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ALAN GREENBERG: Good morning. This is ICAN58, Saturday, March 11th. The ALAC and Regional Leaders Working Session part 1.

Folks, could we please everyone take their seats? We are 15 minutes late already. Not to be rude but if you'd like to talk, please, there is a corridor outside you can do that. Thank you all.

Welcome to Copenhagen. This is the start of what looks like it's going to be another grueling week. I think we probably have more conflicts this time than many of us have seen before. I'm here for about six minutes and I'm back to GNSO PDP meeting that I have been for the last hour and will continue for the rest of the morning and Tijani and Leon in some combination will be taking over from me the rest of the morning.

We have a pretty packed week. On the hand, we also have a couple of slots that are not filled. There is a 30 minute slot this morning which may be filled with finance and budget. Do we know yet?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Not yet.

ALAN GREENBERG: We do not know. So it may well be that there is a 30-minute slot unused at this point. This schedule has been juggled so many times in the last couple of days that it's not funny at all. But if anyone has any thoughts about what we should be discussing that is not currently on the agenda, this is an opportunity on relatively short notice to raise something and might have an interesting opportunity. We don't often have a chance to simply open up a new topic that we hadn't already planned on.

Other than that, I don't have a lot to say. We're going to try to run these meetings on time. This first one has not been a really great sample of how we're going to be doing that but we are going to be trying to start on time so please do try to arrive and take your seats.

We will be, to the extent possible, finishing a few minutes early in meetings where there is a transition either of speakers or we have to go to a different room. But other than that, it's pretty well business as usual. We will be using normal timers with and without alarms based on the time available and to try to make sure everyone has an opportunity to speak.

I'd like to welcome Evan who's here for the first time. Could you stand up so people can see you? This is the voice out of the wilderness that we've been hearing and we're delighted to have you here, so thank you. I don't think we have any new people that have not been introduced before in the room. I'm I missing anyone? I don't think so.

So I think it's going to be a productive meeting. There's a lot going on. We are going to have, hopefully, some interesting discussions, among other things, on Work Stream 2 issues, on accountability. At-Large review may just be a little bit couple of things we spend a few minutes on.

I'll remind everyone the review responses. The public comment closes next week so we will certainly get our comments in. The formal ALAC At-Large working party will get its comments in but to the extent that RALOs, ALSes or individuals want to submit other comments either in support of or separate, then just keep in mind the timeframe. It's really important that we get our input in in every possible form that people are willing to do it.

I have nothing else to announce. Everyone here, I think, is pretty familiar with these meetings and I'm not going to spend a lot of time running over details. The staff will do a little bit of that as we go forward. Are there any questions or comments before I run out back to the GNSO room?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Welcome, welcome, welcome [inaudible]

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Sebastien. Gisella or Ariel as your name tag says?

GISELLA GRUBER-WHITE: Just before we do start, if I quickly may, and as Sebastien has just spoken without his microphone, I'd just like to remind everyone that we do have interpreters, that we need to say our name, speak at a reasonable speed, otherwise interpretation will not be accurate and that defeats the object of having interpretation. And please do state your names every time because we do sometimes rotate interpreters and they don't know who you are. And also especially for our remote participants, these do help so I just sat here even though I'm not Ariel because you can actually see it on the camera there. So if I could just remind everyone, thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you, Gisella. I'm told Olivier here has something to say.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Alan. I wanted to let you all know that we have some space at the ICANN booth. EURALO has space at the

ICANN booth but it really is At-Large space. We need to be present there. An empty space is not a good space. We have a signup sheet. Only a couple of people have actually signed up so far for it.

Heidi, could you let us maybe put in the chart where the signup sheet is? It's not about spending the whole day at the booth but at least in the breaks we need people there because that's when there's going to be people passing by the booth and we need to be there to basically perform outreach here.

There are quite a few people whose meeting it is the first ICANN meeting. It's in Europe. A lot of people are coming and so there's a lot of prospects not only for Europe but for all the regions of the world. There's Fellows from all over the place everywhere. So, thank you.

Heidi, there was one question which was asked of me is, "Where is the booth and how do I identify it?"

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Olivier. The booth is in the large square that is right out just in the main area and you'll see it says ICANN Information and you will see a corner. The right hand corner will be for At-Large. Just to point I'm aware that there were several fiscal year 18 requests put in for outreach activities at the IGF so this is a

really good time, I think, to start prepping for some sort of activity like that is to show that there is dedicated outreach activity here. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBURG: Sebastien?

