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UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay, just one more time. If you have any laptops or computers, go ahead and pack them up. We have some folks coming in for the next session. Just try and leave this space as clean as it was when you came in. Thanks.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: 6 November 2016. At-Large APRALO meeting, 11:00 to 12:00.

SATISH BABU: Ladies and gentlemen, this is the...

This is the meeting of APRALO for October and November. We will be having a few more people join us, so we will be waiting for around five minutes, maybe less than that, to start. Two minutes.

So, good morning and welcome to this meeting of the APRALO. I'm Satish Babu, the interim chair. And this is a combined meeting of October and November calls of APRALO, which has been made into, converted into a face to face meeting, but also that we will be having remote participants in Adobe Connect.

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The agenda has been circulated. And I'd like to, you can see it on the screen as well. We would like to have a quick round of introductions.

Quick round of introductions of 10 seconds each. Okay, can we start from there? Yes, quickly please.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello. My name is [inaudible], ISOC [inaudible] chapter, ALS from Japan.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [Inaudible], ICANN staff responsible for [inaudible] engagements.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [Inaudible] from ISOC [inaudible], India chapter.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hi. My name is [inaudible], I'm the vice-president for Asia.

KAILI KAN: Kaili Kan, ALAC, from China.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Internet Australia, ISOC chapter, and ALS structure.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Maureen Hilyard. Cook Island Internet Action Group and Pacific Islands chapter of the ISOC.

ALI ALMESHAL: Ali AlMeshal, ISOC, and ALS, and APRALO vice-chair.

ARIEL LIANG: Ariel Liang, ICANN staff.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Silvia Vivanco, ICANN staff.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Heidi Ullrich, ICANN staff.

HOLLY RAICHE: Holly Raiche. Internet Australia and ALAC.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [Inaudible] Education Center, At-Large structure, Armenia.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [Inaudible] ISOC [inaudible].

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [Inaudible] President Internet Society [Nepal?]. Thank you.

KELVIN WONG: Kelvin Wong, ICANN staff from Asia-Pacific Hub.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [Inaudible], ISOC [inaudible], India chapter.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello, good morning everybody. I am [inaudible]. I am from India.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello everybody. I'm [inaudible] from Nepal.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello, I'm [inaudible] from India again.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello, I'm [inaudible] from India.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello. [Inaudible] from Palestine, and also apologies from Anna [inaudible], she's in the Fellowship program.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hi. My name is [inaudible], I'm on the ICANN apprentice program. I'm from India, New Delhi.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much. Is there anyone who has not introduced themselves? Right. As we get started, I would like to first of all, invite everybody to the APRALO showcase that happens this evening.

Yeah, the APRALO team is celebrating diversity. So, if possible, you wear red. So, I don't have red with me, but I'll be wearing red. I will be wearing red in the evening.

[SPEAKER OFF MICROPHONE]

If you haven't got the button, please collect it. You have the program up there, of the showcase. So, all of you are welcome. Right. So please remember to state your name when you speak. This is for the remote participants. And I would also like to introduce the remote participants who have not introduced themselves.

We have [inaudible] from Bangladesh, and we have [inaudible] from Nepal, who also have joined us remotely. So, welcome to them as well. With this, we will get started with our agenda. Can we switch to the agenda please? Yeah.

The first item in the agenda is a discussion and action on the APRALO leadership. We've had Siranush, who was holding the chair position, moving out a few months back, and I've taken over as interim chair. And now, we have to finalize the appointment of the chair, and also discuss what happens to the vacancy of the vice-chair that might come up.

So, these are two distinct items. We will take up the chair election as a first item. Cheryl, would you like to tell us how this happens usually?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Why, thank you Mr. Chairman. My name is Cheryl Langdon-Orr, and I've been around since the foundation of this particular regional At-Large organization. I had the honor of being one of the, if memory serves, nine or 10 signatories to the memorandums with ICANN, which formulated APRALO, and most importantly, like a number of people whose organizations, if not themselves, are sitting around this table, we were part of the earlier planning of the rules of procedure.

So, if you think I'm a little bit like the policy queen, it's because I am, in fact, the policy queen.

We've recently, and my companion to the left, Maureen, who quite honestly know as much about policy as I do. I can assure you, did our recent review of the APRALO rules of procedure. One of the things that came to pass, as we went into the newer rules of procedure, was to have a chair and two vice-chair positions.

And we will come back to discuss that in a moment. For peculiar reasons, but they are important reasons in terms of planning, and logistics, for transition of the ALAC, all right, so here, we're thinking about the people like Holly and Maureen, who we put forward to sit on the At-Large advisory committee.

Our leadership within our RALO needs to be settled by June in any given calendar year. So, it's interesting. We're here at the AGM, the Annual General Meeting, where anyone who has been appointed in June, would be taking up their seats. And I needed to make that particular peculiarity very clear to you all, because with Siranush taking up another opportunity, what is normally oddly out of synch is extraordinarily oddly out of synch.

So, under normal circumstances, because we want to onboard and empower, and train, and make sure that things, right down to visas and travel support, are in place for whomever we are

sending to the At-Large Advisory Committee, they serve two year terms, and the alternate. So, this year Holly was reconfirmed. Next year, Maureen may or may not be, depending on what happens.

