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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: At-Large regional leaders meeting. And basically, the focus will be the regional organizations' activities and the work that currently we're doing. We will be looking at the RALO outreach and engagement strategic plans for 2020, and the hot topics issues and the regional [ones] and how we can coordinate with the ALAC. And there will be an update on the ABRs from Mary Wong.

Then we're going to look at the RALO discretionary funds and the status of the utilization of the funds that's been allocated for each RALO for activities. Then we will finalize by hopefully agreeing on the RALO general assemblies and the dates for the next RALO general assemblies. And that's important for us. So, without further ado, I guess we can start with the review of each RALO's outreach and engagement strategic plans. If we can start alphabetically with AFRALO? Fatimata, please.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, thank you, Mohamed. AFRALO has outreach and engagement strategy for FY20, drafted and endorsed by the engagement of Africa. So, the aim of our strategy for FY20, for outreach and engagement, would be to reach out to end users across Africa to

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sensitize them about the benefit of the involvement in ICANN activities. We will be engaging end users to contribute to ICANN policy development processes.

We've been doing that, that's true, but we want to do that more. Promoting the multi-stakeholder model and its bottom-up decision-making process, explaining how an Internet organization can be an accredited structure, an ALS, and how we can have individual members, also, to represent the African countries.

We'll be also promoting Africa end users' leadership in ICANN activities, because we know that we're not yet really very well represented, per se. We're doing our best. But we will need more leaders in ICANN.

So, to do that, I think we'll be working in close collaboration with the regional VP of engagement in ICANN. We'll be in constant consultation with them. And we will try to increase, again, the number of members that will be engaged in ICANN policy development processes. We'll have them participate more in events across Africa, and especially in countries where ALSes will make adequate outreach to bring into the ICANN area.

We have the African Internet Organization might be interested in joining AFRALO. We're doing a lot of outreach during meetings.

We make presentations about topics. I think the best example we have here, and we started doing that a long time ago – you've seen all the students we have in onboarding during the ICANN65 this year. I will not be reading one by one, but I think the main thing I would like to [inaudible] will be, not only will we be organizing local events in partnership with the local ALSes, and we will continue to identify university and academic institutions, as we did in ICANN65, but we would like to groom young African leaders to be ICANN leaders.

So in order to do that, we will be identifying AFRALO role models, leaders, who will coach new members towards ICANN leadership positions. And, so, the events we will be targeting. This will be to use the CROP funds, of course. Will be the AfriNIC meetings, in Rwanda. This is for December 2019. The Africa Internet summit, in 2020, and the African regional and sub-regional IGFs, the Internet governance forums.

So, these are the three main events we're targeting for FY20 for the African region. And we will be also organizing the AFRALO general assembly in '21, and this will be during the African Internet summit. We don't know yet the venue, but this will be updated in the Wiki. So, this draft is already in the Wiki, so you can see it here. I think that's all, Mohamed, for the AFRALO strategy.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I should say that ... So, I'm representing AFRALO within the At-Large outreach and engagement committee, as vice-chair. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Fatimata. And we can go now to APRALO. Satish, please.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Mohamed. So, first of all, our general objectives for the year. General objectives are to cover both geographical and thematic events. Asia-Pacific is a fairly large region. We do still have countries which are yet, as of now, uncovered, meaning we don't have members. So, we have been trying ... In close liaison with the GSE, Jia-Rong and his team, as well as with our regional partners to do this dual coverage of the regions which are uncovered or underserved, as well as the thematic events.

So, quickly, the next immediate event now is the 2019 regional IGF, Asia Pacific IGF, which is strangely enough in Russia. It is in the Pacific side of Russia, far-eastern Russia. So, we are going to have several people represented there, including Maureen, who's

traveling with her own funds. Lianna, who is one of the local organizers. Nadira, who's a fellow. And me, who's planning to travel on CROP, assuming that we'll get a visa. So, that's always an uncertainty.

We will be trying to participate in the IGF Berlin, but with private funding. There's no support available from ICANN. We intend to participate in the APRICOT, which is a regional technical event of the RIRs. We have allocated one CROP for this, plus some of the others will be traveling on private funding for this event. Ali is planning to attend this on the CROP. On the geographic side, we have two events which would be kind of [inaudible].

One is the trip to Myanmar, which is a fairly large country where we have no presence. This is being done in close liaison with the GSE, and it's being in fact funded and supported by Jia-Rong's team. That was planned for last year. It has been moved for this year. The second is that we have a bunch of five republics, central Asian republics, which is again partly because they all speak Russian, where we have no ... It's actually between EURALO and APRALO. It's a kind of bridged kind of a region.

So, actually, in collaboration with GSE's Russian person, we're trying to reach out. Because we also have in our leadership Lianna, who speaks Russian. So, through her, we are trying to reach out and either she or I, depending on whether the event

language is English or Russian, we'll try to make it to one of these central Asian ...

Now, one particular issue that we faced during the year, which was overcome with a lot of effort from Jia-Rong's team, was the fact that the next first event of the year was too close to the start of the financial year '20. So, because there is a seven-week deadline to apply for CROP. Firstly, the window is in July 14th or so. So, the website for submission was not up at that point. And the previous year's website would not accept a proposal for the current year.

So, finally, it only materialized because the fact that Jia-Rong ran after it and ensured liaising with the CROP staff. So, we would like to propose that there is some mechanism to overcome this problem. What if we have an event in the first week of July? Or even June? June is ending, okay. July. So, we need to find some way to resolve this issue. Then we have several other events which we will be participating in individually. The Middle East DNS forum, the Eastern-European DNS forum, the Arab IGF, APIGA which is the Academy of Internet Governance targeted towards young people. APSIG, and eight national SIGs of Afghanistan, Armenia, Bangladesh, India. Philippines, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, etc.

So, further, we also have a bunch of other things. For instance, our newsletter, which has been a monthly release, and it is done fairly well with a good readership. The Social Media Working Group under John is active, and our representatives also are working closely with the Social Media Working Group. So, I think the final point is that we also wanted to do an outreach event in the Pacific. The Pacific is a very large region, with some ... The coverage is a bit patchy, so we have identified Micronesia as a region that requires a little more outreach.

