personally that when I proposed the reform. I just [communicated] that they would have a right to vote, but the right to vote will not be used in Panama. So if you want, we can submit this to a vote and we can put then this to vote. But I think we would be able to get to Panama to a good end with this. I can [submit] this that I am not sure I can guarantee that this will be 100% sure for Panama. I

understand the urgency, but when I said I could commit, what I was committing was the recognition that there is a right to [vote], but not a right to vote while the rules of procedure determine the way they will participate. But asking for the [other things] is impossible at this [juncture] in my view.

YESIM NAZLAR:

I think Humberto has finished speaking and I see Alan's hand is up. Alan, is this a new hand?

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. It is a new hand. Thank you very much. I do not personally, and again I am speaking on my own behalf, I do not believe voting rights are the crucial issue today. APRALO, for instance, rarely has a vote. I believe that it is participation, including holding office, that is the issue, not voting rights, so let me be very clear about that. Again, I'm giving a personal opinion, but one I could defend to the OEC and the board. Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO:

Thank you. In this regard, this is the reform we want to implement before Panama. That is, they will have a right to speak and to participate. And then the right to vote will be left to [seek a] solution in the rest of the year.

ALAN GREENBERG: Assuming “participate” means the right to hold offices and the right to nominate, then I have no problem with that.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Having a right to hold office? Well, actually, they will have a right to nominate, but the right to hold office will be determined throughout the year. This will be solved throughout the year.

ALAN GREENBERG: I’ve said my piece. I think we have a problem if we cannot say by Panama that that is the case. Again, I’m giving my position, but that I believe will be problematic. I will consult with our board member.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Then we all have a problem with that.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Alan, if I may?

ALAN GREENBERG: Yes, please go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Given what is going on now with the OEC and other issues, I would highly suggest [you] do not bring in another concern. I would suggest, Humberto, that we have another call with you and some of the key people early next week with David [Plum] and sort this out because I

think that there's a [bit of] miscommunication going on here. Alan, I would highly recommend that you not bring another issue right now to the OEC.

ALAN GREENBERG: I didn't say I'd bring it to the OEC.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Well, to Leon, which is the OEC.

ALAN GREENBERG: I recommend your advice be followed.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Alan, if you could be on that call as well, I think that would be very important.

ALAN GREENBERG: Given time availability, I certainly can. Make sure you don't schedule it when I'm not available.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, Silvia, could we please have an action item to have a call on Monday and then sort out who is being invited? But Humberto and Maritza, we do need you to be on the call and able to focus on this discussion.

ALAN GREENBERG: Due to my schedule, I would suggest it not be Monday.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, Tuesday is good. We'll need to coordinate.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Heidi, I would like our [mediator] [inaudible] to be present in this meeting if it's possible.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Absolutely, I agree.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you, Heidi. If so, then can we go on with the next item on our agenda? This is a question for all of you.

YESIM NAZLAR: Maritza's hand is up.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Maritza, you have the floor now.

INTERPRETER (CLAUDIA): Sorry, the interpreters cannot hear Maritza. That's why we are having this delay.

INTERPRETER (DAVID): We cannot hear Maritza. It seems she disconnected. Oh, she's back now.

MARITZA AGUERO: I'm here but [inaudible].

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: We can all hear you now. Can we please move on to the second item on the agenda?

MARITZA AGUERO: It would be good to continue with the hot topic issues, the review on the hot topic issues.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: The floor is open now for this issue. Otherwise, if there are no hands up, I would like to say something. But later on. Not yet.

YESIM NAZLAR: Olivier's hand is up.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Olivier, you have the floor. Please go ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Humberto. On the hot topics issue, the EURALO as you know got their hot topic list that we had for a long time and we've updated it. And then we've also looked at the competencies of our At-Large Structures and how they all work together and so on.

One thing that has come up is that one needs to constantly update this thing. We've had some people, I've certainly had some people e-mailing me asking, "Why is this a hot topic? I don't think it's a hot topic anymore." So it does leave a little bit work into this.

The other thing that I've had is to visit a couple of At-Large Structures that were not particularly active and I made them aware of the different topics and the hot topics that we were working on. And as it happens, they were working on very similar topics, but they just have not read through this because they thought it wasn't relevant.

I have no idea how we can get people to read through these documents. How to make them more attractive to them. I hope that we can find some solution on this. And "hot topics" doesn't seem to be the right way to call them because they didn't seem to be particularly taken by the "heat" there. That's it. Thanks.