So they're alternate. So each year, we have to think about this. But we, at the same time, think about the leadership of our regional At-Large organization. Each regional At-Large organization also is unique in its rules.

So, if you are familiar with the rules in another RALO, that's fine for that RALO, as are unique to us, and for example, you will see that APRALO, according to its current rules, and they were recently adopted a little over 12 months ago now, has a chair and two vice-chair positions. We also have a secretariat.

Our secretariat is a discretionary appointment. Most other RALOs have a leadership team of a chair and a secretary. So, we just need to realize that the languages we use, the titles we use, are different, but because of the diversity, and it is very, very diverse. I don't have to tell the people in this room that. We had an advantage of a slightly larger leadership team, because it gave us the opportunity for getting balance where possible, across the region.

So, from the very early days, from 2000 and, if memory serves, eight, nine. So, the appointments that were made in 2008, we

have done our best to try and have leadership that is spread as reasonable across from Cook Islands to Armenia, when Siranush was serving. So, that is our intention, and having that additional seat, does allow us to do that.

So, I would strongly encourage you to consider that as a good thing, not a bad. But what it means right now, is that with Siranush moving on, and she would normally would have been confirmed to continue at this AGM, Satish has stepped up, because he was a vice-chair along with Ali. So, we have our two vice-chairs in place.

We have one of the vice-chairs stepping up to the chair role, which is what you're there for, after all. I mean, you know, that's fine. We could have decided that they should chair. What we do with those two is fine, but it worked out that Satish was stepping up.

There is the potential for a vacancy in that second chair position. There is the potential to declare a fresh election for the chair. And there is the potential to recognize that we have an extraordinary opportunity, which I'd like to talk about in a minute. If we run an election now, it is for the role that sits from this meeting, the end of this meeting, the AGM, for the coming term. All right?

But in June, in only a few months' time, we have to have finished a new fresh electoral process. I am of the personal, and very biased view, that running two such processes, so close together, is kind of silly. All right? So, what would that be as a risk? We have a vice-chair who stepped up to chair, who is managing that role, and we have a vacant seat, and we have one of the rarest and most exciting opportunities that we could possibly have.

How many do we have? 11? Nine? How many mentees do we have? 11 mentees who have said, we want to be stepping up to leadership. How about, ladies and gentlemen, you consider us using that seat as a bit of a hot seat for learning in these few months to come? And that we start really scaling up our mentees who said we are interested in stepping up to leadership.

And that they act in rotation, if they're interested, won't be mandatory, to, in an assist role, but to occupy that seat. It's going to give a better grasp on the leadership, and the uniqueness of our role. And that's certainly something that Maureen and I have discussed, and Maureen has discussed it, because I'm not part of the leadership team. I'm just an interfering old lady.

But the leadership team have discussed it, and so far, nobody has screamed loudly at me saying, it's a very bad idea. But it

really is up to this group to consider. I would like to propose, Mr. Chairman, that we stick with the status quo as is, and we use that valuable opportunity to make a rare learning for our mentees. And I'd call for a second of that proposal.

SATISH BABU: Okay. So, we have Holly and Cheryl there who are seconding the proposal that Cheryl has just made, which is that we reserve the vacant seat for the mentees to, by rotation, play the role of the vice-chair until June. Is that right?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: In fact, it would go through to this time next year.

SATISH BABU: All right. So, the vice-chair issue, are there any comments on this? Is there anybody who would like to add onto this, or any other voices of dissent? We do have this as a king of acceptable... Anything?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Seconded.

SATISH BABU: Right. So, we do have this step of formalizing the chair still. So, that has got to be... So, I will leave the floor open on discussions of that.

HOLLY RAICHE: I think the next question is, how we select amongst the many mentees, and do we actually have one mentee for the whole period? Several mentees in turn? I just think we need to actually understand a process, now that we've got the principle in place, how we're going to make it happen.

SATISH BABU: Yeah, I think Maureen has something to add.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Well, I think that what we need to do now, is to look at sort of like a job description, like sort of like what sort of roles the VC make. And this is like also taking into account, what Ali does, you know, the two VCs. What are the roles of the VCs? And then, what we are going to do is actually sort of like look at each of the individual roles and probably assign roles to different people.

So, it's not... The job is actually going to be covered by a number of people. In fact, to show just how diverse that role is. And why, in fact, we've got two VCs in that position already. So,

you know, this is a task that the leadership team has got to look at first of all. And we go a year to sort of like have people going in and out and doing some of those roles.

SATISH BABU: Ali?

ALI ALMESHAL: Ali AlMeshal. Yes, I totally agree with Maureen on that, and as... Do you have a question Holly? As you know, we just started the mentorship, so it will require a time until we see how is the reaction and the involvement in them, and keys into the program, and then we as a leadership team can evaluate. And as you remember, through the program that we have, and the strategy of the program, we do evaluations from time to time.

And then we see how is the progress on that. That will give us a good idea, later on, how we can select or appoint or do whatever we require to appoint. Takes someone for the recent position that we have. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you Ali. Satish again. SO, are there any further comments? The present situation is at, we will... The leadership team, [inaudible] Ali who is coordinating the mentorship

program, we'll see how we can structure this in a way that is credible, and everybody gets a chance, and how the task can be shared.

