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CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening everyone. Thank you for joining the AFRALO hot topics working group call on Tuesday the 24th July 2018 at 16:00 UTC. On the call today, on the French channel we have Gabriel Boseko, Aicha Abbaad, Michel Tchonang, Sarah Kiden, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Yusif Amadu, Sarata Omane, Aisha Hamid, Daniel Khauka Nanghuka, and Dave Kissoondoyal. We have received apologies from Aziz Hilali, and from staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself Claudio Ruiz on call management. Our French interpreters for today are Camilla and Isabelle. Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone, please state your name for the record and please speak slowly for transcription purposes and also for the interpreters. Thank you and with this I turn it over to you Daniel.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello Daniel, this is Silvia Vivanco from staff [inaudible], are you able to speak? [inaudible] and do you have interpretation? [inaudible]. OK, apologies everyone I think [inaudible] are coming through so we are troubleshooting.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Claudia, can you give us a status? What is going on.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Daniel says he's more comfortable speaking in English but the operator is dialing out for him right now. He was unaware that he was on the

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French channel. One moment, he is recognizing him right now, sorry for the inconvenience.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Claudia, can you confirm that the French line is clear now? I think the French lines were having some problems with [inaudible].

CLAUDIA RUIZ: What happened is that Daniel was unaware that the AP room was in French but he was speaking English on that line. The operator is dialing out to him right now, we will have him on one moment.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: OK, thank you.

DANIEL KHAUKA NANGHUKA: Daniel, for the record. [inaudible].

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We can hear you, can you start over please, because... thank you.

DANIEL KHAUKA NANGHUKA: OK, should we go ahead and start from where we can proceed with [inaudible]. Hello? Daniel for the record, I think I'll go ahead and proceed with the call. I am going to ask for the members present if you can [inaudible] plan and the next steps and get [inaudible]. I am going to [inaudible]...

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello Daniel, this is Silvia Vivanco, could you please repeat your question. The interpreter is having difficulty understanding you, thank you.

DANIEL KHAUKA NANGHUKA: OK, thank you very much. Daniel for the record. I'm requesting the interpretation of the document [inaudible] working group members available on the call can review [inaudible] that will be taking place. Was that clear?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello Daniel, I think that your sound is quite saturated so we couldn't get the meaning of what you said. Apologies for that.

DANIEL KHAUKA NANGHUKA: Sorry [inaudible] I am requesting that the [inaudible], if you have [inaudible] or any addition can be made to the implementation plan.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: OK, now we understand and I understand that you also want this document posted, so we will post it on the Adobe Connect, the implementation plan into the agenda, so we will post it shortly.

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DANIEL KHAUKA NANGHUKA: Yes [inaudible] one of the main items in the agenda. Apologies for any inconvenience caused but one of the items in the agenda is the review of the hot topics implementation plan and our next steps. [inaudible] next working group meeting in that currently after the review of the implementation plan, we were to have a schedule of the hot topics [inaudible] of the working group.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello Daniel, I see the implementation plan posted on the screen and also on the link in the chat. Thank you.

DANIEL KHAUKA NANGHUKA: Thank you very much. We have now the implementation plan shared on our screens, and I'm going to ask the [inaudible], the main hot topics that we have is that the first group [inaudible] for the webinar [inaudible]. I have the...

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Many apologies, I am sorry Daniel, we are getting information from interpreters saying that unfortunately they cannot hear you on their line. Perhaps [inaudible] offering to chair the meeting, due to the...

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Excuse me, this is the interpreter, this is a message from Tijani. We had an issue hearing Daniel, nothing can be interpreted and so he's asking whether one of the other co-chairs can chair the call. Thank you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you very much interpreter.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Hello, this is Abdulkarim.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [inaudible] somebody needs to chair the call, I am not quite sure what to do here.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Hello, this is Abdulkarim, one of the co-chairs.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you Abdulkarim, this is Silvia Vivanco. Thank you very much. We have problem with the lines, Daniel's line, so we have the two other co-chairs there and Abdulkarim. I think one of you can chair, which one would chair this call?

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Dave is on the line, better put Dave the chair as I am actually not... I might not be able to chair it for the entire [inaudible]. So probably if Dave is on the line, he can chair the meeting as we had a meeting earlier.

