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On the call today, we have Abdalomonem Galila, Aziz Hilali, Biaou Ramanou, Ejikeme Egbuogu, Gabriel Bombambo Boseko, Joan Katambi, Keita Moussa, Marcus Adomey, Mohamed El Bashir, Montresor Konan, Montresor Konan, Oreoluwa Lesi, and Tijani Ben Jemaa in the French channel.

On the English channel, we have Daniel Ononiwu, Pastor Peters Omoragbon, Barrack Otieno, Abdulkarim Ayopo Oloyede, Seun Ojedeji, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Hadia Elminiawi, Nkem Nweke – sorry. One second. Omar Shuran, Holly Raiche, , Sarata Omane, and Mohamed El Bashir also on the English channels.

We have received apologies from Mary Uduma, Daniel Nanghaka, Dave Kissoondoyal, Michael Tchonang, Maureen Hilyard, and Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Yaovi Atohoun, Angie Graves, Thomas Barrett, and Claudia Ruiz on call management.

Our interpreters are Camilia and Jacques.

I would like to remind everyone, before speaking, to please state your name for the interpreters and the transcription purposes.

With this, I turn it over to Mohamed. Thank you.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much. Good evening, everyone. Good morning to all my friends and colleagues joining us for the call. My apology. I joined late. I had some communication issues. So, without any further ado, we can proceed to our agenda items.

I think, just to compensate for the late start, we can proceed to Agenda Item #1: the reports. If we have time, we can come back at the end of the call in Any Other Business to just go through the opening public comments or, let's say, issues. That's going to be open for RALOs and everyone to comment on. So, I think, to save time, we can start with the reports.

Our first [inaudible] is from the NomCom Review [inaudible] Team. I think we have Cheryl. She is the Vice-Chair of the team. I think we have Angie Graves. So, I'm not sure if it's Angie or Cheryl who will provide an update. We'll have Tom Barrett as well. So, I leave it to you guys to decide who's going to speak on this subject.

TOM BARRETT: Thank you, Mohamed. Can you hear me okay? This is Tom Barrett.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah. Thank you, Tom. Please continue. Thanks.

TOM BARRETT: Thank you. I'll move quickly, given I know you're all tight for time. This is Tom Barrett, along with Cheryl Langdon-Orr. We are Co-Chairs of the NomCom Review. Thank you for this opportunity to give you an update today on the status of the NomCom Review.

Every five years, ICANN requires its various bodies to undergo a review process. So, this is the one that's being conducted for the NomCom. We're roughly in Step 5 of a 7-step process.

To give you an idea of – we started about a year ago. We've already completed an independent assessment of the NomCom using an outside consultant. That consultant published a report in June of this year for public comment. We received about twelve public comments, and they published their final report towards the end of June. So, we call that the assessment report.

We're now in the phase that we call the feasibility and initial implementation phase. Angie, if you have the slides, you could move on to the next slide. Or, can I control that?

All right. Well, with this slide, we'll catch up.

So, we are in the process now of assessing the 27 findings and recommendations of this independent evaluator and determining their feasibility and initial implementation plan. Our intent is to wrap up this phase by the end of the year and submit a report to the ICANN Board subcommittee called the Organizational Effectiveness Committee. They'll then review our report and make its recommendation to the full ICANN Board.

If you go to the next slide, we have developed a score card that gives you an idea of the 27 recommendations that we are assessing the feasibility for.

So, if we go to the next slide, please. So, there are five categories for these recommendations. I know this is hard to read, so I'll read them out loud for you. There's a set of recommendations related to skills and training. There's a set of recommendations related to recruitment. There's a set of recommendations for the evaluation process, a category for charter-related recommendations, and, finally, a category for communications between the NomCom and the rest of the community.

Even though it's presented here as five categories, certainly, the last two that I referenced are more profound and significant than the first three. [inaudible][may be the category related to the charter than] a category related to communications with the community.

So, I thought I'd spend a few minutes just to go over some of those categories. Again, all this is published on the NomCom wiki if you're interested in reading up and finding more detail about that.

