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SATISH BABU: Last session of our fifth General Assembly. And this session will largely be eliciting feedback from all of you and also planning for the future. The feedback is actually from you to us and also from us to you on some of the topics that we discussed. We have Maureen and Lianna, who'll jointly coordinate this session.

The session has actually some slides prepared by Holly and also by Maureen, which is a summary of what we discussed over the last couple of days in terms of the topics. After that presentation, we open up for general feedback on any aspect of the GA and later activities at Abu Dhabi, that you may want to tell us the leadership so that we can do better while planning for certain events to the next time. So, I'd like to hand the floor over to Maureen and Lianna at this point.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Satish. First of all, Lianna, don't you want to… yes, I think we'll let Lianna talk about some feedback issues.

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LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you, Maureen. You all know that we have distributed this feedback papers to all of you and some of you raised a concern that it is not anonymous. This is just for the feedback we want to have for our e-book. The e-book project, which we launched, is a great idea and we call it live project, and we would like it to be continued about our activities, all the ALSes involved you can send whatever you do the outreach in your local community and we will make sure to include it on the e-book for the next volumes, as we call that.

And this feedback of the General Assembly is a great opportunity to scan and put it as a live evidence of what you have felt about this General Assembly, so that's why this is a written thing, by handwriting, but later on, we will send you the feedback formal [inaudible] for the overall logistics about the program, about travel issues, visa things, so you will have an opportunity to give your feedback in a digital way, as well.

And this is about the survey thing and feedback but we would like to speak about the program, as well, a little bit about that – the breakout sessions about the topics that we have exercised here and discussed within small groups and later exchanged there. So, I know that we have some slides about that work that has been done over the past week already. And while Maureen is figuring out about the slides… if we can go there.

So, we can open the floor for your comments about the breakout sessions and the overall program that we have prepared for all of you here, so if you have any comments, we would really like to hear them and put that down for an action item for us and to know how to go forward, so I see Amrita wants to speak. Amrita, over to you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: I found the breakout sessions good because you could interact, place your thoughts, and here are the speaking. Perhaps, a bit more time during the breakouts because there were four rooms. We could just cover three would help. Also, when we are having these sessions, perhaps, the capacity building was excellent. However, you have various people at various stages of learning. If you have before starting the level of understanding, it helps people to connect. But the breakout session was excellent.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you, Maureen. Thank you, Amrita. Noted but we also wanted to have this group discussion so that different level of experiences will be exchanged between all those members who are in that group, so I think it is important for everyone who is for the first comer or very experienced participant at ICANN meetings to have this opportunity to exchange their knowledge and experience. Thank you.

Anyone wants to give feedback? Yes, Jahangir.

JAHANGIR HOSSAIN: Thank you, I'm Jahangir from Internet Society Bangladesh. It was a great opportunity to learn [inaudible] the current emerging topics, as well. I would like to first thank the capacity building program. My mentor was Ali. He was a very nice person. I'm trying to contribute his session online and trying to read out the link, as well, but I think this poll should continue. First of all, I thank the APRALO team or At-Large, all of the leaders to organize this and it should be continued.

Lianne, the breakout session [inaudible] General Assembly, I think this is really important for us, the face-to-face meeting based on that ICANN inter [inaudible] especially the things we are now discussing in this meeting, this data protection called GDPR.

[Learning] things I have to point out one issue. We are At-Large individual representative. This is the first, our structure. So, we're considering this and follow the emerging issue, especially in GDPR, by [inaudible] I think we should respect the end user privacy and on behalf of this, we should work on this on behalf of, through the At-Large perspective because since we are representing the end user, we are At-Large member, more than 1,500 members in our ALS. So, we have [inaudible] to protect our

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privacy data, and representative of end user through At-Large, we should work on this and respect the personal data protection. Thank you.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you, Jahangir. Does anyone here…? Kaili. Yeah. Kaili, please.

KAILI KAN: Thank you, Lianna. Yeah. Just talked about the History Project and e-book. First of all, this time our e-book was fabulous and also, thanks so much to Maureen. You were their savior because especially during last week, I was cut off from the Internet, so anyway. But also, talking about this historical project to be an ongoing project, I think this time through this project itself, at least I have begun to realize we cannot exactly count on ICANN to keep our history intact. Okay?

So, also, I think also it's been indicated by both our CEO and that APRALO, we are probably the first to create such an e-book of ourselves among all the RALOs. Yeah. So, I think, indeed, first, I think the question is whether we want it to be an evolving project to go on. Okay?

