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YESIM SAGLAM:

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SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much, and welcome everybody. I hope that you are happy to be with us during this first face to face meeting after two and a half, even three years of just Zoom meetings. And we have also

participant from outside of the room and from outside of the country and they are all welcome. We'll try to keep track on what you want to say and to express.

That's the At-Large regional leader meeting and we have few items to be discussed. Next slide, please. Thank you very much. We will discuss first about the rule of procedures. And one is the inclusion of the results of the two mobilization working group, one for ALS and one for dividual. And we have the chair of those two working group with us, one in the room and one remote. And I guess with the presentation. And then we will go to some discussion about where we are with Work Stream 2 and what information could be shared and continuous improvement program, how to enhance the RALO coordination, outreach and engagement by RALOs and where we are with the general assembly and eventual future At-Large summit, and a very short exchange about the election if needed.

That's the topic. And if there are any comments, questions, it's the right time. If not, I will give the floor both to Alan and Roberto. I know that Alan, you prepared a presentation. Roberto, I start with Alan or you want to take the floor?

ROBERTO GAETANO: I don't have any presentation.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Okay, then we will start with Alan, and then you will be this next one. Okay, Alan, please. Thank you very much for joining us, and the floor is yours.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. Thank you for joining us. The history of this is the second At-Large review, the one that goes back to about 2016, I guess, which some of you participated in—if you did, you remain remember it was a rather painful process. The recommendation from the independent reviewers was that we should effectively either abolish ALSes or treat them as individuals but not put our overall focus on ALSes. The written report didn't quite say quite that, but that was effectively the impact.

The response from At-Large was we disagree, that we believe ALSes do have a purpose. And the purpose was actually one that goes back to the original creation of the concept. That is we want ALSes because they have groups of people on the ground in the countries we're looking at. And we want access to those people. It was understood at that point— and this goes back to 2001—that if we simply say, hey, we want individuals, it's going to be hard to make contact with enough people in enough different places and that ALSes were typically existing organizations that were operational, that had members, and we believe that those members could be useful to ICANN, to At-Large.

So the ALS mobilization working party, which meant from essentially most of 2020, was given the task to make that happen. That is, make sure that we really do have access to all of those people. It was a concept that, as I said, went back to 2001, but never really implemented. I chaired it and the group was made up of people from the RALOs. There was explicit requests from RALO leadership to make

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sure that the people represented them and were speaking on their behalf so we would have no nasty surprises going forward.

Ultimately, the report ended up with virtually unanimous consensus. A couple of items, there was some disagreement, but very little. And it was approved with very little drama by the ALAC in 2020, in December. So that's the history. Next slide, please.

We looked at it from a point of view of two different things. One is what were the criteria we were looking for in an ALS, essentially, what were the application hurdles that they had to go through to become an ALS? On these slides that follow, things that are in gray are essentially the rules that existed before. They may have been modified very slightly. But if they're in gray, we're not talking about anything particularly new.

So the ALS had to commit to supporting individual users. Informed participation in ICANN. Now, informed is a key word here that that we did add, and it will be a significant part of the changes going forward. They had to be organized by geographic regions. That was part of the standard ICANN description of At-Large.

We do have a provision which we don't expect to be used very often but is there, and that is if there is an organization that spans reach, that cannot really fit into the model but we believe will be a really good organization to participate in ICANN and At-Large—we've had a few examples of those over the years—that we do have a provision now. In the past, we had to sort of bend the rules and pretend they don't really exist or pretend that conditions are not being met. And we do have a provision to allow that now.

The application had to have the explicit support of the leadership. We have had cases in the past where individuals from an organization applied to be an ALS, succeeded, and all of that without any knowledge of the people who are actually running the organization. Small thing, but it's clearly important.

We've added a size requirement. We've had debates over the years on how large did a group have to be to be an ALS. We've not put an explicit number in, but it's clear that if the ALS only consists of the three people who are actually applying to be a member—and we've had cases in the past where a group formed an ALS to become a member because they didn't understand the concept of individual users or the RALO didn't have that concept. And now we're saying basically you have to be a substantial group with real users, real members. Otherwise, there's no purpose. The access to the members is one of the main reasons we have ALSes. We want a clear statement of intersection of interest. We know you have an interest in computers or the Internet, but what's the interest in ICANN?