But, unfortunately, we not able to figure out an event which would fit into the CROP framework, to cover this area. So, that is still left open. Maybe next year we will see what we can do. So, this is it from APRALO. Thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Satish. That was very helpful to know. We can go now to EURALO. Olivier?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: I'm totally lost. Thank you very much Mr. Chair. And I'm going to give you an update on what EURALO's outreach plan is going to be. So, effectively, we learned from this year's ... So, the FY19, outreach strategic plan, our main objectives were to cover some of the main events taking place in Europe, and we managed to

use both CROP and also the discretionary funding to be able to send people to several events, including the IGF, which took place in Paris in 2018.

And we also had someone go to the EuroDIG. We also covered SEEDIG and also covered a number of other small events. Next year, we're effectively going to follow a similar pattern. First the ... And I'm reading here. There's, of course, ICANN Studienkreis that takes place in Lisbon this year. I think it's in August. No, it's not. It's later this year. It's actually October. It usually is over the summer months, but this time it's been moved backward. There's RIPE 79 in Rotterdam. EURALO has an MOU with RIPE, so we're going to attempt someone over there. It's their yearly meeting that they have, RIPE 79. There's the IGF, of course, in Berlin, as you all know. We've spoken about it earlier, so I'm not going to expand further on that.

There is Re:publica taking place in Berlin in 2020, in May. Re:publica is a primarily civil society and content meeting. We've had someone come to Re:publica two years ago. We also have local At-Large structures who send people to Re:publica, and we're going to try and attempt and perhaps have a workshop, or some kind of a presentation about ICANN and domain names. And these ICANN related topics at Re:publica.

Although, that's not exactly content as such, it is related to content, obviously, with regards to the hosting of the content that is out there. We've got RIPE 80. So, that's two RIPE meetings in that period. RIPE 80 is in Berlin, as well. There's going to be a lot of things going on in Berlin. And then, as you know, RightsCon is not going to take place in Europe. It's going to be in Canada, so ... No, not in Canada, sorry. In Costa Rica.

So, we had put RightsCon just in case it was going to be in Europe, but that's, of course, not the case. And then, of course, there's the EuroDIG. EuroDIG date's, I think, already set to be in the beginning of June. That will take place in the lovely Italian city of Trieste. At the time of writing the plan we didn't know, but it's just been announced last week. And I'd like to thank Roberto Gaetano, actually, in particular, for having suggested that city, and actually helped with bringing EuroDIG to that city.

So, it's great to see members of our community that are taking an inherent part in actually not only doing things for ICANN, but for the wider Internet governance space. And as you know, of course, we have a special relationship with EuroDIG. EURALO is a EuroDIG partner organization. We don't actually contribute with money, but we contribute in kind. So, several of our members are there doing things for free and helping out as volunteers for this. And SEEDIG is another event that we plan on sending people to. We

had two people that we sent to SEEDIG this fiscal year. That was Matthias Hudobnik and Nenad Marinkovic. Matthias comes from Austria and Nenad comes from Serbia. And Matthias, as you know, is going to be joining the ALAC at the annual general meeting, so no doubt there will be further involvement in this.

Now, with regards to the other events that might take place. Obviously, there are smaller local events that we actually have At-Large structures locally that can go and attend, but we haven't listed them here. Last year, we had listed dozens and dozens of events. There are events going on in Ukraine, there are events going on in Eastern Europe. We obviously have a real focus for Eastern Europe, because that's where we're missing. Some countries have no At-Large structure whatsoever, and we're really trying to find the right organizations.

We work very closely with global stakeholder engagement, who have provided us with a few leads. In some of those countries, the political situation is a bit complicated, so the people concerned have actually joined as individual members, rather than joining as organizations. You might be aware that in some places you have to register if you're an organization that has any link with outside organizations, and of course, as we know, accreditation of an At-Large structure is a formal link.

So, the number of individual members has grown, and some of them are there as a placeholder for organizations, but they technically can only join as individuals for the time being. I think that's it. Thanks for the opportunity to share this with everyone.

And of course, we welcome everybody in Berlin at the end of this year. Hoping that the weather will not be too cold. But I hear that the venue is absolutely fantastic. The largest hotel in Germany, I think. And it's got all sorts of things, including a night club in the middle. And I'm not the person who informed this, it was actually the official UN organization that mentioned this. Hint, hint. Interesting. Very good incentives to be in Berlin, yes. I'm not sure about the Visas. Okay, now, LACRALO, please. Sergio, you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Gracias. I'm going to speak in Spanish, so please wear your headphones. First of all, I have a brief comment on the prior FY. We attended the Southern School on Internet Governance. We attended the 2019 edition. This had a high impact on our region. For the first time, we incorporated eight individual members. We had one individual member, and they are in the process of finalizing and submitting their application forms. We have four ALSes from four different countries that are also in the process of submitting their applications.

So, we are very hopeful and looking forward to the next edition of the Southern School on Internet Governance. That same school is focusing on a project directed to or aimed at Argentina, in the province of Salta in our country, and we will surely be attending that event as well. In terms of our objectives for FY20, our goal is to increase the engagement of Latin-American and Caribbean end users in the ICANN development processes. We want to promote the ICANN multi-stakeholder model and its bottom-up decision-making process through awareness raising and skill development.

We want to explain how an Internet organization or association may become an At-Large structure, as well as how an individual can join LACRALO as an individual member. And we want to promote spaces of interaction with the Latin-American and Caribbean community, to promote knowledge and participation within the ICANN eco-system, with a special focus in our region.

Some of our highlights are that we want to participate in several events in our region, with an especial focus in those countries that still do not have any ALS. We are especially focusing on Central America and the Caribbean islands, to increase participation from our colleagues in the Caribbean. We want to work in collaboration with ICANN At-Large staff and global stakeholder engagement staff on identifying potential events, to target

outreach and engagement activities. This includes working with universities and other institutions and communities in those countries, on which we are focusing our strategy.

We also want to work with ICANN staff to effectively use our [vey] level funds for these outreach and engagement activities, including the RALO discretionary funds and the CROP program and online learning tools, by means of the ICANN Learn platform. There are some strategies and activities that we highlighted, we included in our plan because we saw good results from prior experiences.

And also, we want to implement some other activities. First of all, we want to have at least six members of the region, or in the region, that are deeply engaged in the ICANN PDPs, either by directly participating in GNSO PDPs or through active participation in the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group. We want to develop outreach and engagement materials, as well as work with the At-Large subcommittee on outreach and engagement, and At-Large Capacity Building Working Group to produce promotional and educational materials to use within LACRALO.

