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SATISH BABU: So, it's 8:30 now. Good morning everybody. We will have to wait for a minute or so for the rest of us to turn up.

Okay. I've been informed by staff that we positively have to end this meeting at 9:30 and clear out of this hall because there is another meeting and also we have the meeting with the Board. So, we will then get started right away.

Good morning, and good afternoon, good evening to anybody who is joining us online. This is the monthly meeting of APRALO. Today is the 13<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017. Can we have the agenda on the screen please?

So, we only have one screen, so we have a little bit of [inaudible]. So, I'd like to welcome everybody to, both people who present here physically and those online, to this meeting.

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As I said, we are very short of time, so when you speak out, please limit your interventions to two minutes or less.

We normally start with a welcome to new members, but this time, this month, we do not have any new members, so we will skip that agenda item, and straight away, go to agenda item number three, which is a review, At-Large review update. I will request Holly to start, and then I will follow.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Thank you Satish. Holly for the record. Where we're up to right now, today, later in the day, there will be a meeting of the review working party. Maureen has done a very excellent job of editing what was a lot of work put in by Alan. So, we have a really a second draft to work with. The other part of our response is the RALO response. That's in the hands of Olivier, and he assured me yesterday that there will be fairly complete.

We will be working as a drafting team on Wednesday. Now, the reason why we're doing that Wednesday, as a drafting team, would be we will be incorporating everything that we've heard from the working party today, but as many of you are aware, there will be a public session with the ITEMS team.

And we would like the opportunity to listen to any of the comments made so that we can incorporate those responses in

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our response. By the end of Wednesday evening, what we would expect is we would have something very close to a couple of final products. We are submitting two documents, one will be the ALAC response, and you will have seen many drafts.

Maureen will be circulating the excellent work that she has done, that was done in response for a meeting two days ago. And listening to other people, and listening to some additional instructions. At the moment, Olivier is finalizing the response from them, last response to come in was from AFRALO, yesterday's AFRALO meeting.

So, we will be putting those together, to make sure not as one document, but to set them side by side and make sure they don't contradict each other. So, the drafting will occur on Wednesday evening after all of this has occurred. And what we would expect is by the time all of us have left Copenhagen, we will have a draft, in order.

Now, there is still obviously some final editing, but we want to make sure that everyone has a final opportunity to have a look at both documents, and to make any last minute sort of contributions before the final draft will simply be editing both documents, and then submitting them. The submission date is the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, okay?

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SATISH BABU:

Thank you [inaudible]. I'd like to supplement that with the process that was followed by the five RALOs, for their set of comments, which are slightly, from a slightly different perspective. Basically from the grassroots, from the point of view of individual members and the At-Large structures. So, the process followed was after we had a couple of meetings, at the level of the RALO leaders.

And we open the document in which the RALO leaders initially followed by the community, submitted their comments. And most of these comments are specifically from the perspective of how the proposed recommendations would impact the At-Large structures, and the RALOs.

That process has now been completed. And in APRALO, we had put out a community call for comments from everybody concerned in the community. And we did receive comments, and I'm thankful for everybody who has taken the time off to read, and to comment. So, those comments have now been incorporated and the document that Holly was referring to, that Oliver is presently preparing, will summarize all the comments received.

And that document will be ready, it's not ready as of today. It will be ready by tomorrow. The comment period, however, is

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open until, I think, 24<sup>th</sup>. So, we do have some more time in case anyone wants to add on a few more comments.

Now, the RALO document will be, is being edited by Olivier, and he will decide whether any comments received after this date needs to be incorporated or not, but the option still exists. Are there any questions or comments on the At-Large review?

Sorry, didn't see that. Please, go ahead.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Yeah, I would just caution against putting in too many late comments, because really, we should be at the stage, 25<sup>th</sup> of March is not that far away. We should be at the stage now where all the tasks left to do is a final editing and draft, and if people have substantive comments, that they have not already made, it's almost too late to make them now.

