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ALAN GREENBERG: Folks, we're getting a little bit late. If everyone can take their seats please.

Careful, it's going to go to his head.

Thank you very much. We'll start the session right now. I'm told there are no housekeeping items, so we'll go directly to the first agenda item. I would say it's my pleasure to introduce Rania Abdul Rahim, but I don't think we need to introduce here. There are one or two people in the room who may not have met her, and we'll have to fix that as we go along.

Rania, I am, I have nothing on my agenda for what you are to do. It's completely up to you. And I turn the floor over to you.

RANIALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Okay. Good morning everyone. It's wonderful to be here again, in the ALAC At-Large room. So normally, when I come to see you, I would give you an update on what the Board has been up to. And then I have some key messages that I would like to give you as well. And then, perhaps we could go into discussion where you tell me what your expectations are regarding what

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the Board should be doing, now that we're in the post-transition era, and what you think I should be doing as the At-Large selected director. Okay?

So, in terms of what the Board has been doing since November 1<sup>st</sup>, is that on November 1<sup>st</sup>, we had the onboarding of new, incoming new members, there are five of them. And they come from different parts of the community and also the outside, and I also did the briefing about the At-Large and the ALAC to them. And they asked some really interesting questions.

And I will share with you the questions afterwards. On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Board committee met. And I'm not sure if you all are familiar with how many committees and what they are. Would you like me to tell you what the committees are? Okay, I see some nods.

So, there is the Board audit committee. There is the Board governance committee. The compensation committee that deals with the compensation and performance of the CEO and senior management. There is a Board finance committee, and the Board risk committee, and also, the organizational effectiveness committee, which is a committee that I chair, and it oversees the reviews of organizations within the ICANN structure.

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The At-Large review that's happening right now, my committee is overseeing it. So on the second day, that was all of the committee meetings. On the third day, this is the day where we sit down with the CEO and staff, basically to discuss how is the organization coming along? What are the issues? What are the challenges?

We received a policy briefing from the ICANN policy team, and when Heidi briefed the Board, the Board noted the policy document on why end users should care and the policy issues that you and your community are working on.

And they were very pleased with that. And then we had a dialogue with the CEO. We discussed legal matters. We also discussed strategic trends on what possible trends might come up that could affect the organization at ICANN, and there is a process that we've initiated where the group works together with staff to identify which ones may be pertinent and research would be done on those.

The CEO is working on positioning and communicating what ICANN is, what it does, and how it does it, because there is a lot of confusion and lack of clarity or precision. That confuses people on the outside. So there will be an enhancement on clarity on what ICANN is, who we are, what we do, and you see this going forward.

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You remember previously with Fadi, the slides about ICANN has a certain look and message moving forward with Göran, you'll see a slightly different look. We also looked at the fiscal year 16 audit of financial statements, everything is clear, it's all good, nothing to be concerned about.

And then the Board met with the review team on competition, consumer choice, and trust. And in that meeting, I saw Carlton and Kaili being there, and there was a very robust discussion. Essentially it was information gathering for the Board to understand what's happening with the review team, what are the issues and the challenges, and I think the Board will be formulating an input into the process itself.

And then finally on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had a farewell dinner that involved both Board and staff for our outgoing Board members. There is five of them. Suzanne Wolfe, who is the RSSAC liaison, [inaudible] the ASO Director from Asia-Pacific, Bruce Tonkin, the director from the GNSO, [inaudible] and Erica [Mann?] from NomCom.

And Erica will be coming back as a GNSO counselor. Yes, and are we on November 4<sup>th</sup> today? No. 5<sup>th</sup> already, okay. So, we also discussed Board evaluation of Board 360, it has been done previously, and we looked at the results to see what are our challenges, and how we should be addressing those, and I

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believe the scores of the evaluation have been made public in case you are interested.

We looked at risk, essentially top 10 risks for ICANN, and I think the Board risk committee will be engaging the community on here are the risks, what are your thoughts on that? What do you think the mitigation steps should be? We were briefed on the [Rugby?] principles in the human rights area, just to get more familiar with that, because I think in work stream two, on enhancing accountability, the community is discussing this.

The Board working group on internet governance made its report to the Board on our orientation and strategy moving forward, and how we would work with the community. There is also a discussion on the Board approach on how we would proceed with accountability in work stream two. Essentially, it's about forming a Board working group to get ourselves organized better, and provide responses when necessary.

And I think today is, yes, the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. So, that's where we ended up. I wanted to say a few words in terms of key messages. The first one is the CEO has expressed a concern about lack of civility in terms of how we deal with each other across the ICANN ecosystem. It's within the Board, among staff, within the community, and he believes that we should move forward enhancing the situation.