So, some of the recommendations of the charter. We are suggesting that they go to a two-year term instead of a one-year term. We think that all the members should be fully participating members and have voting privileges as opposed to the current structure, where there are non-voting members.

There is a desire to review the composition of the NomCom and see if it's necessary to rebalance the NomCom and see if other stakeholder

groups should be represented that are not currently represented on the NomCom.

There's a recommendation for changing where the ICANN organization is that the NomCom reports into. It currently reports into the General Counsel, and the recommendation is that it reports into the CEO or human resources department. Finally, the diversity and size of the NomCom is recommended to be the same that it is today.

In terms of the categories under communications, there's a recommendation where the leadership should have input on the budget of the NomCom. We want to formalize communications between the NomCom and all the various SOs and ACs to make sure they understand both who they should be appointing to NomCom, as well as [inaudible] candidates.

They're looking for the most – some of the more interesting recommendations here include creating an empowered body of current and former NomCom members that can help ensure greater continuity from year to year for the NomCom, helping build its institutional memory, and also helping make sure it's transparent and accountable to its community.

Finally, the last recommendation has to do with providing clarity on the desire for independent directors. So, defining exactly what is an independent director, and does the community want the NomCom to be selecting directors to the ICANN Board? If so, what should the composition of the ICANN Board be with respect to independent directors?

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So, the sake of time, let me just move on to the next steps. My understanding is that we're not going to be taking questions during this update.

So, in terms of next steps for the NomCom Review, we will, as I mentioned earlier, reach consensus within the Review Working Party on the 27 recommendations from the independent examiner. We'll submit our feasibility and initial implementation plan report to the OEC Subcommittee of the ICANN Board towards the end of the year or early 2019. The OEC Subcommittee will then make their recommendation to the ICANN Board hopefully before the March ICANN meeting, where we then expect and hope that the ICANN Board will pass their resolution approving the final report of the feasibility study.

Then, we start the final phase of the review, where we form an implantation team and begin drafting the detailed implementation plan for each of the 27 recommendations.

So, that's our update today on the NomCom Review. Again, I realize that we didn't schedule any additional time for interactions, but certainly we'll stay on the call if you want to submit something via the chat.

You're also welcome to visit the ICANN wiki for the NomCom Review and submit your comments through those channels as well.

So, I'll had this back you. Claudia. Again, thank you, everyone, for your time.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Okay. Thank you, Tom. Mohamed, would you like to continue?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: [inaudible] to give our members a chance to ask any questions or provide comments. I think I have, if you don't mind, Aziz, who raised his hand. Maybe he has a question or an update.

Aziz? You have the floor.

Aziz is on the French channel. I guess we're waiting for the translation.

CAMILIA: Hi. This is the interpreter speaking. I'm not getting anything from Aziz yet.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. Thank you very much. So, if I may ask, I have two questions, Tom, one regarding NomCom outreach. We have an issue in Africa that it's very difficult to have the candidate. So, did the review include any recommendation about how to have an [expected] outreach or maybe spreading the word out there for applicants?

The second question is, you mentioned an advisory body to help form previous NomComs. Is that only for the Chairs or does it include all the NomCom appointees or members in this body? Thank you.

TOM BARRETT: Thank you for those questions, Mohamed. In terms of your first question about outreach to the African region, I [didn't] take the time to go over the recruitment category, but one of the recommendations in

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there is that the NomCom generate, for lack of a better word, a marketing plan or outreach plan to raise awareness worldwide about the openings that ICANN has on the Board, the GNSO, the ccNSO, etc.

As part of that outreach, I think you'll recognize that the traditional recruiter, who's based in Europe, may not be appropriate for doing the recruitment and outreach in Africa, Latin America, and Asia.

So, as part of the recommendation and proposed implementation, there'll certainly be a focus on finding outside consultants who can help with outreach in the African region, as well as the other underserved regions.

