CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening, everyone. Welcome to the ALAC Leadership ALT-PLUS monthly call on Monday the 19th of November 2018 at 17:00 UTC.

On the call today we have Maureen Hilyard, Holly Raiche, Sébastien Bachollet, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Barrack Otieno, Yrjö Lansipuro, Oliver Crépin-Leblond, Danial Nanghaka, Eduardo Diaz on audio only, Jonathan Zuck, Greg Shatan, Alan Greenberg, Alberto Soto just joined, and on Spanish, we have Sergio Salinas Porto.

We have received apology from Ricardo Holmquist. From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, Evin Erdogdu, Yesim Nazlar, and myself, Claudia Ruiz on call management. Our interpreters are Paula and Marina. And before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state your name before speaking for the transcription purposes and also for the interpreters to identify you on the language channels. Thank you, and I turn over to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Claudia. I notice there's a bit of an echo somewhere. Somebody also mentioned a bit of a ticking noise. I'm just wondering what that might be. But okay, good morning, good afternoon and good evening, everyone. It's great to have you here for our first ALT-PLUS meeting. It's really great to see a good team here this morning for me.

Okay, and during our leadership team meetings which are generally held just before the ALAC meeting, I at least like to use this opportunity

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for us [inaudible] go over some of the issues that we'll be raising in the ALAC meeting. Is there anything else that people want to raise at this particular leadership call? So that we're all on the same space when we're communicating our updates with the ALAC team and community members at the next meeting.

Before we adopt the agenda, is there anything else that anyone would like to add to the agenda that we have in place at the moment? I think I've raised it with Heidi, but I just want somebody to make sure that we're reminded that the fellowship mentor program needs to be addressed very shortly. So we might [inaudible] get an update from staff on where we're at with that one. Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET.

Thank you, Maureen. Maybe – and [inaudible] I don't know, but maybe I'm wrong. So if you've heard about the Global IGF and maybe other international meeting like the plenipot, but I guess the IGF, we were there, not so much at the plenipot, but [inaudible] feedback would be useful, I suggest. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. [inaudible] okay, we'll put that down, a brief report perhaps on [inaudible]. Thank you. Anything else? Is there anything else anyone wants to raise? Okay, so we'll take that as the agenda then, add those extra little bits and pieces at the end of it.

So let's then move on to the next item on our agenda, which is of course our policy activities, and for this session, [inaudible] it will be taken by t

eh CPWG team with Evin who will [become] part of the CPWG team eventually anyway. But if we could have a report from this team. Thank you very much. I'll leave it over to you, Jonathan and Olivier.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

I don't know if Olivier's even on the call, but I will take note of this being a regular agenda item and prepare more thoughtfully in the future with a small presentation as to where we are in coordination with Evin. But we continue to meet on a weekly basis, and we have several public comments that are in draft mode right now. That includes our comments on the CCT review, our [inaudible] comments on the WHOIS review that I think are due today or were due yesterday, but we're going to hand them in today. And we have some ongoing process reforms that we're going through in the CPWG as well. So I don't have a prepared list in front of me, but I will in the future. But right now, we have identified penholders for the open public comments to which we thought it was important to respond, and we have drafters in place right now in several of them.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Jonathan. Great interjection for that. And normally, we have Evin going through anything that's sort of important to raise anyway. But yeah, we'll coordinate something in future. [That's great.] So Evin –

JONATHAN ZUCK:

[Definitely, I'm now] going to coordinate with Evin prior to the future calls and have a presentation in place. So now that I know it's a regular agenda item, I will take note of that.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Awesome. Thank you. Evin, is there anything that is of note that you want to bring to our attention?

EVIN ERDOGDU:

There were two updates, two new public comments that recently opened, and so we'd like to have the ALAC Leadership Team Plus as well as perhaps the ALAC and CPWG determine whether or not it's in our interest to comment on these two topics.

The first is policy status report, inter-registrar transfer policy, and that comment closes on the 24th of December. The second is application for new uniform domain name dispute resolution policy, or UDRP dispute resolution service provider, and that closes on the 4th of January, early next year.

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And while I have the floor, just to note the draft PTI and IANA FY20 operating plan and budget comment was submitted on the 12th of November, but it was noted that an initial draft was submitted and that a revised draft would follow after the IGF, and Jean-Jacques Subrenat, who was the co-penholder on that draft, mentioned perhaps it was worthwhile to reach out to NCSG to kind of jointly comment on this.

But there was a general note that there would be a follow-up statement to this, so just wanted to bring those two new public comments and then that one statement to your attention. Thanks.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you. Do we have any other comment from anyone else on those? I do believe that we did make a point about the PTI and IANA document that it really did need to have perhaps a little bit more looking at, and we do need to review that one. And we do have a vote coming up as well. But Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thanks, Maureen. I guess I have two points. One is there was a thread of discussion about the comments on the budget, and I guess with this group on the call, I'm inclined to say that we didn't let comments that people aren't showing interest in reviewing or that we haven't attempted some consensus on go out under the moniker of At-Large. I feel like they should convert to personal comments at that point. That's my only criticism there.