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: As it wasn't really interpreted before, let me just repeat this. I just want to say congratulations to our friend Leon to the ICANN Board and we hope it will be the best of his three years on the Board. Thank you, Leon.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Sebastien. And thank you, everybody.

ALAN GREENBURG: All right, anyone else before I take my leave? Javier?

JAVIER RUA-JOVET: Again congratulations to Leon and also congratulations to Alan for a really well-run campaign, please. Thank you very much.

ALAN GREENBURG: Thank you. I've just been told that the 30 minutes slot that we have will not be filled by finance and budget. I will leave it up to you to fill it adequately with an interesting topic. Sorry. Sorry, Tijani. Anything further? Then I'll turn the meeting over to you and I'll see you later this afternoon. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Alan. Thank you very much, Tijani. We're going to continue with the next agenda item, which is a brief review of the At-Large activities in Copenhagen.

You have the agenda on the screen and we can walk through all the activities that the At-Large community and the ALAC will hold through this ICANN meeting in Copenhagen.

Of course we're opening with this session. We have had a previous session on the Cross-Community Committee on accessibility that was held just a couple of hours before this meeting and afterwards we're going to have the regular ALAC and Regional Leaderships Working Session that says—it says here it's part 2 because this is part 1 so we will continue on that trend.

There are some policy issues to be discussed and of course Ariel will walk us through those policy issues when the time comes, and we will also be hosting some of the Global Stakeholder

Engagement Team. Sally Costerton will be coming to us and we will also have a discussion with our current Board member Rinalia Abdul Rahim on our Working Session Part 2.

After that we will have our third part of the Regional Leadership and ALAC Working Session. We will have a prep session for this third part. It will comprise of a prep session for our ALAC meeting with the Board and the GAC. As you know, we will be holding meetings with both members of the ICANN community, both the Board and the GAC, and we will also be reviewing the At-Large mailing list.

Then after a coffee break, we will have our part 4 of the Working Sessions from the ALAC and the Regional Leaders, and in this part of the agenda we will be speaking about capacity building with Tijani and the At-Large Evolution Subgroup. I hope Alan will be with us by that time. If not, of course I believe Olivier could take that place and lead us through the work that this group has been developing.

We will also have a section for the Technology Taskforce and Outreach and Engagement, and of course we will be also speaking about Public Interest with Wolf Ludwig and we will be reviewing the activities of the ICANN Academy with Sandra Hoferichter.

And finally for this day, we'll have the Public Interest Working Group and we will have a session with Wolf on the aim of the meeting of this group.

Tomorrow which is, for those who are listening to the recordings at some point in the future, tomorrow which is Sunday we will have also some activities. We will be continuing the ALAC and Regional Leaders work. We will have a discussion with Larisa Gurnick and Lars Hoffmann. This is something that I think will be quite interesting for many of us, especially for those who have been working on the ICANN At-Large Review Team and the ICANN At-Large Review Working Party and I guess that it is important for us to, of course, get ready and prepare for that meeting because hopefully we will continue to discussing the scope of the review on how we have been trying to address the recommendations that this report is suggesting.

I see that Holly is already eager to speak on it so, Holly, could you please take the floor?

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes. At this stage, the drafts that have been available on the Working Party wiki have that will be unfrozen. Maureen is leading a team of sort of redrafting to go through. I must say, first of all, thank you everyone who has contributed. It's been really, really valuable to hear from all of you.

Going through those comments, working through them to make sure that we've covered everything that everybody says, I have drafted an introduction. Maureen's face looked very blank when I told her so I suspect I'll have to re-circulate that. But we've got two documents to work with.

One is the ALAC response and that was what Alan largely drafted. It includes, obviously, the direct responses to the recommendations but then a lot of other material as well. Importantly though we also have a response from the RALOs and it's important for two reasons. One, just other voices to be heard but also there was some of the feeling that was in the review which is there are just a few of us who speak for everybody, which is, as all of you know, not true. But having the RALOs actually contribute a separate document really stresses the fact that actually all of us are speaking with many voices not just one.

So what Maureen and a few others are doing is pooling all that together to make it look like a really good document. I will be working with her as well as some other people so that by the time of tomorrow I'll have a better grasp on the sort of things that we'll be saying.

And there are three meetings apart from the meetings of the Drafting Team. There is a Sunday meeting where we will be

talking with ITEMS. That will be a good opportunity for people to probably not rehearse what we have already said but to, I think, listen to them and think and ask not only why did they make the recommendation they did but get a bit of background so we can have a more fulsome response.

