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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Ladies and gentlemen, we're going to start in two minutes. Two minutes. Okay, staff, are we ready?

Good afternoon, everybody. Welcome to this At-Large Regional Leadership meeting today in the first official day of the ICANN meeting. Wolf, unfortunately, is indisposed, so he will not be able to lead this session. As you can see, I'm fully prepared for it, so I'm standing in for him.

We have a pretty full agenda today. We're going to try and go through it quite efficiently if we can. We have interpretation that taking place, so when you start speaking please say your name. The usual thing with regard to your card. If you need to intervene, put your card up. I think that we'll have [inaudible] who will be looking at the remote participation if there are any questions or any comments.

I guess that's really all the housekeeping that needs to be done. Is there anything else? Gisella, any further housekeeping? No? Okay. Alright, I'll let the sockets and the plugs rejoin themselves.

Ladies and gentlemen, let's go into first the ATLAS II recommendations. I think there are just a few of them that we need to look at just to remind you. It's funny because when you click on the recommendation 28, it says "page not found." That's not very helpful. We have one small problem. The link will be pasted in the chat in a second. Of course, I hope you're all on Adobe Connect.

Recommendation 28, of course, you were all part of the At-Large Summit that took place in London about a year ago, or maybe a bit more than a year ago. A follow up group has been working on these recommendations and expanding on them, has been doing some triage to assign it to different parts of the At-Large community or to staff or to other parts of ICANN. This one is one that has landed on our doorstep.

Recommendation 28 says, "The ALAC should work with all RALOs and ALSes to map the current expertise and interests in their membership, to identify Subject Matter Experts, and to facilitate policy communication."

Now, I am aware of some surveys having been sent out by the RALOs. The links to the results are on the page. The question now is: where do we want to go from here? One comment that I have heard in the past was that because the surveys are somehow different from each other, we didn't really have

concise results all together and whether we wanted to perhaps further the surveys. Maybe build a common survey together and go a little bit further in this.

I guess the aim of this recommendation is to really find out what knowledge we have in the At-Large Structures, what knowledge that we can tap in, and not only with regards to the At-Large Structure representatives but also the members and the people that they have in the structures themselves. Maybe that might not have been made very clear at the start.

I see Alan Greenberg has put his card up so, Alan, you have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Olivier. You actually just covered it by implication. The recommendation was to survey the skills in the membership. What we ended up surveying in I believe all cases was the skills of the prime representative for each ALS. Those are two very different things, I think.

Sadly, as we know in many cases, the representative may be the only person in the ALS who knows we exist. That's clearly a problem that we're working on in different venues. But I think as we go forward if we were to ever do this again – and I hope we

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will in one form or another – that we will think about how to go deeper than the representative.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan. Alberto Soto?

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you. I will speak in Spanish. In the case of LACRALO, our survey was sent to all members. Most of them answered [for] several persons, not just the main representative, which is actually our request. What I mean is that if there is a different survey, we should note that. I think we've already discussed organizing a different survey with specific characteristics. That's the thing that I think we should say. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Alberto. Yrjö Länsipuro?

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Thank you. I think that we should go further now and identify, as it says in the recommendation, identify subject area experts because this in my mind is really a key to activating the ALSes to take part in the policy work in working on the advice and other stuff. We know at the RALO level who is a particularly

knowledgeable person in one of the ALSes. We could tap that resource. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Yrjö. Let's go for Humberto Carrasco.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much. I'm going to speak in Spanish. Actually, as we've already said more than often – if I recall properly, it was in June that we discussed this topic – this is a first approach to the skills and capabilities available in each RALO within their members. This also allowed us to realize how diverse the RALOs are within themselves. Within the different themes and expert subjects there is a great diversity from one to the other. This also means, as we've already said, that preparing a new survey would be useful not only to see which aspects should be focused and targeted for new, for further deepening but also allows us to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the members of our organizations. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Humberto. Next is Heidi Ullrich.

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HEIDI ULLRICH:	Thank you, Olivier. Just to let you know that I did show these survey results to the team of GSE and policy that Sally Costerton informed us about yesterday, and they were very impressed with the results.
	One possibility for a future survey might be to ask your ALSes what kind of expertise they have in terms of would be willing to speak at local and national conferences that ICANN and GSE staff can't get to.
	Then the second point would be if they didn't feel that they were knowledgeable enough on a certain topic, what kind of support would they need before they would go that kind of event? Thank you.
OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:	Thank you very much, Heidi, for this. Any other points? Alan Greenberg?
ALAN GREENBERG:	Thank you. I'll just point out that for the regions that have individual members, typically an individual member joins because they have a specific interest. They may be among the best people to put the label "subject matter experts" on or perhaps speak on behalf of At-Large on certain subjects, and a survey of ALSes doesn't capture them. Just a thought. It might

capture them if, indeed, they're deemed to be an ALS as they are in some regions, but not necessarily others.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Alan. Is that Alberto Soto?

ALBERTO SOTO: With regard to Heidi's comments, perhaps we should also say the following. In addition to making a presentation, perhaps the person could also organize it locally. That would be more comprehensive. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you. Any other? The way I see it is there seems to be a need for going deeper into what we have at the moment. Certainly, analysis seems to be the next step. I have noticed the graph that is currently on the page where it says how many members are engineers and lawyers, etc.

That's one way, but obviously, we also need to dig a little bit deeper and have names of the lawyers and the names of the engineers so that if we do have anything that relates to a specific point – and I guess the aim is to be able to work smarter so as to share the load – we can call upon the lawyers and say, "This has

something to do with law in this part of the world. Does anyone know about this?"

So we don't need to spam everybody on the At-Large mailing list with another announcement for everyone to come in when there's only maybe one or two people who even have the knowledge for this thing.

Humberto Carrasco?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much. I will speak in Spanish. In the first survey, I think we did not have sufficient time to standardize or streamline questions. I think that if we're going to prepare a new survey, we should come to terms and agree which questions we're going to include and what are the specific aims being sought for. In other words, we should professionalize our future survey. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Humberto. Next is Fatima Cambronero.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Thanks, Olivier. I will speak in Spanish. I agree with what you say, Olivier, but something else we should specify for the survey is the language on which these experts are proficient. They may

be experts, but they may only speak Spanish and not other languages, and that should be stated in the survey results, as well. It's a minor contribution. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Fatima. I wonder, turning over to staff, whether there are any resources in ICANN and knowledge about building surveys because what I feel we might need is to need some help from someone on staff who can basically pick the different questions that the different RALOs have asked and take into account the language issue and then build a survey from that, that will be professional, as Humberto has said, and that will be something that will bring a lot of knowledge to us rather than missing out on a few points.

Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Olivier. I would need to look back into that but if there is not, then I would suggest that might be something you would ask for in a Fiscal Year 17 special request.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. Anyone else on this?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Do you want me to put an action item?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, let's please have this on an action item, please. So staff to check if there is inside knowledge for – no, that's wrong, isn't it? Inside knowledge. That doesn't translate well. if there's knowledge about expertise. That's it. In-house expertise about building surveys.

Okay, let's move on then to the next recommendation. The next one on the list is number 31. And this link works. And says, "ICANN and the ALAC should investigate the use of simple tools and methods to facilitate participation in public comments and the use of crowdsourcing."

A fair bit of work has gone into this. The Social Media Working Group has worked on this. The Technology Taskforce has worked on this, as well. Obviously, the needs for these simple tools are needs that come in from At-Large Structures, and this is why this recommendation is also allocated to this group.

So now is the time, I guess, to bring some input on this. What are the requirements for the simple tools? Bearing in mind we do have a new website that will soon be launched, and that might be able to help certainly with regards to the accessibility of the information and finding it. But certainly simple tools, other

tools, will be probably in pipeline, as well, but we need to define them well.

We do have another recommendation which I think speaks about a policy management process system, and Dev Anand Teelucksingh has been working with Ashwin Rangan, the chief technical officer, and Ashwin is eagerly looking at the work that is taking place there. He has also been working on his side so as to see where we can meet. Meet, in other words, the two processes can meet and then find a way to build the best tool that would really help our members.

The problem, of course, is something like this has never been built before, so it needs to have blueprints. It needs to have a design, etc. It takes time to develop. In the meantime, we could also have simple tools to help us out.

We've got in the queue Holly Raiche and Eduardo Diaz. Let's start with Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: I think one thing we have to keep in mind is that the actual broadband capacity is very variable amongst our members and RALOs. If we're going to have simple tools, they have to be tools that even get to the Cook Islands. Yeah, that would be [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this. That's certainly one requirement. Eduardo Diaz?

EDUARDO DIAZ: I'm not sure the crowdsourcing, what does that mean within this context?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'll turn the question to you. What does that mean to you?

EDUARDO DIAZ: I don't know.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: This came from the ALSes, the At-Large Structures, so of course it's open to interpretation. Crowdsourcing is something that was actually mentioned by Global Stakeholder Engagement just a few months before the At-Large Summit took place. Was it Global Stakeholder Engagement or Fadi? No, I think it was Sally Costerton that mentioned we want to have crowdsourcing for the input. The question is: how do we use crowdsourcing for this? I'm not an expert in this. Maybe someone around the table can enlighten us on this? Yes, please? The gentleman in the back. Could we have a…

BOGDAN MANOLEA: Hi, Bogdan Manolea, APTI. I don't want to enlighten you on this, but just because I was part of the working group so I remember what we were discussing. The idea was to use technology that exists, such as liquid democracy and similar tools that have been used by parties in other civil society organizations in order to enhance participation and comments from all sorts of people. That was the idea that I remember it was discussed in the group. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Bogdan. That's great to have the ALSes present. That tells you when we have questions, we have the answer. That's great. Liquid democracy and other such tools would be to be considered. I'm not sure if the Technical Taskforce, which is usually our group that tries new toys, has engaged in checking out those tools. Perhaps we can have as an action item, and could we perhaps ask you to speak to the Technical Taskforce and let them know about the various tools – if you can remember – the various tools that were discussed at the time? So Technical Taskforce to be in touch with Bogdan on this.

I'm not sure if we have – do we have Dev online maybe? Dev Anand Teelucksingh is not online. It's amazing. Okay. Any other thoughts? Fatima?

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Dev is in Skype, not in the Adobe Connect.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: There is actually one note in there, Fatima, which mentions that you would be e-mailing Dev Anand Teelucksingh the tool for statement drafting collaboration. Would you be able to enlighten us as to what that is, please, Fatima? Yeah, sorry. Fatima, there is a note in the Recommendation 31 which says, "Fatima Cambronero to email Dev Anand Teelucksingh about the tool for statement drafting collaboration."

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: I don't remember. Sorry, but I can talk with Dev about that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, please do so.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Okay, thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Any other thoughts on this? I was going to ask Glenn McKnight because you have very active in the Technical Taskforce. Did you identify any tools that helped with this recommendation? And perhaps we can add then in the notes since this is a process where Ariel will be picking up all the discussions and then adding them in the notes later on.

Glenn McKnight?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Sure. My other colleague here, Judith, is also the co-chair of the Technical Taskforce. We've been looking at different technologies. It's great that it was brought up. We will be talking about this stuff at our Technical Taskforce meeting. We invite people to come to it, as well.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Do you know by any chance when that Technical Taskforce meeting is?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Just give me a second. I'll check.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Judith is a computer. She knows.

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JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Our Technical Taskforce is bright and early Thursday morning at 8:00 AM, so come. Maybe we can even get tea for people.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Judith. Holly, your card is up. Okay, no? Then we have Dave Kissoondoyal. Great to see you, Dave.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Thank you. Yes, whatever tools we are going to use, I think it has to be across platforms. For example, in Mauritius Facebook is very popular but Twitter is [lightly] popular. So I think whatever tools that we are going to use, it has to be across platforms.

Then at the same time, any tool that should eliminate duplicate posting. Suppose you're posting on Facebook. The same post can be automated to be on Twitter without going to do it twice.

That's all. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Dave. Are you a member of the Technical Taskforce? Would you like to be? We're in that mood today. I see a nod yes. Yes! Okay, excellent. Put him down, Technical Taskforce, one more member.

Glenn McKnight, your card is still up, but I see Humberto Carrasco.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much. I wanted to point out that if we choose an alternative, we should take into account not choosing only one because we had an experience some time ago with the contest in Buenos Aires because the people understood we were capturing information and that was not the final objective. We have to show that we will use all the possible tools that we have, public and private institutes or enterprises, so as to be able to comply with our function, which is to spread information when it comes to At-Large. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Humberto. That's absolutely right. That's why it says tools. It's not just one, but we'll probably need several. Maybe some might do the same thing, but in a different way.

Okay, let's move on then to the next recommendation. I believe that's recommendation number 42. "ICANN should enable annual face-to-face RALO assemblies, either at ICANN regional offices or in concert with regional events."