I confessed about having read them, but it's not that I disagree with them or anything like that, I just felt like the process was such that we essentially ended up submitting unread comments by one person as comments of the group, and I feel like that's something we're trying to move away from. And then I guess if we're going to discuss this, of the new comments that Evin mentioned, it sounds like the registry transfer policy has some end-user significance, probably the UDPR provider one [inaudible] point of view. Thanks.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Maureen? If you are speaking, you are muted, so please unmute.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Maybe I don't need to [wait. While we wait for Maureen,] allow me to talk. I wanted to make [some] comments. I don't think we need to make any comments about the draft PTI and IANA operating plan and budget unless we think something really [helps us.] But I don't think that there is real need for that.

And the second point is I'm sure that it's not cross-community working group on policy that [inaudible] but if somebody, if the group responded, that is [inaudible] the one about budget and not the one about policy. We need to be really clear [inaudible] policy [inaudible] it's not policy at all. Once again, except if we find something that we completely disagree with the way PTI is going. But I don't think [inaudible]. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Sébastien. Yes, we need to make more use of the workspace as well. Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Yeah. Thank you very much. Look, it's long been a problem that we submit statements that are approved by the whole ALAC but in many cases, typically one person writes it and one or two other people look at it and make comments on it. I don't know how we fix that other than

instilling a sense of responsibility that people shouldn't be voting for things unless they have some understanding of it. And whether that means we need to raise it on a call, whether it's CPWG or the nonpolicy consolidated working group, I don't much care, or some sort of mini tutorial that everyone who writes a statement has to produce and people can look at it offline.

It's moderately important that we understand what it is we're agreeing to, but I don't know how — there's no way we can get everyone on the ALAC or everyone on At-Large up to speed on every issue. So I think we need to think about the problem and come up with some innovative ways of addressing it, because it is a problem right now, and I think we have to look at it. But it can't just be tunnel everything through one working group or simply admonish everyone to go read every document that comes out. Neither of those are going to happen. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thanks, Alan. Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Maureen. I tend to disagree with Sébastien that the budget of PTI is not part of the policy. It is part of the policy, but because don't see only the financial aspect of it. What we'll discuss is more what will be done with this money, and so it is more policy than other thing. But this is another issue. And I agree with him that it is not gTLD policy. This is what he meant, I think.

This is another issue. Let's go now to what Alan said. Alan seemed to say that ALAC members are voting on something that they don't know about, which is very dangerous. I cannot say — I believe in ALAC members. They sign up. If someone don't say anything, I understand that he didn't read or he's not aware about, etc. But someone who vote on something must at least read it and understand on what he's voting on.

You can notice that I don't vote on some of the policy statements, because I didn't have time to read it or because I don't share — I don't understand why I have to vote on this statement. So I don't think that there is ALAC members who vote on something that they don't read. This is very dangerous statement in my point of view. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Tijani. Sébastien?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Yes. Thank you, Maureen. I think the question of how many people participate through ICANN is an important point, but at the end, except few people in this room, and they know who they are, who can do everything, I can't. And I need to rely on other. I think that — and I guess that is the case for a lot of us. Therefore, we need to find a way to rely on others when [inaudible] someone to write the statement, it's not just to write a statement for one group or another, it's to try, after some discussions, to have a statement of everybody. But you can't — at least I can't do that for every single statement. Therefore, we need to take that also into account. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Sébastien. Yes, this is definitely something we need to work on, and I think that we need to get a small group to perhaps look at some of those issues. As Alan has raised, people can't be expected to read through everything and be able to understand everything, but as long as they've been involved in the discussions, if they've been to – I mean the CPWG meetings are important for actually getting that background on what people are [actually] going to be voting on. But it's like when we've got issues such as this particular one – I've got an echo – we do need to find some way in which we either put in a statement [inaudible] vote for the statement. We need to look at what we do in that case. So it's something work on. Thank you, everyone, for that discussion.

Right. Is there anything else that we need to – there are documents that are [inaudible] draft at the moment and people are working really hard on it, so I really do thank those people who put their hands up to actually penhold for these particular items. Sébastien, something else?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Yes. Thank you very much, Maureen. I just want to raise the question of [one of this commentary] [inaudible] auction proceeds, because [we were supposed] for the member of the auction proceeds group to have a discussion in Barcelona, and unfortunately, we were not able to have it. [And that's my fault because I never asked for.] But if you look to the Wiki space on this topic, it's written that it's Hadia who's supposed to write the statement, and there is no statement and it's in eight ways

that we are supposed to deliver [inaudible] statement. Therefore, I don't know what we want to do and how we want to do, but maybe we need to ask the working group to take that into account during the next call. But it's something that I wanted to [reply.] Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yeah. Thank you. Yes, we'll work on that one. Okay, I think if there's nothing else to discuss at this particular point, we have probably an action item here looking at the issue of working on those statements that are considered not exactly policy and sort of the in-between kind of statements, how do we address those. We'll work on a proper action item for that one.

Right. So let's move on to this particular – the next issue, which is to do with reporting. Holly, I'd seen your issue about the action item and we will discuss it, we'll include that into it. Okay, number four, reports and discussion on At-Large Plus leaders. I'm expecting that liaisons, working groups and RALO chairs are already writing up short monthly reports.

I've had a look at — I noticed that there was an ALAC reports page and there was also an At-Large reports page, and I noticed that the At-Large reports page is the more recent one, except that there are some aspects of both those pages that need merging. We need to work on that for a start so that people know where they've got to do their reports.

