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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's Wednesday, November 1, 2017 in Hall B Section A, ALAC for the At-Large APRALO General Assembly Part 2, 10:30 to 12:30.

SATISH BABU Yeah can we settle down please? Please take your seats. Okay. We are starting. Can we shut the door please, someone? Thank you, Ali. We will start with a new person who is [inaudible], Narine from Armenia. Narine, please go ahead and introduce yourself.

NARINE KHACHATRYAN: Hello, everyone. My name is Narine Khachatryan. I am happy to represent Armenian At-Large Structure in today's General Assembly of APRALO, which we have joined in 2012. Media Education Center coordinate Safer Internet Armenia National Program covering cyber safety, awareness, and education countrywide, educating about Internet risks, privacy, safety, security issues among general population. And the 10th edition of Safer Internet Armenia program will be launched in 2018.

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Over the last decade, Safer Internet Armenia has given start to numerous educational initiatives in the field of ICTs involving many thousands of young people and adults. We have also made lots of efforts educating citizens about Internet governance issues, its ecosystem, its major challenges and opportunities and in educating people, developing their digital literacy skills. Happy to join the General Assembly.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much Narine. Before we start with the agenda, first point is that some people have asked for extra time for presenting about their ALS. We can provide some extra time, maybe three minutes or so tomorrow. Today we are kind of packed.

The second point is that I'd like to share with you the organization of the G and related events, how it is divided among the leadership team. We divided ourselves into five different committees. The first was Capacity Building, which is led by Holly here, the four sessions on behalf of all of us, I'd like to thank Holly for the sessions. Wonderfully organized. And I think there's very positive feedback on the sessions and this is continuing what Holly did in Hyderabad, same kind of sessions. So please give her a big hand on our behalf.

The second team was led by Liana here. Liana's brief was ALS liaison. And the tracking down the traveler and all that. It is a very involved process. Liana has interacted with each of you in selecting the traveler visas and all kinds of arrangements. And I'd like to on behalf of all of us, thank Liana here for the work that she has done.

Third is Maureen. Maureen's most visible output – you must have seen the e-book. But there is one more output coming this evening, which is the showcase. So Maureen has been very meticulously planning out the showcase. And you will be participating in the showcase this evening. And also, the e-book which you have already seen. So thanks to Maureen again on behalf of all of us.

The fourth is Ali who did a very – not so visible but very important part of the work, which is organizing finances. So Ali was instrumental in organizing the funds required for the General Assembly and also for the dinner which Maureen also helped out with dot [inaudible] support. So Ali was really responsible for the budget. Plus he's also doing outreach work on behalf of APRALO in the region in this Middle East region through his travel to several cities in the last couple of months in providing free ICANN outreach. So Ali has done wonderful work and he's taking a big weight off our shoulders in terms of the finance. Thank you very much, Ali.

And the next is Kaili. So Kaili volunteered to take on the History project. And within a few hours, the project kind of exploded in terms of activity. There's a lot of furious flurry of activity going up and down. And finally, we decided to have these two outputs, the e-book and the video, and we have seen both. And it is to Kaili's credit that this has been achieved together with Maureen's support of course. So I'd like to thank Kaili on behalf of all of us.

Right. Now before we proceed further, I'd like to ask the group here if they have any questions, comments, requests, or any issues that you like to highlight? Yeah Ali please.

ALI ALMESHAL:

In my turn as well, I would like to thank you Satish for the good leadership for the whole team in managing the whole GA. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU:

So are there any other questions or comments? Anybody who is part of the GA but has not been introduced?

Edmon has been introduced on video. So we just saw you before. So Edmon will be talking to us right now. Anybody else who has not been introduced?

Okay. Now, do we have Pablo here? Pablo has not come. Pablo. Okay, right. Cheryl is on her way.

So the first part of the discussion today is about [inaudible] on the Rules of Procedures in regional members, enhancing member engagement, etc. Can we look at the presentation, the second one? This one. So this is just to summarize as Cheryl's coming in the question about what many ALSes may want to know what they can do to be more active. Now, we saw that we are a very diverse region and we would like to... Cheryl is here. So I think I'll hand over to Cheryl to discuss the issue of how to stimulate participation, what to do with individual members and so on.

So this is a cluster of items. I'll just read out the actual agenda. It says – where is it? The Rules of Procedure, individual members, enhancing member engagement, improving policy participation. So Cheryl is going to kind of tell us what she feels about these topics. And then we have three other agenda items.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you very much, Satish. And I'm going to first of all start off with recognition of the enormous amount of work that was recently done by the Regional At-Large Executive Leadership team and particularly Maureen in recent times, when we have recently reviewed – by recently I mean the year before last, but

that's recent enough in some terms, reviewed our regional Rules of Procedure. In fact, they used to be just called operating procedures. And these are now Rules of Procedure in line with the nomenclature used by ALAC. They were also expanded considerably to take into account the types of issues that the At-Large Advisory Committee also recently reviewed rules were looking at.