HOLLY RAICHE: I think we should set a timeline on doing that, so that we're not spending a lot of time talking about it, we're actually spending a lot of time doing it. So, let's set a timeline for ourselves.

SATISH BABU: Thanks Holly, that's very valid. How about a month before we finish these discussions? Ali, you okay with that?

ALI ALMESHAL: Ali AlMeshal. We can look into it, and we'll update ourselves on the email about that one.

SATISH BABU: Cheryl, please.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Cheryl Langdon-Orr for the record. As I understood the question he posed to the room, was in fact, one of formalizing the role of chair. And to that end, I would suggest

that any one of the members here, could suggest a motion for continuance of your role.

I do not think that there is extensive debate on that, and if we were to put that to the floor now for discussion, perhaps to be very clear what we're discussing, a very, very brief discussion on that, it would mean that you would be acting in the role of chair from now through to this time next year, but you would effectively know your replacement by June.

As a chair.

Right. I'll bring you through the thing later. I'll do the remedial work off-line, it's okay. So, with that, you could call for any, you can hand to either of your vice-chairs to put that motion, and to call for any discussion, and then have, I would suggest, an acclamation.

SATISH BABU:

The floor is open. Anybody can propose on the issue of continuation.

[SPEAKER OFF MICROPHONE]

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Your name for the record, and he would be proposing the continuation of Satish in the role of chair.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah, this is [inaudible].

[SPEAKER OFF MICROPHONE]

Yes, seconding it. Thank you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yeah, I second also. I want Satish to be the chair.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I second Satish.

SATISH BABU: Exceptional number of one, two, three, four proposed, and the motion is carried. So, let's confirm.

[SPEAKER OFF MICROPHONE]

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: One of your vice-chairs can, you can't.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: That's what I'm saying, yeah, I do. I do support that, yeah.

SATISH BABU: So, thank you very much.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Hello, this is Silvia. May I ask to please restate what the agreement for the records? Yes, please.

ALI ALMESHAL: Ali AlMeshal for the record. I would to congratulate Satish Babu for the endorsement from all of the attendees in the APRALO meeting for continuation of the chair, position of the chair. Thank you. Well done.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much for that.
I'm mindful of the time, we will move on.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Mr. Chairman, one day, can I suggest we have an approach to ICANN Learn, and we look at the key elements of Robert's Rules of Procedure, so everyone knows how these things should be done.

SATISH BABU: Right. So, that's a point. I have to probably educate myself.
[LAUGHTER]

So, we are moving on now. The next issue is agenda item number three, which is the issue of individual membership. Now, just to update ourselves, very quickly. APRALO has members who are organizations by and large, but we do also have a provision for individual members, which is largely provided by, according to my information, for areas where there are no ALSs present, so that people could be part of the whole APRALO process.

There are some questions that have come up from individual attendees of this meeting, whether they can become individual members in APRALO. So, this is actually a somewhat involved issue. And the problem basically is that, if there are existing ALSs in the region, then do we consider individual membership? Or is it exclusive to regions that do not have an ALS? This is an open question.

We do also have some restrictions on how can be an individual member. You can go through the... So, it is there right in front of you. So, 27 is about unaffiliated individual members. And who can... So, these are the conditions.

Yeah, so the floor is now open. Cheryl and then Maureen.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you very much. And Cheryl and Maureen wrote this, so Cheryl and Maureen get a bit protective of this. With consultation, I'll hasten to add. It hasn't just come off the top of our head one afternoon. I think it's important, for the record, because we've had, on the record, concerns that APRALO is not in a position to take individual members into our fold, and of course, I'm not sure what that does to the three individual members we have.

Make them phantoms perhaps. But, we have individual members, so we certainly can take individual members, but this is what you need to become an individual member. All right? You become an unaffiliated individual member, and the term unaffiliated, if I may say, Maureen, is the critical point here.

It means you are going to be described, sorry, subscribed to exactly the same list as any At-Large structure is. You need to be a permanent resident, a permanent resident of one of the countries or territories that's covered by our region according to ICANN. And this is the critical point which I think you may have inadvertently misled the group upon, you must not be a member of a certified ALS, and you should live in that region.

All right? So it's not whether or not an ALS is in your state, territory, sub-region, or whatever, it is that you are not a member of a certified ALS. Then we have the following points,

which give exactly what we expect you to do as you maintain that criteria, or as that criteria changes.

So, for example, you may choose to join an ALS, or of course, as we have had, individuals who wish to start an ALS, can become individual members, be an active part of the process while they're getting their At-Large structure up and running. So, it's very important and Maureen, you can take them, perhaps, through what they need to do to get there. Or not. Or not.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

The process, the actual process, and I mean, it's the application process that we have at the moment, which I think it has also been reviewed. Is it not? The whole application process? So, you know, like it's probably not a good time to sort of like be looking at the process, the application process for the moment. So, but at the same time, what we're trying to get across is that you can still be part of APRALO, and still be part of At-Large, and not actually be a part of an ALS as yet. Okay?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Hello, yes, this is Silvia. I just want to add the current practice, what staff has been doing since the article was passed, I think we received three or four requests from different members, and what we did was consulted with the leadership team at the

moment. It was Siranush. And we added them to the mailing list as observers.