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SILVIA VIVANCO: OK, this is Silvia, please Dave, proceed to chair the call. Thank you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Tijani, if you would like to go ahead and give us an overview of what you have done and following the request by the co-chair that you received, let's talk about the webinar for August, if you can go ahead Tijani and take the floor please. Thank you. Tijani can you hear me? Tijani?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: This is the interpreter, nobody is speaking in English... I mean in French at this point.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking. OK very much, so this is Tijani. Thank you very much Dave, first of all, before we talk about the webinar, I would like to mention to you that we can't set a date for the webinar quite yet, because in order to put together a webinar there has to be a whole setup. First of all we need to confirm that interpreters are available, second of all, we need to make sure there is no conflict on the schedule and third, we need to make sure that the speakers are available. So, all of this needs to be coordinated and that's the task that we need to work on. As far as the next webinar there was the date of August 1st that was suggested, but the problem is that it's not possible, there is a conflict on that date. The two speakers are unavailable. So... let's talk about maybe between the end of July and beginning of August, so in between these dates, we need to figure out whether we have interpreters, whether we are sure there isn't any conflict... the issue is that we need to make sure

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that all of the people who need to be there are available. So, the idea of saying the end of July and beginning of August is what we need to do and once we have that... you know... that period of time we can figure out what the work.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you Tijani. If we go with your proposal, could we set... let's say two weeks that we book? So within that two week period, we then try to figure out OK, let's do the GDPR, let's do the next one and so forth, and we will base our decision on the availability of the speakers.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, that's a good idea. I think that we have the two weeks already, we talked about the 8th, I think that that might work. If not, we will move it, you know, one or two days based on the availability of everyone involved. Once that is fixed, we can then talk about the next webinar at [inaudible] until we have all of them scheduled.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Very good. I think Sarah would like to take the floor. Sarah? Sarah go ahead.

SARAH KIDEN: Hi everyone, this is Sarah, can you hear me?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, go ahead Sarah.

SARAH KIDEN: This is Sarah speaking for the record. I just wanted to make a suggestion to the co-chair, you're working with co-chairs [inaudible] African TLD registry I'd like to suggest that we put the acronyms in full, especially as we are getting people who are really... many of them are newcomers, so should put the inner sec in full, full TLD, gTLDs [inaudible]. The point being, I think WHOIS should be all uppercase. That's it, thank you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you Sarah for your comments, we're going to add those amendments as suggested. Is there anyone else who would like to take the floor? In the absence of a comment, following Tijani proposal, we will have the first webinar dealing with the GDPR, and then following that, according to the availability of speakers, we will decide on a date for the following webinar [inaudible].

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Hello? This is Abdulkarim.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani speaking, according to the availability of speakers and the availability of our interpreters. So according to the availability of speakers and the interpreters. That is to say we're now dealing with at number three in the notes with this concluded, which will be a [inaudible] webinar and I would like to move on to item number 4. If I am not mistaken [inaudible] is asking for the floor. Go ahead Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, thank you Dave, thank you Tijani. This is Fatimata speaking. She is very faint.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: You sound just far away.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Is that any better? Can you hear me better now?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Please speak louder Fatimata. Can you speak any louder Fatimata please? We hear too far.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, I just wanted to say that this will be deciding according to the availability of speakers and interpreters, certainly but we also need to make sure we have the minimum number of participants that will justify holding this webinar.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Thank you Fatimata. The purpose of this meeting is to promote the GDPR and as members of the working group it is our duty to promote the webinar through the different mailing lists and we can promote this webinar. For the webinar to be held, it was also be up to us to make

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sure the participation levels [inaudible]. Abdulkarim wanted to take the floor and then we'll have Tijani. Abdulkarim, are you connected?

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Thank you. [inaudible].

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: OK go ahead.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: This is the interpreter speaking, we are not hearing Abdulkarim.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello, can you hear me?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello. David has given the floor to Abdulkarim.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: This is Abdulkarim, can you hear me?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, you can go ahead.

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ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Thank you, sorry. I just wanted to add that we're [inaudible] members of [inaudible] promote and then we have the webinar. That is just what I wanted to add to what Tijani said earlier.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [inaudible].

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you for intervention, we have Tijani who wanted to take the floor and then we have Sarah. Tijani, you can go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Can you hear me Dave?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, we can hear you Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Right, so... I am not entirely sure I understand what Fatimata [inaudible] because we [inaudible]. I think she said we should make sure we have good participation levels, so that we have diversity. I know why she says that, because August is one of the holidays in our region so there might not be enough participants. That's the reason we do not hold our monthly AFRALO meeting in August. That said, it will now be [inaudible] we the working group to make sure we have enough participants to participate as a webinar, it is upto you to say to them the importance of

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the webinar. If there is two or three people it will be a waste of resources. Thank you.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Thank you Tijani. Now Sarah, you can take the floor.

