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YESIM SAGLAM:

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With that, I will hand the floor over to Satish Babu, APRALO Chair. Thank you.

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SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Yesim. Can we please have the agenda on the screen, please? So welcome to the At-Large RALO coordination meeting, 2 of 2. This particular session was designed with the inputs from the RALO Chairs on various topics that they wanted to discuss, but primarily it's also a session, a time, when the changing leaders, incoming and outgoing, could meet each other and, as a group, perhaps commit to the future work of At-Large.

So we have started a bit late, so without further ado, I'll get into the agenda. The first agenda item is introductions by the incoming RALO and ALAC leadership, and the outgoing. So, please, we'll run around the room. Please mention who you are, whether you are currently a leader or you're incoming or you're outgoing. I'll start with myself. I'm Satish. I'm the outgoing APRALO Chair. I've been the Chair of APRALO since the middle of 2016. And I'll be the incoming ALAC member from the Asia-Pacific region.

Daniel, can you start from there, please?

DANIEL NANGHAKA:

Thank you, Satish. I'm Daniel Nanghaka, Chair of Outreach and Engagement. Thank you.

TOMMI KARTTAAVI: Good morning, everybody. Tommi Karttavvi from Finland,

incoming ALAC member for Europe.

YRJO LANSIPURO: Yrjo Lansipuro, ISOC Finland, EURALO, and a NomCom member

of EURALO.

RAYMOND MAMATTAH: Hello, and I'm Raymond Mamattah, ALAC member. I'm in my first

year.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Roberto Gaetano. I used to be ALAC. Now I'm squatting the

position.

PETER MMBANDO: Hello, everyone. My name is Peter Mmbando from Tanzania. I

come from the Digital Agenda for Tanzani initiative, and I'm a

first-time ICANN75 Fellow. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Jonathan Zuck. I'm one of the ALAC representatives from

NARALO.

NATALIA FILINA: Natalia Filina. I'm from Moscow, from Russia. I'm a secretary of

EURALO and Co-Chair of the Subcommittee on Outreach and

Engagement.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Hello. My name is Sebastien Bachollet. I'm the President of

[EU]RALO, and I live in France. Thank you.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Eduardo Diaz, Chair of NARALO. I'm now incoming to ALAC.

ALAN GREENBERG: Alan Greenberg. Like Roberto, I'm a squatter. I occasionally do

other things. I'm also an individual member from NARALO. And I

ran the ALS Mobilization Group, which is later on in the

discussion.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Good morning. Dave Kissoondoyal, ALAC representative from

AFRALO.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Good morning. Judith Hellerstein. I'm currently the NARALO

NomCom rep for the next coming years, and I had been a former

secretary, Vice-Chair, and other involvements.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Good morning. I'm Yaovi Atohoun. I'm Director of Stakeholder

Engagement Operations for Africa. Thank you.

BILL JOURIS: Good morning. I'm Bill Jouris. I'm an incoming ALAC member

from NARALO.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Good morning. My name is Cheryl Langdon-Orr. I'm here from

Australia. I'm here from Internet Australia. I was once, a million

years ago, the ALAC Chair. And I've run a bunch of other stuff

around the place. But I have a particular passion for rules and

procedure in all sorts of levels, including the current small team

from APRALO involved in their current rules and procedure

update. I do all sorts of things, but that'll do for now.

PARI ESFANDIARI: Good morning. I'm Pari Esfandiari from ALAC, EURALO.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, everyone. I am Silvia Vivanco, Senior Manager at At-Large

Regional Affairs. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I'm Maureen Hilyard from the Cook Islands. I'm the current ALAC

Chair, and I noticed that the incoming Chair did not mention that.

But I will still remain as an APRALO member of the ALAC next year.

HEIDI ULLRICH: And I'm Heidi Ullrich. I'm Vice-President for At-Large and Policy

Development.

PAVEL FARHAN: Good morning. This is Pavel. I'm an ICANN75 Fellow and

individual APRALO member.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Hi, everyone. My name is Amrita Choudhury. I would be the

incoming Chair for APRALO. Currently, I'm the Vice-Chair for

APRALO. Thank you.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Hadia Elminiawi. I'm the At-Large Capacity Building Workshops

Group's Chair.

GUNELA ASTBRINK: Hello. I'm Gunela Astbrink, one of the incoming Vice-Chairs of

APRALO. Thank you.

ALI ALMESHAL: Ali AlMeshal, ALAC delegate to the NomCom from APRALO and

previously Vice-Chair of APRALO. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: I'm Seun Ojedeji, Chair of AFRALO. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani Ben Jemaa, AFRALO delegate to the NomCom for a second

year.

SHAH RAHMAN Hi, I'm Shah Rahman. I'm the Co-Chair of the APRALO Social

Media Working Group.

SARAH KIDEN: Hi, everyone. I'm Sarah Kiden. I'm an ALAC member from AFRALO.

MARCELO RODRIGUEZ: I am Marcelo Rodrigues, ALAC member representing [inaudible]. I

am an incoming member.

AUGUSTO HO: Good morning. My name is Augusto Ho. I am the LACRALO Chair.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Good day. Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong.

I'm from Chad, and the secretary of AFRALO. Thank you.

JUSTINE CHEW: Primarily, I'm known as the ALAC liaison to the GNSO Council.

This is my city, if you haven't heard me, I welcome you to my city.

Welcome. I hope you're having a good time. Thank you.

ADAM PEAKE: Adam Peake. I work for Global Stakeholder Engagement at

ICANN, and I'm the GSE liaison to the At-Large, the first point of

contact before talking to my regional colleagues. Thank you. In

some cases. A bit more complicated than that. Thanks.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN: Hi. Chantelle Doerksen staff. And working with At-Large CPWG.

SATISH BABU: So we also have a few more people behind, so we are having the

roving mic for them to introduce themselves.

SALLY COSTERTON: Sally Costerton, head of stakeholder engagement for ICANN Org.

Thank you.

RAVOHANATH GBADAMASSI: Hi, everyone. My name is Ravohanath Gbadamassi. I'm a member

of AFRALO.