Basically, they are participating. They are changing ideas. The only caveat is that they are not voting members yet. So, once the procedure is put in place, they will become a full member. And during these meetings, we have, this meeting here in India, we have received two or three inquiries about joining APRALO. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

There is also a bit, how shall I say? A prohibition for certain kinds of people. For example, people directly affiliated to registry or registrars. So, those kinds of things ought to exit. So we have to read that in the full context. You want to say something?

NADIA:

I want to... This is Nadia for the record. I just want to have more clarification about the individual members. As I understood, after they've been accepted here, are we going to be, have like conditional acceptance? Because that's what I understood. That it's conditional until they form some At-Large organization by themselves.

Is that how I understand that or not?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: If you believe that, I'm sorry, I misled you. I said, that is an example of a change in criteria that people may have started off as an individual member, while they formed their At-Large structure. Once they formed their At-Large structure, they no longer meet the criteria for individual member.

And as soon as any criteria, if you go and work for a registry or a registrar, that's a changing criteria, you would have to inform staff, who would therefore not leave you in that classification of individual members. So, I'm sorry if I confused you.

NADIA: Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Are there any other comments? Yes please.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [Inaudible] for the record. I'm really pleased to hear this. It's kind of new for me to understand that you are allowing individual members. From the Pacific perspective, there is an ALS called [inaudible] which is kind of representative of the whole region, its region. And the members, like you would be subscribed to a mailing list to be said that you are a member.

But I think, for some of the individuals attend the region, that wants [inaudible] to join ICANN and their countries are so small, they should be an entry point. So, what happens if some of the members do come in as an unaffiliated and then they found out that they could attach themselves to some of the existing ALSs? Can they do that?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes, thank you. This is Heidi Ullrich for the record. Just a question on how the voting would work. I know that within the North American region, the unaffiliated will select a head, a leader, and then that person, after there is a vote among the unaffiliated, that person will then vote officially as one vote, if there is a voting for all of At-Large structures.

I'm just wondering if APRALO expects to have a similar set up for voting.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Cheryl and Maureen, it's almost like the twins here because will you take that? Or will you take that? I lost this one. I'm going to take this one. At this stage, and I am giving the rider at this stage, it is identical to the North American experience. However, we have recognized, and I love this part, I love this part. We have

the potential to have vast numbers of individual members in our region.

So, we also recognize that it would be unreasonable and unfair to have a single vote, if for example, hypothetically, we had 1,000 individual members. That doesn't seem proportional to have the same voting weight as an At-Large structure, which may have 20 members. So, we are looking, and that is part of the expectations work that is being done by the ALAC.

There is work on expectations of At-Large structure, and it includes criteria for At-Large structure, and as a sub-piece of that, we have a review of the criteria, but also the voting aspects that we need to work. And at this stage, we need to workshop that. But at this stage, we don't have 1000 to worry about, but the suggestion would be, if we hit 15 or 20, we may need to decide that's the number where we would cleave off and have a second voting entity.

So, we need to have some agreement, that's yet to be done, on when we get to a certain size, that that would give an additional vote. And please remember, ladies and gentlemen, we're not North America, and we don't vote unless we absolutely are forced to. We work by consensus, and we've yet to fail to get it.

SATISH BABU: Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: I just wanted to follow on from something that [inaudible] mentioned about [PIC?] ISOC. I mean [PIC] ISOC is, has got members in 22 countries across the Pacific, and you know, what we're actually trying to do, and [inaudible] is there to help me is to try to actually get an ALS in each of our Pacific countries. That would be the ideal.

But one of the things that I've actually been doing with a lot of new members, who've actually select notified me and wanted to become part of the At-Large and APRALO, is to first of all, join up with [PIC] ISOC, and to create a sort of like a network within the [PIC] ISOC region itself. And then, at the same time, sort of like to work towards developing an ALS within their countries.

But they already have a network that they can work through and find, relating to ISOC as well as to ICANN. So, it's, you know, like I mean, it's how we do things differently here.

SATISH BABU: Thank you Maureen. I think this discussion, I mean, a little more discussion is required on clarification, some of these points, as Nadia has raised. But the concept is very clear, as Cheryl and Maureen have outlined. So, we need more discussions, and we

were wondering if there is any need for maybe a small group to work on this and present this at the next meeting, or something like that?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: If I may, Mr. Chairman? I would appreciate you forming a small group, especially if I have something to do with it. But I'd appreciate you forming a small group so I don't have to do it in any way, shape, or form myself. I only simply want to oversee what is going on. That's all. Do a bit of sanity checking.

There is a problem, and I was going to raise it in any other business, but if you permit me to raise it now, with misleading our community, who have looked at our website, and have picked on the up-front link that says, this region is still considering this aspect of individual members. It was to my horror and chagrin, that not only did I interact with some individuals through this meeting, but I found during the public meeting yesterday, that this area was not only raised, but then got promulgated by the chair of the ALAC, who got a very quick Skype from me during that meeting, I can tell you.

But, that said, that damage is done. I want to apologize to everyone who was hurt or concerned in that. I feel some of us have lost face over allowing that error to occurred. However, we will now fix that. We have a space with some text that is going to

be removed really fast from the website. Let's replace that text with something that your proposed small group can come up with, and that should include the actual process.

Here is the email address to contact staff to indicate that you believe that you fit the following criteria. We might even put a little checkbox list in there, so people can do it. And then the same space takes you to an activity, which will lead you through, so you don't have to get to section 27 of our rules of procedure, to know whether you qualify or not.