YESIM NAZLAR: Alan's hand is up.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Alan, you have the floor. Go ahead please.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much to Olivier. A personal position is if you want people to react to an e-mail, the subject has to be interesting enough for them to open it and the first page viewable even on a mobile has to say something relevant to them. If you're expecting people to read through three pages of e-mail or to open up a document, you're not going to succeed. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier, Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG: Please go ahead, from my perspective.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, so for the AFRALO hot topics, what was agreed was that once they finalize that document, that staff would then look at it, including communications staff. And once we've had a look at it from a communications perspective, that we then send it back to AFRALO to get their approval and then send it back to communications to put it into a format that is easy to read and people want to read it, both electronically and in print version. So I would suggest all the RALOs might consider that so we could have documents that people do want to read.

YESIM NAZLAR: Olivier's hand is up.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Olivier, you have the floor. Please go ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Humberto. One potential way forward from here is to look at hot topic experts or hot topic champions. When you have a specific topic that's a big topic, identify someone in your RALO that is able to push this with everyone and that will animate the discussion, that will assimilate people to take part, that will really actively engage people on this topic.

I'm saying this because I've seen this happen in the NCSG and they seem to have specific champions for specific topics and that has really helped. So if we can find some kind of a hot topic champion in each one of our RALOs, then we might have more of a chance to engage our At-Large Structures that are interested in that specific topic. One champion per topic, of course. So one person would be championing, I don't know, human rights let's say; and one of them would be championing the new generic top-level domains; and one of them would be championing the GDPR. I'm just throwing ideas here: Topic A, Topic B, Topic C.

That's it. Thanks.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Alan, if I may?

ALAN GREENBERG: I'm not chairing this meeting. Humberto is.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Humberto, if I may?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Go ahead, Heidi, please.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you. I very much support Olivier's idea of champions for hot topics. Sorry. I think I'm calling someone else.

I would also suggest that have on the RALO monthly call, have that champion [inaudible] their hot topics for the RALO monthly call, one topic at a time every month [inaudible] five months or so, you would have one hot policy topic discussed by that champion.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Heidi. Is there any other hand up, Maritza?

MARITZA AGUERO: Olivier, is this a new hand?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Sorry, that was an old hand.

MARITZA AGUERO: Okay. No other hands up.

YESIM NAZLAR: Humberto, we don't have any other hands. Please go ahead with the next agenda item.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Okay. Let's go to the next item on our agenda. Olivier, I need right now to get disconnected from this call. Do you think you could continue chairing this meeting, please?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thank you very much, Humberto. I'm fine with that. And before you go, I might wish you good travel.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you, Olivier. And let me now say goodbye to you all. You're all very kind and I'm sorry for the inconvenience. The call [inaudible]. Thank you very much. Goodbye.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. Then taking over for this call, we are a little late on our agenda. I think we have another 30 minutes left until the end of this call, if I'm correct. We still have one, two, three... four agenda items, including next steps. So I guess we're okay with time.

RALO hot topics, we're still in this at the moment, Agenda Item #3. Which topic should we continue talking about? Do you have any further comments on the hot topics discussion? I'm not seeing any hands up at the moment.

EDUARDO DIAZ: My hand is up.

MARITZA AGUERO: Eduardo's hand is up.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And it's funny, I keep on pressing the feedback button which is supposed to show me hands, and it takes a little while until the hand appears. And therefore, indeed, Eduardo, your hand is up. Eduardo Diaz, you have the floor.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you, Mr. Second Chair. This issue about hot topics, I will bring it back to what I had mentioned before in another meeting like this. And I want to use the same idea when you talk about hot topics. We should look into hot topics but hot topics that are important to ICANN, not necessarily to the region. And again, if I take net neutrality for taking one that is not related to ICANN, that was something that created a lot of discussion that was very good, and asked people to take it offline, but really in our region, I want to focus on hot, current policy issues that will allow the region first to understand what the policy that is being put

together is all about, and it can give us a chance to educate the region and give us a chance to determine if that policy affects end user individuals so we can put some kind of position paper to send to our ALAC members to look into that.