Now, one of the items on this page was to develop a rotation forecast of general assemblies and of At-Large Summits. That

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document was produced, so it now exists. We are working actively both with the ICANN finance department but also with the Board Finance Committee members and with the ICANN Board and with Fadi, as well. I have spoken to him on this. So we are working to have this as something that will not therefore be a special budget request every year, but it will actually be something forecast in advance. We would start with Year 0, the At-Large Summit; Year 1, nothing; Year 2, two GAs; Year 3, two GAs; Year 4, one GA; Year 5, At-Large Summit. Work is in the process for this.

Alan Greenberg?

ALAN GREENBERG: Maybe I misheard, but I though the recommendation was annual per region, which is something else altogether. And, as I said yesterday, I'm not sure we have the resources – staff and volunteer – to organize that even if it was funded. It's one of those "careful what you ask for."

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan. Thank you for bringing this up because that I think is exactly what we need to discuss now. Are we okay with a five-year cycle, or did that recommendation really mean every year there needs to be a general assembly in

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every single region? I'm looking at our poor staff having to organize five general assemblies every year. Would you love that or would you not love that, Heidi?

But let's go to Alan Greenberg.

ALAN GREENBERG: Given that we're talking about that is close to either two-and-a-half times or five times what we're doing right now, and one could even read it as we want an annual general assembly in the same years we have summits, I think that's far from where we are now and we need to take perhaps smaller steps.

That may be a nice long-term goal, but let's not kid ourselves that it's happening this year. There are significant resources that would have to be put into it, both financial and staff and volunteer. We know in some cases how hard it is to get the people to organize what we have right now. We don't want to underestimate the effort it will take.

It's a nice long-term goal, but I don't think we should pretend it's anything other than a long-term goal, at least until we can ramp up both the resources and our skillset at doing these things. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan. For those people who are in the room, you can see the table that was produced. Unfortunately, we can't share it online because I think it doesn't work. It's an Excel document, and it doesn't format well.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The link is in the chat.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: The link is in the chat. Okay, perfect. Oh, yeah, it is a Google page isn't it? A Google Doc.

Holly Raiche?

HOLLY RAICHE: I think a better proposal that would fit in a five-year plan is to say our aim is within a two-year cycle there should be an ICANN meeting in every region, and for every region that has… For example, here it's Europe so there should be a general assembly in Europe. So years, the meetings were in fact there in a particular region, then that's when you have a general assembly, and it winds up probably within a reasonable budget and within the capacity of our group.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Holly. One thing to note is we have absolutely no influence at all with regards to the rotation of ICANN meetings. Of course, now there is the added complexity of Meeting A, Meeting B, Meeting C. We are taking that into account well. You can see the forecasted meetings there, and that was taken I think pretty much with the view that you had, Holly.

One of the things that is noticeable is that during the Fiscal Year 16 and Fiscal Year 17, there will not be any meeting in Asia-Pacific – Asia, Australasia, and the – well, in the APRALO region basically. That's because the Marrakech meeting was originally supposed to take place last year was replaced with a meeting in Singapore. So two years in a row there was a meeting in Singapore. So there's a slight readjustment on this.

I'm a little concerned if we actually word it in the way that you say, that would not be able to work since AP would not have the meeting. But we can just say we want the rotation and that's a first way.

Holly?

HOLLY RAICHE: I understand. I've looked at this chart before, and there is a problem with APRALO. I think we do have kind of an in principle this is what we'd like to happen. We ought to be planning,

thinking, or having ICANN staff start thinking that in fact is desirable.

One of the reasons that we have the different types of meetings is for the second type, it will be a smaller contingent, it will be more affordable, and it can go to places that cannot support large areas. It is specifically designed to get out to other areas. That means there's now no reason not to get to all of the regions. And given that that was one of the rationale for the different types of meetings, it means we can say we support the principle of every… Within a two-year period, there should be – every region should have an ICANN meeting, which then means there's a venue for having a general assembly in that region. I appreciate this is an anomaly, but I think we should state a principle.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Holly. Tijani Ben Jemaa?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. [inaudible] ICANN. It's wonderful if we can have a general assembly in the region where the ICANN meeting happens. But it is not the reality now today.

Olivier, you remember we worked on this table since very long. Now I think that things are evolving, and if we manage to have a

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summit more frequently, we may not ask for general assemblies because each summit is also a general assembly for all the regions. So if we manage to have a summit every three years, for example, it will be wonderful in my point of view.

Ask for a summit every five years, and you ask for general assemblies every year, I am afraid. Especially with the accountability mechanisms that will be applied in the future, I am afraid we will not get anything. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Tijani. I've seen a number of cards go up when you were speaking. Let's have Heidi Ullrich.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you. I have a comment and a question. My comment is just to point out there might be a possibility of holding GAs every year. That's been done in the past where a small group who is at another Internet governance related conference would gather and then everyone else would call in. EURALO has done that in the past. That might be a possibility to have a GA every year when you're not able to have a face-to-face one.

My question is just on this schedule. Is there a one-year gap between the last general assembly and the summit, so there's a one-year planning? Because it would challenging for staff if we

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were to plan for that and then still have to support the holding of several GAs in that year in the run up to the summit.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Heidi. There is a gap after the year of a summit. There is no gap before the year of a summit because of the four years in between the summit. So you would have Year 1, nothing; Year 2, one or two GAs; Year 3, one or two GAs; Year 4, one or two GAs.

The idea, of course, is to have Year 4 with one GA instead of two, so that would help you. But unfortunately this year the Board Finance Committee has made a mess for you because they've only given one GA, so we're going to have to have two GAs the year before the next ATLAS, if we ever get the ATLAS. Complain to them.

Humberto Carrasco?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Just a question. Because now the discussion has been focused on, how we would arrange this GA within ICANN. But I would like to ask you about regional events. What do you mean by regional events? Are these events outside ICANN but related to Internet governance? Could you please clarify this?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Humberto. I didn't write that recommendation, so that's obviously the group of ALSes that came up with this. I don't know if anybody was in that group. It was Thematic Group 5. What I believe is that there have been some cases in the past where general assemblies were held outside of an ICANN meeting. I know certainly EURALO has held a general assembly during EuroDIG, which is the European IGF. [inaudible] was there also one before? Okay, I wasn't aware of that. EuroDIG and [inaudible], okay. And there are other events. There might have been in Asia-Pacific. There could have been something at an APRICOT meeting or something.