BOB OCHIENG: Morning, everyone. Bob Ochieng, Stakeholder Engagement

Team, Africa.

PUTERI AMEENA: Hi, I'm Ameena from the Internet Society, Malaysia chapter, ALS

of APRALO.

ARTHUR N'GUESSAN: Hello, everyone. My name is Arthur N'Guessan. I'm Head of

Stakeholder Development at AFRINIC.

NARAYANASWAMY BULASWAMY: I'm Narayanaswamy from

Coimbatore, India.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Silvia. I know that there are still more people who are here but not in the room. The APRALO second Vice-Chair is currently with the students who are visiting us, taking them around. So while I go to the ... Maybe before I go to the next agenda item, I should mention that we have a group of about 40 students with us from different Malaysian universities. This is part of the outreach program of APRALO. They have come here for a day, and we had a briefing. The last ones were here in this room. And then they were broken into different groups, and they've been taken to different rooms. They will come back here in the 1:15 session, where we're going to have an interaction with an extended group consisting of Fellows, NextGen, and these students. So if you're interested, please join us in this session at 1:15.

Yes, Sebastien?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Don't forget we are in a hybrid meeting and you have people

online. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Good point. So let's see. Greg is online. Greg, please go ahead.

GREG SHATAN:

Hi. This is Greg Shatan. I'm in New York. That's where I am and also where I'm from. I am the outgoing NomCom-nominated ALAC representative from NARALO, North America. And I am the incoming Chair for NARALO. You might notice that Eduardo and I are swapping positions. It's a complete coincidence. But I look forward to building on everything that Eduardo has done in NARALO. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Greg. Very happy that you could join us in this meeting.

Liana, you're next. Please go ahead.

LIANA GALSTYAN:

Hi, everyone. My name is Liana Galstyan. I'm from Armenia, and I'm the outgoing Vice-Chair and the current liaison of ALAC to ccNSO. And I'm very glad to see all of you, although I couldn't come to be in person. And thanks for raising our voice there, Sebastien, to give us the opportunity to be fully engaged online. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Liana. Happy to have you with us.

Marita, please go ahead.

MARITA MOLL: Good morning. Good very early morning, everyone. Marita Moll.

I'm outgoing NARALO ALAC member, coming to you from central

Germany this morning. So sorry I can't be there. Bye.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much.

In the online Zoom room, is there anybody else who haven't

introduced themselves and would like to introduce themselves?

Any leaders coming and going out?

Moustapha, please go ahead.

MOUSTAPHA ABDRAMANE: Hello. I am a Fellow, and I am currently tuning in from Arizona.

Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Moustapha.

Joe Catapano, go ahead.

JOE CATAPANO: Hi. Joe Catapano. I'm the Manager for Stakeholder Engagement

for North America for ICANN Org [inaudible].

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Joe.

Is there anyone else who would like to introduce themselves from

the Zoom room?

I don't see any hands.

ALAN GREENBERG: Pierre Dandjinou.

SATISH BABU: Oh. Yes, Pierre, please go ahead.

PIERRE DANDJINOU: Good morning to everyone. I'm Pierre Dandjinou, VP of

Stakeholder Engagement for Africa. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Pierre.

Not seeing any further hands, I'm assuming that all the leaders

and representatives have introduced themselves.

And we will get into our agenda item number three now, which is about outreach and engagement. This is in two parts. The first part is a quick sharing of the current outreach and engagement

plan from the RALOs. The second part is about restructuring of the outreach and engagement. For this, I'd like inputs from Maureen and the two Co-Chairs of outreach and engagement. So you can decide who will present and who will talk to us. So we are on the first part. We have about 20 minutes. And I'd like to request the RALO Chairs to talk to us.

Seun, AFRALO, would you like to go first?

Seun, where are you?

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Sorry, I'm pulling up the documents. I'll go next.

SATISH BABU:

Okay. So I will start then. So APRALO will start, and then we'll move on to AFRALO and then EURALO and LACRALO and NARALO in that order.

So our outreach and engagement plan was actually based on discussions with the GSE team. So we had earlier a particular way of presenting it with ... After discussions with the GSE team, we had restructured it, taking into consideration the inputs they have provided for the FY'23-'24.

And we have three major—what shall I say?—pillars of the outreach and engagement that we have identified in the joint

process, but I realize that there could be some changes to that, depending on the kind of restructuring we're trying to do with outreach and engagement. But I'll read out these three pillars. First is to engage with the inactive ALSes, partly because of COVID but partly also given the fact that there's a lot of change in our membership. Some of the ALSes have become dormant, if not outright defunct. And we're looking at our general assembly, sometime maybe next year. So there's a need to revive ALSes. So this is the first pillar: to engage inactive ALSes. And there are a number of activities under this.

The second is outreach to economies of subregions where presently there are no ALSes. Now, Asia-Pacific is a very large region. We have something like 50+ economies, but we don't have representations from all of them in our list of ALSes and individual members. So this particular pillar is to reach out to these economies and see whether we can have some representation, some footprint. For instance, we have the Mekong Delta countries (Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam), where we don't have any ALSes nor any individual members. So that is somewhat a problem for us because we don't have any voices from that region.

In fact, ICANN and APRALO took a visit to Vietnam in 2019, I think. We found that the Civil Society didn't have spaces to work. The government had taken out all the spaces, and they were in control of the entire thing. So for an organization to come up as a

Civil Society organization was pretty hard there. So we don't have a solution for that, but individual members could be one way out.

So this is the second pillar: outreach to economies where there's no ALSes.

And the third was DNSSEC and perhaps other related technologies—the outreach of these and deployment. So this requires capacity building for us. Basically now ICANN has put out something called KINDNS. I'm not sure everybody has had an opportunity to read about it. They spell this K-I-N-DNS. So it's a set of best practices and norms on the [inaudible] of ISOC. So DNSSEC and similar standards is something we can work with in terms of outreach.

This also has a number of subpoints which I'm not going to get into, but it does offer some rules for our ALSes. They can have local programs, even virtually because now we are used to virtual mode, although travel is possible. We [inaudible] low cost. We can manage local programs.

