

2019-02-06 AFRALO Monthly Teleconference

Date: Wednesday, 06 February 2019

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Participants:

FR: Gabriel Bombambo, Olevie Kouami, Michel Tchouang Linze, Ramanou Biaoou, Aziz Hilali,

EN: Daniel Nanghaka, Barrack Otieno, Nkem Nweke, Chibuzor Nicodemus, Abdulkarim Ayopo Oloyede, Emmanuel Onwugbufor, Yaovi Atohoun, Bram Fudzulani, Ejikeme Egbuogu, Dave Kissoonoyol, Sarah Kiden, Ben Kyemba, Janvier Ngnoulaye, Seun Ojedeji, Falobi Femi, Eduardo Diaz, Liz Orembo, Raihanath Gbadamassi, Christiane Anaky, Maureen Hilyard, Pastor Peters, Bakary Kouyate,

Apologies: Tijani Ben Jemaa, Mohamed El Bashir, Beran Dondoh,

Staff: Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Claudia Ruiz

Interpreters: Isabelle and Jacques

Call Management: Claudia Ruiz

Agenda:

1. Roll call (Staff) – 2 min
2. Review of [action items](#) from previous meeting (Mohamed, Fatimata, Sarah, Staff) – 3 min
3. Open [ICANN Public Comments](#) (Mohamed) – 5 min

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4. Reports

- a. Recent and upcoming ALAC activities (Tijani, Seun, Hadia) – 5 min
- b. Recent and upcoming AFRALO activities (All) - 5 min

5. Updates/Items for discussion

- a. Joint AFRALO-AfrICANN Statement for ICANN64 (Sarah, Mohamed) - 5 min

6. New ALS & individual member applications (Sarah, Mohamed, Fatimata) – 5 min

7. AOB – 5 min

Ordre du Jour (Français)

1. Appel (Staff) – 2 min
2. Revue [des action](#) à entreprendre, issues de la dernière reunion (Mohamed, Fatimata, Sarah) – 5 min
3. Consultations Publiques Ouvertes (Mohamed) – 5 min

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4. Rapports

Activités récents et à venir de l'ALAC (Tijani, Seun, Hadia) - 5 min

Activités récents et à venir des membres d'AFRALO (tous) - 5 min

5. Sujets pour discussion

La réunion conjointe AFRALO-AfrICANN (Sarah, Mohamed) - 5 min

6. Nouvelles demandes d'ALS (Sarah, Mohamed, Fatimata) – 5 min

7. Question diverses (tous) – 5 min