So, think that would be a perfect role for your small group.

SATISH BABU: Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you Cheryl. We are reading each other's mind. This is Heidi for the record, Heidi Ullrich. Just on that point, I did note the issue yesterday during the public forum, and I'm wondering, because again, the way the two public forums work is that the second public forum will allow responses. And we are preparing one for the question on social media that was asked as well.

So, could this group, could one or two people get together and just give Alan some text? Which then he would have the chance to reply officially, publicly.

SATISH BABU: That's a good point. I think we could do that. But we have to first form the group, and I'm sure Cheryl will be happy to lead the group, but are there...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I'll be happy to grandmother at it.

SATISH BABU: Okay, grandmother. But are there any volunteers for this small group that we're setting up to examine this matter in a little more detail? Yeah.

[Inaudible], anyone else? [Inaudible]

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Okay. Just make sure staff get the names please.

SATISH BABU: Approach me after the meeting is over to write it down.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: And that's enough.

SATISH BABU: Yeah.

So, this group has to meet maybe today, because Tuesday is the next public forum, and before that, we have to prepare some text and pass it on to the elect chair so he can respond to the question raised in the previous public forum.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, this is Heidi. The process is, I have to work through various meetings to do that. I think Alan can respond, but it might be the Board or something. I need to figure out how to respond officially. But, can I just get a commitment that there will be text in time? Okay, thank you.

SATISH BABU: So Maureen, are you joining this group? We need a chair for the group.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I think Maureen is a perfect one, because I think I counted just about every mentee in the room just put themselves forward.

SATISH BABU: Okay. So, Maureen will chair the group. Group members who volunteer, contact Maureen at the end of this meeting, and make sure your name is taking down. Right, with that, we move on to the next agenda item. We have to now be quick because we are short of time. We just have half an hour.

My agenda is gone, okay. Next is the FY 17 outreach strategy CROPP. So Ali will give us a brief update on the CROPP.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you chair. This is Ali AlMeshal. As you all know, about the second time that we have strategy, same as last year. This year, we have published our strategy, full strategy of the outreach. And it was submitted in beginning of this year, I think it was in the second quarter. And part of this outreach strategy, there was the CROPP funding, where we are having some...

I think the event and participating in some of these events, plus the mentorship program that we'll come to later on. So, as a CROPP funding, this program is... Just to give you a brief idea about the program. It's a five slot be reserved for each RALO to apply for funding for... It was two nights, now it's been extended for three nights, to attend the events that's being done either regional or international.

And to participate there and showcase the APRALO and do an outreach as well for the APRALO. So this year, we have a number of events. We have the Apricot in Vietnam, which is coming next year. There was an event that has been already done which is the APNIC 42, and the APR IGF.

So, basically, these are the ones that we have submitted within our outreach strategy for this year, which is FY 17 and FY 18. So, basically that is what we are doing through the CROPP funding. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you Ali. For those of you who are new, the CROPP is a program which allows some of the members of the community to attend events that are happening in the region. And usually this is done for representing the APRALO in these events, as a part of outreach. And it therefore requires some amount of knowledge the APRALO functioning.

So that is a program. Are there any questions or comments on this?

As we move on, the next is the mentorship program that APRALO is running chair there by Ali. I'll ask for Ali to give us an update.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thanks Chair. This is Ali AlMeshal again. And I'm more than happy to speak about this program. It's the start of APRALO this time, and I can see a number of faces attending with us, part of this mentorship program, which I'm very much happy with. I know some others are here, in this meeting, but there are involved in other meetings, so they couldn't join us.

And we have remote participants as well, who are part of this mentorship program. Just to give you a brief... I mean, people did not know about this, or they're just recently joining, this, as I said, this is part of our outreach strategy, and trying to involve more and new blood to the APRALO leadership team, and community as well.

So, this program has been initiated, and we started this year, and we requested interested people to join and volunteer to be in. And we have a good amount, and diversify number of participants from all the region, and we end up with this 11 people covering almost the whole APRALO region.

We have worked too much on that, and we have maybe three to four calls, meetings, between the mentors and again with the mentees to set up the process. And finally, the mentee and mentor matching is done, and been published. The strategy of the mentorship has been published publicly as well, part of our APRALO strategy.

All the mentees and mentors now, they are in connections and working together, and expectations as well. We have conducted one more important session with the super mentor, that have led all of this, between the mentors and the mentees. As you know, the mentorship is not a training program. It is a knowledge transfer, a knowledge guidance for the people who want to understand things that more expert people can help them with.

So far, all of these 11 mentees are in connect with their mentors, and if anyone who are from the mentee program, or mentorship program, would like to say any word, please, I will [inaudible] a note if anyone is interested. I have [inaudible]... Please.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

Hello everyone. I'm [inaudible] for the record. I represent ISOC Calcutta ALS and I'm very fortunate to be a part of this mentorship program. My mentor is Satish Babu, and it gives me a delight that he is now the chair.

Thanks Satish for performing so well. And I have been in touch with super mentor as well, over one of the [land?] sessions. Cheryl, thanks for all of the guidance which we discussed over the lunch, and there are too much to take away from our discussion, but I take back three pointers which you said, and will report the progress as we move along. Thank you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: First of all, I would like to thank you as leaders to creating this program. It's very special, I think, and I expect to benefit from it. And I think I'm lucky to have a mentor, and super mentor, also.