In regards to your second question about the Standing Committee, the actual details of that have not been developed yet in terms of the composition and how they're selected, but, certainly, I don't think it would be necessarily restricted to only chairs or former chairs of NomCom. It could certainly include anyone who has experience with NomCom. But, again, those details that will be dealt with during the implementation phase.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Tom. I think I still have Aziz's hand raised. So, Aziz, if you can hear us and would like to provide your update or question, please go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: [And, I am] still in the queue as well. This is Seun.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Oh, okay, Seun.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hello. The operator is dialing out to Aziz again, so it will take one moment. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: No worries. So, Seun, please go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for the quick summary. I just wanted to ask – sorry, I'm audio only, so I'm not looking at the slides right now, so pardon me if this has already been covered in the slides – to what extent is this review and its implementation going to affect or impact the current NomCom?

My question [inaudible] which of the NomComs will this affect? Then, does the review suggest any changes in the composition of NomCom? I think those are the two questions. Thank you.

TOM BARRETT: Thank you for those questions. So, generally, our review does not officially take effect until we finish the implementation phase of the review. There are 27 recommendations, so it's possible that each of the 27 recommendations become active at different points in time.

Now, having said that, we are in close coordination with the current Com. We've met with them several times over the past several months. They are very willing to take onboard many of these recommendations and essentially try them out during the current NomCom cycle.

So, it's purely voluntary on their part, but certainly, as we proceed through this review, you'll be able to witness in real time if some of those recommendations are workable or whether or not they need some adjustment based on the experience of the current NomCom.

So, they are going in parallel, but officially, our review doesn't finish until the implementation plan has been delivered.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. Thank you. I think we have Cheryl [inaudible] raised hand [inaudible].

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Mohamed –

SEUN OJEDEJI: Sorry. One other comment about composition. Sorry. This is Seun. A question about composition.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Can I answer you, Seun?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you, Cheryl. Yeah.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Maybe you can respond to both, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Seun. I just wanted to add to what Tom indicated by reminding you all that every Nominating Committee prior to implementation of some of these recommendations can change its rules and do as it wishes, and it starts from a blank slate.

So, it is terrific that this current Nominating Committee – and, indeed, possibly the one in the following year – may look at these recommendations and decide it can integrate some of those into their work practices.

What is important [inaudible] – sorry about this. [inaudible] background [inaudible] going on, but I can't do anything about it. What is important post-implementation is that we will have a far more predictable and hard-coated set of expectations for both future Nominating Committees and, might I suggest, very importantly, the ICANN community to work with.

Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Cheryl and Tom for the updates. I appreciate it. Hopefully, if you have further updates in the future, we're happy to accommodate you. Thank you very much.

So, we'll continue the rest of the agenda. I think we are already starting now – we have the reports from ALAC Activities. Seun, you're here. I'm not sure if Tijani is. I think Hadia is also here. Can you briefly provide us an update of the ALAC Activities. Please, briefly, and [inaudible] for the other agenda items. Please.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, Seun. Can you hear me?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yeah. So, the ALAC, after the [inaudible] of the last ICANN meeting, I think did [inaudible] meeting [inaudible] [interview] happening after this [inaudible]. The main ALAC meeting will be happening toward the end of the month.

A couple of things happened during the face-to-face. One of them was the fact that the At-Large [inaudible] was reviewed, and it was approved. The [inaudible] approved at the [inaudible].

One of the things was also reviewed was the [inaudible] ALAC [inaudible]. So, [inaudible] guiding principles [inaudible], etc., were also

reviewed. A couple of [inaudible], improving how ALAC communicates or engages the wider At-Large community.

Of course, [inaudible] the [nature] of ALAC.

Okay. I think other news is also that [ICANN] ended on the At-Large leadership team, and we have to to then get it on the At-Large leadership team as well.

I think the ALAC is [inaudible] we have that. The leadership of At-Large [inaudible]. The review of the At-Large leadership team and composition. So, instead of having just the Chair, Vice-Chair, and the other two members, we know now a situation whereby the leadership [inaudible] Chairs of the order of all the RALOS are also members, or are also part of the At-Large leadership team. That is called [inaudible] At-Large Leadership Team Plus.

So, far, the activities on the At-Large continues to be involved in [inaudible] for public comment. The good thing is [inaudible] to follow up on policy. The Vice-Chair [inaudible] policy [inaudible].