So we actually have a set of playbook instructions that is more closely aligned to that that you'll find as expectations in the At-Large Advisory Committee than any of the other regions. That is to your benefit. That is to your benefit. But I did want to start by recognizing a considerable amount of work. And in particular, the beginning of the work which enshrined something very important to many of us, and that is the ability for individual members to become an active and wholly recognized part of our cadre within APRALO.

Sadly but for reasons of the way we were designed in the beginning, there were a number of At-Large Structures who quite literally existed with less than five people ever being members of them for no other reason than as organizations, they could then have one or two people contribute actively and effectively. That was the only pathway. And in fact, I am perfectly happy to declare that one of our founders found himself in that exact situation. If you're particularly good at the

forensics on history note that [inaudible] has his particular At-Large Structures no longer listed as it used to be and yet it was a founding At-Large Structure. That is because as soon as there was the existence and opportunity for direct individual member input, he didn't have to carry this vessel that allowed for the participation. So terribly, terribly important.

It's also important for another reason. And that is because the original first ALAC At-Large Advisory Committee Review made a number of recommendations, one of which – and it was accepted and required by the Board for us to implement – was the ability for all regions to have individual members. And I have to tell you, it is with great disappointment that I can say we have only come to that point as we close off our second external examiners review. That was sad for me. We as APRALO were able to at the beginning of that second review process so we've done it. We haven't done it perfectly, but we've done it. And you will have seen there are some adjustments and modifications and tweakings that are allowed.

We have a few regulations because after all, we like regulations. What we don't want is double dipping as a term, the ability for a single individual to have more influence by having themselves replicated in more situations. I am actually less fussed about that than many people as far as I'm concerned. Get anybody to interact and be engaged. I'm delighted. But there are many

people who are deeply concerned about balance and everything else.

So one of the rules is you cannot be a member of an At-Large Structure and an individual member. That's a given. You have to choose. Which gives you an advantage because if you are making outreach, and somebody is interested in contributing and seeing how they can contribute, you can bring them on as an individual member and support their development of an At-Large Structure and an application for such an entity if that works out. And that's the strength in the exercise for your sub-regions and your regions and your countries. So use that wisely.

One of the things about engagement is allowing people to find simple ways that they can contribute and learn how they can contribute. And what you can say now while you're in the elevator, going from floor one to floor 21 is that as an individual or as an entity, you can be engaged in our work. That's a good thing. Then of course you need to be able to show them some materials to bring them up to speed, and I would strongly encourage if you can have a very short pitch on why it's important, it may be to do with new names, it may be to do with internationalized domain names. It may be to do with simply balancing a policy around the globe that to date has not had our region adequately represented. We have always punched above

our weight in many things but we still are underrepresented in leadership across the hall of this entity .org of ICANN.

So have your pitch ready to go. And have a URL, a business card with a Q code, whatever it is that works for you. A thumb drive with the podcast and the e-books on it. What works for you locally, what is available, and have that available to give away. May I encourage you to minimize print. And what you do print, print so it is so generic that when things change, we just change the content on the pages but we don't change the links to the content.

So we need to be smart about when you're putting together something in your local language, it is not only in simple language, it is appropriate for a longer use. So if you're putting it together for a national initiated IGF, minimize the references to that particular thing in the calendar because then you'll get a longevity out of your materials.

Find peer supporters. Allocate people who have experience. Or know where to find experience. Know who to ask if not know themselves. And encourage a method within your local area which allows people to not be thrown into this great ocean of acronym and confusion and politics but to be pushed out in a nice safe raft. And then we'll give them swimming lessons and then hopefully they will survive and thrive. But all too often, we

say, “Come and join us. Here’s the material.” And then that’s it. Do you want engagement? You have to nurture it.

And with that, I’m really happy to say only one more thing, and that is policy participation is in ICANN. That’s the primary interest we have of you. We will be delighted that you have policy participation locally. Fantastic. Adjunct. But it’s not our whole business. Might be your At-Large Structure’s core business, might be your business’s core business. But it is not ICANN’s core business. We want to see what you do for ICANN. And if you do well for ICANN, I am absolutely confident ICANN will do well for you. That’s it. Are there questions?

SATISH BABU:

Thanks for the excellent advice for all of us, Cheryl. Are there any questions for Cheryl? She’s here with us for a very short time only. So this is an opportunity for you to raise any issues that you might want to ask her about.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you Satish, and thank you very much to put up with my flitting in and out. I’ve been given some other leadership roles which were not planned or orchestrated. Certainly if I’d have orchestrated it, that would have been done in a proper order and not this mess. I want to however say my e-mail address, my

contact, my Skype, all of those are public enough for you to find them. Maureen probably knows where I am 24 hours a day as does Ali and Lianna. Staff quite literally have access to my calendar and even know my medical appointments. Hopefully they're not getting their results just yet but I don't mind if they do.