That Sunday, Tuesday is our meeting amongst ourselves to finalize or come very close to finalizing a draft and we'll be working hard to have something for everybody to look at. And then there will be also a working session—and I think it's Wednesday. Anyway, tomorrow I'll have the dates at hand— where it's a public meeting and this will allow the whole of the ICANN community to—it's probably their last opportunity to comment. Once that's done, then clearly ITEMS is going to go back to deal with all the comments they will have received, including ours and then there's a series of events that will have to happen after that but the next stage will be the close of the public comment and their final report but our final opportunity to have a look at that report. So that's where we're up to. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Holly. I see that Olivier and Seun have their cards up so Olivier… Okay, Seun will be first. Seun?

SEUN OJEDEJI:	Thank you, Olivier, for giving me your slot. Just a quick question only, is there a timeline on when you expect the input for the RALOs to come in? Because for AFRALO we actually have a statement so I don't know. Would we have to extract from that statement into the document or would you be fine if we just submit our statement to you instead of having to extract them again? Thank you.
HOLLY RAICHE:	I'm going to let Olivier talk because he's been the organizer of that. Clearly we will be liaising with Olivier in terms of the RALOs statement so I think I'll let him talk first about his timeline.
OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:	Thanks very much, Holly. On the topic of the At-Large review, indeed there are two documents. The RALO leaders have worked on the first draft of a document and then shared it with their At-Large structures, each one in their own RALO and we've received a lot of input from a lot of different people.
	What I've done is to yesterday freeze the document, take all of the input that's been put there and produce a second statement. It's not completely finished yet but I guess by the end of the day I'll have it ready.

I have noticed that several RALOs are having a general assembly here or at least are having a RALO meeting here. If it's not a general Assembly it's just a meeting and they all point to the document which was with the ALAC document, the ALAC working document. I will inform them to also point to a new RALO document as well so they can look at both of these.

The aim is to have two documents indeed submitted to the consultation. The documents will not duplicate each other because the RALOs will look purely on a RALO perspective and I understand that some points that the RALOs have been making are being integrated into the ALAC statement but the ALAC statement has much wider, broader set of issues that it's bringing to the table.

The hope is that once the RALOs have really agreed on their document, they can then ask their members, through whatever means they have and whatever internal methods they have, to ask their members to support that. So we actually have support from At-Large Structures and we therefore show that this is not just like the leadership patting itself on the back going, "Oh, aren't we doing well," but rather the At-Large structure is saying, "Well, we think that this is good. This is not good," and have a very objective way of showing that there is involvement from the community and from our members.

And forgive me for saying At-Large Structures. I also know there are lots of individual members as well now in many RALOs and the individual members, I'm glad to say, have taken part and have filled these answers. So, yes, hopefully we'll have this ready by the time the meetings of the different RALOs take place and by the end of this meeting we should have a document that's then also ready for moving forward.

Something which hasn't been mentioned is that there is a meeting of the people responsible for each one of the… so the ALAC response and the RALO response that will take place toward the end of this meeting so we can coordinate things and then send these out. So we can polish it up and make sure that it's all nice and proper.

I wanted to touch on another issue but let me just let you finish on the At-Large review and then I wanted to bring attention to something else. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Olivier. I see Aziz and then Javier. I'm sorry, Tijani were you before Aziz? No? Okay, so then it's Aziz, Tijani, and Javier and then Alberto. So Aziz?

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Leon. Yes, I would like after what Seun said with phone conference, the monthly one, monthly teleconference about At-Large review and [inaudible], our members are preoccupied by some of the proposals coming from the ITEMS office. And this is not a review but really changing everything about ALAC so we want to use the AFRALO meeting where we talked about our area Africa. We're going to talk only about this review and I would like to have the RALO present to that meeting on Wednesday, the AFRALO meeting. I would like to propose that the other RALOs study those issues as well and just like Olivier said, at the end we could have a statement by all the RALOs regarding this review because I'm sure that some points raised by RALOs are going to be the same. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Aziz, for reminding us of this meeting as Olivier has said also. Of course it's very important for all RALOs to coordinate and to attend this meeting. Next on the queue I have Tijani then Javier and then Alberto. So, Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. Since you have your right phone, I will continue in French. I'd like to speak about what Aziz said and I want to tell you that there is the consultation that we made during the teleconference this month, but also there is a

statement that we prepared, as Aziz said, and this statement has been sent to the list and we are waiting for the ALSes feedback.