So, we are expecting that more engagement will happen. A lot of this change in the [inaudible] structure and [inaudible] in case I forget something. Otherwise, my colleagues will [inaudible]. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Seun. Hadia, please? Go ahead and [inaudible] regarding your EPDP involvement.

PASTOR PETERS: [inaudible] I want to speak also, please.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sure. I will put you in the queue [inaudible] No problem. Thank you.
                            [inaudible]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: I think we have the problem with the connection with Hadia. Pastor
                            Peters, would you like to speak? Please, go ahead.

PASTOR PETERS: Okay. Good evening. I just want to upload the decision to enlarge the
                            current [inaudible] larger body as supported by Cheryl. I think, [by the]
                            work on development, we'll also increase participation of members.
                            But, I just want to request – I don't think I've seen any e-mail. So, that's
                            an effect with these new changes in the rules of procedure as it relates
                            to the ALAC. Once again, I think I commend that Board decision. I think
                            it's a good one. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Can I respond to that?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah, Seun. Go ahead, please.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you, Pastor Peters. For the expansion, the current rules of procedure actually allows the Chair to incorporate anybody and advisors on the At-Large leadership team. Even though they need to [inaudible] number that the [inaudible]. So, the current Chair [inaudible] other part of the leadership team to do that. So the current rules of procedure support that.

In terms of announcements, I think – I don't know. [inaudible] may be in the position to talk about that. [inaudible] I think it should be put on the website. There should be an update on that much more later. Thank you.

PASTOR PETERS: Yeah. Thank you. I just said I appreciated or applauded that Board position. So, that is what I said. So, [inaudible]. Don't worry. Thank you very much.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you. Hadia, you can try again. Can you speak?

HADIA ELMINIAWI: So, yes. Hello, everyone. So, a quick update up the expedited policy development process.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: I think, Hadia, we have … we can't hear you. If you're using Adobe Connect as your mic to speak, maybe the [inaudible] connection or your dialogue.

I can understand now. This is frustrating, definitely, for all, for you. We're not able to speak. So, Claudia, can we try to dial out to Hadia using a reliable, let's say, phone line? Maybe a fixed line? That would be great.

Sorry, Hadia. We might need to move to the other agenda items because we can't hear you. When you are connected, we can go right back to you.

So, we have the next agenda item is the date of the hot topic implementation activities. I think we have Abdulkarim or Dev, as well as Daniel, I guess. So, of you guys, who's going to give us a quick update, please? A brief update about the hot topics implementation.

ABDULKARIM OLEYEDE: Hello?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes?

ABDULKARIM OLEYEDE: Sorry. This is Abdulkarim. I'll just give you a quick update on what we've been doing on the hot topics. The three Co-Chairs met in Barcelona, and

we decided to have five priority areas. What we did we was, in these five priority areas, send an e-mail to Tijani to try and see when he can actually arrange for us to have a webinar.

So, we're still trying to negotiate some appropriate time with Tijani. We're still working on that. As soon as we have the feedback from Tijani, we're going to call for a meeting of the hot topics, whereby we'll be able to update members on the working group on what we've been able to do.

So, we're waiting for a reply from Tijani. As soon as we're able to do that, we'll have some better updates. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. Thank you very much, Abdulkarim. Then, we have a report on the New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures Working Group [inaudible] Are you on the call?

I don't think we have [inaudible] on the call to update us on the Subsequent Procedures Working Group.

So, let's proceed. If Sarah is available, she could provide an update about AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting that was held at ICANN 63 in Barcelona. A brief update, Sarah.

SARAH KIDEN: Hi, everyone. Can you hear me?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes. Please.

SARAH KIDEN: So, we heard the joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting in Barcelona. The meeting was well-attended. We read out the statement. We didn't receive a lot of comments or changes. So, we'll be able to send the updated statement today after the call so that staff may provide it to the Board.

I think we also got comments that we should forward it to, I think, the GNSO as well because some of the comments were affecting them.