So what I'm saying is I am approachable. I am happy to help you as leaders become better leaders. But I too have a life, which means it may not be instantaneous but like many things, ask and it will happen. It may not happen soon but it will happen. Narine, very short.

NARINE KHACHATRYAN: Do individual members and ALS representatives have the same weight while participating in policy development or in voting? Thank you very much.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Excellent question. If both in the GNSO, which is the way you'll find most of the policy development work is done within GNSO. It's just the nature of it. There is less commonly done once in ccNSO but it does happen. And the ISO ones of course happen within the Regional Internet Registry context and that is very

open and individuals may contribute. The answer is yes, they do. All of those processes are open.

Now if the ALAC has asked for an APRALO or regional representative or member into something, then you may have specifically the ability to vote on a Cross-Community Working Group if a vote is called. But most PDP processes operate on consensus. It would be extraordinarily rare for voting to occur. And even in our Cross-Community Working Groups where members have had the right to vote, that right was not exercised.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you for sharing more details on the different types of memberships, individual and for ALSes. My question is since you've been involved in the system for long, from the APRALO part, what are the critical areas where you think the ALSes or individuals need to participate more in contributing?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: There's a long list and there's a short list. And the short list has the greatest priority. Right now, with geographic and geographic identifiers just beginning, I think that is going to be important for a number of reasons including the fact that we will also be looking at significant identifiers as well. So that will be rivers,

mountains, lakes, perhaps even places of significance which are almost mappable geographic identifiable sort of thing. And I would suggest that your countries have a vast number of those and therefore should be interested in them.

The other thing of course is the use of scripts and IDNs associated with not only those names but with other names is also being reviewed in this current subsequent procedures for new gTLDs PDP Working Group. And that is where I would believe there is an opportunity for your At-Large Structures to if not directly work within those PDPs, for you to act locally, find some opinions, and then if with their proxy bring in their views – I’m not suggesting that you need to bring 474 more people into our PDP process, but I’d love you to find out from 474 more people what their actual needs and concerns were. And then be able to bring them forward.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Satish. I would just like to take this opportunity to sort of state from a personal perspective as well as as a leader how valuable our support has been from our esteemed Cheryl here. She mentions my name a lot because she is – when it comes to surprise – she mentioned that she’d just been given a surprise appointment. Hello? Anyone along this line here has

actually sort of like being introduced to a surprise appointment because Cheryl says I think you should do that.

Another thing too, she's been a real support, a real, a genuine friend and a leader within the APRALO region. I mean you don't have to look through the history and the e-book to see what an influence she has had within APRALO and to where we are now. But also to say that we have also inherited some of this push that we've been given by Cheryl. And if anybody would like to learn more about how they can contribute and they need a bit of support and mentoring and advising and coaching and whatever that the leadership team is here for you. Thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: If I may, I trust you have covered your mentoring program? Okay. Take particular note that that is a brilliant initiative and I can't see anyone in this room who shouldn't benefit from it. And with that, I'm going to slide my chair back.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Cheryl. I must place in record that the support that Cheryl provided in the planning and design of this whole G, right from the Advisory Committee being constituted, it is inputs from Cheryl that recalled all these names out of – so on behalf of all of us, I'd like to thank Cheryl once again for

speaking to us in the middle of her very busy triple booked schedule.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: It's been my honor. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: We now have another dignitary with us, Rinalia. Rinalia is a serving Board member, outgoing Board member now, and she is part of our community. Originally she's from Malaysia. And Leon told us about how high a bar that she set for him to follow. And we have her right here right now with us and Rinalia, please address the General Assembly.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Thank you, Satish. Good morning, everyone. It is a real pleasure to be in the ALAC room always and especially to be with the APRALO community. It's rare for RALO members to be able to all gather at an ICANN meeting. It is a funding issue. But when you're here, you finally get a sense of the ICANN intensity and the scope of the issues. And sometimes you may get excited by it. Sometimes you get really tired by it. But I think this understanding will help you figure out how deeply you want to get involved in ICANN in general.

And for me, my first ICANN meeting was extremely bewildering. I wasn't really participating. At that time I was actually organizing a site meeting in parallel with an ICANN meeting. And I poked my head into the GNSO meeting room and I thought that they were all crazy. And I said, "I would never want to be part of this." It's really insane. But then a few years later NomCom came and asked me to consider a leadership position. And I said no several times. I think you saw that in the e-book. But finally I had a weak moment and I said yes. And then the crazy journey started.

In terms of participation in ICANN, you can actually focus on two types of issues. One is contributing to issues related to the governance of ICANN. And part of it is administrative and you can engage in that. And most people have a good sense, common sense about that. So it's easier to engage. The harder part is actually in the policy discussion. And it's harder because it requires specialized knowledge and you need to invest a little bit of time to understand it before you can engage effectively. You could be quite frustrated along the way.