[SPEAKER OFF MICROPHONE]

Yeah, exactly. And there is another lucky of this, what you have stated earlier about this, like the leave of, the move out of our chair to another, creating this lot of rotation, and another appreciation from your end as well.

I'm already into this, from our mentor, she's already leading us, and I'm learning through the start some of process. Thank you to all.

SATISH BABU: Thank you. Any other...?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Just want to continue what [inaudible] has said. Thank you very much to everyone who started this program. My mentor is Maureen Hilyard. She's the second time, for the second time she's my mentor. But I also learn a great deal from other leaders of APRALO. Thanks to Holly, who is coordinating this APRALO capacity building program.

Yesterday we have had our first session which was... When I first look at the agenda, it's simply to very, it's very simple then. But when I came, and participate, so I was just repeated to myself, that this is, indeed, very important, and good program to be part in.

Thank you very much. And thank you very much to Cheryl who also, who is super mentor now, but once she has been my mentor during the last...

[SPEAKER OFF MICROPHONE]

With her super energy and super dedication to this program. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much. Are there any other comments? I would like to make a comment on the program. I've been getting several requests, if people can join the program right now. Because for whatever reason, they could not apply earlier or they're newcomers, they would like to apply now, and the answer right now is unfortunately, you cannot join the current program, because it's several months into it.

But, once this is done, we would certainly take up the next batch, at which time the others could join as well. Okay.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Once again, I would like congratulations for this [inaudible] for this [inaudible]. And I would like to express, once again for this mentorship. And my mentor is Ali. We have discussed lots of, on the agenda, and [inaudible] meeting. I think we can do a more better, and more important this, APRALO.

SATISH BABU: Thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Just briefly on the... And I'm delighted that there is enough people interested that this pilot program may go on to have a second pilot and perhaps even a third until we formalize it, and everyone has predictability and understands what is going on.

It is a very serious commitment from the mentors to your mentees. And so, it is an absolute, once you're matched, adding new people to the mix is very, very disruptive. We are going to do something slightly different in this program, and that is, we will be, not sharing the mentees around, but we will be matching the skills of the leaders to the issues that any mentee brings up at a time.

You know, whilst you primarily associated with Maureen, for example, ladies, you know, there may be a time when Ali is going to mentor you through a particular process. And I think that's important? It is not capacity building, it is not traditional training, it is a big commitment from the mentors, and I would like to think that people would understand why that means you just can't come in a couple of months into the program.

But, I'd like to think, we would make it successful enough that the next program will run.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks Cheryl. Satish again. So, thanks for that. And we will, of course, as Cheryl said, continue the program in... Of course, learning from each pilot that we have. Mindful of the time. I would like to thank Ali once again for the program, and we would like to move on. The next presentation is by Maureen on the preliminary findings of the APRALO survey on community policy preferences. Over to Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Satish. This is Maureen for the record. This is probably going to be a little bit of a, the dynamic [inaudible] presentation again. Okay, not too very long ago, of course, I did

send out a survey to all our ALSs to try and get some idea of select what the interest was in some of our policy areas.

And if there was any way we could sort of like get identify some areas, which, you know, we could perhaps try to get more of our ALSs engaged in policy, and policy discussions. And especially in relation to work stream two, which is just established. Next slide, please.

So, I mean, so, I've just explained the objectives, you know, we're just trying to get some more members into... I'm actually spinning it up because we've only got five more minutes left. Okay, next.

These are the key sort of like policy areas in which we actually sort of like surveyed last year. And so, blue was last year and the brown was this year's, I think.

Yes? I can't see. Okay, so what we actually sort of did was, that you can sort of see that the areas are actually not too dissimilar interest. So, what we... But one of the things that is probably a little bit skewed, is the fact that, last year, I actually sort of liked asked for interest. You know, what areas are you interested in?

People could actually sort of like put them all if they wanted to. This time, I actually only asked for the top three. So, there are some there they actually looks like nobody is interested in them,

but it's not that they weren't interested in them, it's just that they didn't make the top three.

But, as you can see, internet governance is sort of like top priority, and considering half of our ALSs are Internet Society organizations, that's probably understandable. But I'm sort of like only actually checking how many ALSs from APRALO we've got in those other areas. So, just to sort of say, you know, these are the interest areas of our region, we really should be getting more people into those working groups.

Next slide. Okay. Now, this is the new area. These are the new work stream two areas, okay? So, again, it was really sort of like interesting to sort of see which were the areas that was sort of like of interest. It was really interesting, I mean, Cheryl sort of like pretty psychic, because I was like rattling off what the top four was, and she sort of like, had a pretty good idea of what they might be.

And so diversity, of course, I think that's sort of like just, it's, you know, for APRALO, it's just, it's a natural selection. But these [inaudible] accountability, the transparency, and you know, the human rights. If, you know, you've been engaged in a lot of discussions already, these have already been sort of like, pretty hot topics for all the RALOs.

But what it does, like I mean, the reason why I'm actually sort of like including Cheryl into the discussion now, is that not so very long ago, we actually had an introduction to these work streams, and so what I've actually sort of like got now, is a series of some of the slides that were a part of that presentation.