These policy issues, they come out for comments, and we should be very aware of these policy issues before that. So when the comment period starts, most of the people know and then we're able to see if this affects or not the users and we can comment on it. Because if you look at the policy issue after the fact, say GDPR that is coming up May 25th the deadline and you start talking about that now, maybe you're very late in putting comments for it. It really helps to understand what GDPR and effects it has in everything including ICANN, but we should be able to know about GDPR. And I know, don't get me wrong [say here] because we had webinars before and so forth. But I think you get my drift. That's what I wanted to say. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Eduardo. You're quite correct regarding the constant flow of information that we need to have. And on the topics of GDPR and so on, perhaps should we also think about forecasting the future hot topics? Now, we as I think the ALAC and those members of the ALAC that are well clued up, yes, there needs to be a bottom-up on one side as to what topic you're interested in, but obviously, the guidance as to what is within ICANN's remit and what is not in ICANN's remit is entirely in the hands of the RALO leaders and entirely in the hands of the ALAC members that are following this topic. So [it's a] way forward.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I note that Alan has got his hand up. I also note that there might be a problem on the Spanish channel.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much, Olivier. Just one quick follow-on to what Eduardo said. I would have assumed that when we talk about hot topics in At-Large, we are talking about hot topics of relevance to ICANN's mission. I hope that was a given. Net neutrality is a difficult one, and I wouldn't want to use it as the poster child, because if net neutrality were applied – or lack of net neutrality were applied to DNS queries, it would become an ICANN issue. No proposed net neutrality issue that I have seen applies at that level, it applies at the application level. So it is conceivable that net neutrality could become an ICANN issue if it applied to DNS queries and things at that level. So I would not use that one as the poster child, but I completely agree that they have to be things within ICANN's remit. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Alan.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, I've got quite a few people in the queue now, Heidi. I was going to try and give the floor to Maritza and see if the interpreters can hear her on the Spanish channel.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you, Olivier. Please confirm that you can hear me.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: We can hear you very well.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you very much. First, let me check [inaudible] when I was speaking with Humberto, you were not hearing me [inaudible] intervene. So let me say that in respect of the hot topics, we in LACRALO have issued a survey the community has answered. We are processing the responses to the survey, and we will have it completed in the next few days. That's what I wanted to say, because after that, the time is over. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Maritza. That's a good way forward. We have a queue with Satish, Heidi and then Glenn McKnight. Satish Babu is next.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Olivier. I have to [inaudible] and I agree with Alan that we should be [inaudible]. But I would also like to add that the [inaudible] hot topics as well, so I think as second priority, the RALOs should be free to [inaudible] as well [inaudible].

The second point is we'd be very happy to kind of pilot the [inaudible] idea. We will add to that the weekly, monthly call. But my question is, aren't the [inaudible] ALAC members [inaudible] these hot topics? So what would it mean if we bring in other people from the ground up as ambassadors for these topics by the ALAC members [inaudible]? And is it possible then these [inaudible] ambassadors [inaudible] liaise between them and I mean GDPR ambassadors of all RALOs can be brought together. That is [inaudible] Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Satish. You were a little bit muffled. The sound was a little muffled, so a bit hard to hear. But if you understand correctly, you're mentioning bringing new people or additional people as hot topic experts. Is that correct?

SATISH BABU: I'm sorry my audio is bad. This is why I don't use –

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And not it appears that we completely lost Satish. Let's go through our queue. Next is Heidi Ullrich.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Olivier. I'm listening to what you're saying, and it strikes me that perhaps everyone has advanced so much that we now have sort of two kinds of policy topics. One, our core policy topics, the ones that are not going to go away that really affect end users, and the second one for the RALOs might be incorporating this idea of monthly hot policy topics. So we've got core policy topics and you have hot policy topics that you can have a lot more freedom to identify and discuss on your RALO calls. So that's just a thought, that maybe we need to distinguish between core and hot so as to allow more flexibility.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Heidi. Heidi, do we have an overall ALAC page that has all the hot policy topics and which has got the listing of the topics for the different RALOs? Does such a page exist?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I believe so. You might know more, Evin, if you're on the call. I think we actually do have that, but again, it's not looking good right now because it literally junk links to the At-Large one, the ALAC one, plus the five RALOs. What we could do is once you have all of the ones finalized, both the core as well as ongoing monthly hot policy topics, we can certainly make it a nice webpage that we could then distribute and show when you're at the outreach booths, etc. Just some thoughts there. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, and thanks, Silvia, for putting the link to that hot topics cross-RALO page. We're going to go to Glenn McKnight and then back to Satish Babu as I notice that he's back on the call. Glenn McKnight, you have the floor.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Thank you. I hope you all can hear me. Yes, I can see where Heidi is getting into terminology. There's a distinction, and we went through this. One of the first monthly discussions which the community thought was a major issue because the FCC was net neutrality. So we did go out and we had Mark Buell who is the North American director ISOC who's an expert on this issue came in and he did a presentation.