I would urge everyone to make them as soon as possible, today, even tomorrow. But we were going to have an editing team on Wednesday. And it's going to be very difficult to incorporate comments, substantive comments or opinions after we started to work on a final draft, or a semi-final draft. And I think Cheryl also has her hand up, thank you.

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CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Holly. Thank you, Satish. Cheryl Langdon-Orr for the record. Just on that, yes, it's getting too close to the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> hour, to expect substantive comments to come in and be changed, the group contributions. But I need to remind you all, there is nothing stopping individual contributions and comments.

So, if you have something substantive, or your At-Large structure has something substantive to say, put in an individual response. That, of course, is perfectly within your control. So, it's not as if you don't have an opportunity, you have a different form of opportunity available.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Cheryl. Satish again. That's absolutely correct. The opportunity for commenting as individuals is still open until the 24<sup>th</sup>. So please, make use of this if you have any substantive comments. Seeing no more for the responses, we move on to agenda item number four, which is the regular ALAC policy update.

Holly, or Maureen, or Kaili to tell us, update us with any of the policy matters.

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MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Satish. Maureen for the record. From what I see there are actually sort of like two key areas that, we've already had an update from Holly with regards to the At-Large review. And I think that the other two was the SO AC accountability, and I wondered if you might be able to give us an update on that, Ms. Langdon-Orr?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Ms. Langdon-Orr is more than happy to do that, Ms. Hilyard. Good heavens above, I feel like I've walked in an UN meeting. No, I think what's important for us as a region to understand, is that as a result of Friday's meeting with the cross community working group on work stream two accountability matters, we have nine topics, which I don't need to go through, you've heard it all before, one of which is particularly important to us, not just to me as one of the co-rapporteurs, but to us because it is the accountable of the support organizations and advisory committees.

And whilst the recommendations on best practices will be going to the ALAC, one would expect that the best possible option for a RALO is to have very similar best practices. So, we need to watch that space and look towards making sure we meet those top class criteria. That said, we also established on Friday, that the way the work stream two work is going to be handled, is as

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each of the topics comes to conclusion, now, in the case of the accountability of the SOs and the ACs, on Friday, we had our first reading with the full group of our final report.

So, we are not far from a report so complete, that it will be going out for public comment. We discussed how that was going to be managed with all nine topics, and this is what was agreed. As each topic, as each work stream comes to a completion point, that piece of work will go out for public comment, and then that public comment will be dealt with in a proper way for it to be dealt with, right?

It will then, possibly in batches, go to the SOs and ACs as chartering organizations, to say, this is what it looks like now that it has been through one public comment. And at the end of the process, think of it as binding some volumes of different chapters together, the CCWG will also have a single product, which is the bound version of all of these work pieces.

Why is that important? Excuse me. It's important because they very well could be right up at that 11<sup>th</sup> hour, we may find that there is interdependencies that we need to make some changes for. There may be even new material that we need to consider. But it's the interdependencies that we've cross-checked at the end. What that means is, there is going to be at least nine pieces of response, that we will have an opportunity, not a



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requirement, an opportunity to do, but obviously, the one on accountability for the SOs and ACs, we really should be responding to.

You may also want to respond to some of the other nine, and perhaps at one of your next meetings, Satish, you might consider looking at the priorities of which topics you think, as a group, you're likely to be interested in. If that's a list you can manage, then the cross community working group, and the rapporteurs of those topics, I'm sure will be happy to provide briefings and materials to help us bring up the community's understanding before those deadlines of public comment. Thank you, Maureen.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Cheryl. I would like to ask if there is any clarity on the timeline for these things?

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MAUREEN HILYARD:

...where hundreds of companies sort of like apply to incorporate new gTLDs into the root zone. And by what was identified within that process, was the fact, was in fact, a whole lot of issues that had not been fully explored before they went through that particular process. And so, what's happening now is that there

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is actually a PDP working group working on getting some feedback from the community across the way, about some of the, you know, any changes or adjustments that might be made to the actual process.