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So, the advice is, as I am the Board director, I'm just sharing this with the community that selected me, saying that we should uphold the value of mutual respect and civility, and try not to abuse anyone in any way. And let's just make sure that we hold ourselves to that standard.

In terms of the key questions that the onboarding of incoming Board members, I'd like to show you the really, the questions that they asked, because I found it to be very interesting. So, yes.

Okay, Alan is asking for staff to take notes on this. So, the incoming members were basically very interested in the structure of the At-Large. So they understand that there are the ALSs, there are the RALOs, and there is the ALAC. And they were curious about how many ALSs were in each RALO, and how active are the members, and whether there are significant activities at the regional level. That's one set of question.

There was also a question of whether there is capture in the system, because these are people who are, from outside of ICANN mostly, and they interact in different spheres, and they go to the IGF, or EuroDig and so on and so forth. And they see the same people coming in, and they wondering is there capture in the system? And my response to that was, capture is a strong

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wrong, and I think that there are processes in place for selection of representatives and leadership.

And I think that this is a perception issue that you might want to address moving forward. There is then the question about, is there participation in the At-Large without funding? There is a question about self-funding. To what extent does that exist? And that was of interest to them. And also finally, this is the most interesting question. They said, when the At-Large review report comes out, and there is a comment from the larger community that says, why does the At-Large exist? What value does it provide? What would be the response? And how can the Board help you demonstrate your value?

That was the set of questions. Now, I didn't really give them the answers, because I think the answers belong to you, to the extent that I understand the situation, I could explain it, but I think the questions are important for you to know. So, yes.

ALAN GREENBERG:

I heard this list before, but I just heard it differently now. The question about self-funding is intriguing. It might be worthwhile pointing out that according to our bylaws, well, I'll back out. There are not too many people who self-fund their travel to these meetings, occasionally people do. But according to our

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bylaws, the RALOs, and specifically the ALSs, are self-funding. We explicitly say, don't count on any money from us.

So any participation that they do in terms of activities or things like that, other than the very occasional bit of CROPP money that goes to individuals, is by definition, self-funding and must, so that may not be the answer they were expecting.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: So, that's the end of my presentation part, and I'd welcome questions, and also responses to the question that I posed earlier, which is on, what are your expectations on the Board moving forward? And what are your expectations for me? Thank you.

And concerns, if you have them.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [Inaudible]. Next year...

Thank you very much. My feeling is that it might be interesting perhaps to review the question of financing, as it relates to participating in At-Large, because what we need to take into consideration is the members that are active members, in awareness, who are very committed towards putting together



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ICANN related activities, or internet governance activities, and the DNS system in general. Thank you.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: Okay, that's a comment. Thank you very much. Do you want to manage the queue?

ALAN GREENBERG: We have Vanda and Alberto next.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Rinalia, I don't know if we are good enough in giving you the information from the RALOs. That's my point. Because I believe that, for instance, in our region, we have done thousands of things, and I don't believe that we can't report to you what we are doing, and maybe this is something that needs to be changed.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: Vanda, thank you for the very valuable suggestion. So, my suggestion is, if you have activities, if you could pass it to staff so that they can package it as part of the slide that goes for the new Board member onboarding, that would be helpful.

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ALAN GREENBERG: RALOs are required to provide reports on a monthly basis, in conjunction with our ALAC meetings. In many cases, those are less than informative, so as much we want to make sure Rinalia knows what's going on, the rest of us should also. And perhaps we have to attach a little bit more importance to some of those reports. Thank you. Next we have Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: This is Humberto Carrasco. I will speak in Spanish. The questions made by the incoming members of the Board are, in my opinion, extremely interesting. If I may, I will tell you my own experience. I started in ICANN in 1997 in Chile, and when I continued participating, I wanted to continue participating, I couldn't find any organization that was [inaudible] for my interest.

And it was thanks to At-Large that I found my place to continue with ICANN. So if you ask me, whether ICANN or At-Large performs any functions, what we say to me to the interests of end users, and that's what we try to do. And this has been useful for engaging people. Actually, this is a very basic principle in terms of an answer to you, but it is actually a very profound question that we always make to ourselves, so I should say that At-Large has been an engine to increase engagement of end users in this ICANN ecosystem.

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That, as far as your, one of the questions you have made.  
Thanks.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: Thank you very much for the comment Humberto.

ALAN GREENBERG: John Laprise.

JOHN LAPRISE: John Laprise for the record. I can't speak for all of ALAC, I can speak to my own experience about what I'm here, to answer your question. When I started getting involved in ICANN, I was in the NCUC area, because I came out of academia. But in actuality, I found that it was actually more difficult to actually make headway... You were talking about capture, if there is capture in a various area, I found there was more capture there than here.