And we want to develop communication strategies within the different participation spaces in the region. We want to encourage ALSes to hold read-out sessions after ICANN public

meetings. We want to develop effective processes to follow up with potential ALSes and individuals and promote the empowerment of Internet end users. We want to attend the secure summit [les temps] to be held in September this year in the city of Mexico, LACNIC 32, to be held in the city of Panama, also, this year in October. The LAC-i-Roadshow, we don't have the specific dates yet.

Then ICANN67, to be held in Cancun. We expect to have the full LACRALO board of directors engaged in an activity there. This will be the first time ever that we'll see our LACRALO board of directors participating and engaging in an ICANN face-to-face meeting and engaging within the ICANN eco-system.

We also want to focus on the [inaudible] School on Internet governance, and we added RightsCon, so we will have to talk to Rodrigo de la Parra about it. And surely, that's going to be one of our discussion points. We held a meeting yesterday, and that was not on the agenda.

So, we will to bring that up as well, in the future. So, in a nutshell, these are the events we want to focus on. And there's a focal point, also, because most ALSes in our region hold events on May 17th, that is the Internet World Day. So, we would like to engage in those events and have a special space or slot allocated to promote our region and encourage engagement and

participation. Thank you very much for your attention. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, that was detailed. I think you have lots of things on your plate for next year. Good luck, as well, with the funding. We can now go to NARALO. Glenn, or Eduardo? Please.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you, sir. I'm going to refer this to Glenn, who can explain our strategic plan. Thank you.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Sure. I'd like to refer it to Judith. No, just joking. Yes. I'm going to be very brief. My report's up there. We submitted our strategy on May 28th. It was sent and approved by the GSE, Chris Mondini. There's lots of details in there in terms of what we're going to do. We're going to use our money, every penny of it, whether it's CROP or discretionary funding.

We focused on outreach to areas that are under-represented. There's parts of the US that do not have ALSes, and many of you probably have the same thing. And I only imagine, APRALO, their challenge. But there's areas, especially in the mid-West, and the West, that will be an area that we'll be hitting really hard. And

we're hoping when ICANN does the Seattle event, that'll be one of our major events. But that's going to be at the time we're going to be doing our GA.

So, we have a long vision of what we're going to be doing. Since Sergio brought up the Southern School of Internet Governance, which I attended as well, as a volunteer. That has such an extensive, well received, great event that Olga and Adrian does. Adrian has ... I don't know, he can walk on water. He's just an amazing person, on what they've done recently in Mexico City.

The difference is, with us NARALO main people, particularly the team in Puerto Rico did a great School of Internet Governance. We are actually the owners of this School of Internet Governance, in North America. So, the team in Porto Rico did the first one. Very well received over a three-day period. I'm responsible for the one before the event coming up in Montreal. So, it'll be for two days, the 31st and 1st of November. So, we'll be extending an invitation to any of the Atlas III people to attend. So, we'll be sponsoring the four extra days of hotel.

So, we have an application process for you to apply, make sure that you're on the approval list. But we're not going to pay for your travel, and we're not going to pay for your trip if you're not funded by Atlas III. But not everyone is going to in Atlas III in that effect, right? So, that's going to be two days in Montreal. In terms

of engagement, I think we did four, maybe five, years of our newsletter. Eduardo did a phenomenal job, and APRALO's just doing a great job with Amrita. And we continue to do it. Suzanna is a superb editor now. She's responsible. We keep passing it on to someone else that takes up the pen, or computer.

But one of the new things we've done, we've dwelt on what is major issues that are in our region. And we have something called NARALO insights, and recently we did one with Marita on the multi-stakeholder stuff that Brian Cote is doing. So, Brian, myself, and Marita did a one-hour session walking through what the issues on the multi-stakeholderism. We also brought all the Canadians in that were interested in the Canadian Digital Charter, which is a new charter that the Canadian government did.

So, we did a Zoom. So, again, it's using the Zoom resources. And after you've done it, just export it to your YouTube channel, and it's not an expense. You don't have to have special cameras. You have the access to the Zoom room. And behind me at the back there, Bill ... Are you asleep, Bill? Bill will be doing a session on RDN. We have [Arjay] earlier today. He's going to do a session on UA. So, anything that's a hot issue and that we need that extra time to educate our ALSes and unaffiliated members. But that's what we're focused on.

I think we're growing substantially, but especially in the unaffiliated members. We probably have more unaffiliated members than ALSes now. If we can look at our discretionary funds. What we did is, we went back to the community and said, what should we be spending this money on? What do you want to do? And I know Heidi has said it to me all the time that, make sure the people in the community know about this money. Okay? It's not just for travel, it's just not for hotels.

So, we constantly asked them. In that, you probably had the same challenge. But briefings is one of the things we've done, but also read-outs. So, as you see in the list, we're going to be saying this constantly. This is a very good way to reach out to the community. I think we've used all our discretionary money at this stage. Eduardo? We've used all our money now on discretionary funds for last year, right? Yes.

So, next year, we're looking at, into terms of our CROP tricks, is on looking back at [N1020], that's the largest not-for-profit sector conference, it'll be in Baltimore. That'll be relatively local. And again, CROP doesn't pay for your registration anymore, so if you think the old way is the way, it's not the way. So, you've got to do it like Judith did, bug them. Judith is very good at bugging people. Right, Judith?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: I also gave a presentation on Internet governance for them, so one of the ways of getting around that payment and the registration fees, when they're very high, is to offer work to give a session, and to structure a session, and make sure you have different viewpoints on it. So, I brought in different people from different ... Not from ICANN stakeholders, but from others, to talk about different issues on Internet governance, there. And that's one way of doing it.

Another way is if organizations are members, and that's how they were able to get in. But with this one being in Baltimore, we also might look with the GSE. One of the best ways of reaching out is having a table at the exhibit hall. And that is a great way of educating members because there's no places to leave leaflets, or anything else. But the hall is really very well trafficked because everything is in that hall. Lunch, breakfast. Everything is in the hall. And so, that's a great way for others to really talk to others and get them to be more knowledgeable about ICANN.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Great. The other event we're going to do in Portland, Oregon. Again, West Coast. It's an area that's underserved, is the Digital Inclusion conference. And that's an example. We've gone twice now to that, and this'll be the third time. And you need to get on the scheduled speakers, you need to volunteer, you need to get

to know the organizers so that you can get your brochures out, and they know other people to connect.