There's no restriction on other ICANN affiliation. That is, a prospective ALS can be a member, for instance, of NCSG or could be a member of some other part of ICANN, but it must be explicitly reported. And there must be a set of certifications which are not particularly unusual. That is, you have to abide by ICANN rules, procedure rules. You have to certify that what you're saying is the truth and you have to commit to going forward and working with ICANN and with At-Large. Nothing particularly surprising. Next slide.

Okay, so once you're a member, once you're an ALS, what do we expect of you? Well, the first one is the key implementation of what we proposed in the At-Large review and what was accepted by the Board. That is, we want access to your members. The single problem we've had in the past is that to a very large extent, we treated a ALS as being represented only by their representatives. And it was how active those representatives were that we used as a measure. And these new sets of rules make it very clear the representatives are in fact representatives of it, but they don't constitute your entire ALS.

So we want to be able to access your members. We want to be able to send messages to them. We don't plan to do it every day. But we really want to be able to get things to them to try to entice, to lure some of those members who may have an interest into working with ICANN working with At-Large. We don't expect huge numbers. But we don't need huge numbers. We have hundreds of ALSes. If we get a new member periodically from every one of the five ALSes, we would have a huge influx of potential new workers. The messages that will go out have to be clear, they can't use a lot of ICANN jargon, they have to be translated so people can clearly understand them. So that's number one.

Number two is, again, something which we have shied away from. But really, it's important. If you're going to be an ALS, we need to know you still exist, we need to have some idea of how you have evolved or changed or not changed since your application. And we expect a report every two years. We will work with staff to make sure this is as painless as possible. The intent is to do it with a webform and prepopulate that

webform with the information from last time so you can just verify it's the same or make changes.

We expect you to—on whatever your website is or whatever your Internet presence is, we expect to acknowledge that you're a member of ICANN and At-Large. So you can't [be doing it invisibly] to the rest of your members into the rest of the world. That's always been a requirement but one that we've never attempted to enforce. We expect a representative, if you are putting your hand up and saying I am the representative of an ALS, we expect you to respond if we communicate with you. Again, we don't plan to do this often. We don't plan to spam people with daily or weekly messages. But we expect you to be responsive if you're going to say you're the person that is interacting with us.

One of the requirements in the bylaws is that ALSes are the vehicle by which or a vehicle by which people in countries and regions can participate. And we expect you to make it clear how one can join your group. That doesn't mean it's free. That doesn't mean there aren't tests or hurdles to pass to become new members. But you have to make it clear how someone can join an ALS.

And you have to designate representatives to represent the ALS within ICANN. The current rules now say two to four, which is an increase for some RALOs, but there's no obligation to have four. But we will allow to go up to that. Next slide.

Now, a couple of things which the group decided are not expectations in our general rules. We are not looking to verify that everyone votes. We are not looking for participation by the ALS as such. That is,

attendance at the monthly meetings is not something we're going to tick off and if you don't do it, we'll kick you out.

We expect new members to come out of this process of communication. But it's not something that we expect every ALS to turn in a new member every year or every six months. If we did that, we'd probably be inundated with more people than we could possibly handle. But we will track these kinds of things.

And lastly, there's no restriction from a RALO adding additional restrictions. If for instance voting, you feel, is really crucial, it can certainly be added. But it can't violate the intent of the mobilization recommendations, of the positive mobilization recommendations. Aziz, I see your hand up, we'll go to you in a minute. The presentation is just about finished.

And lastly, if you go to last slide, please. If you haven't read the report, the report goes into great detail about how these things are being implemented. This presentation is extracting a small number of words from the presentation to try to summarize it in the few minutes we had here. But to a large extent, you have to really go and read the words, it goes into great detail on how this is both motivated as to why we did much of this and how we believe it will be implemented. And with that, the presentation is over and I'm happy to take questions. I've seen Aziz's hand up. Please go ahead.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Alan, for all this suggestion to reach more users and users in all regions. My question is the following. I'm very happy that we need