Personally, I think my feeling is that maybe everybody would like to say yes, and then in what format do we want it. Because this

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time this e-book, especially because of time constraints, is primarily for our celebration of the 10th anniversary. In order for it to go on, probably we want to add more and more materials to that according to the timeline and also we would create maybe create a platform for all the ALSes as well as individual members to have somewhere to speak or to present themselves as their own personal showcase or so forth, so I believe, well, now we already have this e-book to start with, so maybe not today, but probably in the ongoing process, we would like to collect as much feedback as possible from everybody and then I think we can decide on how to go on from here. Thank you.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you. Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Lianna. I think this is an important point about the History Project. It was meant to be an ongoing project with the initial milestone of capturing history and, thereafter, becoming a Living History Project. Living History Project is one that continuously collects information on an ongoing basis.

Now, the two outcomes or outputs we have today, the e-book and the interview, are I think excellent milestones for us, and it is just in time for our GA [inaudible] celebrations. For the future,

now Maureen has done a lot of work and we have to appreciate the fact that she has done all this work in the middle of her – I know all other kinds of work that's going on because of ALAC and so on.

So, if there is someone who can support Maureen on this, such volunteers are also welcome, and you can contact Maureen and Kaili, who's leading the project also. We will have to continuously add to this, so please think of how we can add information on your ALS, even pictures or what reports that you have, so please consider this an ongoing project. Please add your material to this. I'm aware that some of you have asked for some time this meeting. We have very little time during the feedback session. Maybe you can take a couple of minutes to talk about your ALS and your activities, but not more than that, unfortunately. But this is a place where we can put all the information that you have. Any size is not a problem. Thank you.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you, Satish. And I think since we have great support from Mario from now on, we can gather all these activities that you do within your ALSes. You can send that information, your review of your activities, pictures, and whatever you do locally, you can send that to Mario. I will be there, as well, and I'm sure Maureen

will take care of this, as well, so that we can transfer it to the e-book and put it in the History Project for the next decade.
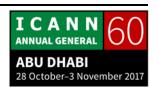
So, Maureen, please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. As far as the feedback is concerned, it would be really good if it's in your own hand and I'll just select crop around it and add it to the book because I think it really will add something special to this particular publication to actually have your words about the GA. Because the book was written specifically for this GA and because it actually is celebrating something special for us, it was important that it had as much information in it as possible, but you are important. That's why guys are in the front. For you who have come along to this event, it's really important. So, if it ends, you're at the beginning and at the end, that will actually make it really special, as well.

Okay, so can I just go straight into the… Can we? Yeah, great. Now, actually, this slide that I've got up here, I actually did send it out to you, and if you can get a hold of it, it's going to be a whole lot easier to see because it's crappy up there.

Okay, so it does look better if you've actually got it on your computers and can see it. It was actually the sort of like a summary of the discussions that I had with some – it was a really

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excellent discussion sort of session yesterday in our group. But it was my whole point. And when I say that participation for me is what APRALO is all about, this is significant for [it] because one of my passions about being involved in APRALO is to get as many of our ALS members participating in the discussions that we have within ICANN and within At-Large initially, and then ICANN in general.

So, the slide does look at, first of all, why are we involved? Like why do we join up? Why do you join up? Especially when ICANN's about names and numbers. It's really important that you, as Olivier mentioned this morning, that's what our purpose says. And so that's what most of our stuff is going to be about.

But then we're looking at okay, initial awareness. How do you find out more about? I mean, how do you initially find out about ICANN and about At-Large? How do you join APRALO? Number three is initial engagement, and that can be through the monthly meetings, blah, blah, blah, blah. They're all listed there. But the fourth one is the most important and that is how do you actually actively participate in our activities here?

Okay, so when you get the slide, do have a look at the key point about this slide, though, are the constraints. Some things are beyond our control. Some things are beyond your control. But there are some things that I think that ICANN can take some
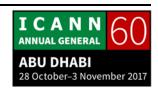
responsibility for in order to help us help you engage more actively within the At-Large community.

So therefore, like one of the key things when it comes to constraints in this section to do with joining up is that you are volunteers. You don't have all day, 24/7 is not what you can give to ICANN. We know that. We appreciate it because we're all experiencing the same thing. But sometimes, and you will find as you become more involved, is that as you become more involved, there's always further expectations. There's always other things that you have to do and everyone along this line here knows very well what those – there's always additional things that you have to do and sometimes you just have to say no.

But there are things like other constraints include things like access to broadband, just the fact that sometimes you can't just jump into it and expect to be an expert on all the things that you're going to be asked to comment on. I mean, there's all sorts of things.

Can we just move that over a little bit, Mario, so we can see three and four?

When you're actually sort of like starting to get engaged and you're starting to participate, that's when the other things come into play, like, for example, the fact that when you hold the

monthly meetings, they're going to be at the most inconvenient times in the world because on our side of the world, it's going to be 5:00 for everyone else on our other side, and that when they organize the meetings, so that most times, it's going to be really difficult.

So, like do take note of some of those things. If you've got anything that you want to sort of like make a comment on it, put it on your feedback form or feedback it back to us on an e-mail. Let us know. Okay?

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Yes. Thank you, Maureen. And I want to make a small announcement. As you have seen at the booth, we have very many of these flyers, which will give the information about what is At-Large, what we do, so you can use all this information on your outreach activities within your ALSes.