But when it comes to the ALAC and this particular meeting, we never go – and it's been normal practice that we don't ever go over the actual reports, it's become standard practice that if there are any items of major importance that need to be brought to the attention of At-Large

and the leadership first of all from within a working group or a RALO or perhaps another constituency, then it can be raised at this particular point in time just to draw people's attention to the report where they can read more about it.

But I just think it's important, first of all, that the reports are written And I'm not expecting great screeds. Bullet pointed, especially for the working group [inaudible] RALO leaders, bullet points on what the important issues are that were brought up at the monthly meeting or something, and that at this meeting, if there's anything to be raised, as in the past, that perhaps we need to draw people's attention to something that is different, that's new, or of concern. I think those are the sorts of things that have happened in the past from these reports if it's something that we need to be looking at.

But I just feel that people are going to be keeping an eye on how At-Large is actually operating, even if just to check on me. But just how we're doing things. So if we can at least keep our reports up to date, and we'll make sure that the reports are all stored in one place and that at these meetings, we can have one or two minutes to identify something that is of interest to people. and I think that that's something that we could just do. And we could use it as a promotion of ourselves or just to address things that we think are of importance.

So on that note, is there anyone who has anything to report from any of their – from the reports or whatever, something they want to bring to our attention? Okay, "This meeting could be a quick clearing house for routing things. I think that's less of an issue than making sure there's a process for everything we do." Yes, exactly. Daniel. Daniel?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Can you hear me?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Yeah, we can now. Thank you.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Can you hear me?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, we can hear you, Daniel.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Okay, great. I'm happy to share that there was a successful [auction]

engagement at the IGF. We had various participation of various members being present at the IGF. [We discussed] the fact that there are some [inaudible] challenges during the IGF, including materials [just

to mention,] but all that will be pushed to the meeting for auction

[inaudible] taking place tomorrow.

And also, we have started collecting articles for the first [inaudible]

issue of the newsletter, which will be shared during the next meeting in

Kobe. Thank you. Back to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. Olivier. Oh, nice to see you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Maureen. Can you hear me?

MAUREEN HILYARD: We can.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay. Thank you. I can't speak too loud because I'm on a train at the moment. Just pointing out that the link that you have to the ALAC monthly reports page, that page is completely out of date. So that needs to be completely updated. The link to EURALO sends you to the 2014 reports for some reason. And it's got list of working groups there which don't exist, like the working group on future challenges for example, and various others. So that's going to have to be updated somehow please. I see the last update of that page was September 23rd, 2014.

On the EURALO side of things, we're filing monthly reports, EURALO secretariat monthly reports, but there was a discussion on the RALO call, from the RALO leadership calls in the past which was that some RALOs prefer to actually file [not monthly] reports but they have newsletters that they publish, and we felt as a group that it was okay to file a newsletter or a report as long as one or the other was being filed. So I'll let other RALOs that are filing newsletters rather than RALO monthly reports to provide details on this, but I thought it would need to be pointed out. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yeah. Thank you very much. That's good. Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Olivier, 2015 report is good. The new gTLD one is 2013 is the most recent report. This is an issue we've been dealing with for a long time, that we point to these reports but nobody looks at them, and obviously, staff isn't looking at them because otherwise, these things would be cleaned up. And I was chair for four years, and to be honest, I was guilty also. It got so frustrating looking at these sometimes that I just didn't bother.

So we really have to look at how we structure these things, make sure they're current, make sure they're relevant, and then we need to track and make sure that people are actually submitting them. But to chastise people for not submitting things when it's almost impossible to find the current reports in some cases, I think we need to clean up our act and then make sure they're both usable reports and findable. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Alan. I think that that probably goes with the website/Wiki cleanup that we've got planned in the implementation as well, so that's a very valid point. As I was going through and found the At-Large and the ALAC pages and sort of felt, well, where are people — I realized that a RALO secretariat was on one page but not on the At-Large one where everything else seemed to be. So yeah, that does need to be reorganized in a way that is easy to find information. That's one of the things that we've often said, there's information going on that nobody

connects here. So this is important for us, I think. We want people to find out what we're doing. It has to be easy to locate.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Yeah. Maureen, if I can just follow on, it starts at the point that on our agenda page, there are currently two links, which is better. It used to be about three or four links on that page, but they point to two different pages which contain essentially the same information but in a different order. And we just have to take this seriously, we have to get them to both make sense and to not duplicate information in multiple places. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yes. Exactly. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

And as I've said, I have four years of blame I can accept for not getting this fixed, so this is not something new.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. We'll try and fix it up for you, Alan. Okay, thank you very much. Is there anyone else who has anything to add to that? That's another action item that we need to put in there about starting up the reports pages and getting that reorganized. Okay, so Alan, is that an old hand?

ALAN GREENBERG:

That is a very old hand.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. Great. Moving on then to number five, which is the EPDP. And it says that I'm going to be giving an update here, but I'm sure that it's really meant to be Alan, Hadia, Holly and Seun. So if I can pass that over to you, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG:

I was hoping that you'd give the report.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Oh, yes, I'm sure [I'd be able to] give you a report. Not.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Well, today was the day we were supposed to issue the interim report. It will not be issued today. With some luck, it will be issued sometime before next Monday or so. We are still reopening discussions on things that some people thought we had settled, and then someone reads it and says, "No, we didn't agree to that," and we spend a significant amount of time relegislating issues again and trying to come up with acceptable words, except now there a harder deadline in front of us so it becomes a little bit more – sometimes either more challenging or less challenging depending on how critical the issue is.