And I started getting involved in ALAC, and found that if I wanted to do something, and I wanted to raise my hand, there were more than enough people interested in having me take on responsibility and making a difference. And that was of interest to me, because I want to make a difference. And so, that's why I'm here.

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RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: Thank you. I'm encouraged by that. Who is the next person?

ALAN GREENBERG: Olivier is next. I'll point out we are officially out of time, ignoring the fact that we started late. So, if people can keep their comments relatively concise, thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. I'll try and be very brief. And these are my own comments, not on behalf of EURALO. You asked about capture, my feeling is that if there is capture in any process, whether internal or external, it would be from people who are actually paid as part of their daily job to do the job that they're doing.

The rest of us are here on our own dime. Yes, we are being sponsored to come here by ICANN, but at the same time, we also have to forgo either a job back home, or take some holiday time, or something like this. So that's certainly a concern.

I have another concern, which I wanted to bring forward to you, and I think you might have already heard about it, when it comes down to the link between the community, the Board, and ICANN staff, and external internet governance issues. The cross

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community working group on internet governance, of which I'm one of the three co-chairs, is concerned that the Generic Name Supporting Organization contracted parties house, has put forward a motion to leave the working group.

And is also speaking to the Country Code Name Supporting Organization to do the same, in which case the working group then disappears. Personally, as far as the ALAC is concerned, I haven't discussed this with the ALAC and whether the ALAC wishes to withdraw as well, but in the way that the ALAC works, it might then end up as the ALAC being the only official organization in ICANN advising the Board on internet governance.

I'm not quite sure how that message has been relayed to the other supporting organizations that are part of this, but I wondered if the Board could... Well, first, I wonder if the Board has looked at this, and second, if the Board would voice any opinion on this.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: Thank you Olivier for raising that. Rinalia speaking. When this topic was presented to the Board by the policy team, I was the one who asked the question as to why the GNSO is considering withdrawing from the cross community working group on internet governance. And the response that came back was that

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it is part of the charter to basically review participation annually, and that the group is considering it.

And it wasn't clear to me that they have decided to withdraw. The additional information that the ccNSO is also being encouraged to withdraw is new to me. So, would like to take the matter back and look into it more, if you don't mind. Thank you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, thank you. It's [inaudible] for the record. Rinalia, I was just wondering, these people are coming to ICANN, and they applied for this position, and they ask what ALAC is doing. Normally they should know. It's one constituency of the ICANN. I can't understand how they don't know...? Why they're asking about what ALAC...?

Are they asking about the other constituencies? What are they doing and how we can help them? It's their duty to help the community to evolve and to give better work. It's a little strange to ask these questions.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: Thank you for the question. I don't think it's strange at all, because you have to look at who is coming in, and where they are coming from. And they asked the same questions on

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different parts of the ICANN organizational structure. What I am talking about is based on the presentation on the At-Large.

When the presentation on GNSO was presented, similar set, or different set of questions, were raised. And if you look at who are the incoming new members, if I can remember them, there is Martin [inaudible], who was the previous chairman of public interest registry, there is [inaudible], from Tunisia, and he is of course, one of the founding members of AFRALO, therefore he could speak on behalf of, or in the interest of the At-Large community because he understands some of the issues or concerns.

And then the others include [inaudible] from the RIRs and the Asia-Pacific region. So if you think about a cross of this, ignoring [inaudible] for a moment, in what way would they have known about the At-Large or the work of the ALAC? Now, they are familiar with the ALAC. I take [inaudible] as an example.

So, he is close to the Japanese technical community, the ISOC Japan, for example, and I think they are a member of the At-Large. APRALO itself. So, he has some information, but he doesn't have all of the information. And so the purpose of onboarding is to help the new Board members to have a better understanding about the ICANN structure, and what the different parts of the organization are doing.

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So it's a good thing. I appreciate the question itself, but you have to always justify and explain in this environment. That's the unfortunate thing. You always have to reset and start from the beginning.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Okay, but I want to ask them the same question. How do they think that they can help? They are on the Board, you know?

ALAN GREENBERG: I think it's up to us to tell them.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: Yes. Once they understand, then you can say, how can you help us? Without the understanding, it's not easy. And what I wanted to also say is, remember the last question that I shared. Is that, if all of these concerns about the At-Large comes out, how can the Board help? That's a very constructive question, yeah?

ALAN GREENBERG: Judith?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes. This is Judith Hellerstein for the record. I wanted to take also, two issues is that, you talk about the capture and you talk



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about self-supporting. And I'm thinking also, what they... Most of the At-Large people I know of, are very passionate about advocating for individual end users.

And they're taking it out on their own time. And so, I think we may want to stress of, how many, all of the work that is being done on different working groups, because there are a lot of people who are not here, but are active on working groups. And also, I know within North America, we are making a special effort to find out what are the interests of the different ALSs, and try to get them engaged on working groups, because although they're not, they don't have the time to take on a leadership role, because that's more volunteer time, they do want to get involved.