And they've sort of like grouped them under various sort of like subject headings, and these are all... If you check on the, in the policy section, the areas in which being covered, you know, that you might want to comment on, listed there. Did you want to say something? Okay.

I'll just let Cheryl have some input into this.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you, Maureen. Thank you, Satish. The reason Cheryl would like to have some input into this, is Cheryl is also a part of the leadership team for that activity. And I would like to remind you all that this is a longer term PDP process, so this is one with, unlike the work stream two activities, which have hopefully coming to an end and everything will be completed a little after the end of the calendar year, this is one where you and your members can get involved.

So, this is, have a look at that work, it is open, you should be encouraging people to get involved, and of the four particular work tracks that we're running on, I am particularly biased,

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obviously, because I am co-chairing this section, but it's one that we should be interested in, because it's IDNs and technical issues.

So, let's make sure that I'm not the only Asian voice in that group. Okay? So, there is lots of work to be done. Reuben is my co-lead on that topic. We refer to it as the less sexy subject, because everyone is interested about string contention, and you know, all of those exciting things, and of course, the technical is vitally important, but it also covers some of the checks.

It covers the technical background checks, the financial background checks. A lot of the hoops that applicants for new gTLDs need to go through. So, have a look, again, perhaps at your next meeting, and see if we can encourage some greater engagement. This one is an engagement opportunity. But, we are going to publish, we've put it out in soft form for the cross community, sorry, for the PDP working group just before this meeting.

Shortly after this meeting, what we call CC 2 will be out, and that's not actually a public comment, it's a community set of questions. And again, the ALAC will be asked to respond, but it's something that RALOs should consider. It is quite a task. We are talking a large number of questions, and you need to plan and maybe partition that work, if you're going to be responding to it.

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SATISH BABU: Please be brief.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I just wanted to sort of like mention that, in fact, what Kaili is going to introduce is very much related to the whole gTLD.

KAILI KAN: Thank you, Maureen. Yeah, well I, on behalf of ALAC, Carlton, and myself we are on the CCTRT team, and as a matter of fact, are representing ALAC, we have only two people while the other sides of the ICANN have much more.

But anyway, as a multistakeholder model, as well as this team that each party will try their best to get what they want, and there is no guarantee that you'll get everything you want. And that is exactly the CCTRT report. Now, the preliminary drafting is open for comment since March 7<sup>th</sup>, and will be closing on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

So, right now, all of our community to actively participate in the policy making process, especially this CCTRT report, will be feeding into the PDP development. And well, to a large extent, affect the next round of new gTLDs. We need to be aware of, before 2012, there were only like 20, 30 something gTLDs.

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However, after the last, 2012, the new gTLD program, now, there is over 1,000. On the one hand, it greatly increases the end users and registrants choices for domain names. However, on the other hand, especially looking from the end user's point of view, it has brought some costs, some drawbacks as well.

During the process of this, sorry, CTRT review, the two issues popped up as the most alarming. One is of the parking domains. Over the last years, of course, there have been millions and millions of new registrations, however, the recent data, the latest data shows that for legacy gTLDs, over 50% of those new registries, of the entire registration are parked.

That means, that we resolved at least not for regular legitimate internet usage applications. While for the new gTLDs, over 60% of the entire registration are parked, who does not being used for legitimate internet applications. And also, research in the literature has shown that among the parked domain names, a much, much higher percentage are being used for abusive usages, spam, money laundering, online cheating, whatever.

You name it, most of them among these parked domain names. So, this has raised a concern, especially for our At-Large community, representing the end users interest. So, what extent this is harmful? Not only for the end users, but also for the entire ICANN operation, whether it makes...

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Obviously, this will make ICANN much less trustworthy, okay? So, this is one issue. And also, another issue is about brand name protection. So, we've observed that there are some brand new owners who are very concern about their brand news being early registered by somebody for various reasons, and some kind of even hijacking, or blackmailing reasons, and demanding a high price and so forth.