more people and the ALSes are quite important when they do represent several members. We always fought for that. And my question is the following. At the level of the first contact with the ALS, I totally agree with you. But I would suggest that when we send an e-mail, when we have an election, why not send those emails to the entire leadership of the ALS, the board of the ALS, so that everyone will be well informed about what's going on at ICANN and how we work? At ISOC, that's what we do. All the emails are sent to the board when we work with ISOC chapters. Emails are sent to the entire board. All the board members are therefore informed. How do you see more involvement with end users after two years of COVID? We see that there is less participation in ALSes and the less involvement of all the volunteers at ICANN. So how do you see the post pandemic phase now? Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay, thank you very much. Let's be clear, this work was done at the beginning of the pandemic without belief it's going to be running for several years. So I can't say that we were looking at pandemic issues. But the general overall issues that you're talking about, I think we have covered. We, At-Large, don't know exactly what the structure is, and certainly in terms of contact addresses of what the ALSes. So sending somebody to the ALS board does not necessarily have a concept—is a concept we can address, because we don't know what the board is, if there is a board.

However, one of the reasons we did increase the number of representatives to four is to make sure that you could cover the critical people within your group. And of course, there's no prohibition about

recirculating the information to some wider group in addition to those who we sent it to. So information about things like votes will go to the representatives. And there you may have as many as four of them listed.

That is different from the first bullet that we had of expectations, and that is to redistribute targeted messages about ICANN. They may be subject matter, they may be more generic, but those have to go directly to the users, to the members. And it can be done in a number of ways. You can give us a mailing list, a pointer to a mailing list, we'll send them out, we can send them to a designated representative. And that representative is obliged to redistribute them either via email or some other social media mechanism.

So we're trying to be flexible, but it's important to get to the full membership for some things. For administrative things, that will go to as many as four people and of course, they could redistribute to entire ALS board or some other groups should they choose. I hope that addresses the issue. Satish, please go ahead.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Alan. The idea of four representatives is definitely a good idea to consider. But I wonder if the representative idea is a bit of a problem, because they tend to change over each election. Now, given the fact that the ICANN learning curve is very steep, maybe we should consider the model where they don't represent the leadership of the ALS but it's more or less a long-term team from that ALS to ICANN so that they retain the learnings over a period of time. Otherwise, you have one-year terms, two-year terms, and whatever learnings they get from the so called representatives get from ICANN during the time will kind of die

away because the next team comes in and that process repeats. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: I'm not quite sure how to address that. My experience often is the leadership in and ALS stays around far longer than I would have thought. Might be a good thing in some places. So I think that's very much an ALS issue. I don't see how we can prohibit ALS representatives from being changed.

Certainly, the ability to have up to four will allow for more hopefully stability and crossover of responsibilities. But I don't think that's something that we can control ourselves. We have no control over the ALS other than to accept them or ultimately kick them out if we believe they're not satisfying their requirements. Alberto, please go ahead.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Sorry, I need to take back the floor and the leadership of this meeting, because we are going outside of the time allocated. We are already finished with discussion about that. And we have still Roberto to hear and the discussion to have also with individuals. Sorry for those who raised your hand. We wait for the end of the presentation of Roberto, if we have time for that. Thank you very much. Go ahead, Roberto.

ALAN GREENBERG: To be clear, I'm happy to take queries via email and I will respond.

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SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Alan, for your presentation, and stay with us because some questions may be directed to you. But we have a full agenda and that's difficult to handle all the discussion. Roberto, please go ahead.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Thank you. Roberto Gaetano for the record. I'll try to be brief. The main task of the individual mobilization working group was to find a role for and encouraging individual user participation and giving them a role but still keeping the ALSes as the backbone of the ALAC. So they have participation, but they will never have a prevailing position versus the ALS that remain the constitution of ALAC.

Also, what we wanted to do is to find the common aspects in different regions where we could define common rules, but still keeping the possibility for individual regions to have different rules because of the local ways of approaching the problem.

Also, a third point was to try to, in some way, formalize the process of application and acceptance of individual users. While this was very well stated in our statutory documents, there was nothing of such in for the individual users. So that's basically the thing. I have reported already many times about the working party. And so I will only mention what is the road ahead.

So, what we need to do now is to include the recommendation of the working party that have been accepted by ALAC already a year ago. And so for instance, formalize the application process. This is something that in EURALO is going on at this time. We are transferring some of the

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administrative tasks to staff to ensure continuity so that it doesn't depend on volunteers for running the machinery while keeping in any case, EURALO, the regional organization, still in the driver's seat in terms of approving or rejecting the application.