So, if you're looking at numbers of getting recruitment, you just can't go into something once and just disappear, so you have to have a long-term plan in terms of reaching out. And the last thing is, there's two meetings for [Erin]. Just like EURALO, we've had an [MOU] for about five years with [Erin]. And [Erin] now has a grant program, which is even more incentive to be friendly with them. So, again, that's the last thing. So, I think that's basically it.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Glen. So, we have a slide for each [subtle] intent of the agenda. I think we can hear from Mary Wong, she's the VP of the Strategic Community Operations, and she's going to give us a bit about the APRs. And then we can, after Mary's update, we can continue on the hot-topics and debate them. Please, Mary. Sure.

MARY WONG: Hi, everyone. I know I visited with many of you before. Was it yesterday? And obviously, it's always a pleasure to come back and have a conversation with you, because some of the initiatives that we work on jointly with you, as well as our other departments. I know it's very important to the RALOs. So, I don't

have a presentation, because, given the short time that we always have at these meetings, I thought what I would do is just highlight a couple of things about the ABR process for next year, because that's going to start in November. And then open the floor to questions that you may have, either about this year's process, next year's process, or more generally.

So, just a couple of things that I mentioned. We have started to look back at how the ABR process has been run, what works, what doesn't seem to work so well. This is something that Goran and the executive team have asked us to do, to look back maybe two or three years around that timeframe.

And so, my team is now preparing a report for the executives as to the extent of usage, as to the types of requests. As to things we can improve ... Hi, Glen ... In the process. So, that will be forthcoming. I don't have a deliverable date yet, but the expectation is that once that is done, obviously we will share the results with the community. So, hopefully, that will come in the next few months.

The second thing is, as usual, the ABR process typically starts towards the end of the calendar year, but more like almost mid-way through the financial year. Because I think, as everyone in this room knows, ICANN's financial year begins 1st July. And as many of you also know, the budget planning process is very long

and very involved. We don't have a timeline for next year yet, but I did want to put it on your radar because of a couple of things.

One is if you have noticed from this year's FY20 approvals, not just the ones that impact your communities, but the ones that impact all of the community groups. We have put in language into the approvals that is a little bit more stringent, I would say, about the need for reports and for those reports to be filed in a timely manner.

We've always had that requirement, but we haven't really looked deeply into enforcing that requirement. But because it is a use of ICANN funds, the executive team has asked us to be a little bit more stringent about that. So, I would encourage you that whatever funding that you use, if there is a trick reporting requirement, please do observe that, because that will be quite significant going forward.

The second thing, in preparation for FY21, and I know it seems like a long time away, but it's not. We're probably looking at November if the last few years are any indication. That typically we have the period between November and January to plan your requests for the following financial year. But what we are also doing ... And this is part of the reporting that I mentioned earlier, is looking at the forms that are used for ABRs. And I think this is important to note, because the requirements for ABR, for the

appraisals, is that the decisions have to be made on the face of what's in the form.

And again, going back to the accountability and the funding issue, it is therefore important that the objectives that are stated by each group in the form, the desired outcomes, any metrics, any estimated funding, that we get to be clearer about that. So, that, A, it helps the evaluation team is they know, for example, that you anticipate spending perhaps X amount of money on this particular training initiative. You won't be held to it, but it's helpful, given that the team has to juggle quite a lot of different requests.

It would also be helpful to indicate what the successful outcome might look like, and be realistic about it, so that when you come to make your reports, we can match up the requests to the spend, to the reporting. So, you can look forward, I think, to some more changes in the forms. And we hope that the forms will actually help make it easier for the community to streamline, to refine, and to clarify their requests. So, that's really just all I have today for the updates. But like I said, I'm happy to take questions and discuss it with you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Mary. Daniel?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Thank you very much. During the previous session, there's an issue of geographical location that came up. But unfortunately, you had already left. So, one of the issues came in from ... There's some regions like the English speaking Caribbean, who may fall in-between Latin America and North America. So, some of the requests may be juggled about. So, how would you go about the distribution of resources in these regions that feel controversy in their locations? Thank you.

MARY WONG: Thanks for the question. I think that question did come up in the context of our earlier conversation, which was more about the Community Regional Outreach Program, or CROP, because that is divided by regions. And I know we're going to have a continuing conversation about that. With respect to the additional budget request process or the ABRs, I don't believe that there's been the same issue or hurdle. Because it really does depend on the nature of the request.

So, if, for example, a request comes in and it's to support a particular activity in an under-served region. If the group were to provide their idea of what that means, of what it would take, of what the effort really is, then it's not so much a question of, does

this country fall within an ICANN region, or not? I think what you might want to do is that if you do decide to put in a request that is region specific, then I think the first thing you probably want to do is talk to ICANN's regional teams from our global stakeholder engagement department, that are either working in that region, or are based in that region, for that advice and for guidance before you actually submit that ABR.

And, of course, they work closely with us on the policy side. So, we want to do what we can to help you make a clear request. I don't think it's a hard and fast rule, in other words. Not for ABRs.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you. Glen, please.

GLEN DE SAINT GERY: It's not Ricardo, and he says I have to speak Spanish, so. Okay, my question is going back to the funding requests that happened earlier in the year. I put some time together to put an application on a workshop, which is a policy comment workshop and it was rejected. And I looked at that was funded last year. NCUC had one, and they were funded again this year. And I did monitor that workshop in both cases.

And so, I'm kind of curious, because not just I looked at what our needs were, but I also looked at what the deliverables on that way. And so, I was kind of curious how ours got rejected, but theirs got accepted, considering that we're talking a similar animal, here. So, perhaps you can elaborate a little bit for me on how I could craft a proposal, and spend time to do a proposal, that actually gets accepted.

MARY WONG:

Thanks for that question, Glen. So, I think I'm going to try and answer at two levels. I think, more generally, we're all agreed that it would be helpful for every community group, not just the RALOs, but any community group that wants to put in an ABR any one time, to have greater consultation and guidance before you put in the request, so it doesn't go into a black box, and it comes out, and you kind of go, what did we do that didn't work? What could we have done to make it better? Because, like I said, the requests are evaluated on the face of it.