We have them many in different languages. You can come and check and take some of them with you and whenever you have some activities, make sure to distribute them so that people will know what we do, what you do. Thank you. [Fwad], please.

[FWAD BOCHUA]:   Thank you, Lianna. I'm making some comments in appreciation for giving us the opportunity to have in part of this General

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Assembly. I believe that the assembly enables us to meet up with our old colleagues as well as our new members, and that is a very important aspect of the General Assembly, and then the new members can also come in and see the great or the great deal of work that the APRALO accomplishes with ALAC.

One of the most important developments that I've seen is that as time passes, people are joining us with some amazing skillsets, some amazing experiences, and I think for future General Assemblies or ATLAS activities, we can always look within to find certain skillsets that can be shared. The breakout session was a very good example of that and I'm very appreciative of the breakout session, the way it was conducted, the methodology used, and for the first time, it never occurred to me that you could revolve the people around multiple issues within the same session.

One of the developments, which I've seen over my past nine years with APRALO is that the live e-book project. It's a very solid initiative. It is something, which has come out from within. In general, we usually deliberate and try to comment on policies coming from the top and represent the RALO perspective, but this is the first time we've had something, a knowledge product or a knowledge contribution from within us.

I think that the e-book project would be open to suggestions to new sections, as well, because it's a live project. That would be really good. We could share knowledge into that project, as well.

Another important aspect is since this is the last part of the day, is that I'm going to, in the next few weeks, in consultation with the APRALO leadership, and see how we can constitute this. I would like to propose a working group on policy. The objective, which I have just off my head right now is that we will look into areas where and how we can contribute to the policy process of APRALO. People who could come in, join us, and summarize the process to contribute to the public policy – sorry, the policy generation process, and you must have seen outside that they have this multi-stakeholder policy contribution chart out there. I would also propose within the ideas of that, that APRALO would have its policy process displayed just exactly like that.

So, these are a few ideas and this would continuously help APRALO, as well, in future general assemblies or ATLAS activities, this working group could actually conduct a capacity building sprint for policy for APRALO. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, [Fwad]. I think these are good suggestions and we will take it up as we go forward. Now at least two ALSes have asked for three minutes each for presentation, so we will
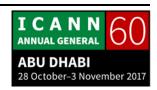
take them up after Holly finishes this presentation. Thank you. Holly, please [inaudible].

HOLLY RAICHE: You caught me when I'm just finishing a mouthful of sandwich. Thank you very much. And I apologize for being a bit late but there was a very, very interesting session on the GDPR and you all know what that stands for. There's been communication from the data protection agencies through ICANN, which is very interesting, and outlined some basic principles, which will be very useful. I want to see the letter that's supposed to be posted today or tomorrow. It's a way of saying, by the way, this is not only a hot topic, it is a changing topic from day to day.

Now to get back to the fourth day, which was the day released for hot topics, and there were probably three outcomes. The first, and this is the one that the slide that's up, was a general discussion on all of the issues that arise from the new gTLDs and Kaili's here, so I can refer to some of them, as well. And there are other issues. But the introduction of new gTLDs actually raises a number of public interest issues that impact on all of us, and that was what is explored.

So, what I've done is just write down on a slide the sorts of issues that were identified in no particular order, but these are the concerns you have and there are probably others, too. The

second set of issues were more where people were simply asking questions, what are the issues rather than identifying issue. That was IDNs and privacy.

The third group is really what Maureen was presenting, and that has really resulted in all of you contributing to what would make it easier, what should we do to more easily participate in policies? It's a perfect follow-on from [Fwad]. That's exactly what we were saying. How do you participate? How do you find out? What's the process? And, indeed, if you look over the capacity building slides for the whole week and the session that Ariel volunteered on, that's exactly what we've been doing in these past four days and probably given that we should be recording and we should be making all of this information available, it'll be in the book. I'm sure it will be in the book, which means it will.

Okay. Back to the actual substance of the fourth day. This is, and I think it started off with simply a discussion of what are new gTLDs. And I'm sure you all know what new gTLDs, but these are the sorts of issues that they raise. First of all, are they necessary at all? And this is an issue that's been raised very often. They do create issues for intellectual property. I won't go there but it's worth 17,000 working groups and half of them formed already.

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It makes it difficult to know what sites are actually trustworthy. Is it easier to find information or not? And it also raises a whole range of issues about geo names that are still being resolved. In fact, the GAC and ICANN are almost at [locker] heads about geo names.

Next issues are that arising from new gTLDs, consumer confusion, whether it brings innovation or whether there's exploitation. Can I have the next slide, please? Some of the others.