Now, what's interesting is some people still believe it's not completed. They wanted a statement from NARALO, they wanted to make this a hot topic. But it's not in our remit, and we've clearly stated that. So there's always a potential to go down another rabbit hole which gets you into all kinds of stuff which are outside our main directive, and some people are going to be pretty insistent on that. But I think we have to be persistent with the way we do this.

Now, what we've done in NARALO, we've reached out to the community to get more involved with these small working groups, and we want to use our newsletter much more effectively as we gather information. And it could be a repository of those other topics that are relevant, whether digital inclusion or net neutrality. All the other stuff that people are passionate about but they're not core. So it's going to take a while, but we're hoping more and more people step up who've

identified themselves in our survey that they have an expertise in something. So recently, we had just a short little presentation by Tom [inaudible] who's done a lot of the stuff with .nyc, the city TLD stuff. It's not core, but it was a topic of interest. Again, we've given it time, we're not going to be revisiting it again. So again, it's always a problem of feature creep, that we're trying to be consistent, and so I'm not offended if staff says, "Hey, guys, it's not a real core topic." We're happy to get feedback. That's it from me. Bye.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Glenn. And I'm looking at the NARALO hot topics page, and you do have there drivers and lead volunteers that are listed. You also have the monthly educational snippet sessions. The only thing I'm a bit sad about is there's no actual link on that table with the snippet sessions. It would be good to have a link to these snippets now that the majority of them have been done. I don't know where they go from here, but it's a good start.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Let's try and go back to Satish Babu, and we'll have to move on in our agenda. Satish, you're back online?

SATISH BABU: Yes. Thank you, Olivier. I hope you can hear me.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's a lot clearer now, yes.

SATISH BABU: Thanks. So I was saying that I agree with Alan about the hot topics being those that are high priority for ICANN. We have a list of hot topics, but it contains a lot of priority items for the ALS and the individual members, not necessarily ICANN priorities. So we will have to then start out different to the ICANN priorities and the other regional priorities, which should be some kind of second preference in the priority. And we'll start that process in the next week's monthly APRALO.

But my question was we have three ALAC representatives who are kind of the APRALO people in policy. Now, when we have ambassadors, will there be a kind of collision by bringing in someone else into policy level from outside the three? Think of this issue.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thanks, Satish. Does anybody wish to answer this question? Glenn McKnight.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: No, sorry, I've put my hand down.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks. Fatimata Seye Sylla. And I'm not able to hear Fatimata at present. Is she... Oh, she's speaking on the other channel. Okay.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. I was saying that regarding the hot topics, we did exactly what [inaudible] talking about. We had hot topics that were being discussed within the ICANN community, and we decided which would be the ones to be [retained] and discussed. So when we talk about policy hot topics and core hot topics, don't we as RALOs have the right to decide which topics would be hot for us? That's [really the] question, because we did not separate policy hot topics and other hot topics. For us, the hot topics [we listed] were the ones we considered being a hot topic. And again, I really appreciated your idea of having a hot topic champion to lead a discussion on the topic. And going forward, I'll recommend that to our team. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Fatimata. Next is Alan Greenberg.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. I'm not sure I understood Satish's question, but I think he was asking, is it appropriate to have someone from outside the RALO essentially lead a hot topic. And I think bringing in an expert to talk

about something I don't is out of scope at all. Having that person make the decision or write a RALO statement on it is a different issue, but simply bringing somebody who's an expert to lead or discuss the topic I don't think is a problem, if I got the question right.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Alan. I understood Satish's point slightly differently, that he was saying there are already three ALAC members in APRALO that deal primarily with policy, and wouldn't there be a clash if there were hot topic experts that were dealing with policy that were not the ALAC members? But maybe back to Satish for him to reformulate it.