So these are the current, as discussed between Jia-Rong's team and the APRALO leadership team ... our plan. But we will have to go over this once we have the new restructuring changes [when] they're known.

So I'll stop here.



Do my APRALO colleagues have anything to add to this? Anyone?

Okay.

Seun, are you ready now? Please go ahead. AFRALO.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

All right then. Thank you. So Bram is our Regional Engagement Co-Chair who also plays a very significant role in the drafting of our strategy. We, Satish has also said, develop our strategy in consultation with the GSE team from Africa. And of course, Africa has what we call the ICANN Africa strategy. We try as much as possible to ensure that our own plan is also in line, of course, and in sync with that strategy. But of course, as has been noted, a number of things will definitely have to change based on the recent happenings with regards to outreach and engagement within At-Large.

But for us, what we currently have in plan is we think we need to improve our communication strategy within AFRALO. There was the rules of procedure, which we tried to update. I think it was in 2019, if I'm not wrong. When we got to the point of actually voting, getting members to actually decide to actually vote on the draft, we realized that it took us two months to actually get members to respond. I mean, some of the members we actually had to be chasing. We realized that that point in time that some e-mail addresses have remained or become unreachable. I mean, for

some of them we had to do personal contact to be able to get some people to eventually respond.

And one of the most important aspects of the ALS is that they need to actually ... If they don't approve the rules of procedure, then we cannot proceed on anything. I mean, they need to vote on it. We need to know their decision. And that took us a lot of time. So that has created the obvious need for us to actually reaffirm and reconfirm the membership of our RALO. So it's one of the things that we've noted.

We also noted that we're going to be doing some stakeholder mapping. We have various activities that are going on within ICANN, various events. And some of our members are actually constantly going to those events. We want to see if we can actually leverage their participation at those events to improve the awareness of AFRALO within those events. There are a couple of them that we have noted in our plan.

So there a couple of activities the last three years that have been more online, but the meetings are now coming back. So we'll hoping that we'll feature in some of the activities that will be happening in Africa this year—for instance, the DNS Forum and of course the Africa IGF, which is coming up in Africa this year. We're actually in discussion with the GSE team from Africa and of course we get to catch up with Adam Peake today. He's been hard to find.

Okay, so [inaudible], but we get to catch up on it with him today hopefully to actually concretize on the preparations for the

participation.

A couple of other things that we have one. One of them that I think we have noticed from our previous strategy is in terms of monitoring and evolution. We would like to improve in our monitoring and evaluate the performance of our previous strategies. We think that is important. And if we have more granular indicators that actually form of us how we're doing, we hope that we'll be able to better document some of the progress

and successes that we've made.

I think I'll will just stop here. And if there's any comments or questions, or if my colleagues want to add any other thing, they could just go ahead. I don't know whether Bram is online. Bram,

if you are online, you could also—

SATISH BABU: I see two hands. Adam, please go ahead.

ADAM PEAKE: Seun, yes, let's catch up later today. Thanks.

SATISH BABU:

Pierre, you're online and you would like to raise a question?

Please go ahead.

It's an old hand? Okay.

You can go ahead, please. Yeah, go ahead.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG:

Thank you, everyone. Thank you,

Mr. President. When we think about all the challenges, the perspective, you will see, within our strategy plan, we have done some webinars with Bram and Javier. So this was a series of webinars that we organized. The first time, we talked about privacy and security at AFRALO. We have a number of ALSes. We have 16 individual members—all this in 32 countries and territories. So they are different strategies. And since they are countries that have more ALSes than others, therefore they are advanced in more areas than others. And we are trying to engage everyone and initialize everyone and organize working groups because these working groups are the open door for becoming a member and being engaged in the politics of ICANN. Here our members can therefore participate in the events of ICANN. Here we have a few ALSes in Togo and other countries. We have one in Mali which is active.

So, globally, everything is okay, but we still have challenges within ICANN. We can meet each other with other members who

would like to join us in Zambia [inaudible]. So we're trying to contact and keep the door open. Thery are more advanced in Africa now. And those events we have not been able to participate in because it was complicated. And traveling between countries in Africa was allowed, but we do not have support. So it had an impact on us because many countries in Africa couldn't cross borders from one country to the other. So it was a challenge.

And when it comes to the global IGF, I participated, as did a lot of members who were hoping to become members who join GAC. So we are ambassadors. So the participation of AFRALO and other RALOs in all kinds of events is very important in order to gather more members and obtain more energy.

SATISH BABU:

You finished?

Okay, thanks very much.

I think we're going to be short on time, so please limit your responses to five minutes per region.

Amrita, over to you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY:

Thank you, Satish. And this is a question to all the RALO Chairs. We do have an issue of updating from our ALSes having the

correct details. And that is why they e-mails do not go. Are we looking at something to do on a joint basis to update this? Because I think that is critical.

And, second, do to privacy issues, we are not privy to the mailing e-mail IDs, as we tried that in APRALO. We were unable to get them. And then Maureen got the list. So is there a particular way in which we get them and we would adhere to the privacy requirements also so that we can work on it? Because if we cannot send e-mails to the concerned people, if they've changed them, there is a challenge.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Amrita. Both are valid points. But we will take them up under agenda item #5 when we look at the action items.

Over to EURALO now.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much. Not too much to say, I guess, but we are still working on the same goal as we have since years ago at one ALS. I can tweak it a little bit today, saying at least one individual member in each European country. But it's moving target. For example, we use to have somebody in Moldavia. The person moved to another country, and we don't have any more persons

in this country. But I think it's something we need in all the regions: trying to fulfill to have the largest possible footprint.

But, sure, we need to revitalize work with the ALS. There are some who are unengaged. Or at least some of the leaders of this ALS are participating, but there are others where they participate sometimes, and some not at all. But from my point of view—I know that it's written something else—I can remember one organization who was just participating too much but just to support it. And I am a member. But at the same time, we need to try to see if we can involve them more.