And they find that the whole process is like, we don't know where to work into. And so, we were trying to help them in what it is that's going on there, and then I also think we also, even...

ALAN GREENBERG: May I interrupt for a moment? The queue is closed.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: And on the captures, it is our effort to engage new people, so people who have taken CROPP one year, we try to encourage new people, and not the same people to take the trips. And so

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that they could get more engagement from them. But, I think, you might see the same people on the leadership, because it may be that they are more, can take off more time to go to these things. A lot of our ALSs cannot take off time. And that is the thing, is that everything is volunteer. So that, I think we need to stress that.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: So Judith, I think that's all very reasonable, and I think the suggestion of capturing the number of hours worked is actually a very good way of communicating and making visible the effort. I say that because we see slides about the transition, and we see the number of hours, number of emails and calls, and I think that convey the depth and the intensity of the effort. And I think that's a good thing if that could be captured.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. The queue right now, which is closed, is Seun, Harold, Holly, myself, Satish, and Aziz, and I've asked the timer to go down to 90 seconds.

Seun first.

I'm told Sebastien's hand was in the AC, that no one saw, he'll be added to the queue.

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SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you. This is Seun for the transcript record. Yeah, thank you Rinalia, for the update on the questions. I think, one thing that we may need to tell the Board in terms of the work of the [inaudible], or the usefulness of At-Large, is the fact that if they really want to be sure that they have non-commercial views, to be mentioned, to be included in their processes, if they want to still be able to solve public interest, then they need to, it would be good to remind them that At-Large kind of solve in such purposes.

Because our interest is not necessarily commercially motivated. And so people do things because they feel, they volunteer to do it. And that is good. I started with At-Large three years ago, and then I'm here, so it means that there is some level of development and improvement within the community, within At-Large.

And the issue of capture is really, is possible, but it's almost impossible within the At-Large community because the motivation is just different compared to other SOs.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: Thank you Seun, that's an argument that I raised repeatedly in onboard discussion, so I appreciate that, thanks.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Harold?

HAROLD: Thank you Alan. Rinalia, I feel that the questions are related to the two questions which the Board submitted to ALAC, and is related to acknowledgment, or recognition, the fact that they put, mention some questions about key concepts for us, is a symptom of the importance of an external knowledge of what we do.

And this is related to the second question and to many other concerns, which Jordan mentioned in his opening speech, trust. Trust is not something which you can impose. You created by this relationship, which is built. But you cannot build trust if you don't know what you do.

And if your knowledge is distorted, well we know what these questions, or this mistrust appears. Within our group, I sort of support what [inaudible] said, rather than [inaudible] is capture, or asking what ALAC may do, because we explain this in a leaflet, and we have that kind of things, it's actually, the question should be, how we do it? And how do the different constituencies do it?

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And I think it's interesting that we are going through a review process right now, because we have just gone through a milestone, we have achieved a milestone, and we, and it's clear that this new process calls for a review.

We have to review how we are doing things, and I think that it is really good that throughout this process, we do this analysis in-depth. So, I think we shouldn't be afraid of reviews, but we should clarify our role to build trust outwards.

And about your question, how you might help the Board do their job. I think have these meetings on a more regular basis would help us as to share our opinions, and share the opinions of ALAC with the Board.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: There is a Board At-Large meeting this week, so I hope you have an idea of what you are going to discuss with the Board, and I suggest you use that opportunity. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Holly. And please, the timer is there for a reason.

HOLLY RAICHE: Just a point of clarification. We had an interesting discussion, I think it was yesterday or the day before, internet governance

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actually means different things to different people. What we actually, what we discussed was governance of the internet was really about protocols, numbers, and so forth. Once you go above, if you will, level three, then you're talking about internet issues.

So, I just would ask that you clarify what you mean when you're talking about internet governance. Unfortunately, it means too much to too many people.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM:

That is true. I think it would probably be better for the Board working group on internet governance to share the framework of ICANN engagement in internet governance sphere, because what they've done for the first time, and I like it very much, is to identify what is our core business, and how does it relate, and that's related to critical resource management.

And if those topics are on the table, then that's where we engage directly. And then there are those that are support areas, such as areas, IDNs that expand access, security, and etc. So, just wait for that. I won't go into it right now because I don't have the materials, and I'd rather give a more comprehensive answer. And I want to go back to all of the questions and comments that have been shared before, on the questions that were raised about the At-Large.