Obviously, you can be exploited. Obviously, they may or may not introduce trust. Generics is another issue raised. You can go through the slides and what – I said slide. I didn't mean new one. These are all of the issues raised. So, if you're actually interested in some of the policy issues, there's a whole stream called subsequent procedures, and every one of them raises different aspects of the issues raised by new gTLDs. So, if you want new policy areas, there are loads of them that arise from new gTLDs. Now may I have the next slide?

The second group. This is taken by Edmon. And it was as much him explaining to people where the difficulties are as you raising issues. And I really thank him for being here. The new gTLDs was subset, was internationalized domain names and they raise a set of issues. And for those of you – it's not up. Sorry. For those of

you who are worried about communicating in scripts other than ASCII, I would suggest you join Edmon in some of the work that he's doing.

There's implementation guidelines. There's also the whole set of issues about second level IDN policy. How do you deal with that? Lots of issues about sort of the same appearance of characters in different languages or even in Chinese, whether it's Hong Kong Chinese, whether it's new Chinese, old Chinese. There are a range of issues in making IDNs work, and Lianna's familiar with some of them since she was involved in the first community-based IDN. So, again, if you want policy, there's plenty of policies that are involved in IDNs. Next slide.

RDS. This is a never-ending saga. You want to know about privacy issues. I bored everybody to death at least two times. Olivier covered most of the issues this morning when he talked about the issues arising from privacy and particularly data protection. All I can say is having just come from two and a half hours of the latest meeting, every time I do a set of slides, it's almost out of date. All this does, this slide, is indicate, is highlight some of the issues that are arising and if you really are interested, and I would love to have anybody for whom privacy is a passion. Join the working group. Trust me. It will be going for years.

Finally, what was a really interesting session – and I'm sorry I wasn't there – but Maureen ran it very well. And a lot of you were expressing difficulties in actually participating and finding information. What would help? And so, could I have Maureen's slide up, please? And she's going to talk to it. All right. She's already spoken about it, so that gives time for questions. Are there any questions?

SATISH BABU: Are there any questions? Now we have very little time left, so please be very brief and concise in your questions.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: How are we going to now [reconcile] all of this and proceed with this the way forward?

HOLLY RAICHE: I would hope that all of you who are interested in policy, which should be every one of you, will go back to the materials. There's plenty of stuff on the ALAC page. If you look at some of the back stuff that we've done on had to say on just about every one of their issues, they're all listed there. In terms of working groups, there are people who are involved in working groups or not.

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Now right now, believe me, there's going to be so much going on with privacy. As I said, a letter was just received from the data protection agencies to ICANN. It hasn't even been released, but we have to think about it. And that's going to impact on the RDS Working Group what we do, so in that area alone, there's plenty of stuff.

There's also in subs in the new gTLD space, there's stuff coming out of subsequent procedures, so watch this space. There's stuff going on. And whenever we are asked to comment, the e-mail goes out to everybody, so that's standard practice. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Holly. The queue now is Maureen and Glenn.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I just wanted to say that yes, we definitely will put this into the book so that you all have the list of the issues that were raised in each of these topics, and I really do think that it would be a great idea to follow on from your suggestion for [inaudible] because if we can get a working group on each of those issues just even for a start, that's going to be really great, and we've already got the issues that the concerns that we can start building on, so that would be excellent. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Maureen. Glenn, please.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Thank you so much, Satish. A couple of things as an outsider of APRALO, I can observe and plus somebody who has gone through this process recently as organizing a GA. There's a number of things I'd like to share with you.

Many of you here in the room are either energized, perhaps exhausted, maybe a little bit confused, maybe a bit amused. I'm not sure which adjective it is, but we're at the tail end of a very successful event. I think the legacy and the impact will come out of each of you saying, "Well, okay, now I'm going to be active and we're going to see a tangible improvement in terms of" – and this is not just your RALO but every RALO – "is the number of policy statements, the number of active participants, the number of members and special ad hoc groups, and number of people who are in monthly calls."

So these are all tangible, measurable things that come out of this, but yeah, I was able to capture a couple of pictures, 3,100 pictures. I tried to capture not just the people who are speaking but the wide community, and if I missed you, let me know. But we also have the video of each of the capacity building sessions, so there will be part of the legacy plus the event that we did. Very successful last night, and there was a couple of special

dancers, Olivier and myself, [participants]. But I like to acknowledge the organizing team and all the participants.

What is I think crucial to each of you, I think is beyond the incredible wealth of knowledge that you got, but finding out that other people in the room have similar issues, whether it's small island state issues or interrupted or Internet shutdowns. But if you can see that the people beside you have incredible issues, they share the same values, that you're interested in the same things that you are. Lean on them. Just don't go back just to the leaders. And by the way, help me out on this, the people beside you are really are experts or have expertise in their own countries. That's it.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Glenn. We do appreciate the work that you have done in supporting IG. We had also made it very clear in the beginning of the GA. And these are records that will now get into our History Project, and these are very vital evidence of our activities. The videos, which is much appreciated, the photographs, which has captured moments so well. So, thanks for all that. Of course, thanks, everybody, who's contributed in this effort.