SARAH KIDEN: Hi, this is Sarah for the record. I wanted to find out from the co-chair about [inaudible] capacity building working group [inaudible] and probably at a discount but it's a level of all our ALSes. [inaudible] you can reach out to members with being ALS [inaudible]. Thank you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you for your proposal Sarah, we are going to have to work with the staff to see how we can go about your suggestions, everything [inaudible]. Not only the ones at AFRALO but who will try and make sure ALSes from other RALOs are also invited to also participate. Tijani, would you like to take the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, can you hear me?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Go ahead.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Good... as regards to participation, my understanding is the webinar is only in service for our members, for the entire AFRALO community. So, is there some think only for working group members then we have a problem, but we need to invite everyone on the entire AFRALO list. I think that will guarantee better participation levels.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Yes, thank you Tijani. is there anyone else who would like to take the floor? Yusif, would you like to take the floor? [inaudible].

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello? Hello?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: In the absence of comments we are going to move onto the fourth item on the agenda which is [inaudible] of hot topics implementation plan. This implementation plan has only been discussed within the working group so far, but I would like to know whether it can be shared on the AFRALO working list, on the AFRALO mailing list so we can get comments from everyone, because maybe they have a dynamic plan, not only for it to be something to [inaudible] that stays here within the group, maybe it would be more interesting and [inaudible] to get the opinions of ALAC members, and something we decided amongst the three co-chairs of the group, so we would like to see whether it can be shared on the AFRALO mailing list. Are there any comments? Would anyone like to take the floor? Tijani, I believe you have something to say?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Dave, what would you like me to say... regarding what? Can you hear me.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Yes we hear you. [inaudible] it was to share the implementation plan that's on the screen [inaudible] with the AFRALO working list, the AFRALO mailing list. I mean the document has only been shared within the working group so far, but not on the AFRALO mailing list so that's what I am asking, if we can think and we share on the AFRALO mailing list.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Absolutely, I think that it is great and needs to be shared. It needs to be shared on the AFRALO working list, on the broader list.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Great Tijani, in that case Silvia can we please take note of this action item which is to share the implementation plan on the AFRALO mailing list? In the absence of other comments from the co-chairs.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Sorry, this is Abdulkarim, can I quickly make a comment.

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UNKNOWN SPEAKER: OK, please raise your hand. Daniel wishes to send a document or comment maybe I can read it out loud, I believe Abdulkarim also wanted to take the floor. OK, you can go ahead, Abdulkarim, you have the floor.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Thank you, this is Abdulkarim again. I just wanted to add that when we wanted to actually... before we share the document with the entire AFRALO list, is it possible for us to have a [inaudible] and approve first, before sharing it? So we have the entire community to agree that we want the document to be shared.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Thank you Abdulkarim. I am going to rephrase your question, rather... I would like to know whether any of the people who are present here today, disagree with this implementation plan that has been presented? Is there someone who does not agree, I am going to ask them to raise their hand. You can raise your hand if you disagree. OK, Silvia, you are raising your hand. We have Sarah... Sarah would you like to take the floor?

SARAH KIDEN: Can I speak? I just wanted to suggest again, if it's OK for everyone else who does not agree. I [inaudible] the last time the implementation was shared we did not receive comments from many people. I think comments are only made during the call and there was no other comment made. So I would like to suggest that we get two or three

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extra days for people on the working group to go through the implementation plan again and then we can agree at that point to share it out to the mailing list. But if other people think that it's not necessary, I am happy to go with whatever option. Thank you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you Sarah, I have a proposal. We can ask the members of our working group to comment, and we could give them one week to provide comments to improve things and so forth, and then after that we can send it out to the AFRALO mailing list. Tijani would you like the floor? Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yeah, can you hear me?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Go ahead Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: OK, can you hear?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Dave, can you hear me?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: OK, thank you Dave. This is Tijani speaking. Yes absolutely, we need to have the approval of the group. OK, I am speaking but there seems to be a little bit of an issue, we do need to have the approval. If the plan has not been circulated it should be now, within the working. Then after that, it can be communicated to the general AFRALO mailing list. Thank you.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Thank you Tijani, but if I am not mistaken the plan has already been circulated within the working group. Maybe the staff can tell me if I am wrong, but... well of course, if it has not been circulated yet then we should do it, but the idea is to ask for one week for people to make comment. What we could do, first of all, is to approve the plan, of course, under a condition that there might be comments and suggestions within the working group. This would be going on for one week, and then after that, it will be sent to the AFRALO list. If you agree with this, please check, use the check mark [inaudible] Tijani did it, so let's do a [inaudible], if you can give me a check mark that will be great. OK it looks like most people agree, but Tijani would like the floor. Tijani go ahead, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I am so sorry, it was an old hand. I am all good. Do you hear me?

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DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Yes we heard you, thank you Tijani. Just to confirm it was an old hand. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, this is Silvia. May I speak?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: At this point we are on the fourth item on the agenda, I don't know if there is any other business, if there are comments, if anybody would like to speak at this point?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello yes, this is Silvia. Hello? Can I speak? May I speak? Can you hear me?