So, although it's not as serious as feared by say, like some of the people in the business constituency, however, it's also observed that quite a number of brand name owners had registered over 100. And the largest one is even over 400. So, anyway, among the over 50 recommendations that CCRT has come up with, 18 of them had been listed as the prerequisites to be resolved before the next round of new gTLDs.

And this, the At-Large part, is representing are end users interests and point of views. So, that is a very brief situation of the current state of CCTRT. It is the final report is expected to be published in, somewhere around in July, but right now, it is a commenting period, and I would highly encourage our community to provide feedback in this very important policy making process. Thank you.

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SATISH BABU: Thank you, Kaili, and Cheryl, and Maureen for this very important update. I'd like to stress the importance of the IDNs, as Cheryl has mentioned, we have Dawn here, who is chairing our UA initiative. So, just for the interest of everybody, Dawn will be providing a 10 minute presentation in the next APRALO call on the user acceptance initiative, so that we're aware of this.

So, we now move on. Are there any comments on the policy? Any questions or comments?

HOLLY RAICHE: Just a reminder, I will be presenting at 1:45 in the room next door, giving the background to the whole WHOIS RDS work group. And I will be having with me, as a speaker, a guy named Andrew Sullivan who is chair of the IAB. I mean, this is like Mr. Technical Internet. So, explaining what the issues are, particularly the privacy issues, where we're up to, and what I'm hoping is that anybody who is interested in the topic, and I hope there are many of you, will be able to participate in that working group.

So, I hope I see a lot of you at 1:45. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Holly. Satish again. So, we'll now move on, not seeing any other responses, we'll move on to the next agenda

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item, which is number five, open leadership positions in APRALO. Now, every year, we have a process of electing our leaders for those positions which are vacant.

So, I've been informed by staff just now, that the process... So, this is a preliminary announcement. This is not to get into the mechanics of the actual process of identification. This is just a heads up that we're going to start this process. I've been informed that this has to be synchronized with the rest of the RALOs, and the earliest we can start is April, and we will probably finish by May or so.

So, there are actually three positions opened, [inaudible] these are the 2019 NomCom, we have Amil here, who has been on the NomCom for the last two years. He's been doing an excellent job. Unfortunately, he is term-limited this time, so we will have to identify a person for the NomCom.

Now, NomCom, generally speaking NomCom always prefers people with experience, because this is a sensitive kind of job, but we have been kind of having a compilation of experience and, you know, fairly new but to kind of promising people for this position.

We will get into the actual process, the website which will be opened. I think the page has already been opened for these



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positions. We'll outline the desirable traits of these positions for the candidates. The second position is the APRALO vice-chair.

Now, the vice-chair position has been vacant since I moved up to the chair. So, it's time to fill the vice-chair. We had a discussion on this at Hyderabad, and the basic kind of a consensus arrived at that point was that we have a mentoring program, which may be able to fit into this leadership selection. Therefore, they would like to get the mentoring program to either completion, or you know, mostly done kind of a state so that we can consider recruiting leaders from that stream.

Of course, we don't want to restrict it to any particular single stream. These are open positions for the whole community. The third seat that will be, again, following will be the ALAC position, the APRALO position to elect. As is the case, we have alternating... Every year, there is one slot which appears.

Now, in general, APRALO has preferred to go by consensus on most of these positions, that is by acclamation. We prefer not to do elections, if possible. Now, of course, if it comes to, again, we will not be stopping if somebody steps up and says, look, I would like to also contest, at which point, we like to think of what to do in that case. But in general, we prefer to avoid election and go for consensus.

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So, that is in very brief. And the present situation of the leadership positions, I see Cheryl, anybody else would like to comment? Cheryl, please go ahead.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Satish. And I just want to make sure that we manage expectations with one of those positions you've outlined, and that's the one that Amir has been serving in the capacity for the last two years. We need to remind the regional At-Large organizations constantly, I've certainly been doing it since about 2009, that in fact, they do not select. So, any electoral or selection process we go through, is no guarantee, at all, that anyone that we put forward to the ALAC, will be appointed.