So, now we have two requests from ALSes, but unfortunately, we have only time for one, and the time will be just two minutes and I request Siva to please go ahead for ISOC Chennai.

SIVASUBRAMANIAN MUTHUSAMY: Sivasubramanian, ISOC India Chennai, and I want to talk about a recent roundtable event that we did in Chennai. Olivier Crepin-Leblond and Sebastien Bachollet were there and it's an event that was a stakeholder roundtable to generate stakeholder inputs on cybersecurity policy. It was on the broader aspects of cybersecurity policy. It was not focused on local developments but on the global cybersecurity policy. These were sent us inputs to government of India on the eve of its hosting an event on global conference and cybersecurity.

What I want to keep APRALO informed is that we'll do a event probably taking help from ICANN and from At-Large staff to scale up this event to generate certain inputs with a focus on, for instance, travel difficulties for common people. We've all had visa issues, we've all had travel issues. That could be one of the focus areas. I'll keep you informed. Thank you.

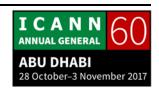|	
SATISH BABU:	Thanks very much, Siva. It's actually an interesting program and some of us in India did track the first session, and we look forward to the second session, as well.
	Now, Ali and Lianna, of the opinion that we have to still provide some time for our ALSes to raise any feedback or anything urgent that they have to raise, but please be very concise. We would like to spend about at least about eight minutes or so on the future plans and follow-up of this GA. Yes, please.
ZMARIALAI WAFA:	Zmarialai Wafa, for the record. I'm representing ISOC Afghanistan, Internet Society Afghanistan.
	Need to bring it close.
	Following the success of the first IGF in Afghanistan, we have planned the second IGF here, which is the local IGF. It will be happening between February and March 2018. At the moment, one of our activities, we have several activities with the government and with the ICT community. We have provided advice to the government in regards to the open access policy for the tier two ISP, how to promote Internet in the country.
	The second thing is the workshop, which is coming in 10 days' time from now. It is about the cybercrime law of Afghanistan and we will have two more workshops with the academia. That

would be in regards to the electronic transactions, the e-transaction law, and e-signature law of Afghanistan.

So, these are the activities previously last year. We conducted [inaudible], as well, and luckily, we say we had two things. One was organized by the Internet Society Afghanistan and one was by the ICT Association, IT Association, my colleague is sitting here. And for the next year, we are planning to have a collaboration to have it much larger and bigger event. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much, Wafa. I think it's good to have this coordination so that there are now two events, and I would also like to say that we had presence of Afghanistan in both the SIG India, School of Internet Governance also. Ali.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thanks, Satish. I know that most of the ALSes have done a lot of activities and I was following this gentleman on the Facebook, as well, and he was always on the TV interview. So, why don't you share these through the mailing list what your activity, let us all know what's going on. If you just share it on the mailing list. Let's say you have done an activity, share it on our calendar, as

well, so we all know them we want contribute to that. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Ali. That's an important point. Our calendar is actually underutilized and we can actually add on the activities of our ALSes also on to that. Amir, please.

AMIR QAYYUM: I think that this General Assembly is a very nice platform and opportunity to talk to other ALSes of the region and build some collaborations and synergies in order to organize or develop big events. We often do so a number of activities related to Internet governance and capacity building and awareness, all within our own countries, but let's move one step forward and organize a regional kind of thing.

So, I have already talked to a few of my colleagues of representing different ALSes and I'm very much willing to think about it, to organize a joint event. One or two ALSes. We will decide where it will happen and how we will contribute our energies, but my wish is to go forward and develop a bigger event or participate in already existing chain of events. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:	Thank you, Amir, for the suggestion. We had discussed this [inaudible] also. There are several events, which are regional events or sub-regional events, and these are good places for us to [proceed] this group ALS group events, so we will definitely look at how we can coordinate this better.
	Yes, Srini. Okay, go ahead.
SRINIVASAN RAVINDRAN:	Srinivasan from ISOC Trivandrum, for the record. There are a few observations, which I would like to share. One is regarding the capacity building, which we are talking about, exactly agree with most of you that the special session on ICANN and other things should be there, but along with that, for the leaders who come up here, they should have special sessions for taking the sessions and attract young talent to this what you call as Internet governance. My suggestion is that it's based on the experience with what we call as IT at school back in [Kerala].
	IT at school teaches you a lot of things about computing language and everything, but they miss Internet governance. So, it will be better that if we work with such bodies like who are instrumental in teaching the young about the Internet, not just about the Internet, but the Internet governance part of it. We at ISOC TRV, we will be interacting much more with these type of things.

The second observation is about why do we still like to have women in Internet team? That's just a question put forward to the women folk here. I've not seen anything like that. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: On the second question first, and I'm sure women colleagues can add to this, there are actually several initiatives here which are actually about – like women in DNS, for instance, which are quite active, very well participated, and important for the advancement of Internet governance. Now, I'm also aware that in many parts of the world, some of our countries, that there's a gap there. The women's use of Internet is actually much below the average, and that is a reason why we have to probably work on this.