So, I think that's all. We didn't get a lot of comments this time. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Sarah. Then – yes, I see Tijani, I guess. He as a comment as well. Tijani is involved in the drafting – I think it was the drafting of the statement. Tijani, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Mohamed. Of course, the statement should be sent to the Board and also to the concerned working groups, [meaning] Work Track 3 of the Subsequent Procedure PDP Working Group. This is necessary. Every time we make a statement which concerns the report of the working group, we have to send it to this working group so that it will be taken into account when the comments will be compiled and included in the report. Thank you.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Tijani. Well-noted. I think [inaudible] note this as an action item [inaudible] the report to relevant working groups beside the Board and GNSO as well, at least to have the maximum reach/visibility.

Now it's the agenda item where we open it up to everyone to provide an update about their ALS activities. So, if you have a local event held in your country or city, if there is specific activity related to the Internet, or you did and you want to provide us an update, please, this is the time to provide that update.

Okay. I have a queue building. It's been building up now. It's Tijani, Aziz, Sarah. Please, go ahead, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Do you hear me now?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes. We can hear you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you. So, the FMAI, my ALS, will organize on the first of December a day about IPv6 – the implementation of IPv6, the current status, and the perspectives. This is the second time I organized such an event because, as you know, the implementation or the migration to IPv6 is very, very poor in the whole region.

If you see the international trend, the slope is more or less horizontal now. That means that everyone is not going really into this migration.

So, this time, we invited international experts and national experts to speak about this and explain why the transition to IPv6 is not done as it was expected and to explain why we need to make the transition and, if we don't do it now, what will happen.

So, I think this is a very important topic that we have. In all of Africa, we have to think about this. AFRINIC is doing a wonderful effort in this matter, and I hope that the whole of Africa tries to benefit from it. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Tijani. [inaudible]

Hadia, I can't hear you.

Sorry, Hadia. We can't hear you. If you allow us to proceed to the next speaker while resolve your connection issue. Sorry for that. I think today we had multiple connection issues.

So, Biaou? Are you [inaudible]? Go ahead.

BIAOU RAMANOU: Hello, everyone. I'm going to talk about our chapter of the Internet Society, which has many activities. The first activity was [inaudible] we organized and put together an international meeting to talk about the

DNS. It was from the 9th to the 13th of October. We had many activities. About 700 people showed up.

The second activity that we'd like to share with you [inaudible] of the AFRALO session, the AFRALO-AfrICANN session happened in Barcelona. So, [the] chapter organized a live feed of this AFRALO-AfrICANN. There were several dozen participants. So, we did present ICANN. All the activities of AFRALO were presented as well. We did organize those live feeds for the meeting that is happening in Thailand currently, on November 5th and November 6th.

So, this is what we did in [inaudible]. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Biaou, for doing that update on your activities in [inaudible]. Let's give Aziz another chance. Can you speak, Aziz? You're currently unmuted.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much. I had many issues connecting today by Adobe or phone. But, I wanted to go back. About NomCom, I have two remarks I wanted to give that represent the activity of our members at NomCom. I think it's not very balanced.

Secondly, the transparency of NomCom. A few members in the NomCom proposed in Barcelona to have some public meeting so that ICANN participants know more about what's going on at NomCom and how we work, how we select people, because NomCom has been like a

black box. Not all meetings, but there's a few meetings of NomCom that should be public and open to all instead of being closed.

Secondly, regarding the ICANN activities, we're going to organize in three weeks a seminar about personal data protection, [RGPD], in Morocco. This is the National Day of the Internet, and it's going to be a big event for Morocco. We're going to be in Fez, Morocco, and I hope that some of you can come.

That's what I wanted to say. I can tell you more, if you will, about what NomCom will do this year. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Aziz, for all the updates. Abdalmonem Galila, welcome to your first AFRALO call. Happy to hear your update.