And we will be going out for comment and looking for input, and we're going to have to get it. Now, this is an issue to go back to our previous discussion where we cannot afford to have one person doing this report and no one else talking about it. I don't know what the deadline is going

to be, maybe Hadia does. I don't remember how long a deadline we've set for this. I think we said that if we issue it next Monday, it closes on the 26th of December. So it's not a long time, and we are going to have to do some really serious work getting people up to speed on this and taking positions. We have taken some positions as we did for instance on legal versus natural persons. We have not taken a position on geographic issues, and I think we're going to have to, on many of these things, decide where we stand.

And if we decided we cannot come to closure within At-Large, that's fine, but it means we're really leaving the issue to other people to decide. So I'm not going to go into specifics of what the issues are, we talked about a lot of them on previous calls, and we will be seeing some interesting stuff coming out. It's not clear at this point whether the final report or the interim report will be 25 pages or 150 pages. The issue was raised today that maybe we issue the executive summary as the report. Although I think we came to closure on whether we do that or not, I'm not 100% sure we did.

So it remains to be seen, but there is going to be a lot of work to be done, and although in this case, I think it will be reasonable for the EPDP participants to author the report, it cannot be just our positions. It must be positions that At-Large is willing to stand behind. So I won't say a lot more, I'll turn it over to Hadia if she wants to add anything. I don't see Hadia on the Adobe Connect, but maybe she's on the call on the bridge. Is Hadia on the call? She's not listed as —

MAUREEN HILYARD:

No.

ALAN GREENBERG:

No, she's not an ALT member, she's not on this call. So I think that's where we stand right now. The report will be issued soon, and it is going to require a fair amount of work. We are going to have to schedule some — not sure webinar is the right word, but some substantive discussion on these issues. And Hadia and I aided by Holly and Seun I think are going to have to put together an identification of the issues where we don't already have significantly strong positions to decide if indeed we want to have a position, and if so, what it is. But there will not be a lot of time, so it's not a matter of let's hope for input. We're going to have to ask pointed questions and get answers. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Alan. Yes, and there's lots of discussion in the chat about ways in which we might deal with this, and obviously, as you say, [inaudible] Jonathan too, a dedicated call, so that's something that's perhaps within the CPWG, we might be able to get some decision made about how we would be best to deal with that. It's pretty important anyway. Okay, are there any other questions or queries or things other than in the chat which is really important to have? Okay, alright. So that's something that —

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Maureen, I guess I'll just speak up. Would you like me to run with trying to organize something around this comment when it comes out?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yes, I think that that's something that you could work on with the EPDP team, and so [inaudible] make that an action item then, Heidi, just so that we make sure that that issue is actually dealt with. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Yeah. Just to note, the EPDP has had in the order of 80 to 90 hours of discussion so far, and at this point, getting to the end, we are meeting every day for three hours, essentially. So saying we'll have a two-hour meeting or a one-hour meeting and discuss it all is a little bit glib and perhaps presumptuous, so I think, yes, we should schedule a meeting or perhaps several meetings, but we also need to think about how we're presenting this to make sure we're using time properly. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. Right, we'll be able to sort that out together, I'm sure. Okay, so yeah, that sounds to be a fairly important issue that we need to deal with. Moving on then to the next item, which is the ARIWG issue. I've just been looking through the amazing work that's actually been done on the document. We've got of course the ARIWG meeting that's happening straight after this one, but I just have to mention that Cheryl, Heidi and Evin — and I'm sure Alan's been there too — have been beavering away frantically on that particular document, and there's been lots of discussion occurring. So it's really just trying to get this document out and in a form of readiness for everyone to actually have a look at before we send it away in a couple weeks' time. But I really do

appreciate the work that's being done while many of us were in Paris at the IGF, that there was a lot of work happening.

So at today's meeting, we'll be going through the key items and the rest of the document which is a quite comprehensive document [inaudible] working on some of the Gantt chart activities. But we'll note that there are some issues that are really quite lengthy, but it's because they're quite crosscutting, and it just really does demonstrate there is a lot of integration that's going to be done with these implementation activities.

But Cheryl, I know that Cheryl's had a lot to do with it. Cheryl, would you like to add just a brief comment on what's coming up in our meeting in the next hour or so? Cheryl. Do we have Cheryl? Her hand is up. And I would like to —

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

[inaudible] via the phone, Maureen. I've had to [inaudible] via the Adobe Connect because I disconnected [inaudible] all the horrible clicking noise. Right, I'm obviously being heard now.

[inaudible] this call motivated to get details that you've given, they should be joining the ARIWG call. The ARIWG call is hopefully going to be extremely short, and little more than pro forma. There's going to be very brief [inaudible] through from where Holly called point of order at the last issue and last two issues last week to ensure that you and the penholder on the last issue – which is me, I believe – are happy that their views are properly reflected in the final document, and then a very

brief read through on the final document. End of story, off to ALAC.

Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. Thank you very much. Yes, really just an introduction to the next call. And yeah, inviting people to come along to it. As you say, it's important that everyone has some input. Okay, so that will be dealt with very shortly, and so we can then move on to our next item, which

is equally as interesting, the ATLAS III.

I guess we've probably been overgenerous by giving ourselves five minutes, but there are things that need to be done, and I'll give it over to Olivier so that he can give his side of the story on what's happening

with ATLAS III. Olivier? Oh, is he able to talk?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

I think he has been dropped. He's on a train.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Oh, right. Okay.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

[inaudible]. But Gisella, if you're able to talk, are you able to just give a

very brief update? Okay, I think he's back now. Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Hi, I'm back.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. Oh, great.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

I'm not quite sure what I need to talk about.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

We were just talking about ATLAS III and the discussions that we've been having about the fact that we need to get some working groups organized, and we just wanted to find out where we're at with those. And Gisella, if there's anything, any updates from Gisella as well.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Maureen, I just wanted to give a very brief update. I was on annual leave, so I'm back today, and I'll be back in full swing to also just start the call for membership for the ATLAS III working group. So that will be going out over the next 24 hours and I'll be consulting with the ATLAS III organizing committee on the setup of the working group and the text for the call for membership to go out. So that's the only update at this stage from my end. And yes, the call was meant to go out on Friday, but apologies, I got back from my annual leave today. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Welcome back, Gisella. Okay, no, this is an update, and it's important, I guess, to bring it up today, because I know that Olivier and I are going to be discussing, talking to LACRALO, and they have indicated some

interest in where we're at with ATLAS III. So it's given us something to work on for that. So that's fine.

Okay, moving on to -

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Sorry. Yes, Sébastien.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: No, it's Olivier.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, okay. Olivier, go first.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Sorry about this, I keep on dropping in and dropping out. So indeed,

yeah, I'll be speaking to LACRALO and updating them on what the latest

is. Eduardo Diaz has produced a timeline which I shall be sharing with

them, and I shall also be sharing this with EURALO on Tuesday, which is

tomorrow.

The timeline itself looks at our launch date and has a number of

deadlines that we need to adhere by. Obviously, the call for candidates

for the working groups is one that we needed to start on Friday, but a

long as we start it in the next 48 hours, that's absolutely fine. We have a pretty tight schedule.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yeah. Okay.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you for that. Yeah, we'll be on that call to update them.

Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Yeah, thank you, Maureen. Just a short [inaudible] tried to reach out during the IGF to [inaudible] and to various people in Quebec about that to try to [inaudible] sponsoring for some additional travelers. Therefore, I just want to be sure that we take that into account when we deliver the number of participants, and I have to do some mathematics here and I am closer to 140 or 150 than the number we speak about. But I don't think [this is] a good time to discuss mathematics here, but if you

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yes. Thank you. Yeah, we can carry on this conversation in our ATLAS III meetings, but it is an update, and for Olivier and I, it's an important one. Quick, done. So let's move on therefore to the review of ICANN 63 and

want, I am available. Thank you.

looking at the action items to make sure that we've covered everything that we were supposed to have done. Heidi, do you want to go through those?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes. Thank you, Maureen. This was intended to be a quick review of outstanding action items from ICANN 63 as a segue to ICANN 64, so I'll be very brief, just to highlight a few. Some for the RALO chairs, and those are the regional leadership meeting did have some action items that you agreed to work and finalize your policy hot topics by the end of the year, so those RALOs who have not done so, you may wish to include that discussion in your monthly calls, which I know there are several of this week, or some single issue calls on that to move that action time forward.

And then also two that came out of the development session, for Jonathan and Olivier, and those are the production of monthly podcasts on policy, so staff are ready to help you prepare those, and also, Jonathan, one for you is to make a call for blogs on policy. And so far, you had one, and that was Marita. So just some points there. Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Great. Okay. Are there any questions or queries on any of those? Are we going through those a little bit more in depth later on, Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Yeah. Thanks, Maureen. Just on the AI for Jonathan and Olivier, I get a little nervous with the perpetual calling for monthly report as opposed

to occasionally changing a monthly to regular report. There might be times when — sorry, I meant podcasts. The same could be said for reports, I suppose. Yeah, there may be times when there's nothing to say in a month, and there may be times when you want to put out a couple in a month. So I think maybe watch how you've asked for things, otherwise you just lock people into either make work exercises or limit the amount of work they need to do. Thanks.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yeah. As Heidi said, it's a valid point. I think that sometimes, when there's a long space of time between reports, sometimes people think that they just haven't bothered. So I guess it's like trying to find one way to say that there's nothing to report or there's something. Some way of indicating that there isn't anything to report that particular month.

But I guess if we're looking at continuous improvement too, there may be something that could be mentioned rather than just for making a point, but we'll look at that. And I certainly agree that there's business as usual, as in might be a NARALO meeting or that kind of thing. So we need to look at what kind of reporting is actually necessary to assume that things just aren't being done.