So, if a very general request comes in ... And I'm going to use an extreme example, and it wasn't any of these ones last year. If we get a general request that comes in and says, we would like you to fund travel for ten members to go to this event, period. You know that's not going to work, right? That's not going to happen. But like I say, that's an extreme example.

So, the clearer, the more defined, the more obvious what the objectives are, and whether that matches the spend, the outcomes, and so forth, that's the ... I'm just answering it generally. That's helpful. Specifically, to the request that you mentioned, one of the challenges with requests ... And it's not about the request itself, it's about the timing. And the NCUC request was funded, as you say, I think it was two rounds because it was clear that it was intended, or at least, the approvals that we gave, were clearly intended and tied to development on an online course in policy writing and training. And the trainer that was hired was really focused on delivering the materials, and not just the webinars or the training.

And what you might have noticed is that even for that training, and the work that was done, the move has been away from face-to-face. Much more to webinars, writing, and so forth. And that's why I think one issue here was timing. And my understanding from my colleagues in the Public Responsibility Support Department, or PRS, because they're the ones that run ICANN Learn, is that that course is going through the last stages of its preparation.

I think, Glen, you and many others in the room, because you're academics and educators, you know that it's not just a matter of taking a set of slides and a set of videos and a bunch of papers,

and just throwing them online. You have to rewrite a script, you have to create content. You have to look at quizzes, graphics, and you've got to run it through many times. So, that's taken a little bit of time.

And so, I believe that in the rationale for that particular request, the evaluators did say that your group, as well as, overall, the At-Large community, should provide feedback after that course is done, and say, how can we make it better?

Or, maybe this doesn't work for us. And, we need something more specific because of X. That may or may not then be addressed by a future course, or it may or may not be more appropriately addressed by an ABR. So, that, to my mind, as the explanation, and hopefully, that's clearer.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Mary. Heidi, I think we have a clarification. And then Judith, I can see your hand.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, thank you. Just wanted to let everyone know that within At-Large we do an additional step for these additional budget requests, beyond what ICANN sets out. And that is, it goes through the ALAC Finance and Budget Sub-Committee. And that

group starts working on additional budget requests around late November or so, and very carefully that group then looks at all of the requests that come in. They work closely with At-Large staff, who then also work with the GSE, or all other relevant staff, to make sure whether those projects could be funded in a different way.

So, for example, we had a total of 19 requests that were pending in the ALAC Finance and Budget Sub-Committee. Some of them were on the IGF. A decision was made by that group not to include those, due to the rules. Many of the others, Glen, for example, your [Nasic] request. Those were actually funded through other departments, because of that communication, and that consultation that we had. So, that's a process that is well in place. I wanted to just stress, also, to point out, that this page ... We'll be posting this very shortly onto the main ALAC portal.

This is what we do every fiscal year, so all the additional budget requests that have been approved are on this page for the At-Large. We then put in the actual original request, and then the details of the approval description. And then who's responsible. And then we also will, as that year goes on, update the status. So, this is what we'll be doing starting 1st July for those ABRs that were approved for this next year. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Heidi. Judith?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes, hello. Hope I am clearer this time. My question is, last year we were told that no ABRs could be put in for Internet governance. Is there a listing of topics, or those type of topics that we cannot put in requests? And that would be very helpful to have in advance, that these topics are going to be strictly non-approved. Because, in the past, sometimes we had them saying it was not approved, but then all the other stakeholder groups put them in, and they were approved.

So, it's helpful to have set rules in advance and say, okay, don't bother putting anything in on Internet governance, because we will not approve it. Don't bother putting this in. So, that's, I think, helpful. Thank you.

MARY WONG: Can I respond to that?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sure.

MARY WONG:

And I want to respond because I think it's very important for everyone in the room, especially for those newer to this process, to understand that there are rules and principles in the ABR process, but there is no rule that says no Internet governance event will ever be funded. That, absolutely, is not a rule. The rule is actually put very differently and is not even specific to Internet governance. The rule which was clarified, and, I think, strengthened, last year, FY19. Are we still in FY19? So, this year.

Basically, says that the request should be for funding that is directly and demonstrably related to current policy or technical activities. And so, to the extent, and again, I'm going to take a hypothetical example. Please don't take this as something where it's a given. If you are at an event, or even if we don't talk about events if there is an initiative under the umbrella of Internet governance, but as part of the initiative there's a very specific focus on a particular policy hot topic, for example, that you're working on. There's no reason why the ABR couldn't go in, and it's possible it could be funded, even though it's under the umbrella of Internet governance.

So, please, don't get the idea that there's a rule that says nothing IG at all can ever be funded. That's just not the case. So, to your question, Judith, there is no list. There's no list, there's no blacklist. How's that?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much for the clarification, Mary, that's very useful. We have a remote participant that has a question, from the remote ...

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you very much, Mohamed. We have a question in French from [Beti Faulster], who's from Guadeloupe. I will be reading the question out in French. The question is, are the ALS accepted regarding the geographical or political situation? Apologies, it's Gisella again. Hello, are ALS accepted regarding geographical or the political situation?

MARY WONG: I'm afraid I don't understand the question, and what I understood of it ... My limited understanding is it's probably not relevant to this discussion.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Bastiaan might help us. It seems irrelevant, but he can help us.

BASTIAAN GOSLINGS: Yes, the answer is very simple. ALSes depend on the countries where they are. And some islands are French, others are British,

other Caribbean islands are local with local countries, and the LS depends on the country where they are located. Europe is very far away. They might be the Pacific in the Caribbean. And it depends on the country. Guadelupe, for instance, is part of France.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: I think this has been covered earlier as well. So, if there's no further questions or burning budget questions to Mary, thank you very much for coming and explaining the process, and for your help in that process.

MARY WONG: Thank you all for inviting me. Your time's very valuable and I appreciate it. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much. So, we can proceed into the hot topics' agenda item, and I think that's straight-forward updates from the regions. And then we can give Joanna an update about how they're going to consolidate, or they're going to work on the hot topics from ALAC, yes, and the regional ones. So, Daniel, you wanted to speak? And then I'll give it to the regional representatives to talk about the hot topics.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Wearing my hat as the Chair for outreach and engagement, I suggest that probably from the NARALO, they could probably give us a brief of what they are preparing for ICANN65 as we are diving into the next year. And also, I think we have some other activities that would be shared respectively, regarding that. Just a brief would be good, in case of anything.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: If you don't mind, if I let you on EURALO, maybe discuss those joined activities, that would be great. And Eduardo here, you can definitely talk about that. But let's proceed to hot topics. I'm not sure if Fatima can give us ... I can give a quick update about AFRALO. I mean, AFRALO has finished the hot topics, and we're currently ...