Sorry. I was on mute. So, my apology. I usually put myself on mute when someone is speaking. We have [inaudible] Abdalmonem. So, Hadia, if you can proceed, you are next.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay. Can you hear me now?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, we can hear you. Please go ahead.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:	Okay. Very good. So, I'm just going to give a quick update about the expedited policy development process [inaudible]. The initial final report has been put together. It attempt to answer the [charter] –
MOHAMED EL BASHIR:	Unfortunately as well, we can't share Hadia. The connections are, today, bad on the phone lines.
	So, let's proceed. I'll try to give you a slot in Any Other Business. So, thank you very much, everyone, for the updates up your activities. Very active ALSs, and we have multiple activities.
	So, the next agenda item is the AFRALO discussion on ALS activities funds. So, to give you an update, basically, each RALO has an amount of money. In our case, it's $4,000 U.S per year, which is going to be spent on ALS activities. So, that's basically funding, I think, for local activities by your local ALS.
	In the Adobe Connect, I have posted and Silvia has posted the link to the wiki page. That includes the procedure and the criteria of the discretionary fund for the RALOs.
	Unfortunately, up to now, we did not utilize our AFRALO funding. Other RALOS have started spending their funds. For example, LACRALO has spent almost 50% of their funds [inaudible]. So, in our case, we didn't utilize anything from the $4,000 U.S. fund for the ALS activities.
	The criteria is clear. It's a local activity by the ALS that is, let's say, aligned with – it could be outreach and engagement activities. The funds should be part or a portion of the full budget of the [event]. So,

the request should not be the full budget. So, in order for us to distribute the funds for the maximum number of ALSs , it's better to have the request as a portion or a partial budget of your event.

So, there is a request form that needs to be filled. That request form will be evaluated. Then, they will make a decision about funding the activity.

So, please go to the page that Silvia posted on the Adobe Connect. It has the criteria, it has the process, and it also has the request for the activity [budget]. So, I encourage you to start filling out applications and submitting application for funding. So, that's from my side.

I think that we need to utilize all our budget, and this is very important.

Okay. Any questions about the ALS activities fund or the discretionary fund. I think it's clear. You can go ahead online and submit your application. We would like to have more local activities.

PASTOR PETERS: [inaudible]

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah. Go ahead, Pastor Peters, please.

PASTOR PETERS: May I request the Secretariat to pass this information to all the ALSs [inaudible] competition [inaudible]? Then, with these details, not everybody makes use of the Adobe Connect. In fact, [inaudible], there were such funds in the past, but I wasn't aware [inaudible] and they

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would not even know the period or location. So, when does it start and when does it end – this current cycle? When it is ending? [inaudible] passed to all the ALSs so that they will act accordingly.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sure. Thank you very much. I think we can note this as an action item. Sarah, sorry. If you could please send an e-mail to our mailing list with the details of the funding, a link to the page, a link the form, and the criteria so that at least everyone can know about it. Then, they can apply. Thank you.

Okay. So, that's what was for the ALS activities funding. For the AFRALO rules of procedure of [inaudible] decertification [inaudible], just to remind you where we are. We had our initial text. That was debated. We updated that text and we presented it, I think, in the previous meeting. It was also posted on our wiki page. I think I'll try to pause the wiki page. And, it was sent to the mailing list twice.

The comments that were received were incorporated. For example, the decertification based on the legal status of the ALS was completely removed. And, we incorporated all the updates.

So, now we have a final, updated text, which we need to proceed for voting on it. So, the text we will share again. It's the same text. There's no changes from the previous text that was already shared in the meeting and on the mailing list as well. I don't think there's a need to again through the details of the text. But, this is the link. You have it.

If there's no objection to proceed, we can ask staff to prepare voting for the [inaudible] decertification.

Hadia, can you speak now?

HADIA ELMINIAWI: I hope I can. Can you hear me?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes. Please, go ahead.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay. So, I just wanted to give a quick update about the EPDP. The initial final report has been put together. It answers the [inaudible] questions. [inaudible]. The report will be put out for public comment by the 19th of November. It includes the workbook that we have been using. The workbooks mainly identify ICANN purposes, along with the [inaudible] activities associated with the ICANN [inaudible], and the data elements related to each of the [inaudible] activities.

It also identifies the rules of different parties. For example, [inaudible]. In addition, also, it has the work of the [inaudible] team work, which actually tackles some [inaudible] issues. [inaudible] and legal persons. [inaudible] It doesn't differentiate between natural and [inaudible] persons. But, actually, [inaudible] regulations does make the distinction.