One of the prime [inaudible] takes more than three months to get in a new ALS, it's not acceptable because they want to come, finally, we convince them to apply, and we say, "Oh, yes, but, you know, we need to look dah, dah, dah," and it takes three, four, or six months. That's not the way we should do it. We need to rethink about that carefully.

We are organizing. We changed the date a few times already, but now that it is set up, we will have our EURALO days, including the general assembly, training, and an exchange with people who will be on-site, including people around another organization or part of ICANN who will be as it take place in Brussels. It's a good place to have people participating. It will be the 8th, 9th, and 10th November 2020, and we hope to regain momentum with at least

those members. And with this group of people, we'll try to see if we can reach out to the other members and find eventually new members.

So that's our first goal for our plan. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Sebastien.

We now move on to LACRALO. LACRALO, do you have anything to add to this?

AUGUSTO HO:

Thank you. I'm President of LACRALO. I'm listening to the different colleagues from different regions, and what draws my attention is that we coincide or are similar on many points, especially since currently they don't have an exact science or knowledge as far as how many ALSes are participating in the region. I understand that the pandemic may have discouraged many people, and this may have caused them to not be able to meet.

But likewise, what I do know is that there are some ALSes that exist only on paper. They have been inactive. The Latin American and Caribbean supposedly have more than 72 ALSes, and in the monthly meetings, it's very difficult to see 20 that are being represented. The others—and I'm sorry that I say this—are like

ghosts. If you ask me—and this is a personal opinion; remember, it's personal—we don't see this as if it's something that's not true. We don't invite these people to these annual meetings and then waste this money on people that really don't exist. Or if it happens, it's only with one person. And this usually happens in an election period or during a general assembly.

In our Latin American area, we still have a lot of regions that don't have representation, specifically Central America. In my case, in my country, Panama, we've never considered ourselves Central American or South American. We just consider ourselves Panamanians. And that's it. To us, Central America is Costa Rica and Honduras, and we don't have any representation there.

Something also that's particular to this case is ... I'd like to draw attention to the efforts that were done in an ALS in Ecuador to include someone in Cuba that currently is in an acceptance process because we don't want to discriminate. On the contrary, we want them to join.

And in talking about having other future members join, myself, when I was president years ago, I had a lot of dreams of being able to have others join in the area where ALSes were lacking. But as I mentioned in the meeting with the Board, my dreams ended up being nightmares. Decades ago, there was a great thinker that

said, "I have a dream." And we know that he was eventually assassinated.

Thank you very much, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Augusto. I think it's a very interesting case of ghost ALSes. So it is interesting to note. And perhaps this is a problem common to all the RALOs.

Over to NARALO now.

EDUARDO DIAZ:

Thank you. This is Eduardo Diaz, current Chair of NARALO. I'm going to say a few things, but I want to defer to Greg, the incoming Chair for what our topics and priorities will be for FY'23.

I just wanted to mention that we had a strategy before we're starting now. We are going back to these meetings of doing capacity-building-type meetings to maintain our current ALSes that were active before the pandemic and during. And it worked quite well. We set up some key performance indicator measures for actual participation to see if were increasing the participation by doing this. And basically, what we found from there is, yes, we maintained the engagement. We didn't do any outreach, other than going through social media and expanding what we were doing. And it worked quite well.

So now that we're going back to trips, we are now thinking about outreaching and going back to these events where we used to go around the region. And also, now that there is this new outreach and engagement framework being put together, we need to synchronize our outreach and engagement plans with whatever this framework is trying to push because I think what is going to happen is going to be commonality around all the RALOs on what it is we want to do in the different regions. In fact, we have a meeting today with our GSE, Naela, to talk about this, making sure their GSE plans are in sync with our plans so we are all supporting each other in whatever means.

So other than that, I don't know, Greg, if you want to add something to this, since you are the incoming Chair for FY'23. The floor is yours.

GREG SHATAN:

Thank you, Eduardo. In addition to what Eduardo had to say, of course we originally had our meeting regarding the North American outreach and engagement scheduled for the first thing this morning in Kuala Lumpur time, but I had a conflict. We had to move it to after this meeting. So I can't share the latest and greatest with you.

Certainly, we will be planning to try to stimulate more new ALSes. We will be talking about this at our general assembly, which is

coming up in October in Hollywood, California, at the same time as the ARIN50 meeting. So it will be very much developed at that time or by that time.

Certainly, we will be emphasizing use of social media to try to make outreach, continuing to use our monthly meetings for educational and other policy and capacity-building purposes. We'll be looking for organizations with overlapping missions that already exist that could be turned into At-Large structures. And a number of our existing ALSes are also Internet Society chapters, but unfortunately that's a finite number of chapters. And, essentially, that well as run dry for the future. I think that we will be trying to raise the profile of NARALO and, for that matter, at-Large generally in North America.

As Eduardo says, we need to integrate all of this with the new outreach and engagement structure that is being adopted and promulgated by At-Large and work GSE representatives to continue to implement and make sure that we make appropriate outreach.

One of the other things that I think we need to emphasize is being multilingual, at least in our ... While we only have the U.S. and Canada in North America, that certainly still includes French and Spanish as official languages of parts of our countries. And we also need to be aware of indigenous connectivity. There's an

Indigenous Connectivities Summit, I believe, next month as well. So we need to be a big tent and continue to emphasize why this a relevant place to be. Thanks.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Greg.

Before we move on to the next agenda item, which is about the restructure of outreach and engagement implementation, two points. First is, RALO Chairs, please prepare for a one-minute update on your general assembly plan under agenda item #3C, after Maureen's presentation.

And the second is that I'd like to call upon Alan to give a twominute update on how this relates to the ALS mobilization. Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you, Satish. I'm not going to take two minutes. I just wanted to point out that a significant number of the items that were raised by the RALO Chair—and that includes mailing lists, the application period, and making sure that prospective ALSes don't have to wait at all, phantom ALSes, and tiny ALSes—are all addressed in the ALS mobilization plan. I don't know to what extent we'll have the time to talk about it today, but I'm available. Find me in the hall, and I'll certainly give you the details.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Alan. That's very useful. And we do have an agenda on ALS mobilization, but we do have a problem with the time. But let's see.