And what... I mean, I know what this presentation will be online somewhere, after this. Eventual, something. And, you know, if you want to know more about some, the topics, and what they're about, and how you can actually get involved in these work streams, please join up because I know they're actually after more voices, and we need more voice from APRALO in those things.

So, because we don't have much time now, we'll make sure that this gets point online so that you can actually refer to it. Okay? Cool. Sorry. Quesiton?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [Inaudible] for the record. On the previous chart, I just saw that the internet governance has gone down in terms of the person they saw any comment on that. And just a follow-up....

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah, I think, yeah. I agree. It's all part of that top three again. I don't think that there is, you know, it was based on percentages of the respondents. But, you know, it's a very small percent.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: And the follow-up question on the next slide, the jurisdiction has come up, is a big issue currently.

Yeah, so in this, the jurisdiction, which is having more than 20% is a big issue currently, from India's standpoint, where we have a federal and the state government structure, and a lot of [inaudible] and [inaudible], and a lot of e-commerce companies are coming in.

So the taxation is a very, very crucial item which is getting discussed at the government level as well. So, I think there is a small focus required from APRALO to start working on this item.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: That's an excellent proposal, and it's one that I would suggest the leadership take on board for a future meeting, but I think I need to make clear that here, we're talking about the work stream two for ongoing accountability for ICANN. So it's jurisdiction in the context of ICANN, and the reason that it is significant now, is a virtue of the topics that came out of the work stream one activity.

So, it's not... Where the first slide was more a measure of your mutual interests, this one is rather more of these topics, which we know are running, and we want you to be engaged in. What are the interests that are being reflected by our region?

But, can I just say, as someone who serves on every single one of those, and is a rapporteur on one, you all are welcome in any of those topics that interest you, because we need more voices.

SATISH BABU: Are there any other comments? Yes, Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: Just a comment. The heading on this said work stream two. Now, not everybody lives and breathes the process of two years' of actually getting from where we were with the contractual relationship to here. So, there are people in this room who won't know. This is misleading unless you start to say this is part of that particular, you know, it's just you need to understand that, because otherwise, this looks like standalone topics.

MAUREEN HILYARD: And I think this is a very, extremely important aspect that could be included in the capacity building. Hello?

SATISH BABU: That will be covered in the capacity building session.

HOLLY RAICHE: You'll be examined on it.

[SPEAKER OFF MICROPHONE]

SATISH BABU: Are there any other comments on the priorities?

Okay. We move on then. The next, we have now about 12 minutes. The next agenda item, number seven, is about the APRALO General Assembly coming up at ICANN 60 in October 2017 at Abu Dhabi.

Now, yes, we have exactly, slightly less than a year. Now, the General Assembly is interesting for a specific reason. That is the one time that the ALSs get funding for sending one person to an ICANN meeting. So every ALS who is accredited, and active, and active, will get funding.

Now, the reason why this is up here is precisely because of this point, as Cheryl pointed out, of active. What is an active ALS? Looking at the ALSs, they are in various stages of activity. Some of them are hyper. Some of them are active. Some of them are kind of not so active. So, we would like to listen to the metrics

person, that is Maureen, on how we're going to look at assessing our ALSs over the next several months.

And deciding on who to fund as active ALSs. Over to Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you Satish. This is Maureen for the record. Okay, like if... This is a work in progress, of course, and we're still looking at ways in which we can actually assist active participation. I mean, it's something that we've actually been working on for a number of years, actually. It's not something... So, it's still going. But what we do have is, we do keep metrics on people who attend APRALO meetings. We keep metrics on people who attend working group meetings. There is actually sort of like lots of different ways in which we sort of like look at participation.

And so, if you know, these... You have been make aware... You know, once we sort of like, you know, come to some conclusion of sort of ALS, we're looking at ALS criteria and expectations. This is a working group at the moment. So, once some conclusions have been made from that group, you will be informed, you will all know within the next year, what you have to do in order to get an invitation to come to this meeting.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you, this is [inaudible] for the record. Also want to encourage, as part of active participation, it also means for ALSs organizing specific activities such as the India [inaudible] that just happened, and also participating in regional events, and talking about APRALO or ICANN per se. I think these are excellent contributions, and I'd like to encourage ALSs in the region to follow this model. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much. Just to mention that point about India [inaudible]. India [inaudible] is organized by two ALSs, [inaudible] ISOC Delhi and ISOC [inaudible]. So just to make that point. Yes, Kelvin.

KELVIN WONG: Since we are on this topic, I also want to do a shout to [inaudible], who also helped to, had a good [inaudible] in organizing this outreach to the local [inaudible], you saw it draw students here. I think some of them may be still here yesterday, two and a half days. We worked closely with Satish as well, as representative of APRALO.

So thank you for that. And also thank you to [inaudible] folks who helped to run this session. I think they're behind me.

Thank you. I think [inaudible] wants to shout out to Satish as well, so thank you for the collaboration.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much Kelvin. It was a very enjoyable experience working with APAC team and Adam for a series of these programs that have been happening over the last several days. Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: If I may, now you know there is the opportunity to prove yourselves in terms of ALS activity. You've got, I would suggest, and I do watch across the regions fairly closely, one of, may I embarrass you by saying, best, friendliest, most approachable, and effectively able to be worked with, hub that ICANN have.