Okay. It seems we always have to show-case this report. You have to have your copy of the report. It's in English and it's in French, and it's in Arabic. You'll find it in ICANN booth, and in the Wiki as well. So, thank you very much for the staff for the great work they've done with producing this. Thank you. For AFRALO, there's a challenge now actually to implement the recommendations of the hot topics. And we have a Working Group that started working on hot topics implementation. Its main mandate is really to work on the activities.

So, either it's capacity building or webinars, or there's any policy development engagement that's required for a specific hot topic, and you can find in the document that we tried to propose actions related to specific hot topics. For example, the DNSSEC, we're already listing a couple of action items from working with fTLD on capacity building and webinars and all that. So, we're happy to help any regional organization that's wanted to talk to AFRALO about how we've reached this point. And we're happy to assist, and we have the report that's in front of us. So, you can go, APRALO, not sure if you have an update?

SATISH BABU:

We have actually handed in our version of the hot topics, and I think the work now is to integrate this into one common set, which I think Joanna was to guide. So, I really do not have an update, except that we are looking forward to getting the compilation of all the RALOs' hot topics, and the final ALAC-level summary of these things. So, that's where we are. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

LACRALO? There's an update.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Gracias. Thank you, Mohamed. Last year, we compiled the hot topics in the region, and we came to some very interesting conclusions. On the basis of these conclusions, our Capacity Building Working Group in LACRALO is focusing on some webinars. They are holding webinars and capacity building initiatives for our ALSes. Harold, am I leaving anything out? Oh, okay, yes. We ... Excuse me, there is a very comprehensive report that I will be circulating by e-mail. It is available in English and Spanish, so I'll be sharing that report with you. Thank you, that's it from me. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Olivier, EURALO, or someone else?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Mr Chair, and sorry for this. I'm kind of dozing off, somehow. So, we put together our list of hot topics as taken from last year and updated it. And, basically, the document reads in a way where we took the list, we added a few things. We change some of the names in there, because, I guess, some of the topics have kind of moved on since before that. So, for example, we had the cross-community Working Group on accountability that was mentioned at some point. We had an EPDP phase one, which was mentioned.

And so, now, of course, we're not starting phase one, we're now moving to phase two. So, looking at the whole list ... And I don't have the document in front of me, but you can see it's the usual thing. So, human rights ... Well, somebody's going really fast in here. How ICANN defends the public interest. And then, we've added one more thing to it, which was, if we go ...So, IDN. This is still from last year, and we've just added a little bit more.

And further down you can see the multi-stakeholder and multi-lateral models of Internet governance. And that's a follow-up to this pitch by President Macron, during the IGF in Paris, with many of our members being present in the room at the time. I have to thank Jean-Jacques Subrenat for having synthesized what was being said and launched a discussion within EURALO about this.

And this is a concern, not just for EURALO, obviously, but for At-Large and for the whole multi-stakeholder system of governance. I hope that this is something which we'll be able to continue discussing, and perhaps even would suggest that we would discuss this at a future meeting, in one of our face-to-face meetings, further on. If we scroll a little bit further down. There you go, we've got the conclusion quote. No, no. Last line, please. Somebody's going, wow. Somebody needs to drink less coffee. A quote from the late Kofi Annan. This is it. No! Alright, somebody's

really into too much coffee, or something else. Oh, forget the quote from Kofi Annan.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: That was the last page, but there are a few more at the beginning if you want to go through those?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Ah, okay. Well, I thought that we'd gone through the list. Fair enough. So, registrant ... Data retention waivers, this is the Whois RDS config, which of course is the GDPR discussions which are taking place obviously at the EPDP level. And we're seeing a lot more going on on this. And that's obviously being something that originated in Europe. It is obviously a hot topic. And the jurisdiction and the rule of law in the multi-stakeholder community includes the discussion about human rights and extensions to this topic, effectively. I these are ... We've gone through all of them.

Yes, human rights is just an off-shoot that moves on beyond that. Can I read the last code, please? The last line. Evin, I'll give you a bottle of water to water down the coffee. And talking about coffee, Kofi Annan ... To cope with the Internet in our lives. Yes, I've had too much coffee, myself. To cope with the Internet in our lives, we need to be at least as creative as those who invented it.

And I'm hoping that this is something which we'll try and do in EURALO, be very creative and inventive about our approach to things. And in this community, we have to be creative in the tough environment that we're in.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Olivier. NARALO, any feedback? Eduardo, any feedback on hot topics?

EDUARDO DIAZ: I'm sorry, is that ... I hear NARALO, I don't hear Eduardo Diaz. But anyhow. But now I heard that. Hot topics is ... I love that the ALAC is going to put together a final list of hot topics, so we can really use that as our main guidance to provide [inaudible], like so. I think that's a great idea. Plus, we will use what's being done currently, that is hot, like DoH, for example. Which are moving targets, because you talk about them then go away. So, it would be a combination of that. So, I'm very, very happy that Joanna is doing for ALAC. Because it really will help and will synchronize us, somehow. I mean, we can have our own hot topics on the side for the regions. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Eduardo. Maybe we can get Joanna a chance to speak about how the ALAC is going to consolidate things?

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you, Mr Chair. I don't really have anything substantial to add. So, everything that we have on the table ... I'll speak slower. Everything that we have on the table at this point has been reported in the hot topics' session. So, thank you to the regions and the regional leaders and individuals behind the regional documents for the input. I found that tremendously useful, helpful. It gives us a good understanding of where the community stands. As already mentioned in the Monday session, the overall At-Large list of hot topics does not discriminate local points of focus.

So, if the local community feels something is significant, important, in the region, they are most encouraged to pursue that angle. But the point of this exercise is to try and figure out where At-Large stands as a global community. To have a broad umbrella of a few themes, likely less than ten, that we can focus on, and ones that are formed in a flexible enough manner to allow us to react to current issues that come up in this vibrant ICANN environment. I'm going to stop here. If there are questions, I'm happy to use this opportunity to discuss the document further.

But it is indeed a work in progress built on top of what has been presented thus far. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much. Satish, you wanted to give an update?