Nominating Committee is ALAC's appointments, and ALAC appoints from the region, geographically. They do not have to appoint from the RALOs, and they don't, certainly, and have not in the past, need to accept the recommendation or recommendations that you come up with in your process.

So, I just want to make sure that we manage expectations. So, you can put three names through. You can put five names through, you can put one name through, they are recommendations, which the ALAC can choose to ignore, and it's really important, let's hope they don't, but it's really important

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that we, whoever puts themselves forward understands that.  
That's all.

SATISH BABU: That's absolutely correct. Thanks Cheryl for pointing that out. Satish again. In fact, when I went into the NomCom, the APRALO had recommended two names, and the ALAC rejected both of them, and asked me to come in, completely from outside. And therefore, it's ALAC completely elects kind of position, and we can only recommend one name or two names.

So, are there any other comments or questions? Seeing none, we will move on. Sorry.

AMIR: There will be another position vacant, it should be filled by the NomCom, for the APRALO.

SATISH BABU: So, what Amir was referring to was the ALAC, the NomCom appointee representing the region in ALAC, which is not [inaudible] kind of headache. I mean, it does the NomCom's work, and we're doing it. Thanks for pointing that out, because this year, there is a vacancy there, for the position that Kaili is...

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Of course, Kaili is very valuable to us, and we hope that he continues.

Right. So, moving on, we now get to the agenda item number six, which is a few organizational matters. The first is regarding the APRALO alias and member database update process. Now, this has been something that we've been trying to work on, we've been working on for several months now, but we seem to have achieved a limited kind of results. We are not able to get a response to some of our RALOs, and we had already announced that the General Assembly, which is coming up in Abu Dhabi in October, the individual ALS will only get invited if they are active.

Now, one of the signs of activity is the fact that they're able to respond to our request, they're able to provide us with information. So, I would like to, very clearly, kind of announce that any RALO which is uncontactable, incommunicable, stands the risk of not getting invited for the General Assembly.

So, it is time that we made this very clear. So, we would be sending out one more round of requests for, to all of the... Now, there is a possibility that some of the contacts are now changed, and we're not targeting the right person. So, what I'll do is I'll try to speak to the individual's concern to Skype or some other means, if they're able to respond to an email form me personally, and we'll see what we can do.

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So, in all of the cases, we expect the ALSes to get back to us. The second point is regarding unaffiliated individual members. So, thanks to the people who worked on the [ROP?], we had decided early on that we would admit individual members. The decision, the policy decision was already made, but there are some kind of mechanics of its implementation that kind of pose some questions for the leadership team.

Now, unlike ALSes which are institutions, normally with some kind of registration and some kind of existence in a legal sense, individuals are much more kind of mobile, and we have, we may not [inaudible] them before we give them kind of membership status in APRALO. At the same time, we didn't want to clear barriers for entry.

We have to ensure that the ordinary end user can participate in APRALO if he or she desired to do so. So, to balance these two, currently we have a very, what shall I say? A thin process, meaning very light weight process of admission. An individual member applies through staff, typically, and Silvia sends the person the minimum qualifications according to [ROP]. [ROP] [inaudible], and the person has to accede or agree to that, and that's it.

We give him or her membership. So, some of our leadership team members felt that we should be a little more discerning,

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we should be a little more about information about its members before we grant them admission. At the same time, without making a huge issue. So, for that reason, we have... Now, the other things is that the At-Large review is happening, and possibly there will be changes to the way the whole of At-Large elect the RALOs, their functioning and structure both.

Now, this is therefore not a good time to revise our [ROP] without knowing what the changes that are going to come through that process. So, we do not want a wholesale version of our [ROPs] at this point, we would rather wait for the At-Large review to be completed before that. Instead, we would like to have a very minimal form, that each of the applicants have to fill-in, that will come to us.

And will give us some more information about the individual concerned. So, this is the reason why we have now the document. I don't see the document attached, but it will be attached.