I'm not going to wax lyrical about our other staff. But our APAC hub is really amazing. So, if you have, even as a group of ALSs, a good idea, your voices will be heard and if facilitation can be given to your proposal, it will be.

And so, ask, explore. It may not be possible, but if that's not possible, something else might be. But in this region, you have probably the rarest group of genuinely dedicated people who really are willing and able to help all of us work effectively.

SATISH BABU: I completely second that. And a big hand to [inaudible] and his team.

Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia. I just want to add to what Cheryl said, that thank you to our colleagues in the APAC hub, really is great cooperation with At-Large staff, and we are always in communication, and really, we appreciate your support, organizing the webinars, and you know, all the excellent work that you provide to our community. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: So, before we close, we have any other business. Are there any other general comments or additions that anyone else would like to...? Is Holly here? Over to Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: Very quick. [Inaudible] there is an At-Large review. The survey is still open on the website. For those who have not filled in the survey, please do. And the members of the team, they're called the independent examiners, are around. Their emails are also on the website.

So, any and all comments about review of At-Large, which includes the At-Large community, including the ALSs, APRALO, ALAC, you've still got an opportunity, please take it. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you Holly.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Just I would like to update my chapter activities. We are going to organize [inaudible] Nepal [inaudible]... So, that's I would like to get the support from APRALO. And one more activity is going on, the [inaudible] project that is last year, we have a big [inaudible] in Nepal, and then [inaudible] we have active role in Nepal to get the power, the [inaudible]. And for our system, we have distributed [inaudible] 100 plus [inaudible] distributed.

And [inaudible] we have distributed to community radios. And this year, we are going to organize, not organize, this project. The [inaudible] project, we are still in progress. That [inaudible] project is on [inaudible]... That was [inaudible]...

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much. Kaili?

KAILI KAN: Kaili Kan speaking. Well, just one note that myself and also Carlton, are representing ALAC to the CCTRT review team. And of course, the duty here, or the program, and whether it will go on for next round, or how it is going to go round, it's going to affect all of the internet users to At-Large extend.

So, in order to voice our ALAC opinions. So, I would like to collect feedback from everybody, from APRALO, where I belong to also, and also from all of the ALSs in order to affectively represent ALAC at this review team. So, thank you in advance. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you Kaili. Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. I just wanted to remind us all that the At-Large advisory committee, let me try that once more with less letters. Cheryl Langdon-Orr for the record, I think. And I just wanted to remind us all that the At-Large advisory committee capacity building webinars are also an excellent tool for you to use, but they are archived.

So you can use them locally as activity resource material as well. So, don't feel you need to reinvent wheels to, you know... We probably have something that's been said or done before, and

we also have a number of the capacity building in the past, at least, a number of the capacity building topics that were turned into e-books by Maureen.

And that's something you might want to have a local language renewal of that, you know? Look at the material, change that e-book into a local language e-book. There is a lot of possibilities here. Leads me to something that Maureen and I who are permanently plotting and planning in the corner over here.

She said to me, how do we tackle these initiatives when they start coming in? I went, that's a good question. So, I think what we'll do is talk to staff, and make sure we have a mechanism to track these initiatives, particularly between now and our General Assembly.

We do want measurable, so we'll get back to you on that. But if you've got a topic for webinar or, for example, Kaili, it's a very likely thing that you could run a webinar and actually get information during that time as well as post a survey as a result of that webinar. We can do that locally. This is for support and resources, and will be made available.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you Cheryl. Ali.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you Satish. This is Ali AlMeshal. Back to [inaudible] on the events and, let's say, workshops that you are doing. Please update our APRALO At-Large calendar so everybody is aware of that, and we know about these initiatives. And anyone else have any activities, please get access to the calendar, and build this because that make difference for us. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much. We're running out of time. So, any of the interventions, please be very brief. I have an announcement in the meantime. Ali and I will be attending the IGF in Mexico. We have submitted two workshop proposals, both have been accepted.

I would also... Any other last comments? We have two minutes more.

HEIDI ULLRICH: This is Heidi for the record. And just very quickly, you might wish to start thinking about your special requests that you would like to submit. The fiscal year 18 process will start very soon, and the deadline would be, I believe probably around end of January. So just something to think about.

SATISH BABU: So, special requests, funding requests. So, if any ALS has any funding proposal, this is the time to kind of come out with that. There will be a process for applying for this. It will be [inaudible] to you. So, please, go ahead and suggest.

I think we have come to the end of this meeting, and I would like to thank Heidi and her team of staff members who are here with us today, for their excellent support that they've been offering, not only for this meeting, but through the year, for every call that we make.

You know, they've been providing us with support. And also for the various different, even that we have managed to do, the capacity building program. In fact, we have even lunch here, which is very unusual, and somebody has obviously worked very hard to do that. And it is Heidi and her team. And I'd also like to thank the staff for the other meeting that we had with the packed house, which is on the coordination meeting of the schools of internet governance, which is very successful.

Again, credit goes to the staff for that. So thanks all of you for that. Ali?

ALI ALMESHAL: Sorry Satish. I have final announcement as well for the mentees. We have communicated this in the email that in the capacity

building that we are having today, please join us as early as possible, so we have something to share with... Yeah, please. Please pass the message to the others. They are not here, let them know about this and join us. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much. This meeting is now adjourned.

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