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Hello, go ahead, you have the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you. I just wanted to clarify, I think there is some... there may be some confusion. The hot topics document was approved back in 2017, and I am going to put there the link. That hot topic document [inaudible] summary and the action items under each topic was already approved. I think that now, what we are trying to accomplish is to get broader agreement from all the membership on the implementation of

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this hot topics report. That's number one, and the number two is so, when you open this implementation plan to the entire AFRALO, we do receive more feedback and input or is this just for information purposes, for the AFRALO community? Or will this still be able to change after the entire AFRALO membership is notified about this document?

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Thank you Silvia. [inaudible], as far as your question. I would like to answer after Sarah, because she wanted to take the floor. Sarah, you can go ahead you have the floor and then after that I will answer Silvia's question as far as the changes based on the comments of AFRALO. Sarah you have the floor.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Sarah would you like to speak, we can't hear you.

SARAH KIDEN: Can you hear me?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: OK, I can hear you now.

SARAH KIDEN: I wanted to mention that there was one action item for the hot topics document for staff. I remember they had promised that they would send the document to communications to help us finish up, and to have it translated and put it in a nice format, so that was the only action left

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on the hot topics document. Right now, it would be easier talking about the implementation plan. Thank you.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL:

Thank you Sarah, that's right. We completely forgot about that because the implementation plan is in English actually, and we do need to have it translated. So, we do need some translation and indeed, this is something that we completely forgot about. We did not talk about that. Maybe I made a mistake. Tijani, did you have something to do? Go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes. We are not talking about the implementation plan, you talked about circulating it and waiting for comments for one week, but we actually need to translate is the hot topic list. That was the decision, that was the action item that we talked about, that's what Sarah mentioned.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

OK, thank you Tijani for the clarification. So, if we can put that in the action items, we need to translate the hot topics items. That's what we need to translate. Could you please confirm Tijani that that's what we need to translate is the hot topic items? Is that correct? Silvia would like to take the floor. Go ahead Silvia.

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SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, hello this is Silvia. We received a document a while ago, say a month ago which is the hot topics document. Final document approved by the hot topics working group. The next item for staff is to coordinate with the communications department to put this document in a brochure, a flyer, some sort of outreach material in this document. That was us at the moment. That's an action item for staff to communicate with communications department and produce this outreach document in French, English. So that's what needs to be done. I wanted to clarify that document is already produced and final, it's the hot topics document. Now the second part is the implementation plan, which is what this working group is focusing on, implementing the action items of this hot topic document and one of the action items was to do webinars, there are many others. So, we are talking about two different lines of action. OK. I just wanted to clarify. Thank you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

Thank you Silvia for clarifying this. If I understand correctly, based on what Silvia just said, the translation for the first document is already being done, so we actually don't need to do anything because it has been passed to communication department, so that is already started. As far as the action items... for as far as the second question that Silvia asked, beforehand... as far as the [inaudible] AFRALO list and the question about whether the document is final. The document is dynamic, the document is not something that we will print and that's the end of it. No. It's a working document there will be one week for the members of the group to provide their comments and then we will have two to three weeks or so, that we will give to the AFRALO list, so that people might be able to provide comments. So, once we get to that

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point the final document will be complete after it is approved, not only by the working group but also by the entire community, then we will move forward with implementation. Now, implementation can still be started now, through webinars because webinars are a means to raise awareness, to do capacity building, to increase knowledge and so forth. But as I mentioned the document is dynamic, it will be final once we have all of the comments by AFRALO, by the general AFRALO community. Tijani, what do you think? Are there others that would like to comment on this proposal? Any comments?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

I gave you a green check mark.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL:

If you agree, let's move forward on this so we will send it to the list first of the working group and then the general mailing list. So, we are almost at the end of our call. If there are comments and there is the other business point please go ahead. If there are no further comments, I would like to thank you very much for your presence during this call. I do apologize for the issues that we had, last time I chaired the meeting and so Daniel was the one that was supposed to chair, however we had some technical difficulty, so that was not possible. So, we had to do it with what we had, but it was a good meeting, I believe, we will be in touch shortly once we have a final date in the end of July, beginning of August for the first webinar. I would like to ask all of you who are members of the working group to promote this first webinar [inaudible] we will send that information to the AFRALO mailing list, and we will

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also try to make sure and promote the webinar to make sure we have a lot of participants. I would like to now thank all of you and wish you a great afternoon, evening, morning, and I would like to also thank the staff as well as the interpreters. Thank you for being here to help with this conference call, thank you very much.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thanks everyone.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you bye-bye.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you everyone for joining the call, this meeting is now adjourned. Please remember to disconnect your lines. Bye-bye.

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