The problem though is that when we have asked for a general assembly to take place outside of an ICANN meeting, nine times out of ten it has been refused. The great majority of times. That's why it probably is wiser to ask for it happen during an ICANN meeting.

Heidi, you wanted to add something?

HEIDI ULLRICH: If I could just quickly respond to that. I think that might be changing within ICANN. But keep in mind, for example, from EuroDIG, there were there for one day general assembly and

then I believe ICANN covered them for the EuroDIG, the two days. So that's a much shorter meeting than bringing them there for the full CANN meeting, which would likely facilitate the approval of that, I would think. I would need to go check that, but just the budget will be considerably less for that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Heidi. The problem I see myself with this is if we do have the event or the general assembly taking place outside of an ICANN meeting, it doesn't really bring those people to take part in ICANN activities.

Alan Greenberg, you've been very patient.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. This is what is known in physics as a multi-body problem. There are many different variables, and they all interact with each other. I would be very careful at not making a recommendation that is very specific. Saying that we must have a general assembly at an ICANN meeting for all regions over two years I think is just a bit too constraining. Keep it flexible. Our target is to have more gatherings of our ALSes per region and a summit on a semi-regular basis, and we are going to need to have flexibility.

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This year, North America requested a general assembly in conjunction with the ARIN meeting, which was held almost immediately before this meeting. Ignoring the budget issue, the timing was really bad because of staff availability and volunteer availability. On the other hand, under a somewhat different set of circumstances, it might have been a perfect thing to do.

We really want to keep it flexible. We want to get people together on a regular basis. Understand that we're going to have to use whatever the issues are of the day to try to maximize that. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan. I'm closing the queue after Alberto Soto. So far I have Fatima Cambronero, Tijani Ben Jemaa, and Alberto Soto. No, no, after you. You're still in the queue, Alberto, don't worry, but you'll be the third one to speak. Let's have Fatima Cambronero, please.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Thank you, Olivier. I will speak in Spanish. Two comments. One has to do with what Tijani was saying. From my point of view, I don't agree with the fact that GAs should coincide with the summits. I believe the GAs are internally discussed and within these meetings internal issues are discussed that cannot be

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discussed in the summit. For example, in our last summit, RALOs were not able to meet to discuss the same issues that we would discuss in a GA. That is my point of view on one hand.

On the other hand, when it comes to LACRALO, we had certain informal conversations with Rodrigo de la Parra, our vice president for the Latin American and the Caribbean region to explore on the idea of being able to organize these LACRALO GAs in conjunction with other regional events.

And [after] last year, ICANN was member of the LACIGF program committee for Latin America and the Caribbean Region, and we were exploring that idea to have that event together with a GA. And on the other hand to be able to use the ICANN facilities in Montevideo, which is the house of Internet which is open for these types of events that are related to Internet governance.

So I believe this was a good idea to explore other options in case we can have our GAs within the ICANN context because they're held in remote places or because a further budget is required, but I think that we should not close ourselves or restrict to the idea of having these ideas or explore these ideas. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Tijani Ben Jemma?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. I'm going to speak in French. Fatima, well, maybe I didn't express myself very well. I didn't say that the summit is going to be hosted in place of the general assembly, but I said that as we are in this place, we can take into account the possibility to organize a summit. So I said a summit is also a general assembly for each RALO. We are going to meet during the summit, but we didn't organize a general assembly. We are going to organize a summit and also a general assembly.

Now, I maybe won't agree with Alan Greenberg, but I don't think that to be flexible, as he said, will allow us to do planning. We are trying to schedule those meetings, but we first need to decide something. So, of course, we don't need to be very precise, because if we are too precise, we won't have what we need. But we need to know what we want to organize, if general assembly or not.

I don't agree with general assembly or ICANN meeting, because this will be a problem for the people who will go to those general assemblies. They are going to lose the opportunity to participate with the ICANN meeting first, and then ICANN doesn't want to fund the general assemblies that don't take place during the ICANN meetings. So the general assembly must take place during the ICANN meetings. It's very good.

Now, let's come back to our schedule. We need to choose if we want to organize general assemblies frequently, we will have summit that won't take place very frequently. If they are accepted, we won't have to convince only the Board members. We will have to convince all of our community so the community won't oppose our project.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I think we're going to have to take that discussion afterwards because I'm a little mindful of the time at the moment.

Alberto Soto to close the debate, and we can continue then down our very packed agenda. Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: Along the same lines of regularity or frequency, since 2005 to [2020] in our region, the ICANN meetings will be held with a difference of one year, three years, two years, three years, one year, three years, two years. So if we set up an annual meeting, I think that would be impossible if it matches the same dates as the ICANN meeting. I know there has been an exception with Marrakech. I mean, if the frequency of the Meetings A, B, and C is going to be maintained or whether that is going to be changed, that will also have an impact on the holding of the general assemblies. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alberto, for this very good point, as well. I think we need some more work on this, and we'll have to follow up. Can I please ask you all to engage when we have the discussion on the RALO lists that there is actually some engagement and we can try and focus on this as soon as possible because, as you know, if we miss the boat this year again, then we are not going to get very much next year and, as was mentioned earlier, who knows what or who we will have to convince in the future later on. So we need to really find consensus on this within the next couple of months, if not even within the next month or so.

Let's move on to the last recommendation, which was Recommendation 43. "RALOs should encourage their inactive ALS representatives to comply with ALAC minimum participation requirements."

I see here that the assignees are the RALO chairs, and I would suggest that we get the RALO chairs to talk to each other and work on this. We don't need to spend much time on that. I know there's a lot already going on with regards to inactive At-Large. Obviously if our active At-Large Structures said that they want that to be done, there's obviously some irritation from them to see other At-Large Structures not doing much.

I'm not sure whether there has been the ability. Can we move the agenda around a little bit, Heidi, now? Alan, you're okay with that? So effectively we're going to skip for the time being or just reverse the order of the agenda. We needed to have first the ALS Criteria and expectations, and then after that At-Large ICANN Civil Society Engagement, and we're going to start with the civil society engagement. So I invite Jean-Jacques Sahel to the table, please. Oh, Alan Greenberg?