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Remember, that these are not the Board point of view. These are the opinions or questions from individuals coming onto the Board, not official Board members yet, asking, okay? So, take it easy, and take it in stride. Take the input as constructive feedback on what you need to clarify moving forward, so that more people understand you better.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. I put myself in the queue, and please start the timer for me also. A couple of things, I'll draw together a couple of things. You started off with one of the comments about self-funding, and largely, we are not self-funding. We are the only part of ICANN that are here without any mandate from an organization who is willing to pay for us.

And I'll link that to Olivier's comments on internet governance. Our presence in the influencing ICANN's efforts in internet governance, are different from the rest of the group's. The registries and registrars should be interested in it, are easily self-fund themselves to IGF meetings, both local and the global ones.

The same is true for ccTLDs, the same is true for the Board. That is all funded. We are not. Occasionally, on a regular basis, we beg and plead and get funding for one or two people. And I believe that skews how we are represented in internet

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governance forums. And I think that's one of the issues we really need to think about.

It links back to one of the ATRT recommendations that said, consider people who aren't funded by industry. A recommendation that has been completely ignored to date on the ATRT, three years after the recommendations came in. Thank you.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM:

So, the Board is starting to grapple with the issue. We are not at the point where we would be making decisions, we're just being briefed by staff, just to get an accurate picture of, how is funding allocated across the total ICANN community. And, I've seen some data, and the At-Large receives significant funding in comparison with other parts of the community itself, and that is why the question may come up, why are you being funded more?

And what I'm encouraging you to be prepared for is to be able to justify that, in a non-emotional way, but just very factually in terms of the value that you contribute. And on the external, going outside of IGF stuff, let me come back to you on that one, because I would like to find out more information. Thank you.



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ALAN GREENBERG: Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thank you. Satish Babu for the record. I think that these questions are entirely legitimate, and as a part of the community, we have a duty, an obligation, to defend them. And as Rinalia says, not emotionally, but factually. And I think there are multiple ways of doing this. One is by better face to face interactions, as we have scheduled, but also through our activities, which should speak for themselves, in defense of our positions.

And thirdly, through reviews and other third party input. The review that is going on currently, I hope, will be very useful. I only also hope that we have a chance before it is kind of publicly published, to look at the findings, and you know, kind of explain if there is anything to be explained further. Thank you.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: Thank you Satish, and congratulations on a very successful India School of Internet Governance. Who is the next speaker? Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you. Aziz in French. I simply wanted to talk about a previous CEO of ICANN. What he told us is that, as far as ALAC,

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you are the constituency within ICANN that communicates the highest number of statements. And so my question for Rinalia is that, over those past two years, how would you measure the impact of those statements that come from the ALAC as far as policy development and their impact worldwide?

And same question as far as what we do as a RALO. Because I think that we have made 16 statements. And several of our colleagues, within Africa ask the question. We come, we attend the meeting, we make those statements. What really is the degree of influence that those statements have? As far as decision making on the Board?

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: Thank you. I think that's a very important question, because there is a lot of effort in the community to actually consult on key issues, and then produce a statement as a statement of position and rationale to influence certain outcomes.

In terms of impact, the number of statements don't really matter. What matters is, whether or not what's advocated in those statements are actually adopted. That's the effectiveness factor. And I don't have the statistics, because I don't have the total number of statements, vis a vis the number of adoptions, of things being advocated by this community, to the Board, or to the policy development bodies.

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I suggest that you put this evidence together, and then you'll be able to see the effectiveness of your intervention and engagement. I think that would be valuable for all of us, and that would also help convey the message of what value this community is contributing. The challenge is, there might be something very valuable that you are contributing, but is not accepted for whatever reason, and it may be justified, or it may not be justified.

And in that regard, it's a gray area in terms of whether or not that's positive, to be counted as a positive thing. You know? As something that we have contributed. So I see it as two part. One is easy, if it's adopted, it's a success. The other part of it is that if it has contributed to influencing the dialogue on the issues in any way, even though it's not adopted fully, only adopted partially, that's also a success.

So, I think I'm missing the data, and I would like to see the data, and it would be useful for everyone.

ALAN GREENBERG:

We're really, really past time. I will point out the vast majority of our statements do not go to the Board, they go to other parts of ICANN. We have Sebastien. I had closed the queue, Tijani, perhaps before you came in, I will give you 30 seconds, but no more. Sebastien.

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SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much. Thank you for being here Rinalia. I would like to support everything that Satish said, but with two added points. Those are very interesting questions that we received from the Board, but I think that the main question that we should be asking after the opening ceremony, is the following. None of the speakers of ICANN talked about end users.

Only the representatives of the Indian government actually did that. So, where are we? Nowhere. And so I think that this raises a very important question. If we don't want this organization, and I'm talking about the ICANN as a whole, might be considered as a private interest group, and might depend on competition interests.