Maybe I'll refresh. So, the document is available online, actually you can click on the agenda item, and you can download the proposed, I mean, the draft form. Please go through it. If there is anything that you wish to be added to it, or removed, please let us know so that we can finalize it.

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If you would like for the community to be in the loop, as far as this is concerned. Maureen, did you want to add on to anything? This work has been done by Maureen and me, jointly.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Satish. Maureen for the record. I just like to highlight that's actually one of our individual members, Justine [inaudible] is on the call at the moment, and I would like to thank her for initiating actually this change in our, in what we are asking for, for our individual members, because one of the things that Justine had actually included into her information, her individual membership information was a LinkedIn reference, which was really great because it gave us an understanding of how much she actually had been involved in ICANN before she became an individual member.

And for us, that was really both interesting and helpful. So, thank you, Justine.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Maureen. Satish again. So, please... So, now Silvia tells me she will putting this on the page for comments. So, please go and post your comments on the Wiki page so that we can consider them while finalizing this.

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We move on to item number 613, which is the General Assembly. The General Assembly is fairly serious business. We already had a meeting yesterday, a preliminary planning meeting, partly because it is not just the, just as involved, all of the ALSes are going to be present physically. There are a lot of logistical challenges there, plus the program has to be finalized and fixed.

Plus, the Abu Dhabi program also, even also will have outreach and in-reach, both, and capacity building. It calls for quite a bit of planning from the side of the leadership team, and we would like to invite community participation in the whole planning process. We proposed to set up full committees. There is a program committee, which will look after the sequence of events there. The GA. We haven't even decided whether the GA is going to be one day, or half day, or spread over multiple days.

We are looking, yesterday we raised this in the RALO chairs meeting. So, we are now NARALO, Glenn is here, Glenn is organizing in a couple of weeks' time, their GA. Subsequently, AFRALO is going to organize it in [inaudible]. So, we will be getting some pointers from them. So, the program committee is going to actually look at the actual program. The organizing committee, which will do the logistics, the finance committee, which will do the fundraising, and do all of the planning financially.



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And the outreach committee, which will look at the ALSes and contacting them and bringing them. Now, of course, Ali is the man on the spot, and he's going to be leading us, many of these initiatives. Ali would you like to add on anything at this point?

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thank you, Satish. This is Ali AlMeshal for the record. You have covered the brief points that we have discussed. As you said, we are still in the initial stage, and a lot of contacts are happening during our meetings as well, just to finalize the top lines, or the general guidelines on what we are doing.

So, at this stage, maybe we can just call for whoever is interested to join, once we finalize the subgroups, so they come back to this.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Ali. So, I request staff to create some kind of a process, where people can volunteer for these committees, or groups, or working groups, or whatever we want to call them. So, I would like to request the community members to please volunteer for these groups, depending on your choice.

That this the program, organizing, finance, and outreach. And within... We're planning to have monthly calls, perhaps from the next month onwards, for these groups, and then also for the

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overall group. These four groups are going to be chaired by the leadership team members, but we want the volunteers to be a part of that.

Are there any questions or comments on any of these organizational matters?

So, not seeing any comments, we will move on to the next item, item number seven, which is the APRALO mentorship program. I request Ali to talk to us about it.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thanks Satish. This is Ali for the record. A brief update about last survey that we had sent [inaudible] that last time, we couldn't cover clearly because it was just one day before our call, and going through the details of our responses that we have got from the mentees, which is very much valuable, and the survey was a matter of three questions, just to share with the community right now.

Did the mentorship program help you? Did you feel this was needed? And the last question was, how could we improve it? And this is the part that I have liked very much about the feedback and suggestions that we have got from the mentees about how we can improve this program. As you all know, this is the first time we are doing this mentorship program in this size,

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and it's a learning curve for all of us to see how we can always keep improving this program.

And I think at this state, this has proven successful to us, and I believe to the mentee. And the feedback have proven this. Most of the feedback that I have get, or even the team on the mentors have received is about mentee are asking for a direct objectives, and a direct ask that mentors have to assign to them. So, there will be some evaluations and [inaudible].