ALAN GREENBERG: let me answer quickly, if that was the question. I see no problem with that. I presume they talk to each other.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Satish, you have the floor.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Alan and Olivier. Yes, that was the question. So I understand that we will need to ensure that if we bring an outside expert in, that person will have to somehow co-exist with the ALAC policy, the three people from the RALO. That's fine, we will present it to the community and look at the feedback, and I'll get back to you in the next call or at Panama about the community feedback on this. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thanks, Satish. I should add, just wearing the EURALO hat, that having just three people to deal with all of the policy topics that are out there for a region that is as large as in our case EURALO, and I guess APRALO is even larger, is a real challenge for these three people. I can't imagine three people being able to hold the whole boat by themselves. So in EURALO certainly, we've tried to have a lot of people support the policy in the RALO and have actually a bridge between our ALAC representatives and the people in the RALOs who do policy work. I still see two hands up at the moment. Fatimata, is your hand still up? And Mr. Greenberg.

ALAN GREENBERG: Sorry, old hand.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks. Time is flying by at an unprecedented rate. Let's try and move to the next topic, and that's the equally important ALS applications and ALS criteria and expectations.

Alan Greenberg, you're listed on this. Could you please take us through this section, please?

ALAN GREENBERG: I can try to revisit what we were talking about now well over a year ago that we never finalized. And clearly, it will have to be done as part of the At-Large review. But what we were saying is, number one, we were

going to explicitly and clearly ask what is the nexus point, what are the intersections between the RALOs' and the ALS' interest and ICANN's.

Number two, we were going to make it clear that they had a responsibility to interact with their members, their ALS members, and involve their ALS members in ICANN things or at least expose them to it. If they don't have a specific overlap and/or they are not willing to involve their members, there is no purpose in having an ALS. So there were other words we put to it, but those were the two critical issues that should be the go/no go decision. But that would be applied retroactively to all ALSes in addition to going forward with any new ones. As I said, we never formalized that, but that was where we were heading.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Alan, thank you for this. Alan Greenberg. So where is the problem, what is stopping us from moving forward?

ALAN GREENBERG: Focus. We've continually gotten involved with other things, and this took a back seat. And then when we got halfway or a third of the way into the review and started dealing with interim reports, we were putting more focus on responding to the reports and trying to get a reasonable outcome from the review than actually doing the work. So the review served to stop the work that we were doing until we went forward. Now, maybe that was a bad choice, but that was the choice we made.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Alan. Satish Babu.

ALAN GREENBERG: There's only so much effort we can put into these things.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks. Let's get Satish in, please. Satish, you have the floor.

SATISH BABU: Olivier, I think this is an extremely important point, and I completely agree with Alan's perspective. We do however have a problem that many of our older ALSes do not fit the criteria fully, and we might have to leave them out. That'll cause a kind of decline in numbers of our ALSes. That's one. But as a constructive [addition], can we not start imposing a more rigorous due diligence process for new entrants? So that the message goes out to everybody, the new people as well as the existing ALSes, that this is what we're looking for in the new applicants. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Alan Greenberg.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. We have been saying those words for several years now. We are not applying them, and we cannot necessarily enforce them and

refuse someone because they don't satisfy a rule that we don't have written. And one of the cardinal rules that we have to follow is we have to publish our admission criteria and then follow it.

The other thing that goes along with this which we have not been good at is the concept of due diligence that staff does has to be done more rigorously, and actually not just looking at what they say and believing them if we have some reason to believe that the application is not 100% accurate. So we had a recent case where the application made it clear that individuals did not control the ALS. But on the question, "Do individuals control the ALS?" they said yes, and clearly could not be because of the mechanisms they described. And we have to make sure due diligence in fact does that work. Not that it removes the responsibility from the RALO from also being comfortable, but I think we're going to rethink how due diligence is done by staff as well.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Alan. I'm currently looking at the At-Large ALS Criteria and Expectation Taskforce. I see that you're chairing it. Perhaps that group could come up with a set of recommendations and push them through.

ALAN GREENBERG: That [inaudible]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: [inaudible]

ALAN GREENBERG: The continuation of that will be part of the At-Large review implementation, should we ever get that far.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, because that's where I think the work should be done. I [inaudible]

ALAN GREENBERG: Well, that was where the work was being done. Maybe it gets restructured because that group was formed several years ago and we have to repopulate it, but yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, just push forward. That's what I would say, wearing my EURALO hat.