There are certain things that have been recognized as important, like for instance, individual users should—actually must—have filed a statement of interest and keeping it up to date and should also update their skills and experience record so that we can merge also that with the global ALAC experience and skill record that is managed, I believe, by Yrjö Lansipuro. So that's basically it. I'm open for questions if we have time. Thank you.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, we can take question, but really, what is at stake here is not to discuss the report, the report was made few months ago and what it's at the discussion today, it's how the RALOs will handle the way to take that back to the rule of procedures. And there were some exchanges within the chat. I think for example, I stopped the work of the group inside EURALO to work on that [inaudible] because NARALO was already working on that issue and faster than us. Therefore, I consider that if they wish, we can send someone from EURALO to help, but if not, we will wait for what they have done and we will introduce it within the EURALO ROP and not to do five times the same type of work. And the main subject of this discussion for today is how we can handle the work together within the five RALOs about this ROP. And once again, I don't think we need to say, "Oh, I do that in each of the region." Amrita, please. And then Seun.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Sébastien. I do have a question here. Though ALSes are our focus, we are also increasing the focus on individual members. If we look at the voting rights of individual members, it is all of them in a RALO. And I speak from the APRALO experience that from the RALO, there is just one vote which comes from all the individual members. In case we want to motivate the individual members to contribute further, are we looking at—I'm asking all the RALO chairs—are we looking at revisiting the voting rights for them also? Thank you.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Seun, please.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you. I just wanted to mention that AFRALO did review what we call our operating principles. We did that with regards to the individual membership. The members have approved it a long time ago now. And so I'm wondering—that took us about two years. So if we are going for the one on ALS, it means that we may have to go another three years. So I'd like to confirm from Alan, these things that are written in the slides, are they advisory or are they things that we have to integrate in our rules of procedures? Are they just guidelines or kind of guidelines that ALAC is given to you to the RALOs to look into, or is this something that we have to put into our rules of procedures, operating principles, as in the case of AFRALO? Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: My understanding is it is the latter. There was very great RALO participation and agreement when these were developed. Essentially, we are looking at the rules associated with admitting ALSes and kicking out ALSes, because that's the impact of following the rules or not. And that's an ALAC responsibility. So although RALOs can add to some extent additional requirements, these are minimal requirements, and they are expected to be incorporated in the RALO rules of procedure.

I'm not a member of ALAC, but that's certainly my understanding when they were approved and there are implications that the process has to get approved by the Board, which hasn't been done yet. That's one of the next steps. But this is essentially At-Large-wide. And I don't believe there's anything there that's particularly onerous or objectionable. Certainly if there had been, that would have been raised during the actual participation with the working group.

So if you think there are things that you want to wave flags at, perhaps that needs to be discussed with the ALAC. But the report was approved by the ALAC, with regional participation with the regional ALAC members, and of course, there was significant participation, in many cases from actual leaders of the ALSes. Thank you.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Alan. Yesim, please.

YESIM SAGLAM: Thanks so much, Sébastien. We actually have two comments in the Zoom chat that. The first comment is from Naveed Bin Rais. He says, "I believe that the channel of representation with the ALS should not be

individual e-mails but ALS should be bound to create some generic representative emails, or a mailing list, which should be the point of contact for ALAC and RALOs with the ALS."

And we have another comment. The second comment is from Alberto Soto. He says, "There should be more than one representative per ALS at an IGF. I think that in Panama, after my presentation on LACRALO, two people approached me and asked me for information to incorporate their organization as ALS. A while later, someone I knew from being a representative of an ALS in LACRALO approached. The three people belonged to the same organization. And two of them did not know that they were already in LACRALO."

And apologies, two more comments, they're coming from Shreedeep Rayamajhi. He says, "Leadership selected by few representative is better than the one representative." Oh, sorry, they were the same. And yes, back over to you, Sébastien. Thank you.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much. Do somebody want to answer Amrita or there are some answer within the chat?

ALAN GREENBERG: I can certainly try to answer very quickly. In terms of Naveed's comment, nothing prohibits an ALS from giving us a mailing list instead of an individual. But I do note that things like voting credentials go out. And in general, that gets confusing if the voting credentials go to multiple people. But that's an internal ALS issue. We're not going to stop it. All we want is at least two and up to four people named as the

responsible people. If one of those is also a mailing list, fine. That's not a problem. I'm not sure if I got ...