SATISH BABU: Yes, thank you. I have a process question here. As several RALOs have pointed out, this is a moving target. Like in this meeting, we have heard of DOH, [DUT], or evolving the multi-stakeholder model, which are new topics for us. So, how do we ensure that this list is kept current? So, who maintains the list? And how do we phase in and phase out topics on this? Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Satish. For AFRALO's, basically, we're going to update the hot topics, if there's a new burning issue that has been emerged. And basically, work on that. Currently, it's more or less 90% of either the joint ones or the current ones cover that. We have unique AFRALO ones, like the diversity and active participation. I think that's specific to us of our intent of how we can ensure we have active participation from the region. But definitely, we'll be updated. Okay. I think we have a couple of hands. Humberto and Sebastien, and then Joanna.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much. I'm going to speak in Spanish. Thank you. Many of you know my position regarding hot topics. I insist I am very critical of hot topics, not because I dislike the concept of hot topics, but because in this meeting we saw a very clear example of what a hot topic is or means. Some months ago, DNS over HTTP was not a topic within ICANN. We didn't even think about it, we didn't even touch upon the subject. And then in a couple of weeks' time, we started seeing that topic on our At-Large list on Skype. And the same happened in other mailing lists.

So, I think that Satish makes a very good point here. I believe we shouldn't be that ambitious in trying to compile all the hot topics. Last year, the topic was data privacy and data protection, and GDPR. And that is still a very important topic. So, perhaps we could focus on one or two topics. We, the At-Large community. And we should develop these one or two topics in some way or another, because we've spent three or four years discussing hot topics, and in my opinion, we haven't made much progress. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, Sebastien, please.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Mercie. One of the aspects of the evolution of the multi-stakeholder model is the fact that there's too much to do. That is an issue, actually. So, couldn't we start by deciding ourselves to stop doing what's not absolutely useful and necessary? Each region has or doesn't have its own list of hot policy topics.

Now, if a region that doesn't have a list, and if they want to have it, they can copy some other regions, like take over AFRALO's and then adapt it. There's already too much work to be done. So, let's not overload ourselves. I mean, there's already sufficient burden. I think we're already working quite well. So, I suggest that ALAC members act clearly, and decide whether or not to do something at the global level. And that's it. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sebastien. Joanna, please.

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you. I just wanted to comment on the questions, or observations, from Satish, Sergio and Sebastien, as well, I think. I sort of felt called to the table, so here's my response. All of those concerns are duly noted. My understanding is that this is a first-time exercise, so we will see how we do with the hot topics in terms of changing them. And as you can see, in some ways we're

following the lead of the regions. So, we'll see how you guys go it, and then we'll see how that translates onto the overall activity.

Surprisingly, I actually agree with Sergio, but that concern is exactly the reason why I will argue for those hot topics to be framed as broadly as possible. So, it should not specifically be, for example, DNS over HTTP, but if we focus on security, cybersecurity, stability. However, we wish to frame it, that theme will likely pertain relevant to whatever ICANN is doing over the years. That is exactly my reason for arguing for ... And Olivier is going to hate me for this.

But arguing for human rights. Because GDPR falls into that basket. I appreciated Patrick's contribution today because he made it very clear that cybersecurity, even within ICANN, is no longer just about the DNS. We're trying to go into areas that thus far have been picketed off by that picket fence. So, in that sense, if we set the topics broadly enough, for us, it will be easy to show what it is that we are doing. What's important for us, what we focus on. Whether it's cybersecurity, whether it's Universal Acceptance, whether it's ... I'm going to say it again. Human rights.

Whatever we decide that is, we can then go out into the community and say, this is our top three, or top five, or top ten. And we can work within those broader umbrellas. So, in that

sense, I find it to be a useful exercise. I am well observant of the fact that circumstances change. But more experienced colleagues have cautioned me that the things at ICANN don't change as quickly as I might expect them to. So, in that sense, if we frame the topics broadly enough, they are likely to remain relevant for at least a couple of years, let me just say. So, thank you. That's my comment, just to the questions that were posed.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much. Olivier, can we give you one minute so we can have close on time?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Mr Chair. Just ten seconds are needed. And for the record, I'd like to point out that I do not have any plans, nor have I ever hit Joanna sitting next to me. So, there you go. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Quite quickly, when I ran schools, we always looked at our curriculum in terms of currency and relevance. And so, what Joanna's getting at here is ... Call it what you like, but it goes back to the core deliverables and the mission. So, you know, call it what she likes, but there is stuff that's going to be fixed, and

there's things that are going to be very current and very important to look at. And what EURALO and what we did, is we surveyed our ALSes and we found out what our capacity was, and we had roughly 120 experts on certain core ideas on privacy and cybersecurity and you name it. And that pool of talent is there.

What we're doing now in the next stage is we're finding people like Bill and Marita and different people to actually go into the topics a little bit more. It's what you do with the hot topics that's critical. Just making a list is just like making a list for Santa Claus. It doesn't matter.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Agreed. John and Satish.

JOHN LAPRISE: I will put on my hat as Vice-Chair for policy, and I find I must disagree with my esteemed colleague from NARALO. And that is that I was reminded recently, as originally envisioned, the hot topics are ... One of their primary purposes is to inform the ALAC about what the community thinks is important. They are not action items. If the RALOs choose to make them action items, that's on them.

They're free to act, and in fact, in some respects, I think that's probably a good idea, that they act in accordance with what those communities want done, or what they're interested in. But from a larger perspective, the hot topics are there in part to inform ALAC, when we are meeting, to consider what's important when we have to cast votes on various matters. So, for us, their very existence is important simply as an advisory point of information.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, John. Satish?