ALAN GREENBERG: Two things. Number one, most of the people who are at this table were also at an ALS Criteria discussion yesterday, so I don't think I want to spend an awful lot of time on it. But I'll note that Heidi and I have to leave about 10 or 15 minutes before the end of the session. So take that into account.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Alan. Heidi Ullrich?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Just really quickly, I remember the reason that was on the agenda was that during the cross-RALO call to prepare for this meeting, it was suggested that the members of this group might wish to talk about those points as it was going to be affecting

their ALSes, etc. So I think it was more of an open discussion, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: I'm happy with that. I was just saying I don't think we want to do the same presentations again we've already done twice in two meetings in the last day.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan and Heidi. May I remind you there's also a Skype channel if you wish to correspond? I'm just kidding. Jean-Jacques, please, come to the table. Jean-Jacques Sahel is Vice President for Global Stakeholder Engagement for Europe. You saw him this morning on stage. You saw his father, Steve Crocker. I turn over to you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Jean-Jacques, I am your father.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: In the Star Wars Trilogy, which will soon hit the screens.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: That is [inaudible], Olivier. Good afternoon. Thanks for having me again. What we wanted to do today is just to go in a bit more

detail and start talking about activities in the future where we can work together.

Before I go into detail, let me please just step back a little bit and put this all into a bit of context. The team that Adam and I come from is the Global Stakeholder Engagement team. Possibly our number one mission is to engage stakeholders, and that comes very much from the bylaws and the missions and objectives that have been set for the organization to increase diversity of ICANN. That includes geographic diversity.

We want to make sure that participation in ICANN reflects the global diversity of Internet users, but also diversity among stakeholder groups. We want to make sure that if there is even representation – equitable representation [inaudible] of all stakeholder groups, and part of that means that we should try and support the various communities such as ALAC in their outreach strategies.

I was very glad in recent weeks to see, for instance, as it comes to my day-to-day region Europe, the draft outreach strategy from EURALO. That's very much the sort activities that we would like to support. That's why we have tried to suggest a way to structure our engagement when it comes to supporting our communities.

In the Global Stakeholder Engagement team, we have four broad categories of stakeholders, as I mentioned briefly yesterday. We have business stakeholders, and that's a part which my colleague Chris Mondini, North America, is leading on.

We have the technical community stakeholders – IGFs, RIRs, and all those sorts of organizations. It's my colleague Adiel formerly with AfriNIC who is in charge of that.

We have the government engagement that has been a longstanding effort by ICANN, and that's led by Tarek Kamel and his team Anne-Rachel and Nigel Hickson and others.

Then it comes to the rest, the other stakeholder groups that we'd like to engage with and reach out to in order to raise awareness of ICANN and encourage people to participate, show them the relevance of ICANN, encourage them to participate in the relevant SOs and ACs that correspond to where they're coming from.

So that fourth category is a broad category. We've started talking about it. It encompasses end users but also academics and also nonprofit. So generally it's sort of nonprofit public interest type stakeholders.

Now, what we wanted to do is, because we want to try and support your own outreach efforts, is circulate our ideas and

then get your feedback, get your input. That's why we presented in Buenos Aires to this group and the other key constituencies concerned by these efforts, which are NPOC and NCUC, so the NCSG community.

We then circulated a short discussion paper, effectively. The idea was very much to start planning what we could do in terms of outreach activities. What we will put on the screen in a second is just an update on the sort of comments we have received, the sort of inputs. What I'd like to focus on today and really start getting you to think about and brainstorm is the sort of activities that we can roll out in the next few weeks. Very much I'd like to hear from you what you have in mind. We've got already some good input. You'll see that from some of you on the screen.

Basically, we'd like to start thinking, "Okay, let's plan those. Let's get it on." Maybe we can put this onto the screen. Adam, would you like to [inaudible]? I think it would be good to not spend too much time on the specific detail of the comments but focus more on the activities toward the end of the actual concrete stuff.

ADAM PEAKE: Thank you very much. We held a webinar on October 6 where this document had been online for about six weeks and I know that At-Large had access to a version and you sent comments

which were very much appreciated, particularly NARALO sent some comments on events, and Dev sent some comments about general interaction which we passed along to the GSE team.

What we've done now is we've frozen the Google Doc as we update all the comments that we've received. What you see there is the rather raw-looking track changes version.

If you just go down a little bit one particular part that's relevant is the… Go down the screen, down the document. There's section in yellow, probably about the second page of the document. Just stop there, and if it's possible to go in a little bit.

What we're talking about really is there are two types of engagement. One is engagement with volunteers that are working in ICANN now – civil society volunteers that are working in ICANN now and how can we support them to make their life easier and so on. How can you feel more comfortable in the work you do, feel more supported, get better information flows and so on?

We're going to be doing things like newsletters, summarizing policy documents in different ways, various ideas about a handbook for newcomers and ways to present information about civil society.

Something that is particularly important are the events around the world because we already have you as volunteers who are doing regular work throughout the ICANN environment on various bits of policy. But we also particularly want to focus on those groups that know about ICANN but don't particularly yet participate. How do we bring them into our system? How do we help them know more about what we're doing? They may never become the embedded volunteers that you all are, but they may be dipping in for perhaps one or two hours a week so we want to make that more possible.

If we go down to the bottom of this document, I'm not sure they're going to show very clearly in this. What we do have is a sort of roadmap – yeah, down a bit more. This is the original roadmap of events that the various GSE teams and also others who were looking at the Google Doc put together on events that we may be participating in.

The one I particularly want to look at is below which came from NARALO and focuses very much on regional engagement. I think it's down again in the page. Sorry. It's awkward to always do PDF documents. These are the events that were suggested to us. I've been looking through them and, as typical when you export files, the highlighting is gone. There's another PDF file. Could you go to the desktop on that?

Some of these events are Canadian specific. Some of them are North American region specific. This is something that we'd really like to see from every RALO. If you can help us with activities that you feel are relevant, then what we're planning to do is build an online calendar which will be a living document. Obviously, events in the past we don't need to know so much about unless we have a trip report and some information coming from them.

But some of these are the meetings, as I looked at what NARALO had been putting forward, these were ones that particularly stood out to me – of course, the Puerto Rico Internet Society because of the relevance to the meeting that's coming up next year. t there are some organizations there that we have been looking at in particularly important. NTEN is one of them. I think there's one at the top of the document that I was very interested in. Yeah, Youth in Technology is, I think, a conference in Manila and I want to try and find out more about that but it seemed… I wasn't sure because North American region doesn't usually deal with Manila.

But the sort of thing we really want is more detail about these types of events. Who is likely to be there? Why is it important to your regions? Then we can start to think about how do we either find ways to attend, or it may simply be that we look into the background documents of those meetings, the outcome

documents of those meetings and try and bring them into some kind of resource that we look at.