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: That's okay, Alan. To answer Amrita. I don't have a full answer, Amrita, but I can tell you what we have done within EURALO. It's one of the reason we create an ALS for the individual user. They have their own one vote. And one of the discussion was to know if it's become a very big organization. one day, we may decide to split this group in two or three and give them two or three votes. For the moment, the number, if you compared with some of the ALSes in our region, there is no big gap in having one vote for them and having one vote for one ALS. It's a way we follow. It's not to say that every RALO need to follow the same way. But it was to explain.

Okay, thank you very much for this exchange on this topic. I know that there are other people who want to talk, but we need to go to the next one. I would like very much to take into account and ask—at least NARALO is working very hard on the evolving the ROP. Therefore, I am sure that your colleague in the other region will be very happy to get your input. And we may decide to organize one meeting of the RALOs, a coordination meeting of the RALO. It will be the task of the chair of APRALO after this meeting to have an exchange of the work NARALO is doing and like that, we will be able to use it in the other region. If so, if they wish.

Once again, thank you for your comments and question and for your inputs. Let's go to the next item. It's Work Stream 2 and continuous improvement program. Sorry, I have tried to make a presentation. But

it was just five minutes ago. I don't have all the links. But there are five links with a Google Doc, with a spreadsheet of what is the situation regarding Work Stream 2 and EURALO. It was done by staff. And therefore I already exchanged on that with the chair of the RALOs. But I think each RALO need to go through this Google Sheet to be sure that they agree with what staff has done. And if not, to come back to the Work Stream 2 staff leaders to discuss the issue and to see how it's going on. There is a group following what it's done at the global level of ICANN with Work Stream 2. But I think it's important that each RALO go through this document. I don't know if one of the RALOs have already done this job. We at EURALO didn't yet, but I think it's important. I will try to find the right link for each region or staff will help me with that, I'm sure, and it will be good for all of the region to have this information. Okay, any question on Work Stream 2 or any additional comments? Yes, sir.

ANDREY SHCHERBOVICH: Thank you. My name is Andrey Shcherbovich, ICANN fellow representing Canada. I would like to—not a question, maybe it's a suggestion. In this work, actually very important work to involve as much active participants, but I think, my opinion that this was better to use academic institutions as the capacity building centers maybe, maybe because I'm representing academia, actually. I think it would be a good strategy for the current participation. That's just a suggestion. Thank you very much.

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SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much. You're welcome to join EURALO and I am sure that Joanna Kulesza will help you with that. She is very keen with the institution you are talking about, and I'm sure if there are people from academia from other regions, they will be very welcome in each of the region. Really, it's not a joke.

Where we are here, it's Work Stream 2, and please, I guess staff already put some links. Therefore, if each region can keep that and we do another coordination on that topic.

Okay, next discussion is about continuous improvement program. As you know, ATRT3 have made five recommendations. Among one, there are different [review evolution.] One, it's about the organizational review. And as Alan explained, whereas the work about ALSes and individual mobilization came from and the difficulty of this organizational review, ATRT3 suggests to move to continuous improvement program.

For that, we will need some work to be done within ICANN, but as a proposition from ATRT3 is to have some bottom-up work, it's something that could start at the level of the RALO and go to At-Large, ALAC and other parts of the community.

Therefore, it's something I would like to put on the table and maybe here also to give that as an action item to the next chair of the RALOs and start to work on that. And as you will see, we will have our general assembly for all the RALOs in 2022 and 2023. And it may be a topic to be added to your general assembly with maybe some work done in the preparation.

Any question, comments, additional points? Cheryl, don't hesitate if you wish. I know that you will, but on that topic specifically, if you wish, take the floor. I will be happy to have your help. And I am sure your support too.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: oh, well, seeing as I've been invited. Thank you, Sébastien. I guess one of the things I'd like to make sure that the regional leadership are clear on in their thinking is what is it that we mean by continuous improvement programming, because you have to start somewhere. And luckily, we've all had in not too distant time back, the review, this review that brought forward the work in terms of the ALSes and the individual mobilization that was just being discussed.