I would encourage you in terms of finding your way or and your place in ICANN is to find an issue that you think is really interesting and focus on it for a while. And then that could be your pathway to navigate through ICANN. I think that will be very, very meaningful for you and beneficial for ICANN as well.

So I would just like to stop here and just want to say welcome for those who it's their first time to ICANN and welcome back for those who have been to ICANN meetings. So welcome to ICANN60. And if you have any questions for me, I would... And if I can answer it, it would be my pleasure. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: If you want to ask questions, please introduce yourself. The name and where you're from. The floor is now open for questions.

ANUPAM AGRAWAL: Hi, this is Anupam Agrawal of Kolkata for the records. So Rinalia if the issue is something that has not been discussed in a particular constituency from where you started, and this issue becomes more important in another constituency, then what should be the path and how should one navigate?

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: So if you look at public comments, for example, a topic comes up, it probably originated from an issue that started from another part of ICANN. And that's an opportunity for the ALAC At-Large to participate. And then I think you understand the ALAC process and they will sort of put a callout to see who's interested and can pen sort of like a draft, and then there is

consultation to happen. If it's more dynamic such as during an ICANN meeting and there is an issue such as the hot one is the SSR2 review – it's on fire right now – and the other hot issue on fire right now is GDPR. It's almost impossible to get the entirety of the issue. But what you need to do if you have time is actually to look into the ICANN web space which is quite challenging I know. But ICANN org already has a project which the Board approved to help with that, to look at what are the foundational documents so that you know the facts. If you don't know the facts, you cannot really move forward because then what everyone else says will just confuse you.

So whenever you are unsure, go back to the documents. And I have to say that from the beginning when I started, I was not an expert on IDNs but I was given this portfolio by the ALAC Executive Committee or the Leadership Team and it required study. I mean serious study. And that's the only way that I was able to move forward on that. So just bear in mind that to be active in ICANN and to be good at it, you have to spend time and effort. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Are there any other questions? Some of these areas will be taken up in later sessions. So Holly is going to talk about some of these issues like being At-Large, you have to comment on anything

that comes upon the radar in the ICANN settings. So most of these things have not originated from our end. We don't originate policy in any case. It's by other people. Kaili.

KAILI KAN: Thank you, Satish. Just one more question for Rinalia is that I understand there have been discussions before that ALAC having a second seat on the Board. And do we see that come in sometime in the future or right now it's in the back burner? Thank you.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: So are you asking me from a Board perspective or my individual perspective?

KAILI KAN: Personal.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: Personal one. I have to say that being the only Board Director for the At-Large means that I bear a larger burden. Of course other Advisory Committees only send one liaison, so they might say that it's equivalent. But the Supporting Organizations have two Board Directors. And I think that if the At-Large feels that it deserves a second Board seat, it should ask for it and it should

make a case for it. And it would have been ideal in the last review process if that were part of the recommendations. And so if there is no consensus on that, it's very difficult for the Board to actually react.

So that is the situation. I can't really say whether it's good or bad. But one consideration I would put in your head being I have to be responsible with my duties right now is that when you have a Board that is too large, it cannot function well. It becomes very difficult to make decisions. And so when you want to add something that is the tradeoff and people will ask you, this is the cost. There is a cost to it and how do we deal with it? Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Any other questions? Thank you very much Rinalia for taking time off to meet our GA representatives.

RINALIA ABDUL RAHIM: My pleasure, and I'll see you again this evening. Enjoy the day.

SATISH BABU: So now, we're running a little bit late but that's okay because we have some buffer time as I said. But the speakers are here. Now, the next is quick interventions from our three ALAC

representatives, Holly, Maureen, and Kaili on policy priorities for us APRALO.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Five minutes and instead of actually talking about the policy thing, I'd like to remind you of what happened yesterday, which was very relevant to the policy discussion. A couple of things. First of all, in your capacity building, we have talked about the policy process. I would suggest you go there are those slides available. That's how you participate.

Ariel spent a lot of time and I really thank her for it. Some of you took her up on the offer of how do you actually participate in the policy process? And she walked a few of you through it. It's a pity she didn't walk all of you through it but she walked through how you get to the website, how you find out what this user up, and then going to the ALAC website, how you find out what we've decided as to whether we're going to comment, how we make those decisions, who's the penholder, and how you comment. So all that stuff has been said and I think maybe there's an action item that possibly Satish and I can work with the team and see how much of that material we can put up to remind all of you.

And a reminder of what Alan said as well, which is we are here to do policy. That's your first priority. So it's picking up from what

Rinalia said, it's not easy. You have to do a lot of homework. So you have to figure out what are the issues for your area.