If you can help us map out some of these meeting agendas – well, sorry, upcoming meetings – then that would be very helpful. Thanks to Glenn and his colleagues who have put this together.

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Thank you, Adam. And if you look at the sort of events that Glenn has highlighted, I think we run a lot of stakeholder events. Just to give you an idea, in Europe last year between July 2014 and June 2015, we ran a total of about 75 events, either events we organized ourselves or in cooperation or we organized a panel as part of an existing event. So we've got a lot of experience in this. We've built up a lot of experience, and our idea would be if you have identified some interesting conferences in your regions that you think we should have a presence in, then we'd love to team up with you and think about how we could put, for instance, a panel together.

If you think a Youth and Technology conference, let's see how we could have a panel on ICANN that's relevant to that conference that makes people understand what it's all about, why it's relevant to them, how they can participate. We can

brainstorm what sort of speakers we can bring, that sort of thing.

Then what we hope is that it will map the relevant RALO strategies and basically that we can help you maximize the outcomes of RALO strategies and, for us all, that it helps ICANN as an organization, as a whole, as a community, to increase its visibility, to increase awareness raising in the wider public about ICANN and hopefully increase participation.

One thing that I mentioned very much in passing yesterday and that I think we're really keen to do is also how we can use that sort of approach to build stronger links with the At-Large Structures at the local level. I think there's a huge potential to involve and work with our At-Large Structures at the local level.

Obviously, one of the aims of [DNS] is there ought to be this sort of local point, local nexus that then links up to ICANN at a global level. I think there's a tremendous opportunity to make this all very dynamic. Engage them before ICANN meetings. Debrief them after ICANN meetings. Make sure that their issues at the local level are brought to the global level and taken forward. I think that's how I'd like you to see how we would like to support you, and it's trying to make the most of our community locally everywhere in the world. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Jean-Jacques. Okay, Glenn, you're the last person in the queue. Last in the queue because there are so many cards around, time is going really quickly. At the moment, I've got Seun, Holly, the gentleman from Thailand – I'm sorry, I've forgotten your name again. Panus, okay that has to go in here. I've got Raf, Alberto, and Glenn. So we'll start with Seun Ojedeji, and please… And Fatima as well. Okay, we really are going to run out of time. Can we have a one-minute timer, please? That's going to be a tough one. So we'll start with Seun Ojedeji.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you very much. I just want to point out that there are existing calendars that we can actually get information from. ISOC partnered with [an authority] developed some calendars in the past.

Then I think we need to understand a clear process for actually engaging with the GSE on this event. It's not enough to say let us know. What is the process to actually getting this done? I support this effort to actually reach those external events to talk about. It's similar to what we do with CROPP, I think, indirectly.

So I think one request I want to make again is I know that GSE normally goes to all these events. It should be good that they

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intentionally reach out to our – by "our" I mean At-Large ALSes locally – and engage them in the meetings. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Seun. Shall we go through all of the comments and then you can respond to each one in turn if you wish to?

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: It's up to you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It would be more efficient. Okay, next one is Holly Raiche.

HOLLY RAICHE: First of all, thank you, Seun. That's exactly what I was going to say. There are lots of calendars around. When we have our website, which we actually may wind up doing at some point, maybe everybody can use the same calendar. But at this stage, I think it's a big ask to have all of us do two calendars.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Holly. Panus, you're next.

PANUS NA NAKORN: Have the [inaudible]. If you look at in the document, you try administer, increase awareness for the people to access on these kinds of things. I'm just thinking about the sustainability for the people to be a part of this kind of activity. Just to provide information, and the awareness, they know exactly. But how can we think about sustainability of people to engage in the long-term [inaudible]. I think the partnership between the committees plus that you might be to facilitate a meeting between the governments or even to the local NGO might be the sustainable because the government has the money. But I mean they [inaudible] as a partnership [inaudible]. This is my point.

A second one is it might be if you look at the numbers of awareness raising, what is the measurement that you're going to talk about? How many people do [you think] and how many people that you've outreached and then how many people to be [inaudible] actively members of this engagement that you tried to access that [inaudible]. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Panus, very good timing. Well done. Impressive. Rafid Fatani?

RAFID FATANI: Thank you. At the same time, I think Seun has raised the issue that I was going to raise. [Wolf], thank you very much for the initiative, though. I think is fantastic and I'm happy to share a few of those calendars myself.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Raf. Fatima Cambronero?

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: First of all, I would like to thank you for this great effort. I think this is really important for the civil society organizations. My comments sometimes seem to be against this work, but I would like to clarify this.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: One second. We will restart the timer for you. Okay, contestants ready? Let's start. Fatima Cambronero?

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Thank you. So briefly, what I said is that I would like to thank you for all the effort you are carrying out. I think this is really important for civil society organizations. Sometimes my comments seem to be against this work, but this is not the case. It's just that I don't understand certain things, and sometimes I'm a bit concerned about having duplicate efforts.

For example, in At-Large we have an outreach working group, an engagement and outreach working group. We also have a calendar that is being populated and that we receive in our own calendars. So perhaps I sometimes don't understand. We work to populate your calendar, our calendar. Can we work together? I mean, how can we avoid duplicating efforts so that we can make the most of our work? Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Gracias, Fatima. I will speak in Spanish. Alberto Soto, go ahead, please.

ALBERTO SOTO: The other topic I want to mention is this. Generally, in the LACRALO region, events are not published with enough anticipation. So the only resource we have is the CROPP program, and we need eight weeks to apply for the CROPP program. Of course, we don't have the time to go for any events. So perhaps I would like to ask Jean-Jacques to coordinate this so that we can reduce the timeframe for the CROPP program, and we will try to work on our side, as well. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Gracias. Glenn McKnight in Spanish? No? Okay, in English.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: I just want to clarify on that chart, and I did hear some comments from Jean-Jacques saying perhaps we need some additional columns on what the target group is, what the results are. But if you remember, if you looked up, it was very vague in terms of the North American outreach. All I did here, with help from Garth and Judith and Alfredo and Eduardo, is we tried to really focus on certain sectors. So it's a good idea to have more deliverables.

I agree with Fatima and what Alberto have said. We have an outreach engagement. We also have a technical task force which has worked on a great calendar. It's Teamup. If you look at your Adobe, you'll see that I put the link there, and that's a fantastic [way of] shared calendar. But our RALOs aren't using that calendar. We're not sharing it.