So we've had a situation where an external expert has looked at us and made a bunch of recommendations as Alan outlined. And in that, we've taken some learnings. We know we can do better with outreach. We know we didn't do better with engagement. We know we need to do better with the metrics, with the measurements of how we are communicating and how people who are saying I'm part of the At-Large community, how they are actually engaging, what meetings, what activities, what are they doing? If there's a gap, how can we fill it? If there's too much concentration in one area, how can we balance it out?

All of those questions are absolutely perfect for an approach of looking at it from a regional perspective, working with the At-Large Structures and the talents you've got with the individual members and then saying, in the next insert amount of time, 12 months, two years, we are going to make these changes.

Then at the point of that, you say, how successful were we in making those changes? And if it didn't succeed, you go, well, let's review why and let's make some changing. So it's a matter of looking at where are we now, what do we need to change? Putting a plan which is timed, small enough to be achievable and quick enough that you can say, "I'm going to have it done by December" and get it done by December if that's what you've said, and then have a measure that you either meet or don't meet. If you do, could you do better, and how? If you don't, what did we perhaps need to do differently?

That then sets the next cycle. So it's a virtuous cycle. You hear those terms, the virtuous cycle, where you keep improving increment by increment, not huge revolutionary change, not massive, difficult to sell, difficult for people to understand concepts, but a whole lot of simple little course adjustments that end up in solid strengthened improvements. I get excited about this stuff, feel free to talk to me about it anytime.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Cheryl. And I think it's important, what you explain. And we like your excitement in general and on that topic specifically. Okay, the next topic is RALO coordination. I think the work we want to do about the rules of procedures for the RALOs, it's one way how we can coordinate and increase work done collectively and not done five times in our RALOs. But there are other topics where we need to better coordinate, I guess, the question of, for example, if we go back to one IGF at the global level, how we can better organize and coordinate the work there.

But it's more general, how we can try to find a way to cooperate in some topics. I will say things taken by ALAC as such, and I guess the organization around policy and around the finance and organizational issue, it's very important that it's taken by ALAC as such with our participation or with participation from our members as much as possible.

But if we take this next topic also, outreach and engagement, it can't stay a topic from ALAC. It must be a topic from the RALOs with a coordination among the RALOs. And I think we need to have—for me, it will be a continuous improvement program of the organization here to discuss how we can do it, because it can't be the chair of ALAC who say, "Oh, RALOs, you need to organize outreach and engagement." It's something we are doing, and we need to coordinate amongst ourselves.

That's one idea amongst different about coordination. But I would like to give the floor to my colleagues from other region. I don't know if there's somebody else from Europe, in the leadership team here, but we'd like to hear from the other regions if they wish. Yesim, you have your hand up.

YESIM SAGLAM: Thank you. Sébastien. Yes, it was actually for the previous topic. So the comment was from Shreedeep Rayamajhi. He says another issue that is emerging in ALS management is if the countries have higher number of ALS, how should this be managed, as it will clearly affect the leadership selection process. Thank you.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Okay, I don't think we have time to discuss this issue. It's a topic, if you look to what's done in LACRALO, it's done differently than the other region. And I can just tell him, good to see what LACRALO is doing and it's one way to solve this issue. And I guess when we will have the next coordination meeting of the RALOs, it could be one topic to be discussed if it's possible. Satish, please go ahead.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Sébastien. So this point about outreach and in engagement, I think it's worth flagging, and perhaps working on it jointly. I agree that it cannot be just ALAC thinking on behalf of the RALOs. The RALOs are the boots on the ground. It has to be an engagement from the RALO side also.

And I know that we're coming out of a long COVID induced coma. And we have to basically reinvent how we perform our outreach and engagement, generally speaking. And I would like to kind of highlight the point that ICANN 75 is coming up in Asia Pacific. So perhaps that's a good opportunity for us to consider how we should do things differently now that we are out of the COVID scenario. But fundamentally, I agree with the point that RALOs also have a role in this. Thank you.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Satish. I guess the next one is Abdeldjalil. Please take the floor.