We started that discussion yesterday. We looked first of all and all these group issues into maybe a couple categories. The introduction of new gTLDs actually raised a number of issues. They raised issues about, first of all, what's in the Applicant Guidebook? What is it that people have to say, I want to be a new registry, what do I have to do? And that raised a lot of issues in terms of what – if they wanted to be a community registrar. What they had to do. There's a whole European commission paper on all the problems that arose from that. There was the cost alone. And there was supposed to be a fund that helped particularly Third World, developing countries forward. That did seem not to have worked. So a lot of those issues are still simmering.

There was also as a result of the New gTLD Program – and Kaili's far more informed on this one than I am. There has been a look back as to what are the results in terms of did the new gTLDs actually introduce competition? Did they introduce trust? Did they introduce choice? And Kaili I'm going to leave that up to you because there's some very interesting issues you can pick up in terms of what do we worry about in terms of the public's interest and trust in the domain name system as a consequence of the new gTLD process.

There's another whole couple of set of issues that don't relate to the new generic top-level domains. The first and Rinalia mentioned it is privacy. And that has become a very hot topic because the European Union has come out with regulations that bind all 27 countries in terms of what public data that relates to individuals, what could be made public? Now this is an issue that actually goes back to the OECD guidelines in 1980. So there's nothing new. It's simply that what's been introduced is enforcement measures and fines for not complying with the directive. And it goes beyond the 27 countries of the European Union because it applies to all EU companies and individuals wherever they are.

So if your country trades with European Union companies, you have to comply. If you've got EU citizens in your countries, you have to comply. So the reach of this new directive goes way beyond Europe. It probably covers 100, 120 countries.

The importance for ICANN is that we have a thing called – the ICANN's contract with the registries and registrants requires that certain information is publicly available including personal information. So there is a direct conflict between privacy legislation that impacts on 100 or so countries and the rules that are going to be enforced. So that's another set of issues. IDNs was part of the New gTLD Program. I was very glad that Eben was here yesterday and able to walk many of you through the

range of issues that are still have to be solved in terms of there are conflicting scripts and how they work. There are guidelines. How do they work?

So the issue of Internationalized Domain Names has not been solved. And it is important for any country where in fact you use a script that's not an ASCII script or you'd like to have domain names in a script that's no ASCII. Then this is an issue for you that's really important.

So there are a range of policy issues out there. Some of them is a direct result from new gTLDs. Many not. And I think you should listen to the advice that Rinalia's given. You have to actually do the hard yard. You have to do the reading. You have to end – and in fact, probably the best thing to do is find out who else is attending meetings that you want to, who else is involved. And it's probably helpful if there are two or three people who can help each other on each issue.

The other thing is to go into your community to find out the things that are issues for your community. And that's probably the best motivation for becoming involved. But you need to be involved because that's why we're here. And because you're members of At-Large Structures, you are in fact translators. You are listening to the voice of your own community and what its priorities are. And you're bringing that voice into this forum. You

are also translating and saying to your community, “These are the issues that are before ICANN. I need to understand what your views are so that I can make sure that they are voiced in ICANN.”

It is a big job and I think what we need to do is put perhaps some of the techniques we talked about in terms of the platforms for material, for webinars, and so forth. One of the things I would like to have introduced is every time there is a new Policy Development Process by the GNSO, have a public webinar so that anybody who wants to contribute or even find out what the issue is be able to find out what the issue is and maybe schedule one for the European time zone and one for our time zones. But we should be involved more in putting a lot of material up to help you. But I can’t say, I cannot repeat enough what Rinalia said, you have to put in the hard yards but then that’s why you’re here. And it’s a very interesting journey that you’re all on and you’re just starting. And I’m happy to help all of you. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Holly. Kaili, do you have anything to add maybe in a minute or so? We’re running short of time.

KAILI KAN:

Just talk a little bit about the so-called ccTLD, consumer competition, consumer trust, consumer choice. Okay. Basically the overall – I think right now the preliminary draft report is out for public comment. So I would encourage everybody to take a look.

However, talking from At-Large are the end users point of view, of course the opinions, conclusion could be quite different from the registry or registrars because they're talking from different angles. So therefore I suggest that especially as APRALO, we look at those especially in terms of the consumer right mechanism and also DNS abuse studies and those are quite controversial and quite intense. Especially for the new gTLD introduction of this program to a certain extent, it did not benefit end users community. Instead, it introduced some mistrust and so forth. So I would suggest that our community actively participate and provide feedback so our opinions and our viewpoints could be included in the final report. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Kaili. So we will have another opportunity to discuss and ask questions on this topic. I'm not opening currently for opening the floor for questions. We will now move on to the next item on the agenda. In this session we have a panel basically of three or four partners. We have Edmond here. Edmon, all of you

met him yesterday. Edmon is working very closely with the AP Regional IGF as well as .asia who's our partner. Pablo, Pablo is here. Pablo is from APNIC. [inaudible] from Asia Pacific. And Kelvin who introduced [inaudible] from our Asia Pacific hub of ICANN. Kelvin has a slide deck so he would prefer to go first. So I'm asking Kelvin to go first. And then we'll move on to Edmon and then to Pablo.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

SATISH BABU: For this session... 40 minutes, sorry.