Okay, I don't see any other hands up at present unless I'm missing some hands. No, okay, I think that we need to move on. We're clearly waiting. I mean the answer for this one is to wait until the At-Large review process and then get that group to move forward again.

Next is #7, ICANN62 RALO outreach plan. The LACRALO plans on the one hand and the EURALO – well, not EURALO, the At-Large NCSG plans. Not the EURALO plans, I don't think EURALO has anything to do with ICANN62. Should we have first the LACRALO plans? I am hoping that we'll have maybe Maritza or someone from LACRALO to let us know

what's going on. I know that there is a LAC meeting space going on before the Panama meeting. But first, Alan Greenberg, you have your hand up.

MARITZA AGUERO: Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Maritza, we can hear you. Go ahead.

MARITZA AGUERO: As far as we understand, we are coordinating that in the ICANN meeting in Panama, there will be a space. In general, there was no interpretation, it was just a meeting for accountability that we wanted this type of meeting to be more formal for the sake of transparency, so it will be an open house for the whole community so as to [inaudible] what we have done, the progress of the various groups, etc. There will also be an event, it'll be like a cocktail. So we are coordinating it. We have not defined it exactly, so there are some pending issues. I think that by the end of the month, we will have the confirmation about the networking event.

And we have been talking with Rodrigo de la Parra's team. They will do the LAC [roadshow.] They are working with the ALS in Panama, they are supporting us, and this will be an outreach and engagement event. So we hope the whole community would participate. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Maritza. And when would that take place? Do we have any details on when this happens? Okay, so it's 21st and 22nd of June, is that correct?

MARITZA AGUERO: As far as we understood, the LAC roadshow will be June 21st and 22nd. We don't know where it will be located, but we'll check it and then share that information with you. So if you're willing to participate, you may do so.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thank you for this.

MARITZA AGUERO: Regarding the LAC roadshow. But with respect to the event that will be held during the ICANN meeting, we are just streamlining that because we have to work with the staff and the specific details that we don't have right now. This is what I can confirm for the time being. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Maritza. Next question is, will you have a LACRALO booth?

MARITZA AGUERO: We have to [define] it, so just to find the right place. It would be great to have a booth so as to do some outreach and engagement in a much more straightforward fashion so as to learn about the benefits of our association. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thanks very much. The question immediately after that, the second question, the one that I have, is whether it would be possible for the participants on the LAC outreach which takes place just before the ICANN meeting to then point people to the joint NCSG At-Large welcoming session for newcomers or capacity building session for newcomers which will discuss policy on the Tuesday from about 9:00 until 12:00. So the Tuesday morning in two different pieces. There'll be a first part from 9:00 until about 10:00-10:15, and then the second part that will take place from 10:30 until 12:00. Alan Greenberg, your hand is up.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. I assume that Latin America Caribbean outreach session is in Panama. Is that correct?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I believe so, but Maritza, is that correct?

MARITZA AGUERO: Olivier, can you repeat the question please? Because I lost audio.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, sorry. Is LAC outreach going to take place in Panama? My understanding is that it is, but Alan Greenberg was asking that question. I think that we might have lost Maritza.

MARITZA AGUERO: Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Now we can hear you.

MARITZA AGUERO: Yes, it will be in Panama.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, fantastic. Thank you for this. Alright.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay. The point I was going to make is that Thursday and Friday before the meeting, clearly if we haven't made travel arrangements to allow for it, we're not going to have people attending that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Alan, now, I understand that there were a number of people in LACRALO that have signed up for a CROP to be able to turn up at this roadshow, and so they will be there before the Panama meeting starts.

ALAN GREENBERG: No, Olivier, I meant other people.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: With regards to other people, I think it might be just for the locals rather than anyone else.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay. In any case, my hand was originally up to point out I haven't responded on the mailing list yet because I just haven't gotten there yet, your message asking people which timeframes they want for the joint NCSG-ALAC meeting was not complete. It did not mention the fact that if you select the 9:00 to 12:00 option – because there were two options, 8:00 to 10:15 and 9:00 to 12:00 – second session will not be unconflicted with ALAC sessions, with ALAC/At-Large sessions. So when making your choice, you need to be aware of that.

You had asked that the outreach session not conflict with At-Large, and we'll do that for one session, but we can't do that for the whole morning.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Alan. I think that's well understood. The problem that we have is that we also have to work with the NCSG, and the overwhelming wish of the people in the NCSG was to actually have it for the whole morning. I don't know how workable it is.