So when I say let's go to the not-for-profit conference in San Diego, it's because when we go there, we're on not-for-profit radio, we get interviewed by the press, we're speakers at the event. We have very serious results that we're at the event.

So it's the same thing. Going to these things without real metrics, which my associate has said on the other side, is a waste of time. To go there with your friends from the other RALOs is a waste of time. You have to go there for a reason. For

example, just recently Joe and I went to McGill. We had 300 students we spoke to – fantastic opportunity. You've got to make the opportunity. This is a real effort, so I just don't know.

We ignored this document. I'm going to stress it because Heidi sent a message out. I don't remember seeing much comment. I don't remember seeing our RALOs really responding to it, and it's unfortunate.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Merci beaucoup, Glenn. Jean-Jacques, any reactions?

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: I will continue in English. I'm tempted to do it in French-Canadian. Okay, so on the point of duplication, I'm more than aware of it. I fully agree. As you know, there are ICANN calendars, right? We have our own website, our calendars. What I'd like to see basically how we can have more synergy between your calendars and what we publish on the ICANN website and also make it maybe clearer on the ICANN calendars. We'll have to see how it works. Which events are more maybe for the technical community? Which might be for business? Which might be for more of this audience? That's something we need to work with you on as you develop your own calendars.

We'll need to find a way. Either we just merge the calendars or we make some clearer linking. I'm talking here about the ICANN calendars versus the [Roku] calendars, etc. I want to absolutely avoid duplication. That's one of the ideas. We actually collectively, if I think about both groups, the At-Large community and then related groups such as NCSG and NPOC, there's actually a lot of really interesting content that audiences, people outside who are maybe academics or end users or NGOs, would benefit from. But I think we have very little visibility on everything that's available out there.

So one of our tasks with Adam in coming weeks and months is to try and get an inventory of exactly what we've got out there. We've started, and that's also where we need your input. You might know that, for instance, there are great articles or great briefings about this or that policy topics that could be useful for an outside audience.

Just as an example, there might be some great briefing that one of you or one of the RALOs has prepared on the WHOIS discussions. That's one of the things where we'd like to publicize those briefings. Just an idea – just an example, rather. That's the sort of thing we need to do.

So on calendars, we'll need to continue working with you, and certainly I don't want to create a new calendar. It's not the idea.

It's rather to make more relevant the ICANN calendar and maybe linking it better to your own.

There are quite a few good questions. Let me just make sure I cover everything. Now, there's been a really important question, which is how we coordinate, how we work together in the future. That'also was one of my questions for you this week, how you would like to do this. I'd be quite happy for us to follow the work of your outreach working group. We've done that a little bit now and then, but maybe we can do it in a more systematic basis.

The other thing that I would suggest or ask from you is since there's a lot of [read across], a lot of synergy with the outreach strategies that other constituencies have got – I'm thinking here again about NCSG – could we perhaps those of you who are more interested maybe representatives from or members of the At-Large Outreach Working Group could have some sort of liaison, some sort of contact with us on a regular basis, maybe also bringing in the equivalent group from the NCSG community so that, again, we avoid duplication and we share ideas, we share calendars because a lot of these events are relevant to all these communities.

If you imagine on a panel, actually we've had a few this year, there might be someone from ALAC and there might be someone from NCSG and the audiences that we're talking to are the same

and it actually reinforces the message to have all of us working together.

So that one is actually really a question for you, how you think we can best interact. We could, as I said, definitely we could follow more closely the work of your outreach group, but we could set up a more regular discussion. We could have a call every month, like a sort of informal contact group, if you will. I'm in your hands as to how you like to work better. So Seun and others, I hope I can get some input from you on that.

There was a really good question I think from Panus about sustainability. I think that's where there's, in fact, the best opportunity to work with our At-Large Structures at national level. It's thanks to the At-Large Structures and maybe other local organizations that they can partner with that we're going to have something sustainably.

I hope that what we can do is basically kick off a process, generate enthusiasm, help people to start organizing events and activities themselves. Give them confidence, give them the tools, give them the skills. Then when the local community starts to get critical mass that they know how to run those events and they know how to partner with each other, then it's a self-perpetuating cycle and it's sustainable in the long-term.

I think that's where really can maximize how we work with the ALSes. In Europe, we've got quite a few ALSes that are not as active as they could be and I think if we work on this, we could make it sustainable. I think it's a really important point. It's crucial. It's how we build long-term participation in ICANN, not just in our big meetings and our big working groups, but also at local level and make that link work more and more.

There's a point about metrics, and it's a difficult one, I think. I don't know that we want to say, "We promise that by next year, thanks to our engagement, we'll have 200 new members of the At-Large community." Yes, Olivier, that can be your personal goal as a chair. I'd love to get your feedback on that.

I think certainly for a start, I think in an extent to the point that Glenn made, I think let's roll out a few events. Let's engage. Let's think about outcomes in qualitative terms almost. We want to engage with parts of society with our own wider networks. We want to make sure we go out there, speak to them, start raising awareness, start raising interest, and then they'll start participating.

Once we get more used to it or once we have a really good program going, then maybe we can think about more specific quantitative metrics. I think it's a bit early.

I might stop here and just maybe repeat again my questions, which are back to you, how you would like to engage. As I said, I can follow your outreach working group. I think that would be great. And also we could have some sort of contact group where we can also bring in friends from the NCSG community, something like that, and we could have regular catch up sessions.

I'll stop here. Thank you, and sorry for taking the floor. Adam, please.

ADAM PEAKE: Just quickly to go back to the calendaring idea. We've not particularly thinking of many hundreds of different calendars, but I'm imagining that in certainly the new systems that we have together you will have an option if there are events that are civil society oriented, you'll be able to click that box and that will be then able to transfer over the events that are relevant from one calendar to another. So we may have master calendars and then sub-versions of it.

I think those are the systems that we were generally looking at, so we shouldn't be duplicating, but we do need you to help us identify when you're having your calendar what may be the relevant event so that we can pick up on those either automatically or semiautomatically.

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What I wanted to just put up here is that we're sort of talking about the annex, which is about the calendar of activities. I want to be very clear that of course it's a living document. Actually, the whole of the strategy documents is a living document. As it matures, I think we will be trying to make it available in at least French and Spanish as an initial goal. It's not a long document, but around an ICANN meeting it would be very ambitious to ask anybody to translate anything because our teams are absolutely overloaded, as you all know very well.