KELVIN WONG: I'm happy to go second or third if Edmon or – it's okay? All right. Is this my slide? Can I go? Can I go to the next slide?

Okay, thank you for the opportunity for me to introduce the APRALO-APAC Hub Corporation Framework. This came about when it was still called the APAC Hub. Now we are the APAC Regional Office. So this slide – since everybody is here, I would just like to take this opportunity to share with you what this framework is all about. Next slide please.

First we take a little bit of the stock take and review of this pilot framework. And then I'll focus the discussion on the follow up phase, the next phase of this framework. Next slide.

Okay, if you can see on the left hand side, these are the three focus that we have agreed with the APRALO on as to what we'll focus. The idea here really is to ensure that we have the same focus areas and we come to an agreement on some of the key deliverables that we like to achieve. So this frame, we discussed this in 2014. This framework is in place for about three years now. I'm not going to go too much detail in the deliverable part, but just [inaudible] part of this framework because I like to focus on the next phase.

So I just like to point out to you one or two things that we have sort of achieved. You can see on the right hand side. One of the focus area is the language localization. With this, with the collaboration of APRALO and the ALSes, we have translated some of this localization. I'll explain in a bit what this localization toolkit is all about. We have translated that into eight different languages. Two of them are actually done by our ALSes. So that was a good collaboration with ISOC Delhi and also ISOC Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The second focus area is really to work together on capacity building. So as Satish has mentioned I think earlier in the

morning, we have prepared together a capacity building webinar series that's ongoing now. But we'll in the next phase, we'll look at how to revamp this.

So the third focus area that we have been working on is really a two-way cooperation in terms of outreach and in capacity building. So this is as you can be seen in the photo below, this is really having APRALO come to the ICANN-APAC regional activities to talk about APRALO, talk about At-Large for example. So this is Satish giving in the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy. And of course we'll also be asked to go to speak in APRALO activities and outreach events. Next please.

Like I said, I like to focus on the [inaudible] review and the next steps. So what we have done since July is really to sit down with APRALO leadership team to look into the framework, to do a recap of what we have achieved, what we could have done better, what needs to be improved. So we kept the things that are working continued, and agreed to continue to do that and do those things but we also thought about things where we would like to have a fresh approach, and also to have fresh ways of doing things and working with APRALO and ALSes better.

One of the first things that we agreed is that the focus areas are still relevant. So in the next few slides, you're going to see that the focus areas remain the same. And I'm very glad to see that

it's really very aligned with the Internet priorities that Satish shared with us earlier this morning. Next slide please. Okay. No, sorry. This slide then.

So the first focus area is language localization. So what is this language localization toolkit that I've been talking about? It is really to use slide deck with ICANN topics such as a New gTLD Program, IDNs, what is ICANN. So very basic slide decks really for you to use. Now our approach in the past has really been to build up a repository for this so as I mentioned, we have about eight languages right now in Chinese, in Korean, Bengali, Hindi. But now we really like for you to go in and take a look and to use and translate on a need-to basis. What we really like for you is to find that the slides are useful and also once you've translated them to come back to us so that we can upload the slides. And let us know how you have done the outreach so that we can be able to check the effectiveness of this toolkit.

Now the toolkit link is as shown and you can click on it to find out more. There's one slide here that is taken from the toolkit. I think it's on the New gTLD Program. I think Juhangye will be quite familiar with this because you have to translate this, thank you very much for that. Next slide. Next slide please.

So next one would be the focus area two. Next slide.

It's on capacity development for APAC community. We're also coming out with presentation material on introducing At-Large, ALAC, APRALO, ALSes. I think different teams have been using this. I think APRALO has a good deck as well. But I think we would like to have one deck in place so that ALSes, all of you are able to use a single deck that has been agreed upon that you can use it to share with end users in your local community. We are looking forward to sharing this with you by early next year.

Like I said, one of the main things that we have been working on is the APRALO-APAC Hub webinar series. This has been working well and we agree that this is something that we like to focus on as well. We'll continue to do this and we'll do this on a quarterly basis. The topics are going to focus on the region and all happening at the region, at the APAC time zone. Of course we'll not overlap with the At-Large Capacity Building webinar series that we know is happening but is more catered to a wider crowd.

The link to the webinars is as you can see. Please go in to take a look at some of the topics that we have covered. If you look in the right-hand side, you can also see that earlier this year, we have covered a topic on the regional IGF. So these topics are regional and timely.

For ease of access, one new thing you are going to do is really to upload some of these webinar recordings into a place that is

really easy for you to find. I know that some of the things that we have in the committee, we don't know exactly the best place and it's not too easy to find. So we put it in APRALO.wordpress.com. We're working with Maureen on this. Next slide please.