I believe that the interests of end users should be recognized. Truly recognized. The fact that we are financed more than other communities, is really not an issue, because the money that they use to come here, comes from end users who buy domain names. And so if they can actually afford something, it is because we buy domain names.

And so if we are not financed, it is because the money does not come back to us. And the only solution to have it come back to us is that they help us participate within ICANN.

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RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: Just to clarify again, the questions are not from the Board. The Board is the collective of the total composition, and it speaks with one voice when it's making decision, but these are individual questions from incoming Board members who are not yet in the official capacity. Very good observation regarding the speakers speaking on behalf of end users or end user interest.

I did note that the CEO thanked the community for the transition effort on behalf of the end users. And I thought that that was an interesting position for him to take. You do have a session with the CEO coming up, I think later this week, also with Steve Crocker, chairman of the Board. You could also raise this issues with him, and see what the response is.

But these are interesting questions, and I think we need to ponder on them. And I think the justification of, you know, the At-Large in the system, the value that you contribute, and the right to be funded, because you to me, actually help maintain the balance of interests in the multistakeholder system.

If you weren't around, I personally believe this transition effort could have gone a very different way. That's just a personal view, and I certainly value this community, and I certainly try to explain your point of view and your value, whenever I can engage with the Board. Thank you.

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ALAN GREENBERG: I would add that if we hadn't been here, I would put a large bet on the fact that the transition wouldn't have gotten underway. Tijani, your brief comment.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. I am sorry to be late, I was in the Fellow with Maureen. Rinalia, now that we have the new bylaws, we have the transition already done, there will be a new way of working, you will be accountable to the community. So, did you think about how you will implement that?

For example, not to be obliged to have a problems, did you think that, in the future, you would have more interaction with the community before taking any decision? More because this time, the community can tell you no? Before the community couldn't.

RINALIA ABDUEL RAHIM: Tijani, thank you. Very good question, as always. Yes, we do realize that we are entering a period where there are higher expectations on performance and delivery of all of the accountability parts that we agreed to. The bylaws are huge now. There are many parts to it, and I think that we need to actually go through each one, each part with the understanding of how we would go about implementing those.

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So yes, there is active engagement on that. In terms of consultations with the community, I think there is an understanding, but in terms of a formal process, I don't think that's in place yet, unless it is already in the bylaws.

In moving forward, I think the Board will be more mindful now of the advice that's coming up. And it's really important that we use the process that we have to achieve consensus across the community. If there is disagreement on no consensus, and if parties bring it up to the Board, it's very likely, under this new environment, that the Board will push it back and say, you have to resolve it.

We are not going to make a decision on this. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Rinalia, thank you very much for your time. I will note that we've put an action item on for further meetings, we find a larger slot for Rinalia. There seems to be lots of things. Rinalia generally is on our monthly meetings when her schedule and our schedule allow it, and I encourage people to continue with questions and comments then. Thank you very much Rinalia.

Very quick transition. Holly has a session now, which has unfortunately been shortened significantly. We have canceled

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the section on policy advice. So we will defer that to some other meeting, but we're still short of time, regardless.

HOLLY RAICHE: Actually, no. Mine doesn't start until 12:45, so we've got time to get lunch. If you look at this, it says 12:45, the capacity building session, so we're not out of time. We've got time to get lunch, but I have to be back here and eaten at 12:45. So we're okay.

ALAN GREENBERG: Sorry, I'm rather confused on timing then.

You're saying we can use our whole lunch break and listen to you instead?

[SPEAKER OFF MICROPHONE]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Mr. Chairman, if I could interject here. You have a lunch with the registry stakeholder group today.

ALAN GREENBERG: I understand that. [CROSSTALK] ...end of this session at 12:15. That is about 16 minutes from now.



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HOLLY RAICHE: It's on the agenda, it has got update on RDS... I didn't even attend that meeting, you did, so if you've got something to say, that's fine, but otherwise, we don't have anything on the agenda.

ALAN GREENBERG: My understanding of the purpose of this is to get the ALAC up to speed on what the RDS issues were.

HOLLY RAICHE: I was here, instead of at the RDS meeting.

ALAN GREENBERG: Don't assume anything happened at the RDS meeting.

HOLLY RAICHE: They're working on a charter. I recommend it will probably be two months? Then probably it's going to be about three years, so don't hold your breath.

ALAN GREENBERG: Holly, you did have a presentation, I believe, and... No, you didn't.

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I am completely lost. There was a 30 second session on update on RDS, and I thought it was Holly who was taking the lead on that.

HOLLY RAICHE: Unfortunately, nobody told me. If I knew that's what I would have gone, that I would have not attended here, I would have been in the RDS session. So, there has been some mixed messages, but no, nobody told me that I was...