Regarding the first one, I think working with young people, even schoolchildren and young people is also very important and I've been told by the ISOC daily that they want to take up a session in the Indian School of Internet Governance next year exclusively for young people, so this will be a pre-event on young people. So, I think it's something that we can emulate and we can think of interfacing with young people and getting them into Internet governance, as well. They're all users of the Internet.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I would like to add to this young people participating. One of our members, Naveed, he invited his students from Dubai and they had an opportunity to learn about ICANN and they had a meeting with Bahir and an opportunity to know about the Fellowship. They were sitting in a booth – and they're here, too. They were here too yesterday in one of our sessions. Yeah. So, we pay attention to this, as well. Thank you.

NARELLE CLARK: Narelle Clark, ACCAN. That's the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network.

I would like to oppose the broadening of discussions inside the ALS workshops and ALAC workshops on things, which are outside the ICANN remit. I think that those meetings should be very much focused on the work that is going in on in ICANN for people who want to do things in the broader areas of Internet policy and, dare I say, Internet governance and development. Those sorts of things should happen in other forums – the Internet Governance Forums, the ISOC Forums, where we get chapters together and groups together of like mind. They can be ALSes and other types, not just Internet Society groups.

Because when we get together as under the ICANN banner, I think it is very important for us to focus very carefully especially in these high-value, high-bandwidth things where we get

together in person, we should be focusing on the work that needs to be done in the ICANN context and we should be working that through and churning that out, [thrashing] out the issues against tight agendas to do that. So, I would like to see agendas canvassed ahead of time, much more early, and finalized more early, and so on. So, that's my little side box. I apologize if I'm offending anybody but I want to get some work done and I want to get home, so.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much. That's a fair point. We've had a few discussions earlier also about the remit and sticking to the remit. I completely agree. We have to conserve our energies but here, we're also talking about the ALSes, which are actually straggling the boundary of ICANN, the outside world, and some of them might want to take up some of these activities, which make sense in the local context. So, that's what we are actually discussing here. The queue is now Heidi and Amrita.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you. I just wanted to respond to some of the points I've heard around the room about the activities that you're thinking about doing or that you have done, and again, I'm thinking it would be just wonderful if we could capture some of these activities. But just the first point is and I've put all of these links

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that we're going to show you here into the chat, but again, as we mentioned, this is a possibility under this fiscal year that ends on the 30th of June, 2018, is that if you wanted to have for your At-Large Structure something that's there's called a readout session where you would now go back to your membership and you would say, "Okay, we've had our General Assembly here and this is some of the things we've accomplished, and this is what the ICANN meeting, ICANN 60 accomplished." So, there are funds available for that. We could pay for a room, perhaps, some refreshments, etc., but there's a whole process for that, so that's that, and that's again, that's in your chat. Each RALO gets a total of around $2,000 and we hope that as an ALS, you would work with your RALO leadership before you submit that request, and there are criteria that go into the decision to approve or not approve that.

The second point is we could put up the next ones on the ALS page, so each RALO has its own AC room. I don't know if most people know that. They were created about six years ago and I don't think they've been used at all. But again, they were set up to where each ALS in that RALO could hold a meeting using that AC room. Okay? It does not mean that you're going to get this fantastic team here to help you. It just means that you can use that to hold calls.

And then the other point is that each of your ALSes are listed there. Okay, mostly it's the wiki page. I mean, I want to call out that Maureen's click on to the Cook Islands one and this is just a beautiful example of what you could do with… Yeah, if you can just scroll down and open the Cook Island one. Right there. If you click on the wiki, yes. Click on wiki.

So, again, this is a great way that you can who, highlight your activities, what you do, nice photos there, but also activities that you're hosting. Then that might be a way that Mario could go and look through some of these and pull out some of the upcoming events. I'm not saying that's the ideal way, but that it is a possibility, so I just wanted to highlight some of these resources that ICANN offers that you can go ahead and use. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Heidi. The first point mentioned is about micro-funding that's available, in case you have a kind of modest requirement for a readout or similar outreach activities. So, if you're interested, please write to us, copy the staff, and we can help you with that.

Hang on. Wait. Mario, I suggest you do not give proxy for something else. Your hand should be down there and you can raise your… You don't have this thing? You don't have a tent

card? It's lost? Okay. Hang on. There is a queue right now. Yeah. Amrita here in the queue. We'll come back to you.
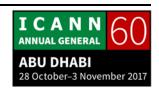
AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Satish. Thank you, Heidi. That was insightful for members. When we are talking about as ALSes, yes, we need to stay within the realms of the names and numbers, but unfortunately, what happens, we come from different areas wherein to raise the capacity is also something which we as ALSes need to do, so different ALSes have different requirements. Some do need it, so we have to work on our ends to build the capacity that's also required.