One of the things we wanted to do more in this framework is really to have more targeted approach in how we work with the ALSes. I think Cheryl earlier has shared on how she wants the ALSes to be participating more in the Policy Development Process. So in this framework, we want to work with APRALO on a more targeted approach in these three points. Basically to reach out to potential ALSes, identify platforms where we can reach out to these potential ALSes and get them to join as ALSes.

Secondly, to identify and to work with and collaborate with the existing ALSes on joined activities. I think Andrew mentioned about the fact that the APriGF, the Asia Pacific Regional IGF is going to be held next year in Vanuatu. So this is one example of where we can work with the local ALSes, for example, on say a joint workshop or joint outreach activities in that locality so that we can make use of the regional event that's coming to that locality. So this is just an example.

Third is to explore strengthening ALS network with technical communities. We're happy that Pablo is here today to share

more about what APNIC is doing. So in the same vein and maybe in a greater detail, we hope to share what APNIC, what ISOC and .asia or other organizations, regional partners that we the APAC hub has been working closely with to share them with ALSes as well to see, to have a conversation going and for you to understand them better and to build relationships. Next slide please. I hope I'm doing good on time. I'm finishing, Satish. I'm given nine minutes I think.

Now still on the same focus [inaudible] three on continuing two-way collaboration in outreach and capacity building activities. We will continue to do this. I've mentioned that we have a very good collaboration with APRALO on mutual support of a program and activities. So this will continue in such as joint workshop proposals in the regional platforms or recheck activities.

One of the things we've also discussed with APRALO is to share more about what the APAC regional office is doing. And given that a lot of the ALSes are here today, I can't resist but indulge me a little bit to share this platform what are some of the key initiatives that the regional office is up to. We would just like highlight one key initiative, which is the APAC Space.

Now, the APAC Space is a community-led platform that is really led by the community. And one of the main community leaders

here is Edmon himself. This is just to share a little bit more about what APAC Space is trying to achieve. It is a practice ground to facilitate discussion between APAC members providing a smaller environment for us to talk about ICANN topics. I think some of us are more comfortable speaking in a smaller group setting especially in Asia. And then we hope to bring this to the wider global discussion.

We would like to single active participation from the ALSes here. We have singled participation from the contracted parties and some other stakeholders. But from this group, we really like to see more of you there and be more actively participating in discussion. We have always gotten a commitment from APRALO to help push out the information and to get more ALSes to be involved in the APAC space discussions.

On this note, I would like to share that our face-to-face meeting at ICANN60 is going to be held today, 1:30 Hall 4. Sorry for the advertisement but we look forward to seeing you there. We are going to discuss and of course Holly is going to be there as a speaker and Edmon. Did I miss anyone? We are going to be discussing Internationalized Domain Names as well as Data Privacy Protection among others. The link is as shown. You can click onto the link to find out more on what are the previous topics that are discussed and also access the recording links.

So continuing on this, the two-way collaboration in outreach and capacity building, we would also like to see your feedback on perhaps as the second part of this session where we have a bit of discussion to see what can be done better about the APAC regional office and the APRALO in terms of outreach and capacity building. How we can contribute to our outreach activities, what it needs from us, and to be able to do so. We'll be happy to hear from you in this session or you could write to Satish as Chair of APRALO as well as myself by the end of December if not everybody is able to provide feedback by today. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Kelvin. So for all of us, it is important to look at the material that Kelvin has very kindly provided. These are presentations that we can use for outreach within our own communities. And also the localization toolkit. These are resources that we can easily use so I request all the representatives to take a look. Are there any quick questions for Kelvin? Yes. One, two. You go first, then Andrew.

WALID AL-SAQAF:

I already talked with Kelvin about this. I think it was yesterday that I discussed about APIGA that if you can push some people from Afghanistan to join APIGA and I came to know that he said

Afghanistan falls under the [MENA MEAC] so we have to participate out there. But according to me, if we cannot – because when we did AFSEC, we called upon most of the speakers from ICANN. And the only problem that we were facing was that they were not able to come to Afghanistan because of the war presenting this apology that is war zone or they are not being supported by ICANN to come to Afghanistan.

So what we can do is to build a capacity of their own advance out there by using all these things, all these platforms, like we have some collaborations with NSEC, with BGSEC, and with MIACSEC. So why not use APIGA as well even if Afghanistan does not fall under APIGA. So at least if we can have this opportunity to push someone from Afghanistan as well each year one or two people, that would be a good opportunity.

SATISH BABU:

Kelvin, do you want to respond to that?

JIA RONG LOW:

Thank you for your comments, Walid. So I totally understand your concerns and the APRALO region is much larger than what for my office we cover. And I've mentioned this before at the earlier session that it's covered by four regional Vice Presidents.