ALAN GREENBERG: Sebastien?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: May I suggest that we use this 15 minutes, that someone give us an overall picture on what is going on about ALDS, WHOIS, whatever name they want to use? Because there is a review team, there is some, we are done at the GNSO, there are... And if we can have a picture of that, not going into the detail of too much the topic, but what is the organization? [CROSSTALK] ...where we need to be involved, for example, in the review team, what we need to do.

This type of thing. If it's acceptable and interesting for the other.

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ALAN GREENBERG: Holly, may I?

HOLLY RAICHE: Yeah, sure. If you want to update what happens...

ALAN GREENBERG: I'd like to point out there is a high interest topic, which we are not scheduling anything against, on an update of what all of the WHOIS RDS issues are that are going on.

All right. Holly, if we don't have anything on RDS here, then can we revert back to the original schedule? And we have a 15 minute session, now less than 15 minutes, on At-Large policy advice. And I'll turn it over to Ariel.

ARIEL LIANG: This is Ariel for the record. Let me just send the link to [inaudible] so she can project the policy advice onto the screen.

Just give me one second.

And Yesim, if you can scroll down to... Keep scrolling down.

Go back.

Okay. So the first one that we, that the ALAC have wanted to make a decision on or discuss during this meeting is on the proposed amendment to the dot XXX registry agreement to

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transition to new fee structure, and to adopt additional safeguards. And that public comment will end on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November.

And so far, ALAC hasn't decided what to do yet.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you. Anyone want to make a comment, or would you like me to talk about it for a minute? The back story here is the pricing structure in the dot XXX agreement was at a very high level because there was a certain amount of uncertainty related to lawsuits and all sorts of other problems.

They are requesting that it be gradually lowered to the standard that is used in the other new gTLDs, the current round of gTLDs. Dot XXX is relatively new, but in fact, predates, goes back to around from many years ago. I personally don't see any interest in ALAC making a comment, but I'd like to...

Is there any disagreement with that?

Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Mr. Chair, just to give a statement of interest. As you know, I was a member of the [inaudible] with the policy body of dot XXX, and

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I will not participate in any discussion about this topic. Thank you very much.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, noted.

I think we have a consensus decision not to proceed. Next, Ariel.

ARIEL LIANG: Thanks Alan. This is Ariel Liang for the record. And then the next one is phase two assessment of the competitive effects associated with the new gTLD program. So Holly has volunteered to be the main penholder for a potential ALAC statement on that, and in coordination with Titania and [inaudible], and then the public comment close date is December 5<sup>th</sup>. So, Holly, do you have any updates on that?

HOLLY RAICHE: No, I don't at this stage, because I've actually been attending a lot of sessions on the CCRT, and on a lot of the, having discussions as well, so I'd like to actually read through some of the documentation, and come up with some kind of synthesis of what's happened, but at this stage, an awful lot is happening at this meeting.

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So, I think we need to make a statement. I'm sure we need to make a very firm statement. At this stage, I'm not in a position to say what it should be.

ALAN GREENBERG: Clearly, this is one of the documents these CCT review team is looking at, but we obviously could make it in our own right. So, at this point, it's in Holly's hands to make a recommendation to us. Anyone else who would like to participate with Holly, please contact her directly.

ARIEL LIANG: Thanks Alan. This is Ariel Liang for the record. The next one is on the draft PTI, FY 18 operating plan and budget. So based on the discussion in the ALT, it seems the ALT doesn't have a lot of interests in common on this, but just to confirm whether this decision still stands today.

ALAN GREENBERG: I believe, if nothing else, we should involve our rep on the customer standing committee, who is Mohamed Al Bahir. And perhaps we should ask him for some input on this.

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HOLLY RAICHE: Just a comment. What Patrick said yesterday, sorry. What Xavier said yesterday was the budget is part of the larger budget, and we'll actually be talking about the larger FY 17 18 budget. And as was said yesterday, PTI is part of that budget, so we can incorporate anything we have to say about the PTI.

I mean, that was yesterday's statement by Xavier.

ALAN GREENBERG: In theory, yes, but the requirements in the bylaws are that the PTI budget essentially be frozen going into the ICANN budgeting process. So this is the time that we should be making substantive comment, if we have details on the PTI budget itself. Yes, we can always make comments later, if we really want them to be acted now, now is the right time. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much Alan. The PTI budget is treated a part, alone, first. And it must be adopted by the Board of PTI before it goes to be included in the general budget of ICANN. So that's why we, it is needed to have the comment on the PTI budget before the whole budget.

ALAN GREENBERG: Anything further? Ariel, back to you.

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ARIEL LIANG: Thanks Alan. And then, the next topic comment is new. It's on the revised proposed implementation of GNSO stakeholders consensus policy requiring consistent labelling and display of RDDS, who is output for all gTLDs. And comment close date is the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

ALAN GREENBERG: All right. This is one of the many different parts of the thick WHOIS recommendations, the PDP recommendations. I am an active member on the implementation team, and I don't see anything that warrants comments in this case. Anything further? No comment on this. Ariel, next.