This consultation is very broad and, Olivier, I think that all the issues are about the RALOs. I think we won't have two different opinions but I have a request. I want to ask you to make a lot of comments. One comment for each RALO is not enough. One comment for ALAC is not enough. Each individual member must make a comment. Each RALO if you have comments, make those comments. And for ALAC it is the same. We need a lot of comments. The more comments we have, the better it is for the public comment period because, as you know, public comment period, there are a lot of comments that will have some weight and if we have a lot of comments saying the same, it will have more weight than if we have only one comment.

LEON SANCHEZ: Next on the queue I have Javier Rua-Jovet. Javier?

JAVIER RUA-JOVET: Just on the ALAC response to the ITEMS report, when we were starting our works here, I just want to keep in mind I think there's good writing in the ALAC response. I think we should endeavor to keep on working on it and to… I think there's a natural emotional reaction in that draft response, which I

completely understand and I understand it and I think it's reasonable. But I think we should endeavor as much as possible to keep on cleaning it up and take away as much emotion out of the document so it's really, really just… The data speaks for itself. I think the numbers speak for themselves. There's very good data in there so that counters some of the premises of the report.

So just for all of us to keep in mind that when we look at these documents again, try to have a keen eye, a keen mind and pinpoint language that might be read as too emotional from a third party because it might take away from the good points that are being made. And also good points that are being made even in the ITEMS report and there's good things there so even some of the things that we accept as good suggestions in the report, we also kind of say, "We're doing that already," which is true, but I think we can look at that language and make it a bit less—I don't know if adversarial is the word but it's a tip that I'm giving myself but I'm sharing it with everybody so that when we look at this again—I've seen it. I've read it several times. I think it's good but when we read it again let's just try to take a step back so that it's the best possible response. Thank you very much.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you, Javier. I am closing the queue with Holly because we need to move on the agenda. Yes, I know. I'm just closing the queue with Holly but we still have Alberto and then we have Sebastien, Satish, Olivier, and Holly. So just to let you know that after Holly we're closing the queue.

Could I please ask staff to have that as an action item what Javier was saying? Let's review what we have written, what we have all contributed to the ALAC response and let's take out the emotion out of that document and make it a pretty sharp and objective contribution.

Next on the queue I have Alberto.

HOLLY RAICHE: Before Alberto, first of all I'm glad you took up Javier's point of view. I wanted to stress that that's really very important. There are really, really good points to make and there is a constructive way forward. I think it's really important that that's what we do.

In terms of what Tijani said, I think the whole reason that… and it was Olivier's suggestion originally and I certainly am very grateful to him for it, which is to have a RALO response as well as an ALAC response. Now, if anybody wants to make any other responses, that's fine, but I think the fact that we have an ALAC response as well as five RALOs is important and it will give

credibility to the fact that it's more than just a few old hands writing this report. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you, Holly. Alberto?

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you. I fully agree with removing emotional feelings in this analysis and let's take into account that the ALAC response has to be on recommendations so I would kindly suggest to ask people to urge people in our RALOs to do this because the comments that will be issued before the 21st should be referred to the documents issued by ITEMS. Why? Because I believe that if we take emotional feelings out of these, there are certain things that should be highlighted because they are wrong things or because they're not correct. So I believe that in this case we are responsible for saying, "This is okay. This is not okay," or, "This is not that good." We have to pay attention to that. We have to highlight in that report. Not in the reading of the recommendations but when it comes to the report, we have to identify the things that are wrong and we have to take emotions away from this. But we need to do this because we have the responsibility of doing it. This is a review and I don't know if there is any decision taken but if that is the case, we have to record that. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you, Alberto. Decisions are not taken already. This is a report that includes recommendations by the Review Team. However, there is a process to be taken into account. There is an ongoing process and people in charge of reviewing and assessing recommendations will make the decisions accordingly. That's why it's important that during this discussion we may create constructive comments.

And I do agree with you. We have to remove emotions from here but we also have to be very sharp in pointing out different things.

Next on the queue I believe I have Satish and then Sebastien and then Olivier. Satish?

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Leon. I would like to first of all agree with the two response proposal that is one ALAC set of responses and one from RALOs. One of the not so minor issues that I see with the RALO response is that the RALO responses actually represent a very large number of individuals and organizations and Tijani was pointing out that the numbers at some point become also important.