Sebastien, over to you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Sorry. I wanted to talk before you changed topics. But I am a little bit surprised that some of the Chairs say that a new program was adopted. I was thinking that we were here to discuss it and decide what we do with it and not to have it already as a fact. I guess I have discussed with some of the leaders of the RALOs additional or different or other proposals. Therefore, I hope that we will have time to discuss and not have a fait accompli with the proposed structure.

And about the general assembly, I already talked about.

And thank you, Alan, for telling us that everything we ask is already on paper. But it's only on paper. It's not in real life. As I can assure you, we have an application waiting for three months. And, yes, I know what it is on paper, how it must look like, but we need that to be implemented in real life. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

For the record, there is something you could do in real life today. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Sebastien. Thanks, Alan. So about there being a fait accompli vis-à-vis the new outreach and engagement plan, I'm not so sure there's a fait accompli, but there is of course discussions. We're going to discuss that with Maureen now. Maureen, over to you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you for that. It certainly isn't a fait accompli. One of the things that I have actually asked and very recently sent out to the RALO Chairs specifically is for them to discuss within their own organizations about the proposals. The proposal isn't new. It was actually mooted several weeks ago. In fact, it was not long after ICANN74, where there was seen to be a need and discussion with Daniel and Natalia. It was seen to be a need for restructuring of the outreach and engagement program as it currently stands only because it's been a little bit out of action for a while, and it is timely for us to actually do something a little bit different.

And especially in my new role with regards to leaving the chair, it does give me an opportunity to spend more time on something which is a mandated responsibility of the At-Large community to be sending out messages to help hopefully engage the communities that you represent and the messages that are important to At-Large that are coming from especially ... I've just

been talking with our new incoming chair. [Beehoo] has a very strong interest in the policy information and messages that we're actually sending out to our communities.

So there is going to be a much stronger influence on what is actually taking place in the policy area and taking those messages and simulating them in meaningful way from within the Outreach and Engagement Working Group.

But the proposal has actually gone out to the communities, and I would like to get some feedback as soon as possible. And then we can make another decision, a final decision, about what happens from within the outreach and engagement when I get that feedback. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Maureen.

I do see Daniel's hand, but before that, I see that Sally is here with us. And I'd like to invite Sally to come over here and give us her response to Sebastien's comment.

SALLY COSTERTON:

Thank you very much, Satish. I'm Sally Costerton, and I lead stakeholder engagement for ICANN, as I think most of you know. And I wanted to just take this opportunity to just explain very briefly what, when we talk about ... I heard this expression, "this

new framework of engagement." I just wanted to just clarify what we are doing and what we are not doing because I don't want to distract people.

So what we've agreed to do—and by "we," I mean, through your chat, through the structures in At-Large, which is your call. And Maureen's call as your outgoing chair is how to work within your structures in At-Large.

What I've done with David Olive, who you all know, I think, who's my colleague and fellow executive, is coordinate over the last three of our months to coordinate with Maureen to say, how do we as staff provide a more streamlined efficient support for the At-Large in the regions? My team, the engagement team, are based in the region. So you all know and you've referred to them—thank you so much—in your RALO Chair comments already.

And what we're doing is creating ... It's not a new framework. It's just five partnerships. So each of the RALO Chairs are partnering in a little bit more of a structured way. You've always partnered informally. And you were talking, Seun, about the AFRALO plan, which you've worked on with Pierre and his team for a long time to have a more structured approach so that you have a shared plan, the two of you partnering not on behalf of but leading, if you like, your RALO colleagues in whatever construct you have within

your RALOs. And I know they were slightly different, and that's up to you to determine (so I'm looking at Seun here because he's right in front of me). Looking to the RALO Chair within the RALO rules—nothing to do with Org—you get to decide who's in that discussion.

But from my perspective, I'm allocating resources, in your case, from Pierre to work with you specifically—two of you—to make sure that we have updated your regional engagement plans in a bit more of a structured way with a common approach that is focused on two things. One is outcomes, and the second is priorities. And this is part of the bigger drive at ICANN and the bigger drive of my team on outcomes and priorities. We talked about it in the opening ceremony. We talked about it in the executive Q&A. How will we know? Somebody talked to [Ali Ron], one of the RALO Chairs. I think it might have been you, Augusto. And you learned the term "ghosts." I was looking at the translation, so forgive me if that's not exactly the right word. But you made a very good point, which is, how do we know if these people are really here? This is a really important question.

So what we don't want is process for the sake of process. This is not what this is about. This is about saying, how do we as an org help you volunteers—you give your time for free—coordinate with us to the maximum abilities to generate the outcomes you want? When I say "you," I don't mean you personally, Seun or Augusto. I

mean "you" as the At-Large. And that falls into two groups when it comes to outreach and engagement. One is supporting your existing members. And Heidi tells me that the term you use of this in At-Large "inreach." And we were talking about e-mailing lists, an obvious platform tool and so forth that you need. The other is recruiting new members. So where do you have gaps?

And you also mentioned, several of you, that there are still countries where we have no more ALSes. Sebastien mentioned this. Augusto mentioned it. So this is an obvious gap. But also you may have countries where the ALSes are very inactive. Why is that? How do we help you wake them up and mobilize them? And if the right people ... By "right," I mean, if the people currently in that ALS are very inactive, let's deal with that. We can help you to do that.

And the way we're going to help you, apart from partnering with you in a slightly more structured way and encouraging that outcome focus and those priorities that you agree with the regional Vice-President ... That means the regional Vice-President has now got a clear mandate from David and I ... So we've made a different decision inside the org to streamline the resource provision around outreach and engagement so that that V.P.—let's say it's Rodrigo, Augusto, or Pierre—the front door into the org. So as you agree with them what your priorities should be and therefore what are the activities that you want to prioritize to

deliver those outcomes, which could be anything—and they're going to pick from a list, but you're going to have a different mix, region to region, and that's absolutely as I would expect—the staff team now are being much more directly organized internally to make sure that you can do that quickly and efficiently so you don't have to feel you have to bang on this door, this door, this door. "ABRs. It's one of these. Two of these." Now, we'll help to support that better internally. So this is also us learning from our own experience about how we coordinate better.