ALAN GREENBERG: Understood. I just want to make sure you understand.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I don't know how workable it is to try to see if the ALAC can work around it. I might be pushing my luck a little far.

ALAN GREENBERG: I'm telling you what your luck is. The ALAC will give up the first session and have it unconflicted. We cannot do it for both. The GNSO is not giving up either. So they're simply saying, "Fine, we won't participate in policy things, potentially." Although the GNSO event that was scheduled to be against it has now been cancelled, so I think the GNSO is probably going to redo their schedule. So it's not clear what's going to be against it on the GNSO side.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Good to see things are moving. Maybe the ALAC could consider cancelling its sessions.

ALAN GREENBERG: We're giving up too many, there are too few sessions. We can't give up a whole morning.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Alright. Thanks for this, Alan. I think that's well understood. Thank you.

Any other comments on this? And we are nine minutes beyond the usual time, so we do need to move. Apparently, my laptop is completely muted. It should be muted. Let me just check. Yes, my laptop is muted. It might be the line here that is a little strange, the phone line.

Alright, next is defining topics for the agenda regional leadership meeting at ICANN62 Panama meeting. We'll just fly through this quickly, please. I think we've already got some topics, certainly on the ALS criteria and expectations discussion. A follow-up to the RALO hot topics policy discussions, looking at what NARALO is doing now I think would be a good idea, because I'm particularly pleased with what they've done so far. And we know that there will be a completely separate session that will be looking at the individual and affiliated membership model as per the action items.

Are there any other topics? Alan Greenberg. And Alan has put his hand down. Any other RALO Chairs please to make some suggestions, or RALO secretaries or indeed staff as well can suggest some topics. What I'm basically saying is anyone on the call, please make suggestions for the next face-to-face meeting in Panama.

Silvia is mentioning topics. One, hot topics. Two, ALS criteria and expectation [inaudible] and then that might be enough for the time being. We'll see if something else comes up closer to the time. I sense that people are getting tired. Glenn McKnight.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

[inaudible] called for workshops, so I just want to remind people to not forget it. So if you are submitting a workshop for IGF, you should do it soon.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm sorry. The start of your sentence was chopped off, Glen. Could you please repeat?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Yes. I'm just reminding people if they haven't done it already to submit their abstracts for the IGF workshop.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That is correct indeed, yes. Thank you for that. The deadline for the IGF workshop submission is only in a few days' time, and if you haven't submitted a workshop – and the workshop I guess needs to be in line with your CROP – not your CROP, your additional budget request, then we've got a problem. There's still no mention of where that will take place though, is there? Where the IGF will take place. Glenn?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: No, we don't know the location.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: We don't know. Okay. Okay, thank you for this. I think we can then move to the next thing, and that's just the next steps and call. I gather that the next call will be after the Panama meeting. The next steps, we've already got a number of action items there.

There is one note that I need to relay from John Laprise with regards to the Social Media Working Group. The working group is really looking for more help. Issues of concern, content platform and language vary from

RALO to RALO, and it's obvious that a top-down strategy is somehow unworkable and likely to be unsuccessful.

So if you have members that are social media champions in your RALO, then please bring them forward, please suggest them to come into this working group and to help. They're looking to recruit five to ten individuals with strong social networking and social media skills. So I'm sure we can find some people in our communities to do that. Perhaps should we have each of the RALOs send a note to their membership, ask for skilled people who could help out with social media strategy? And of course, John Laprise is the Social Media Working Group Chair. So I hope that this message has come through. Maybe we can have it as an action item to send out a note to each one, so each one of the RALO leaders can send out a note to their membership regarding social media and find some social media champions. Glenn McKnight.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: No, sorry, it's an old hand.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks. Right, Any Other Business? I'm not seeing anyone else put their hand up. So thanks very much for this call. Thanks to Humberto for having managed to start the call and run it whilst on his way to a travel, and thanks to all of you for your input. Thanks to the interpreters in particular for having remained an additional amount of time. It's been a bit of a challenging call due to the technology today, but at least we've managed to go through our agenda. So for those people traveling to Panama, I'm looking forward to meet you all there, and for others, I'll

see you on the Internet I think is the way that we usually say it in this part of the world, or in fact in the e-world. And this call is now ended. Thank you, everyone. Thanks to our staff. Have a good morning, good afternoon, good evening, and good night.

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