The second part of it is from [CCI], we have a monthly newsletter we come up with wherein we have information not only of the ICANN activities but the other I-star organizations. I would be happy to cover information of or activities of any of the ALSes. You would have to, perhaps, send me the information before the end of the month. I can carry it in the newsletter. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Heidi, please.

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HEIDI ULLRICH: That's very exciting because there's another RALO and maybe we can get that up, it's the NARALO Newsletter, Mario. Can we, or maybe you can put that in, Silvia. So, Eduardo Diaz from Puerto Rico in the NARALO region has been doing a fantastic job having a monthly newsletter for ALSes, and it would be fantastic if you could do that. We'll take it as an action item.

So, basically, what you do is every month, you send a note out, okay, send me your activities, and then you develop the newsletter, and we're happy to show you the template that Eduardo used. It takes them an hour and a half, he says, per month. But that would be something that would really help showcase your activities. We would then take that and give it to the ICANN Communications department, who sends out regional newsletters, I believe, monthly, as well, and they'll highlight some of those activities. So that would be a really useful system to make sure that that information gets promoted as widely as possible.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Heidi. We have now about three minutes to wind up this session. I think this suggestion is pretty good. In fact, Nadira had already volunteered for APRALO newsletter earlier, but then that didn't work out because we asked for additional volunteers and it really didn't work out. But we welcome, if you want to try,

and we'll be happy to provide, ask all our ALSes to provide you with information that you can kind of [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [Ready] doing it so I can have a [inaudible].

SATISH BABU: All right. Thanks. Go ahead.

SIVASUBRAMANIAN MUTHUSAMY: It's a quick [retort] to Narelle. And she was talking about ALSes not going beyond the mission of ICANN. This is a repetitive argument. I disagree with that and leave it at that. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks for that suggestion. Yeah. Now we have only about three minutes to go. Is there anybody who has not spoken and who would like to speak? We would welcome an intervention. Shreedeep, yes, please go ahead. Make it quick.

SHREEDEEP RAYAMAJHI: Yeah. My ALS, my [organization] got the ALS status this year and I'm completely new. I seriously feel that there is a gap of information that is coming out. There is an information gap, like as Heidi mentioned, about the pages that are available where

we can update the things. So, these things should come out. Things should go to the ALSes because most of the pieces are not updated, as even in during the sessions, Mario was saying that you need to update it. So, there seems to be something lacking, especially with the communication. That is the problem. We need to work on that. And we need to build that channel so that we can build up… As soon as the communication part is there, it's endless opportunities, so we can use it in every possible way. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Shreedeep. Anybody else who has not spoken and would like a chance now? Yes, please. Sanjay.

SANJAY MOHAPATRA: I'm Sanjay Mohapatra, on record, representing Computer Society of India. It's my first meeting. So [inaudible] I gathered [input] about NextGen fellowship, mentorship, leadership, and policymaking, all those things. We are having a wide circulation of members of student members of having [nearly] about more than one [inaudible] members and having a good [inaudible] associated life members. We promote ICANN activities regularly in Computer Society of India and we are proud that our past President, the Chairman of APRALO and we'll be getting in touch

with him and we'll have regular activities of ICANN APRALO and the Computer Society of India. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Sanjay. Sanjay has mentioned that the circulation of the communications is to more than 100,000 members, so that's what the point is. Anybody? Yeah, be very brief.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah. I'm engaging in the IDN and you ask these questions quite a bit and I think there is a need of more local community consultations on each language because there are [inaudible] like Neo-Brahmi or addresses nine big scripts and face-to-face meeting limited to one language community member per script. So, I think there is a need of wider community ALS involvement in that process. Otherwise, it'll be one or two people per language will be deciding this script mostly.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, [Anivir]. Please remember that Edmon has already promised his help on this. He might even support financially for holding multiple meetings and for different scripts, so that's an opportunity we can try to address. I don't see any other hands, so I'm assuming that everybody who wanted a chance to speak has spoken. I would like to just summarize in about one minute
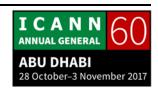
time, some of the things that we have discussed, and we will have to take up as we go forward.

There has been a discussion about focus groups. We can't call them working groups because working groups are already kind of in existence. The focus groups is something that we can discuss.

Then what Mario is leading in terms of the ALS relations, which is a very promising thing for us, I think it's got enormous potential and we are looking forward to working with you, and one of these starting items will be the calendar of all the events in Asia-Pacific and between the two of you, I'm sure we can work this out.

Some of the things that have been announced. There's been request for concessions for ALS. Can an ALS member get a fee waiver on a conference like APRICOT? Now, this is something that we had to take up because there are people who are technical people here, they would like to make presentations in APRICOT but the fee is $600, the entry fee. Now, we don't have any budget at all but we can discuss with APNIC and the organizers to see whether there's any way to make this happen.