Now, just to be clear—final comment—nothing will change as far as your ... I mean, you will hopefully feel the benefit of this—don't get me wrong—but we're not changing the way we work with you in a structured way. I just wanted to be clear. So Heidi's team will still be going on supporting every aspect of how you organize yourselves, having your general assemblies, dealing with your mailing list issues. All the operational side of RALO support will stay in Heidi's team.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

And policy.

SALLY COSTERTON:

And policy. Okay. I'm looking at Heidi because she's sitting here. In the policy team—not just Heidi. She's not doing it all on her

own. All the outreach and engagement will stay in my team, exactly as it was before in the GSE team.

Sorry, Satish. I apologize if I took a long time, but hopefully I'm spending time to save time. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Sally.

So I think, as Maureen mentioned, there is still time for the RALOs to study the proposal and respond. And I'm sure we can come to some kind of a common, shared understanding and vision about the proposal.

I see three hands raised: Daniel, Natalia, and Alberto. Daniel, please make it brief. Please go ahead.

DANIEL NANGHAKA:

Thank you very much, Satish. Thank you, Sally. And thank you, Maureen, for bringing all this. Speaking from the aspect of the Chair of Outreach and Engagement, I'd like to say that we have been increasing numbers. We have been succeeding in doing outreach. And now that the numbers have grown, how do we deal with the quality of the numbers? And this bring a shift in the way we develop new strategies, especially when it comes to engagement. The quality of the participation in the various PDPs (that is the Policy Development Process) comes from we

volunteers. If the ALSes are not giving back to their communities, the discussions that we are holding ... If we are calling for comments in two various policy discussions and we are not getting appropriate feedback, then that means that there is a gap in the way that we are engaging. Gone is the time that we just simply focus on reaching out to get numbers. Right now, you have to do outreach engagement so that we can be able to get quality participation to bring the end-user experience into the various policies.

Just to say something about the breakdown of the strategy, there is a new focus on policy here. And if we're able to effectively participate in the policy discussions and engage, then that gives us another level of how we are going to be able to make the voices of the end-users be heard as a mandate of At-Large.

But then let's not stop the need to preach the gospel of ICANN with the DNS system and all the other issues that affect it. And that's, when we go to these events, the gospel that we have to preach. We have to preach the gospels of the RIRs because they bring us strong collaboration to strengthen the Internet governance ecosystem. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Daniel. So I agree with you on the fact that we need outcomes and we can't simply do our stuff and forget about it. We need to achieve whatever outcomes we plan for.

So we have Natalia, Alberto, Eduardo, Abduldjalil, and Sebastien. And I'm closing the queue at this point.

NATALIA FILINA:

Thank you very much. So I would like some words to Daniel's and Sally's and Maureen's speeches. I identify now as a mentor of outreach and engagement liaisons from each RALO, but I would like to say that in fact it will be coordinated work. So I have prepared a plan for working with liaisons from each RALO. And when it will be approved, we will set up our first meeting with all of you, and we will start work together. The At-Large community should and will should receive each month a short report from each RALO, and we will look at all aspects of our outreach and engagement work, capacity-building work, and work in social media. And we will look at our gaps, hopefully receive your comments and some suggestions, and we will [see] our new opportunities. But we would like to focus on our RALOs' and regionals' problems, and we will try to find common or local solutions for that. And of course, we will focus on our engagement, work to engage people, with policy work.

And the second part of my short speech is a little bit advertising because hopefully now in this session there participates a lot of our new potential members. And I would like to say that you may look at our outreach and engagement work, just work with the creation of some activities, meetings, some things like—I don't know—working on our social media. But it's another end of our work because, if you participated in yesterday's session related to diversity, we should understand that At-Large works a lot on these diversity issues. I see it like that we open all the doors to all of you.

And if you have some questions to ask, if you are searching for mentors for starting the work in At-Large, in the ICANN community—maybe you need some source with information—we are already giving a lot, and we will help to walk you into the ICANN community in At-Large. So we welcome all our calls, sessions, and meetings. And resources are open. You can just ask us, and we will help. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Natalia. I think it's a good initiative. Best of luck to you.

We now move onto Alberto. So I request everyone to keep your interventions short, maybe two minutes. Over to you, Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO:

I used to be the LACRALO Chair for two periods, and I started when we only had seven or eight ALSes in our monthly meetings. And I ended up with more than 30 ALSes participating in our meetings. I thought about the inactive ALSes. And they're inactive for LACRALO, for ICANN, but they are not inactive in their local places, in their countries. Via e-mail, telephone, or social media, I learned, for example, that there was a small country where they had a great annual activity, and they were doing outreach to universities and other places.

And so the only thing I had to do was to get introduced into those ALSes and to introduce the topics that were of interest for LACRALO and for ICANN. And I was able to increase the quality—not the quantity, but the quantity. And we also added 20 ALSes to our meetings.

But I believe that it should take us more time to active the inactive ALSes for the RALOs and for ICANN but not locally speaking because they're very active at the local level. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Alberto. I agree with you completely on the reactivation of ALSes.

Next is Eduardo, Abduldjalil, Sebastien, Seun, Gunela, and Shreedeep. I think there cannot be any more interventions because we'll run out of time for the other agenda items.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you, Satish. Just a quick question. We were talking about

the outreach and engagement. You mentioned some sort of

document that is out there that we should comment on. I mean, I

got that impression. So if that's the case, I haven't seen it. So if we

can have the link so we can download it somehow, thank you.

SATISH BABU: Can I ask staff to please circulate the link in the e-mail list later?

The link to the proposal that is to be discussed. It's already

shared, I know, but some of us don't seem to have received it.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible]

SATISH BABU: The proposal for the restructuring that [inaudible]

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible]

SATISH BABU: Yeah. That's what Eduardo is asking. So you'll get it.

Next is Abduldjalil.