Actually, when we have started this, we said, and has been guided by Cheryl, said it's you as a mentee to come back to us and say what you want us to help you in. It's not spoon feeding to you. We are here to help you. But the feedback says that they need some guidance on that. They said help us to do what we are aiming to, so set us some objectives, set us some targets, a task, get us more involved, although I was a bit confused about one of the feedback saying that, we want to be involved in the drafting some statements.

It's always open. Please, go. You don't have to wait for us to do that. Go and do it. And this is the whole thing about... But if you need help, just get back to any one of us and definitively you will get what you are looking for. So what I want to conclude here is that, those feedback now among the leadership team on the APRALO, I believe we need to maybe set a review and put

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some tasks, at least something for them to work on, according to their request.

But, we cannot tell you what you want. That's the point, because everyone has different expertise in different area. So, we would like to see you participating in this working group, or stream policy development. And if you need the help, we will be more than happy to push you. I can see that Cheryl have a comment on that. Please, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you very much, Satish, and Ali, I just wanted to reinforce some of what you said. I understand that people get confused about what mentoring is, and in fact, ICANN is guilty of using the word indiscriminately and usually inaccurately. What you outlined is exactly what the intention of our role in this mentoring pilot was, and it's very much not onboarding, it's very much not capacity building, it's very much helping leaders step up to leadership and assist them in building their confidences.

However, there are some skills acquisitions that I think we probably can embed into a future course, and that in itself will become some homework assignments or project style aspects of your next version. So, I'm very keen to help you put some of those, in inverted commas, activities together. That may meet some of the needs, but perhaps next time when you're accepting

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an induction group for mentoring. We might need to make sure that they're going to the right place.

It may be some of them need redirecting to other things and other aspects of growth that ICANN offers.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Cheryl and Ali. We completely agree that there should be some hands-on tasks, which may be useful for these mentees to come up. So, we will discuss that and then go ahead with that. I apologize to Kelvin for having skipped... So, I would like to request to Kelvin to update us on the webinars.

KELVIN WONG:

Okay, I think I have some slides coming up. Good morning everyone. This is Kelvin Wong, ICANN staff, from the APAC hub. So, I would just like to share a bit about the cooperation framework that APAC has for APRALO. I think everybody here would be rather familiar, but I think we have new faces here, as well as online. So, I will just spend the next few seconds talking through the background quite quickly on this.

Sometime in 2014, APAC Hub and the APRALO, we got together to talk about how we want to have a few focused areas, and to identify a few action items to work on for the next two, three years. And so, if you go on to the next slide, yeah. So, we have

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agreed on three focus areas. First is the language localization. Second is capacity building. And third is outreach to raise awareness.

Now, so since 2014, 2015, we have been working on these three focus areas, and you can see the action items on the right of the screen. Now today, I would just like to give everyone a roundup of some of the things that we have done over the past... We've done quite a few things, but just a roundup of the things that we have done over the past few months in terms of focus area two and focus area three.

Next slide please. So, for joint APRALO APAC Hub webinar series, this is the whole suite of webinars that we have conducted with APRALO leadership since 2015. This is something we're pretty proud of, and thanks to the ALAC team as well. We'll continue this good practice into the rest of the year as well.

We are currently talking to APRALO leadership on the webinar topics that will be most relevant for the ALSes and for end users in Asia Pacific. Next.

For the last few months, one of the... Under the focus area three, on outreach, these are some of the cooperation activities that we have done with APRALO, you can see on your screen, Satish, we have invited Satish to be part of the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy, that was jointly organized by

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ICANN APAC Hub and [inaudible], which is the Korean Institute, Korean agency, Korean internet security agency, I apologize for this.

Of course, we also had the outreach to the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, in the last meeting in ICANN 57. So, there was also a joint activity with APRALO. And of course, thanks for the invitation to APAC Hub to the Indian School of Internet Governance at the same time. Next slide.