So, there was discussion about [inaudible] making also the distinction, adding that kind of distinction between natural and legal person. The

hasn't been a [inaudible] in this regard. The registries and contracted parties are sort of afraid of [inaudible] –

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Hadia? Sorry to cut you off. Your line was breaking, and, also, the interpreters were not able to interpret your update. My apologies.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Oh. It's fine. I'm finished here. The report should be out for public comment by the 19th of November.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. Thank you very much.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: [inaudible] forward the issues we were debating just in case you have some sort of ideas or directions to [inaudible] also. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you. Also, [Heidi], if you could say, "If you require any input from AFRALO, you can send it to the mailing list and indicate that this is the issue currently we're having," or, if there is any [questions] or comments, that would be useful. Thank you very much.

I think now we are on Agenda Item #5, which is new ALS applications. So, Sarah, I'll hand it over to you.

SARAH KIDEN:	Hi, everyone. I hope you can hear me. We don't have any ALS applications, but we have received three individual membership applications.
	The first one was from Oreoluwa Lesi. She's from Nigeria, and she's also attending this call today. She was in the recent meeting in Barcelona, and she impressed interest in joining us as an individual person.
	The next person is [inaudible], who lives in South Africa, but she's from Zimbabwe. The third person is Abdalmonem Galila, who is from Egypt. He is also attending this call today. So, we have those three applications for your approval as the RALO before we forward it to staff and to the ALAC. Thank you.
	Oh, sorry. One more thing. In the next meeting, we shall have many more applications. Many people have reached out to us for information about applying. So, I think, in the coming weeks, we will get many more applications.
	I would like to thank everyone who has been reaching out to people and encouraging them to join. Thank you.
MOHAMED EL BASHIR:	Thank you very much, Sarah. I think we're happy to have our new individual members joining this call and being active. I guess we all welcome them. We're looking forward, really, to your active participation.
	Okay. So, is there any other business? Any other update?

Okay. [I shall note that]. Thank you very much, everyone –

SARAH KIDEN: Oh, Mohamed, I had my hand up.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. Sarah, sorry. I hadn't seen it. Sorry. Go ahead, please.

SARAH KIDEN: I would like to request – I don't know if this is necessary or not, but I've noticed that we have more people attending the call in English. Previously, we used to have many French people attending. That's why their Adobe Connect was in French. Do we still need to continue doing that, or should we switch to English and have the dialogues in French? Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Sarah.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible]

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Any feedback to Sarah's request that we change Adobe Connect's interface from French to English because now we have many participants in the English channel?

Maybe we can try it at the next meeting. Maybe there's no objection. [If we have some] in the feedback, then we can discuss it later. So, that will be useful.

Hadia, please? You have your hand raised.

HADIA EMINIAWI: I don't know if it's possibly to actually have two different Adobe audios, one for French and one for English. Then, we all have access to one [inaudible]. Is this technically feasible?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: I think I'll let Silvia or Heidi respond to that. I don't think it's – it's maybe feasible to have separate Adobe [interfaces] operational because that might be two different rooms for it.

Silvia?

Silvia is saying, "Hadia, I'm not sure if that's feasible." Silvia said she will check. So, we will check it and see if there's a way we can have maybe both, each one having their language.

Claudia says that we can not have it in two rooms at the same time. Sorry for that.

So, let's have the interface in English for the next conference. Then, if we have any feedback, then we can go right back to French, no problem.

So, thank you very much, everyone. I think we are, like, ten minutes now after the hour. I will give a final chance to speak – [inaudible], if you can be brief.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thank you, Chair. I'll be very brief. I'll put it in the chat room, but for those who are in Adobe, our next monthly will be [now] scheduled for the 15th of November. We'll put the information on the AfrICANN mailing list. Thank you so much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, [inaudible]. I appreciate it.

So, thank you very much, everyone, for joining the call. My apology, again, for joining late. Have a good night. Thank you very much. Bye.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, everyone, for joining this call. This meeting is now adjourned. Apologies again for all the technical difficulties. Thank you very much, and enjoy the rest of your day.

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