ABDULDJALIL BACHAR BONG:

Good afternoon, everyone. I'm

going to be brief when it comes to what is linked to this strategy. As Satish just said, the ALSes that are here we have to keep. Those who are not here we have to bring in the ecosystem. When it comes to the ALSes, especially in Africa, the ALSes in Africa have activities, but ICANN does not support them along the way. [They're] not necessarily linked to ICANN. I'm talking about the IGF, DNS. They're activities within the ALSes, but they do not have the financial and technical support of ICANN. And we ask for that, we hear, "Oh, it's not our mandate, our mission," etc. So it's difficult to figure out what those activities—if they are useful—because they don't get any support. Saying that the ALSes do not work is wrong because they keep on working. But if ICANN could participate, they could be motivated and continue to do some work. Of course, ICANN has done a lot of progress and put effort into it, but we need to carry on. We need to continue.

Everything is said in English, and some people are not going to read it and therefore not pay attention. We have to think about, let's say, a foundation. Maybe the mission of ICANN will not allow supporting financially these activities. Maybe we can create something at ICANN, like a foundation. That will help [inaudible] support to these ALSes.

We have to see the big picture. We have to try. We are fine. We talk among each other, but we have to work at the local level. We have to go support to the local organizations. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

I see your point, although there are obviously some constraints. And I think the best way out of this is to look at what kind of work ICANN supports for ALSes and then try to develop proposals around that. I think your RALO should take it up with the GSE and discuss further and see what could be done.

Sebastien, over to you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Satish. As I need to be short, I will be less-than-usual diplomatic. I'm sorry about that. I will be okay to discuss. I would like to say, first, I totally agree with the proposal put on the table by Sally, explained by Sally, on the relation with GSE, but I am totally in disagreement with the way we want to implement it within At-Large. And I like that we as a RALO coordination level discuss how we want to be organized among ourselves. We are doing the inreach and the outreach. We are going these jobs. Therefore, we can coordinate ourselves on this. And I think ALAC must concentrate on the two topics of policy and operation and finance and budget things. And we as coordination of the RALO

need to take over on this outreach and engagement and see how we want to be organized.

For the moment, we know that the chair of the chair is, by definition, is one of the regions where we will have the next meeting. Today it's Satish, and tomorrow it will be Augusto. Therefore, we can imagine something else. But for the moment, he will become our Chair for the RALOs. And the Chair of ALAC needs to discuss with him, as he is in charge of the coordination of us five. And we need to find a way to work together and not to have some one who comes and says, "Hey, you need to do that," and then we take the coordination in charge. We can coordinate by ourselves.

And the last point is we are discussing about how to involve people, but we are involved. Then we don't know how to involve people because we are here. We need to ask the people who are not participating how we can help them participate better. And that's something that can take some time because it's not an easy task and is something we need to do at the RALO level. Thank you. And sorry for the undiplomatic way of my speech.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Sebastien. So I think your point is well-put-across, but I also think it's also at variance with what we've been told about the three functions of ALAC. So I think it requires discussions

among all of us, and I'm sure we can come up with some kind of an understanding.

Would you like add anything to that?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Sorry. It's the three pillars of At-Large. And, yes, today or up to now it was organized within ALAC. My suggestion is that we restart from the bottom up, and we take the responsibility we need to take as Chair of the RALOs. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Sebastien.

Next is Seun. Please go ahead, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you. I think, if we need more time, we probably should schedule an ALAC meeting because, if we don't get it during the hybrid, I wonder when would get it when we are all remote.

From what I hear from Sally, it looks like the news here, when it comes to outreach and engagement, is the staff. Staff are now trying to reorganize to actually provide us resources and make outreach and engagement more successful because that is the structure that I'm thinking is a major difference, unless there's a proposal I have not seen. If it is the one Maureen sent to us, which

is some slides, I think that is basically what we're doing at the moment. It's just that we are not hearing from staff that they have put up some structures internally to make it more efficient and to make us be more successful in what we're doing.

I need to understand, what is the difference? What is it that we're changing? What is actually changing? What is changing when it comes to At-Large? I understand what is changing when it comes to staff, but what is changing when it comes to At-Large? Because I still see Daniel and Natalia as the Co-Chairs, as the leaders. I'm not seeing anything different in the structure. It's important that I understand it because we keep hearing of this new proposal. What is the new [inaudible] proposal? I'd like to know. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Seun. So I don't think—you want to respond?

MAUREEN HILYARD: [inaudible]

SATISH BABU: Yes, please. Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Just to clarify, one of the things that Sally was mentioning was

the involvement of GSE in the development of your strategic

plans. And as you say, it's to enhance the efficiency of what you're doing—sets of metrics and that sort of stuff. And then, what we're trying to within the outreach system is just to give it a little bit more structure. In the past, it has just been that everyone met and anything that [was] specific to connecting outreach to the policy side of things. And this is something we want to do.

But at the same time, we want to actually try to support the RALOs in the implementation of the strategic plans. And if you need ... For example, there will be metrics set. If there are any specific metrics within the outreach and engagement team, and with Natalia working with your regional liaisons, to find out, what are the important things that the RALOs want to achieve, they can work together on a plan. If there are any resources that you need to help you do your work in the regions that you're planning within your strategic plan, we can actually as a working group help provide for resources that actually help you do that.

It's just all to do with supporting. We're not doing anything new. We're actually just getting some structure organized to support the work that you're doing in your implementation of your strategic plans.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Sorry. Just a quick follow-up. Does it now mean that RALOs will now go through the outreach and engagement and will not be going directly to the GSE team again? Is that what it means?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

What we'll be working with is the strategic plan that you actually have completed. We don't many changes. We just, through the regional liaison that you will send to our meeting ... And you'll say, "Within the next working group, can you guys help us do such-and-such?" or whatever. But your plan is your own plan. And ours is to support your plan. That's our role.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Maureen. So from what Seun's question, what I can understand is that Suen is asking ... Okay, what is clear is that the staff role is enhanced slightly. So that we understand. But is there any change to the way the At-Large itself functions? If there is, then they should know. That's what the question is. So we can resolve this right now, but if there's some way to [produce] a comparison chart where we say what is the different in the role—and certainly [do] the RALO Chairs—I think that might communicate better.