Abdeldjalil BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much, Sébastien, for giving me the floor. This is Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, AFRALO Secretariat. Regarding AFRALO, we were able to have a strategic plan for bringing more awareness and engagement. We worked with the community and with Yesim with ICANN Org, and I'm going to put the link on Zoom. Our strategic plan is based on what we did on the 2021-25 for Africa in ICANN. So we have an approach for Africa for resilience, cybersecurity, all those issues. And we have a strategy for Africa. We have to improve the number of AFRALO members. We have to go up at least 5%. We need more participation of African members for policy development for the PDPs, for universal acceptance as well.

We need to do more—we have some events in Africa with many community members. We're going to have in July an IGF Africa. And worldwide IGF will be in Africa as well. And AFRINIC was in Mauritius recently. We had a strong participation of AFRALO. The chair of AFRALO was present. And we talked about the IGF. We can use all those meetings in order to bring awareness and to build capacity of the ALSes. And all the members of AFRALO coming from Africa. I'm not going to be too long and put the links on our strategic plan on Zoom. I don't know if Aziz wants to add something. But thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI: No, you said everything.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Abdeldjalil. Thank you for the information about what you did with AFRALO. I'm very interested in that. And I think many

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other RALOs are going to do the same thing. And I'm going to give the floor now to Eduardo for NARALO. You have the floor.

EDUARDO DIAZ: I agree with Sébastien, Satish and maybe the other RALOs that reach and engagement stays in the RALOs and we should coordinate within us. Because we can learn from each other what we are doing. in the case of NARALO, during this pandemic time, we decided to do not outreach for engagement. And when we talk about engagement was to keep more or less the same people that were participating our monthly calls through these two years.

And to that end, we switched the monthly calls mostly from reporting about what was happening in each ALS or anything like that, we switched to more presentations about issues around the ICANN bubble. And for the past two years, we have done that. And the result is that there are a couple of ALSes that were very quiet for a few years, they're coming back up and going back to participating in monthly meetings and even we get mail saying we want to volunteer for this and that, people that we haven't heard from them for many years. So that's one of the things that the strategy that we put together, it worked. But it's not something that work from one month to the next. It takes time and be consistent in the way you do things. So again, we can learn from what we're doing between EURALOs, and we don't have to reinvent the wheels. There are very good ideas that I'm hearing from other RALOs on this respect. Thank you.

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SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Eduardo. Yesim, please.

YESIM SAGLAM: Thanks so much, Sébastien. We do have a comment from Daniel Nanghaka. He says outreach and engagement takes a bottom-up process where RALOs develop their regional strategies in collaboration with their respective VP stakeholders. each regional strategy feeds into the global strategy. Thank you.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Can you read the other comment from Alberto Soto please?

YESIM SAGLAM: Sure. Another comment is from Alberto Soto. He says the coordination can be a monthly or bimonthly meeting of the chairs and secretaries of the RALOs with ALAC. Thank you.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Okay, thank you very much for your inputs on that discussion. We will take that into account in the future work of the coordination of the RALOs. I am sorry we don't have too much time to discuss that. Let's go to the next item. It's RALO general assembly and ATLAS summit, if you can put the next slide on the screen. And after having done this slide, I discovered that there is a page done by staff with the same topic, therefore you have the link at the end of the page.

As you can see, 2022 in October, EURALO and NARALO will have their general assembly. EURALO's was postponed three or four time,

therefore, hopefully it will happen in October in Brussels. NARALO will be in Los Angeles. And then it's in 2023 in March during ICANN 76 for LACRALO and June 2023 In AFRALO. The date exactly, it's not yet decided. And the APRALO will be also the same year. That date to be confirmed.

And if you look to the other side of the slide, you have ATLASI in 2009, ATLASII in 2014, ATLASIII 2019. Therefore, the next one is supposed to happen in 2024. I put '25 because with the pandemic, we can move to from one year. But in fact it's depending on the fiscal year. And looking at the calendar, it can't be done during a policy session, meaning that June, the spring in north hemisphere timeframe. But it could be done at a community forum—that's 82—or the general assemblies—that's ICANN 81. I guess those are two possibilities.