Edmon has already promised that there will be some – I don't know, fee waiver for the registration of .asia domains for ALSes. In case ALSes want .asia registrations, they may be waivered.

He's already announced that. It's a good thing. We can follow it up with him.

The monthly call that we have, there is a proposal that we have a more equitable way of forming the agenda for these monthly calls. If you have anything to propose as agenda for these monthly calls, please contact the leadership team. We'll be happy to give you a spot. These are mostly held on Thursdays, third Thursdays of the month. It's a one-hour call on Adobe Connect. Please join us. And if you have something to tell us, please do. Please ask us.

Silvia has brought all of the brochures, which are right here, brochures in multiple languages – in English, Arabic, Hindi, Bangla, Chinese. So, five languages. Please take this with you when you go. Otherwise, we will not have any use for them. Please take this and use it in your outreach in your own ALSes.

Two other things, organizational things are one is that we have mentioned multiple times that we'll be tracking ALS participation in the activities of APRALO. We also would be launching a decertification of some of the ALSes, which are inactive today, which were active for some time but later on they became inactive. We are aware that some of the other RALOs have already started this process and we would like to consider after new discussions inside the APRALO how to do this.
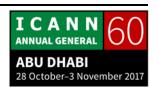
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And we have just started the discussions on most of the things here. We are not going to finish them here. We are going to take them offline on the e-mail list and we are going to discuss this in greater detail.

At this time, I would like to thank everybody who has come here on behalf of myself, on behalf of the leadership team of APRALO for all the effort you have taken to come and participate. It has been a most rewarding time for us and as we go through the feedback, the enormous amount of enthusiasm and momentum that this meeting has actually opened up, and we're really thankful for that, and we hope that you'll continue with in supporting our activities and joining these activities and taking up outreach.

We would like to thank the staff, who's been an enormous support for us at every juncture. We've been planning this for more than three months now and without their support, this wouldn't have happened at all. Thank you very much. We would also like to thank the interpreters who have been here at the background for the help, support.

We would like to thank, of course, ICANN for the budget support that has enabled all of us to come here, without which it wouldn't have happened. We do not have any meeting in Asia-Pacific next year, 2018. The first meeting in Asia-Pacific after

New York is going to be March, most likely, in Japan, Kobe. And as discussed, it's also likely that there is an ATLAS III there and we have discussed all this earlier, so I'm not going to repeat it. We are out of time.

So, we hope to see you at least most of you, possibly all of you. We'll be very happy to have all of you there, there are no budget constraints, and we will first try to do that so that we can continue this momentum.

It's been a long time since we had a GA, 2013 in Beijing, so this has actually for many of us put a face to the name, so now we know each other. And I'm sure this will help us to kind of go forward and we also have a first time an individual member representative. It's actually a real breakthrough for us that we have managed to do that. And is there anything that any of my leadership team members have to add?

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you, Satish. On top of your thanks, actually, I want to thank again in the whole community who come and attend and I would highly ask you please stay connected and don't disconnect after this gathering. Keep it on, don't switch it off because we need you, we need you to develop and do whatever we have discussed for the whole week.

And my special thanks again goes to all At-Large staff with their dedicated support and I would mention Gisella in specific because I keep troubling her days and nights, hundred e-mails in a day just for the arrangement and doing the for the entertainment that you all have got for the dinner and for the showcase in here, that, so thank you very much all the team, Heidi. Well done. Thanks.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I, too, would like to say thank you all very much for your contribution towards the e-book and for your feedback. If you haven't finished your feedback sheet, please make sure that that comes in because it's going to look good at the end of our e-book, don't forget, so that's really awesome. But also, I just wanted to say before you all go, is that don't forget there's an Asia-Pacific regional IGF. I'm just advertising, in Vanuatu in the Pacific. If you want to come to the Pacific, come to our [APRALO].

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: So, now we would have to look at the funding.

HEIDI ULLRICH: And I would like to thank everybody for participating in the capacity workshops, for your participation, for your enthusiasm,

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and I expect that I'm going to hear from every one of you when I need help with policy. Thank you.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you all for being featured in the video. I wanted to show that we have the voice and we can bring it over to community. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU: Heidi, please.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Wow. It's been a long week and I congratulate all of you. At the beginning of our time together, I noted that this GA is going to be what you put into it. I have been here and we've been talking and you have put your souls into this. So thank you so much for this, all of your activity. We have lots of action items and we will carry through that. So thank you so much and I do hope that the next time we all see each other that you'll be teaching us what your activities and what your At-Large Structures have been up to.

Thank you to the leadership teams outstanding – normally this team has the GA plans finished before the last GA of another RALO finishes. So they're way ahead. Outstanding, flawless.

Thank you to my team, and Gisella, and Silvia. Just outstanding work.

Thank you to everyone.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much, all of you. We are closing this session now. Bye. Safe travels.

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