ARIEL LIANG: Thanks Alan. This is Ariel Liang for the record. The next one is also part of the RDDS, it's the proposed implementation of GNSO RDDS WHOIS transition policy for dot com, dot net, and dot jobs. And comment closed date is 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

ALAN GREENBERG: The same goes for that one. It's disappointing in that it has taken so long to get to this stage, and the amount of time that's



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allowed for the actual transition, is so long, but to be quite candid, it's not unrealistic.

It's, you know, we're talking about 100 million names or a billion names? I've lost track. And a very large number of registrars, each of whom have to transfer their data in, and it's a pretty big job. So I don't think we can do much better than what we had, even though it is disappointing. So I would not recommend, I do not have any personal comments that I would request the ALAC do.

Other people were involved in the thick WHOIS process, and someone else may want to take a look at it and see if there is anything relevant. Does anyone want to volunteer to look at it? Or do we close this one?

I think we have consensus that it is closed.

ARIEL LIANG:

Thanks Alan. This is Ariel Liang for the record. And then the last public comment receiving is, continuous data driven analysis of root server system, stability, draft report. And the comment closed date is December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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ALAN GREENBERG: I think we need to at least have someone to read it. Do we have a volunteer to take responsibility on it?

HOLLY RAICHE: Now that Dev isn't here, can we volunteer him?

ALAN GREENBERG: We could. It may not be effective, we've got a lot of other people... Seun. Seun has now volunteered. Thank you. And working with John Laprise, a great combination. Thank you.

I think we're done. We have a little bit of housekeeping work.

All right fine. Close the meeting first, then do housekeeping. Olivier wants in before we do that though.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. I'm not quite sure, I think we might have missed one of these. Did we talk about the Middle East strategy one?

ARIEL LIANG: This is Ariel for the record. Thank you Olivier for catching that. In fact, that public comment has extremely short period for commenting, so it's a little bit strange. It's the Middle East and adjoining countries, 2016 to 2019 strategy. And it's supposed to

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close in 12 days, on November 17<sup>th</sup>. And it was published just a few days before.

ALAN GREENBERG: Anyone like to take responsibility for that one? We have John Laprise and Olivier? Are you volunteering or want to speak?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I would like to speak please.

ALAN GREENBERG: On that subject?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, please.

ALAN GREENBERG: Go right ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you. [FRENCH]

...particularly important. The Middle East strategy is a strategy that brings the people in the region, not only the governments, but also end users, civil society organizations, and so on, and engages them into the ICANN processes.

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It's a vitally important process that we absolutely have to support at this very moment. I would suggest that we might have a main penholder that would be of Arabic origin perhaps? I know that Mona [inaudible] is actually part of the working group, but perhaps she wouldn't be the best person because you're part of the working group yourself.

But next to her is Tijani Ben Jemaa. I'm absolutely happy to help you in writing even a short paragraph to ensure a full support for this, at this very important moment. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani is also a member of this group.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I didn't see you on the list.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I am on the list.

ALAN GREENBERG: Is there anyone else who meets the qualifications Olivier has mentioned, that is of Arabic origin, Arabic speaking? We have Vanda saying she speaks Arabic.

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Before we can continue, we could go on for... I understand. We could go on for a while. We have a very hard stop in about three minutes, for a number of different reasons, so please...

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yeah. I just want to offer some... I'm part of ALAC strategy, and I just want to offer to the group, some, any information about what is going on in our region that could help that. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Aziz. [Inaudible]. Does anyone want to speak? I've lost track at this point.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Just to follow-up with Olivier. There were two phases in this strategy. The first phase is to set up the group who will work, set up how we will work on this strategy, and we were there. Me and Tijani. In the second phase, we are not. We didn't... We are, I think, but [inaudible] ICANN do a comment on this.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you very much. And we will have John Laprise who will work with you.

I can't.

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JOHN LAPRISE: John Laprise for the record. Obviously, I don't come from the region, and I'm not a full Arabic speaker, but I'll be happy to help.

ALAN GREENBERG: You've spent more years there than some of us.

Thank you. I am calling this part of the meeting to an end. Thank you again for our tech game, and a very much to...

Olivier will speak after I close the meeting. And thank you very much to our interpreters.

Hello, I'm going to turn it over to Gisella for some housekeeping [CROSSTALK] ...what the next meetings are in the afternoon, that may be of interest to the ALAC and At-Large.

GISELLA GRUBER: Seeing the microphones don't work, they do now. At 12:45 we have our first session of, first of four, APRALO...

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