That means that during our next general assembly, we need to start to prepare ATLAS IV. Once again, if it happens. And I hope it will happen. And that's to be sure that everybody is on the same page on those different dates, including all our ALAC representative and future ALAC leaders. Any question, comments? Yes, Augusto.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Sébastien. I just wanted to share some brief comments. I raised my hand before. And I would like to tell you a little bit of what LACRALO has been doing lately. And happy to share with you this information. In May, as a result of the World Internet Day, on May the 17ᵗʰ, we held for three days and event, the title, LAC Digital.-

We had synchronous participation of Vint Cerf sharing some greetings. Because of that day we were celebrating, we had three days of excellent presentations, we had a large turnout and we had very enriching experience. And this was like a thermometer for us to understand what we can do to reach out to a lot of people who used to participate, but due to the pandemic, they stopped participating so actively.

I bring this up here because I think that this could be an interesting strategy to explore in order to be appealing to those groups that perhaps are not participating now. And in the general assembly in Cancun, we can discuss this topic, and I'm sure that we will start preparations with the staff soon. Thank you, Sébastien.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Augusto. It is very interesting, because we have good experiences from all the regions and we can certainly take advantage of that. And probably, we can discuss this in the General Assembly and the different summits that we are going to have next year. Thank you. Yesim, please.

YESIM SAGLAM: Thank you, Sébastien. We do have a comment from Kong Diep. He says, "I think that At-Large should more scalable and provide more option for participants so At-Large could get more skills and technical person to join ALAC comments." Thank you.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much. Any other intervention? I just want to—not answers his comment but just to be clear that we are not just working to have leaders within ALAC. ALAC is 15 people and we need much more leaders within At-Large. We need leaders in the RALOs, we need leaders participating to PDPs, to community working groups, to various—to the NomCom and so on and so forth. Therefore, it's really a big challenge for each region to find enough people to participate to all the work done by At-Large and within ICANN.

Okay, I guess that's next topic, it's about the elections. I remember that when we discussed among the chair, we discussed a specific topic. If someone can remember what it is, it will be better than just me to take the floor. If not, I will do it.

Okay, so the question was not so much a result of the election but was, if I understood well, the discussion we had at that time was how we handle possible question of security with the election. There is no things happening right now. But it's something we think is important to be ready to act on. Therefore, it was more a warning that we wanted to raise. And I guess it's not just for the election within the RALOs but it's an important part. But more generally, there is the election within At-Large and maybe within ICANN also. Not to say once again that it's something we are in trouble for the moment, but just to be sure that it will be taken into account in the future if needed. Any of my colleagues from the RALOs want to add something more clear than what I am doing? Yes, Satish, please go ahead.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Sébastien. So the discussion that we had in the RALO chairs meeting was that we have created some of our election rules and other rules at a time when everybody knew everybody else. And there was trust among each of us. But currently, we have moved a long way. We have a community now that is much larger and perhaps where each of us do not intimately know the others. So given that situation, we might need some revision of our election rules. That was the point that we discussed in the meeting. Thank you.

SÉBASTEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Satish. Yeah, definitely good input. Okay, I guess it was more to share with amongst us and with the one who will listen this including staff. It's good. And I suggest that we go to the last topic, as we have just one minute. Summary of action item and any other business. Is some action item taken by staff during this meeting that could be referred to us now? Or I try to do it with my small head. Anyone from staff? No.

Okay, I guess a few things. The first one is that we need to handle better coordination within the RALO and not just to have one meeting once upon a time. Therefore, that's an action item, to have regular coordination meeting among the RALOs.

Discuss specific topic about the Work Stream 2 just to be sure that we all are on the same page on pages of the Work Stream 2. And the continuous improvement program to also keep track on what the other are doing just to have good practice exchanges. And the last point is that the RALOs who are working on the evolution of the ROP will share

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with the other what they have done, and we may be able to use it amongst all the RALOs.

I don't know if I put all the action items on the table. But I guess that's more important, I think. And Eduardo is asking when is our next regional leader meeting. And I guess I will give that and take this opportunity to give virtually the baton to Satish who is now in charge of the next RALO coordination. As for the moment, the idea of coordination is made by the chair of the RALO of the region where we are going. And as we are going to Kuala Lumpur, he's in charge. And now I stop my work and I give him the work. You have the last word. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Sébastien. I'd like to welcome our entire community to ICANN 75 in Kuala Lumpur. And as regards to the point [inaudible] we will shortly be in touch on [inaudible] email and we will plan out at least two meetings before the actual ICANN 75 happens. Thank you.

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