So thanks very much. We are very short of time. I see one more hand. It's swiftly coming. That's Hadia. But over to Gunela now.

GUNELA ASTBRINK:

Thank you. I think some RALOs probably have informally got ideas for why some of the ALSes aren't contributing or being active or dormant or ghost or whatever, but if it hasn't been done before—I know we've talked about surveys in a number of ways—it would be really good to maybe get some ideas on why an ALS first decided to join ICANN, what the expectations were, have those expectations been met, what would they like to do, and are there any particular interests?

So once we have a range of information, then we might be able to more directly help individual ALSes and connect them with relevant committees and even individuals. If we take IDNs and UA, for example, there are a number of areas that they could connect with. And then they feel they are getting value and, in turn, they could provide value back to become active ALSes. Thanks.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Gunela. So we don't have time to discuss this, but I think it's a good point when a RALO starts reaching out to the ALSes.

Shreedeep, you're next. Please go ahead and make it brief.

SHREEDEEP RAYAMAJHI:

Thank you, Satish. This is Shreedeep. I'm an ALS representative from APRALO. And the problem that I see right now is I see a lot of problems in the communication process. Communication is not happening, let me tell you, at the grassroots, at the community level. We are not getting information. As an ALS representative, I'm not getting information. It is very limited information that is coming.

So for this, I would like to request if you have a strategic plan for the communication process. And in this, there's a lot of confusion that I see. The staff aren't there. The community leaders aren't there. So who's supposed to do it? Community leaders have their hand tied up because, when I was the Social Media Working Group Chair, I came to know that there are some certain privacy things that you cannot send e-mails directly about. So I had to ask the staff to do it. So these things have to be mitigated. If information is coming down from .Org, it has to work with the lower point. That needs to be planned [inaudible]. It needs to have clarity.

And regarding the ALSes' engagement, we recently did a boot camp before ICANN75. We had 51 participants. We lacked resources. I mean to say we didn't have Zoom accounts. We used a free [30 minutes]. And we were able to reach out to the community.

So I think these kind of resources have to be there so at least people can connect the dots and create better engagement.

And regarding the community leaders, I think they are quite confused a lot of the time. So this has to be cleared up with proper communication strategy where the first point of information generation has to go to the lower point. That is the way to connect the dots. If the communication is not clear ... Let me give a good example. Yesterday evening, I received information about APRALO GA at 7:00. So that is not how information is run. So that is the point.

And engagement and outreach really happens when the communication is correct. Communication is a problem. There is so much happening. I know everybody is trying to work. That is the reason we are working like this. We want our community to work. We all want our community to work efficiently. So these connecting dots have to be connected by the .Org staff and community [inaudible] give the leadership [inaudible].

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Shreedeep, for your comment.

We'll now move on to Hadia.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you. So I wanted to ask about the relation between the outreach and engagement strategic plan for a RALO and the ICANN regional strategic plan. How do those two relate? And I think there are areas where they should overlap. And if they do, then it makes good sense to align resources. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Hadia. So the short answer is that there is alignment because that is the role of the GSE: to take the overall plan, make a regional plan, and with that regional plan, approach the RALO. And that is what has been happening in APRALO also.

Yeah, Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

If I may just to add to that, it's not just the GSE RVP that you'll now have access to. It's all of the regional support communications. If you wanted to have a webinar on technical issues, you can work with your RVP from the GSE team to organize that. It's all those amazing resources that are now in the regions that didn't exist before. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Heidi.

So now we only have time for the announcement on GAs. 30 seconds for every RALO.

Seun, go ahead, please.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Okay, thank you. So for us at AFRALO, as you know, the ICANN meeting is now coming to Africa next year. And we don't even know ... I think 24 maybe? It's not clear yet. So we would be doing that GA next year in one of the other events. We're thinking it's going to be the DNS Forum, which we hold next year. We don't know when it's going to be—probably in September or October. So we're now starting planning for it. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Seun. This is Satish for APRALO. We are planning our GA next year, with early planning to co-locate with the APrIGF. But APrIGF has not yet decided where the event is going to be, so we have a new possibility, with is the Global IGF. It's happening in Japan next year. So it's a good option for us to co-locate with the Global IGF itself because then our members can get a chance to attend the IGF as well. Thank you.

And over to you, EURALO.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: 8th, 9th, and 10th of November. Brussels this year. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Sebastien.

LACRALO, please?

EDUARDO DIAZ: It's going to happen this year: October 20 and 21 or 19 and 20. I

don't know the exact dates.

SATISH BABU: LACRALO or NARALO?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Oh. NARALO. I'm sorry. Did you say LACRALO or NARALO?

SATISH BABU: I said LACRALO. It doesn't matter. So that's fine.

EDUARDO DIAZ: They're very close. So it's going to be this year in Hollywood,

California, next to the ARIN50 meeting.

SATISH BABU: Okay.

LACRALO, please?

Your dates for your GA?

AUGUSTO HO:

I'm going to speak in Spanish. In March, our next ICANN event will be in Cancun. My understanding is that it will be the general assembly for those days. Several members have asked who decides that date, and it's still not clear to us how the day came about. But it's there, and we are accepting it along with so many other things. As a matter of fact, we're going to talk about how we can review the manner in which the dates are chosen, but my understanding is that it will be in Cancun next year in March.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Augusto. So the short answer to that is that it has to be done in consultation with ICANN because the funding is coming from ICANN, and a lot of organizational support is also coming from ICANN.

So with that, we come to the end of this session. I'm aware that we have not covered all the topics, but we did have a lot of discussions, and we didn't want to stifle discussions. But there are still some discussion to be taken. Amrita has raised some points which we have recorded. Then there's been this whole sharing of the restructured plan. That's got to be discussed as

well. And the ALS individual mobilization should have been discussed but they're the key to much of our future work. But that we have to do maybe intercessionally.

And I'd like to thank everyone who has participated, all our interpreters, staff who have supported the session, and the RALO Chairs who have been the backbone of this session and have driven it and its agenda. So thank you very much and have a great day ahead.

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