Okay, Cheryl, is that another comment? Hand down?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

No, it's not hand down. Thanks, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

You just said something that triggered me. [I'll put my hand down.] And that was this – that looks like nothing's being done [inaudible] end up with. This was part of the problem with the review. We had spent many years [of my] chairmanship on – to some extent, before my chairmanship – so desperately reporting every time we opened an envelope or changed our minds that it looked like we were doing little with the rest of ICANN and only navel gazing at ourselves. So let's just be cautious. That's all.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. Alright, well, I guess it's fine if we ourselves are aware. Thank you. It is rather complex, but we need to really – well, we'll accept that, but I think that for example with regards to the regular reporting issue, I guess we for example it's the leadership team, this group, who will actually be doing the reporting back to the ALAC and the community, and I think that within each month, there would be surely something that – and it would be in the report rather than having to actually state it in the actual meeting, but if people sort of know what's happening in outreach and engagement, what's happening in [CPWG,] those blogs are coming out or will be coming out all the time anyway. And as Olivier said, for the RALOs, there'll be the newsletters are a good indication of what is actually happening, if not the bullet pointed reports that some of the RALOs [give.] It's the different ways in which that is done. So yes, it's, again, a communication issue which we need to work on, and that's

early days. I'm sure that we will be able to develop something that meets everybody's expectations, I guess.

Okay, let's move on. We're now going to be looking at – seeing as there are some issues in ICANN 63 action items which we still needed to tick off, and I do note that one of the things that I had done that needed to be checked off was a discussion with Sally Costerton, which hi actually had during the IGF meeting. She particularly sought me out to make sure that we did have that conversation, and it was a very interesting conversation about At-Large and GSE staff working together a lot more and what she wants to be more effective way of working together. So I think that was a really positive outcome for that particular action item. And there'll be more on that later on.

So moving on therefore to number nine, which is our initial discussion of ICANN 64, and I guess there are some issues that Gisella may want to raise in regard to travel. I notice that Constituency Travel has already sent out the invitations for the Kobe meeting, so there are some issues that may need to be raised.

Heidi has got a whole list of things there. Heidi, is there anything that's sort of a standout thing for us to discuss at this particular point in time?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yeah. Thank you very much, Maureen. Hi, everyone. So we had a very good discussion at the development session in Barcelona about 64, and I think it's still early days for the content development and the agenda development, but what we wanted to move ahead on, particularly on the ALAC call, were any travel issues or questions that you might have.

There were some issues during or getting [inaudible] people to and from ICANN 63 that we wanted to ensure did not happen again or that we were all aware that [there are] new travel rules.

So the idea was to invite Joseph and his colleagues to the ALAC call to ask some questions about travel-related issues. So we wanted to ask if there were any questions in particular you wanted to ask so we can give him a heads up for that ALAC call. So this might include for example the issue of flights being booked where there is no luggage allowance, flights being booked where there is no food or it's food for purchase only for long hauls. So just those sorts of questions. I see one hand raised already. Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yeah. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much. Yes, first, I have a question. It seems that Kobe doesn't have an airport, so we have to go to Osaka and then go through boat I think or something like this. I don't know how this can be explained to Constituency Travel. Second point, yes, there are flights without luggage, which is unacceptable in my point of view. If there is no food, food should be reimbursed. But if we cut part of the travel allowance, it will be, in my point of view, more difficult for volunteers to accept. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Tijani. Any other comments? Some details about flights into Kobe and Osaka. Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Yeah. Thank you, Maureen, [inaudible] I would like to suggest that we gather the [inaudible] from all the travelers [inaudible] time and to anonymize them to send them to the Constituency Travel, because I am not convinced that they will [not] get some pushback. And I just want to take one example. I am living in Burgundy most of the time, and there is no possibility for them to have the train booked, book the train from Burgundy to Paris on time to [inaudible] the train [inaudible] the plane and therefore, I don't get anything for that, and I don't understand why I can't buy the ticket and be reimbursed, and if I do that, it's completely [inaudible] six months [inaudible]. That's just one small example. And I guess if we ask all the travelers [inaudible] information and once again send it anonymously to [inaudible] Thank you. And I am ready to [help with this.]

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yes. Thank you, Sébastien. One of the things that was mentioned before was having a session on one of our calls that we actually have a session with Joseph to answer these particular travel issues, because they're quite important. And like Tijani, I sort of thing it's inequitable that some people have to pay for luggage and pay for food and that kind of stuff when on other flights, it's all sort of pat and parcel of it. So we do need to get some — for our volunteers, there need to be equitable arrangements for everyone. Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. We still haven't see the revised travel policy that people are promising will be out imminently, unless it was announced in the last week or two that I didn't notice. But these are not Joseph issues, these are policy issues. Joseph will enforce whatever the policy is. ICANN has always taken the position that any person traveling to an ICANN meeting has a credit card which is usable internationally and has spending money in their pocket for incidentals, which may be reimbursed or may be covered by the per diem, but they presume you have some money in your pocket and they presume you have a credit card which will work around the world.

Either we accept those as reasonable for At-Large participants and then we make sure that anyone appointed to any position meets that qualification – and make sure the NomCom knows about it too – or we get that rule changed. And I think that's a policy issue, it is not a Joseph issue.