SATISH BABU: I think there is a little bit of overlap or confusion between what is hot and what is important. Now, hot, perhaps we are referring to new topics. GDPR was hot last year. This year, it is not hot, but it is no less important. We have to still comply with it. So, can we label hot means something that we have to, as John just said, the thing that we have to communicate to At-Large, the whole group, so that they learn about these things? And then they become not so hot anymore, but no less important. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: [inaudible] Half a minute.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Mr Chair. Now, just very quickly. I don't care whether they're called hot, cold, chilled, whatever. The importance is that we do have, as John said, a list that can go from our community over to the ALAC. But, at the same time, for anybody who doesn't know what At-Large and the ALAC does, the first thing is, oh what do you guys do? Point them over to this, that's all the stuff that we do. And it's also in this handy brochure that Heidi is waving about. But you know, we're doing it electronically as well. It's a fantastic easy way to just say that's what we work on, in general.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: I think we're in agreement, it's just we do things differently. I think we're all in agreement. So, in the last five minutes, before we close. We give Heidi just two minutes for the RALO discretionary funds, and then we hear from each RALO. Just the date of their proposed AGM.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi, thank you, Mohamed. I just need one minute, I think. Basically, this is just to let you know this is now going to be posted. This is the Fiscal Year 20, a request for funding to support an outreach activity, otherwise known as the RALO discretionary funding. This

is the additional budget requests that we were talking about earlier today. This is each RALO receives \$4,000 starting 1st July 2019 to the end of June, June 30th, 2020.

For outreach events, you can do catering. For example, an ALS readout. You can do brochures, you can do materials that you might need. You can do regional travel. I believe that this year you can also do one non-regional. You can go to another region for travel. So, I wanted to show you this page. This is going to be on the ALAC portal, and it will also be on the cross-RALO page. And we'll also put it on each of the RALO main Wiki pages. A couple of things. If you can scroll down to the criteria.

So, this is what was agreed, talking with the regional leaders, in the weeks up to ICANN 65. A couple of new changes in red there. You're going to see ... I'm going by memory here. And number one is that there's a change that all requests need to first go through your regional leadership, okay? So, that's number one. That's a new rule this year. Then the second one is that we've included on the online form ...

First off, there's now an online form, which we're going to show you in just a minute. In the past it as a Word Document you had to print out, write in, scan to us. So, it's much simpler now, thanks to Evin. And then another criterion, or another addition that we've made, is that we've added an area for stipends. Because, in

the past, there was ... It was a little bit more challenging to go on a trip and then get a stipend for that. So, we've added that now as well. I think those are the main changes for going forward as of 1st July.

And if we can just switch over to this online form. So, again, the link to this form that you're seeing is on that page. So, if you wish to put in a request, the first item is to look at this document, this form, then, when you have it completed, show and get approval from your regional leadership. Then you have to send it to staff. So, Silvia and I look at those. If we have questions, we'll ask the regional VP in your region for comments on that, and then it will be approved, or, very rarely, not approved.

And then, also, very important, as Mary mentioned, this year, in particular, the language approving this additional budget request noted that there needs to be a report written by next year. And I would suggest that as we move forward into early next calendar year that we get that report going, so the people looking at them for Fiscal Year 21 can already see that there's being good use made of these funds, okay?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Heidi, the form is not opening.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: You need authorization [cross talk].

HEIDI ULLRICH: Evin, do you want to comment on that? Because it's open for me, so I think you might need to be signed into Google, to ... It's a Google Doc.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: It should be part of the Wiki. But I think that definitely could be worked out, yes.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes, it's Google's staff log-in, and it's not open to everyone.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: I think that definitely could be changed. [cross talk]. So, thank you very much, Heidi. It's good to have those changes implemented so we can submit the request online. The last thing is just every RALO will give us a proposed AGM date. For AFRALO, we're planning for our AGM to be in the African Internet Summit in 2021, and we don't know the venue yet. APRALO?

SATISH BABU: For APRALO, 2022 or 2023, depending on when the budget's available, as a part of the Asia-Pacific regional IGF. That is the core location. The venue is unknown as of now.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Olivier?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Mohamed. And just a point of notice on the agenda. If not only the draft on your online request form could be unlocked, because at the moment it's only for authorized users. But also the ALS read-out how-to guide which Glen has produced, and which also at the moment requires permission from the owner. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Are you going to ...?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: No. Olivier, can you tell us of the proposed date for the EURALO AGM?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much, Mohamed. We don't know, is the answer. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It will be ... What is the target date? It's in the future. It's far away.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: We have some more to do. LACRALO? Sergio/Humberto.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Heidi, sorry. Heidi had ... I think we had agreed on a rough year.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Just very quickly, I wanted to let you know that Maureen and I are going to the meetings of Xavier Calvez, the chief financial officer for ICANN in just a few minutes. And we're going to be showing him the schedule. And, as was agreed, I think we did mention this in Kobe, that by Marrakech ... Here we are ... That this tentative schedule needed to be approved, with a final schedule to be approved by Montreal, ICANN66.

So, right now, I think that on the last regional leadership call, it was agreed that LACRALO would hold the first one in the cycle,

which is probably the key one to know right now. And that would be taking place in Fiscal Year 21, at ICANN70. So, not this next Cancun meeting, but the Cancun meeting in two years. So, that'll be the first one to take place, if we can just get an agreement on that? So, I don't see any disagreements.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Heidi, I have a question. 2021 is Cancun, right? So, we are repeating the venue, okay? So, that is just for you to take into account. And we spoke about that and the idea is the have the AGM in 2021.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: So, Sebastien, we have something last minute to say.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: No, I just wanted to ask a question, because EURALO will have to decide a date, and I have the impression that we need to decide before we leave the meeting. Can we have two meetings, two AGM, in 21 Fiscal Year?

HEIDI ULLRICH: So, in the past, we've had two GAs in one year, one fiscal year, if they're smaller GAs. So, I think EURALO is one of the smaller ones.

So, another smaller one would be ... Is it NARALO? So, that's something we can talk to Xavier about, Sebastien, at this meeting ...

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: It is just because, as of now, we know when we will be in Europe, and we will be in Europe in June '21, and The Hague could be a good venue.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you. I actually know that you haven't been briefed on this. It's the NARALO task force on the ALS engagement, who is interfacing with the Outreach and Engagement Working Group, has already decided, I think in the last meeting, in Kobe, that the GA would take place at a EuroDIG. So, the difficulty we have is that we only know now of next year's EuroDIG, that will take place in Trieste.

We do not know ... Well, we know the exact date of next year, but that's still in FY20. That's too late for that. We would have to look at the date one year later, and we don't know yet, even coming from an insider here, we don't know yet where that will be. So, we know it will be in June, and it could be June 2021, or June 2022, or, depending on how everyone else has their priorities. And, as

Heidi mentioned, they can do two smaller GAs in a year, but not large GAs. It's just too heavy on staff.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: I think EURALO maybe need to coordinate between yourself, and then offline. So, with this, we close the session. And thanks, everyone, for attending. Thanks for the interpreters for being with us.

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