But this is a document that's not going to just live on in English. It will be available in other languages. What we're doing right at the moment is accepting those changes, making the changes, and we will republish it as a Google document and make sure that you have the opportunity to comment and very much look forward to your comments. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Adam Peake. We are totally running out of time in this meeting. We need a follow up on this and a suggestion. So the first suggestion is for the Outreach and Engagement Working Group to follow up directly with Jean-Jacques and his team. What I would suggest also, if anybody is interested in being directly in touch with Jean-Jacques, you

know his e-mail address. Would you be receptive to continuing the discussion directly, or what would your preference be?

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: Let me make a proposal. What we will try and do, Adam and I, is circulate this revised version of this document that incorporates all the comments, and perhaps we could either come in the next major call after the ICANN meeting and/or organize a sort of webinar ourselves. It would probably be best to actually have a specific session where we can spend a good hour maybe specifically on this. I'm throwing it out there.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Glenn?

GLENN MCKNIGHT: NCUC and NPOC did have a webinar, which was the – but time was just too tight for us to have one. So it would have been great to have that same webinar with the community. But we do have an outreach and engagement group that's meeting on Thursday night, believe it or not, at 7:00 to 8:00. Oh, sorry, Tuesday night. I know a lot of people are obligated, but you're welcome. But we do have co-chairs. Maureen is the co-chair. She's not going to e there. I'm going to be there – probably the only one there from 7:00 to 8:00.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Glenn. As I said, the Outreach and Engagement Working Group will also follow up, probably directly with Jean-Jacques.

I also have another suggestion, which is to perhaps have an early RALO and ALAC regional leadership conference call. We usually have just one call of the RALO secretariats and so on in between ICANN meetings. If we could have a slightly higher frequency, so maybe two or three until Marrakech. Therefore, we'll be able to cover the points that we have not been able to cover here. We'll be able to follow up on the multi-year budget for the SOs and ACs requests for general assemblies and face-to-face At-Large summits.

Of course, because there's so much movement going on now as far as global stakeholder engagement is concerned, civil society, and also have questions with regards to what Chris Mondini was doing with businesses. We have some businesses in At-Large. With technical community, we have some technical community in At-Large. Maybe these will follow as well in parallel.

Jean-Jacques?

JEAN-JACQUES SAHEL: We'd be very happy [inaudible] about coming on one of those calls to give you an update not just on this, but also I could make sure that we work with colleagues to update you on what they're doing on business. And on technical community, the approach is not ready just yet, but we can give you an update. We'd love to.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Jean-Jacques. Finally, we have chopped pretty much everything from our agenda that's left there, but we have Aziz Hilali. We cannot chop that off because that's about the Marrakech meeting, and we need to know a bit more about this. Aziz, you have the floor. You just have three minutes. Can you do this? Heidi says five; I say three. Take four.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you. Okay, so briefly, I asked Ariel to show some pictures on the website for the event. If you could go further up, Ariel, please. The meeting will be between March 5th and 10th. This meeting was to happen in 2015, and it was postponed. But that's better for us because it allowed us to actually prepare a lot of interesting activities. There are going to be three big events simultaneously.

There's going to be a high-level meeting. That will be the third edition of these high-level ministerial meetings. That meeting

will have the participation of all ministers. That will happen on Monday afternoon after the opening ceremony.

Then there's going to be Sunday evening a meeting for African ministers. That's a special meeting. And Fadi has said he will organize it himself. And the main goal of that ministerial meeting is to see how to develop the digital economy in Africa.

Then together with Barrack, I don't know if he's here, we're organizing a different session with the sponsoring of AFTLD. That will be the third or fourth DNS forum. So that's what I had to say first on the fringe as fringe activities.

Then at the AFRALO level will be one of the first RALOs to organize a showcase. With that in mind, we're trying to innovate and to bring something original. So we relied very much on the help of Heidi and of the different ICANN staff members to help us out. We're also looking for sponsors.

We're not only intending to have a showcase, but we intend to have other activities, as well. We want to have NGOs. We want to have different people from the region – from Tunisia, Algeria, Libya – participate. We're going to invite them to ALAC through their applications to be accredited as ALSes.

On top of that, we're also thinking of organizing an evening with musical numbers, bands. Then we're trying to organize different

activities with AFRALO, and that will be a surprise because we're not going to be playing music ourselves. But we want to have different bands come play something typically African.

If you have questions, I'd rather hear you for the remaining two minutes. If you have questions, of course, do not hesitate. If you have ideas, you can also bring them to us. Make suggestions. We're here to try and organize a very high-level African meeting. That's what Morocco intends and what Africa intends.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Aziz. Now, Alberto Soto.

ALBERTO SOTO: Aziz, I have a question. Will the accommodation place be far from the…?

AZIZ HILALI: I was going to mention that, and I forgot. What you see on the screen is actually the big room, the bigger hall. What's the name of the organizers? The travel constituency people are going to give us the – let me tell you. That's the conference hall, what we had just before. And that's between two hotels, the first of which is called Hotel du Golf and the second of which is called Palmeraie Palace. That's traditional. They have traditional

rooms with traditional pictures. It's traditionally Moroccan. The 0ther one is more modern, but they're both on both sides of the conference center.

All in all, there are about 750 rooms between both of them, so there are going to be 750 rooms for the people who want to stay there. Of course, other participants are surely going to stay at other excellent hotels because Marrakech is a tourist city and we have wonderful hotels. It won't be an issue. There are going to be transfers going to the conference center and back for those who won't be able to stay here. That's about 20-25 minutes by bus, as we have here in Dublin.

For those who will be staying at those hotels, they will be staying in town. So that's also nice. They're going to be next to commercial centers, to all the different sites where there activities at night. For those of you who want to stay an extra two or three days after the Marrakech meeting, maybe we could organize something interesting. We could put together something in the Moroccan desert. Why not?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Aziz. One bit of advice, though. For about a month before you go to Marrakech, you should not be eating much. You try and lose weight because Moroccan food is incredibly good. So make some space.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have run out of time. Thank you very much, Jean-Jacques and – oh?

AZIZ HILALI: I was going to do this during the public forum, but since we're here at ALAC let me tell you there's going to be a wonderful gala dinner that will be offered by the National Authority.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Jean-Jacques. Thank you, Adam, for joining us and for this work. This meeting is going to be closed. I should say thanks to the interpreters, indeed, for all the real work today. We've gone really, really fast, so thank you very much. I'd like to also thank the technical crew and everyone else who has participated. And, of course, our wonderful At-Large staff.

Good afternoon, bon après-midi, buenas tarde.

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