Now, there are then related issues like people who live far enough away that it costs them a significant number of days per diem to travel to or from their nearest airport. That, again, is a policy issue and we shouldn't pretend it's just implementation. So I think we need to identify what these issues are and address them to the proper people. And maybe they'll be addressed in this new travel policy, but my indications are none of them will be. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Alan. Heidi, do you know anything about where the travel

policy -

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes, Maureen. I have posted the 2018 travel guidelines. That resource page I have put the link to, if you scroll about midway down, it does have the new 2018 travel guidelines. So on that point, this discussion during next week's ALAC call, Maureen and I discussed that it should be a positive discussion. It's not a time to blast Joseph on issues, it is a time for education, for him to educate you. You can let him know some overall general concerns, like what Alan noted about the visa, the issue with credit cards. I'll give him some indication on what some of the points will be, but I do also want to stress two points.

One is please do read those travel guidelines, get to know them. Secondly, please, before you ever accept a ticket, please read all of the small print, okay? On what the details are. If you have concerns, that is the time to raise them with FCM or Joseph. Once you approve it, you've approved it, and that makes things more difficult to correct.

Secondly, At-Large support staff have increasingly been working with you to solve these issues, and that takes away from their time to

support you on other key issues that they should be really supporting you, policy-related, engagement- and outreach-related. So my aim is to develop this relationship with Joseph a bit more so you understand the issues and work with him, his department, rather than coming to our great At-Large staff with their big hearts who want to help.

And this might not be the first time and only time we have Joseph on the call, but it's just the beginning of the conversation. Okay? Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Heidi. Alan, is this another -

ALAN GREENBERG:

Yeah. Thank you. I'm afraid I have to disagree with Heidi. We shouldn't have to be reading the small print, including stuff that's almost impossible to find and then interpreting what it means. If we are not provided with luggage on a flight or we're not provided with food, FCM should be telling us that. I'm talking about long haul flights for the food. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Alan. Sébastien?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Yeah. I agree with Alan, and I want to add I think [inaudible] also them to understand us, what are our difficulties, where we are living. We are

not living in the U.S., we are living in [inaudible] some consequences. And how we solve that, it's an endless discussion. And once again, I would like very much to gather the points and you anonymize them, because if [inaudible] must not be a question from A, B or C, it must be the full list of problems we face and give him a chance to read before he participate in [inaudible]. There are plenty of topics, and if you think that it will be an education, I guess you are wrong. It will not end up like that, therefore we need to organize it a little differently than you are thinking. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you. Perhaps we need to get a group together to develop an [issue statement] or something to provide, to give to Constituency Travel or ICANN Org or someone citing these issues and how it impacts on travelers. So just detailing what they are and what we feel are inequities, or probably as Alan said, people shouldn't have to be searching through the fine print. Should be upfront about what it is that people are going to receive for travel.

Okay, so that's something that we can work on as well. So we are now up to the final part of our meeting, which is Any Other Business, and just I think the first thing that I wanted to raise, of course, was the fellowship mentor program. I just wanted to check that we are getting statements of interest. I've already had people contact me, and I've asked them to put in an SOI so that we can start that process. It's getting pretty urgent now.

Secondly, the IGF, I'd just like to first of all say that the IGF was an extremely interesting time. It was very short, but I think we had a really great team working, in the booth especially. Everyone was really busy in their own activities at the IGF, with their own presentations and [inaudible] but I think that even despite that, there was always a lot of activity going on around our booth, and I think that it has been mentioned that it was really a shame that we didn't have any LACRALO brochures, because we had a lot of queries coming from that region.

But there was a lot of interest across the regions, and it was such a busy and exciting place, a good meeting place for people to — just a lot of activity, really great. And also, unfortunately, although I missed it, I know that people really appreciated Sébastien and [inaudible] hospitality even though they might have had to go for miles on a train. But no, I thought it was probably one of the best with regards to just everyone from At-Large made a point of popping in, and it was a really good feel for At-Large. I felt really proud of being there.

Is there anyone else who would like to say anything about that? Or if there was anything that was raised from the IGF that you'd like to bring up. And I do realize that the plenipot was on as well, so if there's anyone who would like to raise — if they went to that as well. Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Maureen. Thank you for the summary. I just want to raise two points. The first one is that we were meeting also the [inaudible] whatever name you want to be, but if you look at the photo of my second point, the signature of the MOU between EURALO and CENTR,

we have arranged to have the logo of At-Large and EURALO [in the middle of each photos], and thanks to [APNIC] to help with that. I want to thank Olivier because it was hard work to have this signed during the IGF, and it was great. I suggest that we send [thanks] to all the people who [attended time in] the booths through the IGF. I think they were very, as you say, very efficient, and [inaudible].

My last point is that our [inaudible] regional, but the one in France, we are very involved to participate with [Göran] together again [inaudible] and of course as one of the organizers [inaudible] France. And my last point is that I think we need to find some time in the [inaudible] to really [inaudible] speech of the French president [inaudible]. It was for the first time the president of a country came to IGF, and it was the first time that the general secretary of United Nations came also, and [it's a speech for you] to read will be the one from the minister at the closing session, because I think we may have some idea about what they are thinking and what we can struggle with that in the future. And once again, thank you for everyone to come to Paris [inaudible] it was a great [moment]. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Sébastien. Yes, and I must admit I was only able to capture the beginning and the end of the MoU signing with EURALO, and it was very well-received by everyone who was there. It really did help to raise the profile of the EURALO team, and Olivier did a brilliant job in seeing and being part of that event. It was really good.