So, last but not least, we also recently had a joint submission to the Apricot, which is the, okay, let me try this. The Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference for Operational Technology. I got it right. In February 2017.

So, we had Ali to come and talk to the technical community on what is At-Large and how we can cooperate. And of course, Satish was at the APTLD meeting as well. So, moving forward, looking ahead, I think there are some cooperation areas, potential areas, that we could work further on with APRALO, and one of that is the, well, the regional conference, or the key regional conference, which is the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum in 2017 to be held in Bangkok.

So, one of our plan is to have a joint workshop proposal, featuring APRALO and the work, and ICANN, as well as ICANN sessions. I think this, we have come to sort of the second, third

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year mark of the APRALO APAC Hub framework, and what we want to do is to keep doing the things that we've been doing right, but also to see if we could explore new items for collaboration.

I think this involves, or this includes reaching out to potential new ALSes in areas in APAC. I think we have identified some areas that potentially could have improved participation, such as the areas in Southeast Asia, Indochina, for example. And these are some of the areas that we could work on together collaboratively in the next few months to two years. That's all, thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Kelvin. Just to, sorry, just to add to that point. We had a fairly interesting time at Apricot and APTLD, which [inaudible], and one of the outcomes of that is that the APAC Hub, APNIC, APTLD, and even other regional idea [inaudible] is here. So, we basically decided that there is a scope of working together.

Because it was pointed out that we were in a region with the, become the delta region or Indochina, where we did not have any presence really at the grassroots. So, it is pointed out that it is a good place to start, as one of the less covered regions in Asia Pacific.



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And so, one of the outcomes of what Kelvin just mentioned is that we are now willing to work together with all of the other regional organizations in Asia Pacific, for the points that Kelvin mentioned. But clearly for me, covering more of the At-Large. And as Kaili keeps mentioning, about the end user interest being represented is extremely important, and therefore I think that's a very important point, and outcome of the Apricot process.

And we look forward to working with the APAC Hub, and Kelvin. Yeah, Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes. This is Silvia Vivanco. I just wanted to add thank you very much to our APAC Hub colleagues, for the excellent collaboration, for the [inaudible] we are actually working together. For this year, we have five webinars lined up, five topics that were the result of the survey conducted by APRALO.

So, stay tuned for that. It's beginning in April, we're going to have our mutual webinars every two months or so, not very intense, but enough so we have in-reach activities thanks to our APAC Hub colleagues. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Silvia. We have a hard stop at 9:30, that's about four minutes from now.

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We have two minutes. So, one thing that we would like to do is to take a picture of all present here. So, please do not disperse, be around for a minute longer. We have one small item. Silvia, do you want to mention about the pilot?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Very, very quickly. The document drafting pilot project continues, and there are now four primers, summaries, posted on the Wiki page, and this does hyperlink to the agenda, so please take a look, review comment. And there will be a conference call probably coming up in the next few weeks. Thank you.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

Thank you so much, I'll try to make it a few seconds. My name is [inaudible], I'm one of the new members from ISOC Afghanistan. Thank you very much for the morning welcome, which I missed. Just wanted to report back to the team, we are holding IGF Afghanistan at the end of this month, that's 20<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March.

That's going to be our first activity after the formation of the ISOC chapter. So, we would like to invite you to become our remote participants at the meeting. I know it's going to be difficult, time is short for travel, but please talk to me if you're interested in becoming part of it. Thank you.

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SATISH BABU: Good wishes to you for the event.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thanks Satish. Just for all of the attendees, please, if there is activities are event as [inaudible] has stated, we have the calendar and the mailing list, please share it from people from all of the ALSes will be aware of. I know that there is something in Armenia, and Nepal, and others. So, we have the calendar, then we have the mailing list, so please share it with all of us. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much. We'll take the picture outside.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Satish, he's setting up outside for the pictures.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Cheryl. So, I would like to thank everybody for joining us today. Have a great day ahead. Bye-bye.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Good morning everyone. We're going to get started pretty quick here, so take your seats. We don't have lots of time.

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