Now by putting out a single statement representing all of the responses, the quantitative element is lost. I was wondering if there's any way to capture the numbers of responses from which this is distilled out the RALO statements so that the numbers are also clear to whoever is reading it. It's not just one person or a small group which has composed it. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ:	Thank you very much, Satish. I have now Sebastien Bachollet.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:	Thank you. I'm going to speak in French. There are several issues that they want to address for us. If there are several answers, there is no need for these answers to be all in English. The answer of a public comment in ICANN can be received in different languages, the languages of ICANN, so it's not a problem. And this language will be translated during the meeting so it is an important issue here.

The second item, I'm not sure… Okay, the numbers are important but because if they say 90% of the people who answer were saying the same level, coming from the same place, they want to defend their situation, it's always difficult the question of the number of people. We need a lot of people but we don't need to repeat the same all the time.

The last issue I wanted to address is the link which was posted named At-Large workbase. If it's an At-Large work space, why don't we have the two links, one with the answers of the RALOs on which the RALOs are working? Or it is an ALAC work space? Well, there is a problem of the use of the wiki and the simplicity of the use because if you want to find some information, I have a link, there is one document, where is the other document? What are we speaking about? I have a lot of questions and doubts about that.

I think it's becoming difficult to follow and difficult to understand so we need to act here to make it easier for all the ALAC and At-Large members to know where they can find the information on this page and the answer or the ITEMS answer.

LEON SANCHEZ: It is important to highlight what you said about the languages of the documents. At least at the LACRALO level we have been producing documents both in Spanish and English and I believe that it is important to have the different ALSes to express themselves in the language that they consider best as a means for expressing themselves.

In regard to coordinating the different input to the different documents, I believe that it is also important that we circulate the URLs for each of the documents as wide as possible so we

can have them handy and we can provide input to each of the documents as we see fit. Tijani, did you have a direct follow-up to Sebastien's point? So please?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Leon. I will continue in French for Sebastien. Sebastien, I don't like to disagree with you but my experience in ICANN is that every time we have topics that interest some people, when these people come to the public comment, they say all the same and there is not one person saying something different and nobody criticizes them for that.

I am in two subgroups of CCWG and ICANN Accountability and when there are important topics for us, we are some people and when there is an important topic, a lot of people come. They invite their friend to come and to give the same opinion so we have a wait in the decision taking.

So I propose that we had an action item for each group, for each person, for each ALS or RALO who wants to make a comment – they have to make that comment – and it will be added to the comments made by the RALO and by ALAC. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Tijani. Next on the queue is Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Leon. I think that Holly might wish to continue speaking about the same topic. I want to talk about something else so maybe Holly could go?

LEON SANCHEZ: Okay, Holly, do you want to?

HOLLY RAICHE: Not really. I'll just be making notes as people talk.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Can I?

LEON SANCHEZ: Thanks. Yes, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. Holly, I'll take over your space.

LEON SANCHEZ: Okay, could those in the room take their places as soon as convenient? Tijani has informed me that we still have some time left until we host Sally Costerton and her team, so let's continue to break.

I think it would be useful to use this time to discuss the issue that you were telling us about the ccNSO so, Andre, if you could remind us of that and maybe Maureen could lead the discussion. Maureen could you kindly share with us?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Leon. Not so very long ago I raised with the ALAC that we should address an issue that the ccNSO have. Is Julie…?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: She didn't know that we were going meet. She's off to the SA.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, okay, okay. Oh, good, we can talk about it while she's not here. The SSAC and the ccNSO have been having a little issue over the EPSRP. Please don't ask me what it means. Andre will tell you.

ANDRE: Okay. It's Extended Process Similarity Review Panel. So when the first panel finds that there is a similarity, the process says you're supposed to have a second panel to resolve the issue.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Similarity with what?

ANDRE: Similarity in the top-level strings.

MAUREEN HILYARD: IDNs.

ANDRE: I would name a few like car and cars, channel and channels.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes. The IDNs as well, yes, true. So there was this discussion about the similarities and the one issue that came up was the fact that they said that when it was a capital letter, there was confusion or something?

ANDRE: Okay, let me continue. The scripts, non-latent scripts, the letters are similar like Russian R is English P, for example, or Greek alpha is similar to A, etc., etc. In particular in the Greek character and the Cyrillic character, there are a lot of similarities and it also depends on which case are you using, upper case or lower case. In the lower case a letter may look different but if you use caps, you may end up with a similar looking TLD, the top-level string. And so the issue is that in order to avoid the confusion of

the end users, things like phishing and confusing names, it was decided to… So the panel can make —

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