Okay, we don't seem to have anyone to -

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Olivier.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh. Surely – is that someone? Oh, Olivier. Of course.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah. Can you hear me well?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Sure can.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Am I a bit muffled? I don't know. Just to add to this, I have received an invitation for someone from EURALO to attend the next center meeting in Bordeaux, which will be, I think it's in March at some point. So yeah, this is already moving forward. And I second the points with regards to the French president's speech. There are certainly some points that we need to address and have a look at in more detail. But altogether, it was a very short IGF, very intense, lots of sessions. I understand that many of our people were running sessions, they were chairing them, they were heavily involved in sessions, and I think we can be pretty happy about that.

Only one small setback, should I say, is that the ICANN public forum was based in a very small room, and so they stopped people from coming in because it was absolutely full. And looking through the window as I was

stopped outside, looking through the window I could only see ICANN people in there. So it was a bit unfortunate. Maybe we should have had less ICANN people and been able to bring more non-ICANN people in there to learn about ICANN. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Good point. Yes, some of the rooms that we had to use were quite tiny.

Okay, so thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yes.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

I know that we had discussed your wish to review and get some feedback on the ALAC agenda, and I thought I had it on today's agenda. I thought it had it on it at one point, but it's not there. I don't see it. So, do you want to just briefly discuss that? I can put the link into the ALAC agenda.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yes. It is actually there, I wasn't looking at [inaudible]. Yeah, it is there, I missed it.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Okay. Sorry.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

And I think that for me, this is very much our preview of the ALAC agenda, and I think that — well, this is sort of a pre-run of the ALAC meeting, and I think therefore, it just means that we are probably a little bit more aware of what needs to come out in the actual meeting itself, some not in so much steps as we perhaps have discussed it now, and in some instances, a little bit more explanation because we're actually communicating that information across our community. And I think that if you have a look through the agenda for the ALAC meeting, it's pretty similar, although a lot more reduced in regards to some of the things that are actually going to be discussed.

And again, the issue of the policy statement which is normally given by Evin, and as we mentioned before, Jonathan, a brief introduction to the policy statement, the policy activities, and then Evin can go through something, and I think that as Alan [said,] there may be certain issues that are being drafted, for example, that you may want to highlight for the ALAC community as to how they might be able to participate. And yeah, if there are any questions or queries related to the agenda for the ALAC meeting anyone wants to raise. Yrjö.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Yeah. Thank you. Yeah, talking about IGF in Paris, I had a chance to plan with Ana Neves, who is the GAC liaison to ALAC, we were planning the next joint ALAC/GAC meeting in Kobe. And I'll send an e-mail that is about those items, but I just want to say that both of us were quite

impressed by President Macron's speech, which was a strong call for regulation of the Internet. And the question that arose for both of us was whether the ALAC and the GAC would like to discuss [inaudible] possible implications at the Kobe meeting.

So at this stage, this is just a question, and we don't have time for that to be debated now, but just sort of heads up. I'm going to put something in an e-mail on it. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Yjrö. I think that that's, yeah, definitely something that we can look at, and when we start looking at our program for Kobe and what we want to discuss with the different constituency groups. If that's of interest to the GAC, that's definitely something we should put on our agenda. Awesome, thank you. Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Maureen. Just to be sure that [it would be better if the name or] the number of ALAC are updated quite soon, because if it stays like that, we have something totally wrong, and it will be better. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you very much. Thank you. Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thanks, Maureen. Just on the agenda item regarding the ALAC review implementation process, it would be – let me put it this way, I've long

given up being able to predict how much work one can get done in working group four, but should the ARIWG working group four go as it is expected, then the final draft should be available to send out to the ALAC well in advance of that call, and I was wondering whether or not you could preempt the possibility of taking a decision at that meeting to endorse that, recognizing that it is of course the work of the ARIWG to put the detailed implementation plan complete with budget considerations, etc., [as per] the resolution together.

But it is the ALAC's responsibility to have it in the hands of the Organizational Effectiveness Committee. And if the ALAC [is going to] get a rush of blood to the head and try and rework, relitigate or redraft that document, then we will simply not make the deadlines as required by the resolution. So [inaudible] actually getting settled at the meeting if not shortly after the meeting, that would be fine. Otherwise, I do see [inaudible] actually getting it to the OEC early enough to meet our before year end deadline. Thanks.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Cheryl. I agree. The document as I see it is well advanced, and I've been through it and I feel that it is in a state of readiness to be sent out to the ALAC very shortly. So yes, we should be able to at least get the content, even if it's [lacking] a little bit of tweaking after this meeting. I think that we should be able to get that done at the ALAC meeting. It would be really good, because as you say, if we delay it, we're not going to make that deadline date that we've actually set.

Great, that's something that we could work on, so that's an action item that we need to address. Is there anything else that we need to look at? Because if there is nothing else, we will be able to end this meeting on time, which is a great start for me. And we've certainly got some things that we need to look at. Thank you very much for the discussions that we've had. The AC chat has been really important, we'll keep a log of that so that we can go over anything that needs to be addressed. So with that, and if there are no other hands going up or anything pressing that needs to be done, I'd like to declare this meeting closed. Thank you very much.

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