With regards to APIGA specifically, we have shared how we run APIGA the program. And actually the other regions are also looking into how they can adapt that program for their regions. So I will talk, have a closer conversation with my colleague Bahir and see how we can actually try to do this in a more coordinated manner. So for now, that's the best answer I can give you but rest assured we are working towards having this be more propagated and have more stakeholders be able to benefit from such a program. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Jia Rong. Next question. Please introduce yourself and then ask a question. Not a question, okay. Are there any other questions? I'm not seeing any hands. Let's now move on to Edmon.

EDMON CHUNG:

Thank you, Satish. And it's a little strange, usually when I'm sitting in this room, I wear my ISOC Internet Society Hong Kong hat. But now I'm a little bit schizophrenic and I'm representing .asia which is a partner with APRALO as well. So actually part of what I want to cover is a little bit of what .asia does. Just to let you know, yes of course we're a registry. We're a gTLD registry. But we are actually set up as a not for profit organization so all the .asia domain names help support incident development and

adoption around Asia. So when next time you have a good idea, try to think about using a .asia domain to do that.

So some of the things that .asia pays attention to in terms of in the ICANN environment is of course I think Rinalia mentioned the hot topic of the day is the privacy and the GDPR, the General Data Privacy Regulation that has a lot of ramifications for registries and registrars. But also more generally new gTLDs and related stuff. But of course my personally and also for .asia IDN, Internationalized Domain Names, is both my passion and something that .asia cares deeply about.

So one of the things that I've already mentioned that too many times in the past so I won't go into details of what IDN is and what we're doing, but specifically for .asia and APRALO, I think one area that we're exploring partnership really with ALSes on is universal acceptance. We, working with the universal acceptance steering group, I think we're now at a stage where we're ready that there are a number of materials that are there. We want to go to the local all the ALSes and .asia's looking to partner with ALSes to promote universal acceptance and IDNs in the local area. So this is kind of an open call and we're hoping that we will definitely come back. Actually, I think we've started the conversation with Satish and we'll come back and continue to follow through with this.

The other thing that I think we'd like to see further cooperation is Kelvin actually mentioned a few items. Asia Pacific regional IGF, the APriGF which .asia serves as the Secretariat for. And also a number of other initiatives like the youth IGF in Asia, the APIGA, APSIG, that's the Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance. We're also working with a number of partners including ICANN APAC Hub, ISOC APAC Bureau and APNIC on what we are calling APASA, it's a very long thing, it's Asia Pacific Alliance for Academy and Schools of Internet Governance. And that is trying to help one of the key areas is trying to support young people to join this I guess "party" where we are here in ICANN and other Internet governance fora. And it's really about engaging in training a next generation of participants into the international Internet governance fora. So that not only from what Kelvin mentioned actually .asia ourselves have a bunch of modules for running youth IGF camps, doing kind of a role play models. It's actually available on netmission.asia, which is a youth program that we run. So we're also another open invitation to all the ALSes to replicate. We've been looking to help to replicate the youth IGF camp that we run across Asia. And we're more than ready to support and help how to deploy it locally.

We already have a couple of deployments in Bangladesh, in India that have taken some of the modules that we've produced

and experienced and deployed it over there. We're looking to do more of that actually. Sam sitting there and hopefully introduced over the week, he's leading that project and looking for your participation.

And that leads me to the final item and that is we are celebrating 10 years of course. And we're jointly celebrating 10 years with APRALO. Of course we have the dinner earlier in the week and we have the showcase tonight. Right? Did I get it right? Okay, tonight. The week is blurry for me. But from that actually .asia is also going through our annual Board elections process and APRALO is both a partner and a member. We'd like to invite more people from the Asia Pacific region to participate at the governance level of .asia and join on board. It's great to have Maureen on my Board and we would like to see more people participate in the process and give us guidance to channel our work for the region. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Edmon. I know that USG is particularly important for us in the region. And any ALS which intends to work on this topic should contact USG, the group as well as Edmon who can help out in this process. APriGF is also another – one of the two events that APRALO traditionally is represented. We go there actually together with the applicant of APNIC. So as

a regional partner, .asia is a very important partner for us and we are grateful to them for supporting our events, dinner this time. Are there any questions for Edmon? Yeah sure.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible] ISOC India. It's an ALS. Not really a question for Edmon but on the larger topic of APAC-APRALO engagement. And we have several events in Asia Pacific and the APRALO members are somewhat disconnected from some events from one event to another. The IGF, APriGF and then APNIC and then APRICOT and then other significant events happening in Asia Pacific. Is this something made by the chart, the APAC, APRALO Cooperation called – look at streamlining participation and enabling participation in the events and also think of Asia Pacific meeting as distinct from the global ICANN meeting. At least one event once a year happening in different locations of Asia Pacific where not only the APRALO representatives but also the larger members have an opportunity to take part like one event in India, the next year it could be in Thailand, next year it could be in Australia and so on, and Asia Pacific APRALO as well as other stakeholder participation conference. You could think of that. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: You can respond to that Edmon or – together with this question or another one? Okay then let’s hear from them and then we’ll go on.

KELVIN WONG: We will be happy to find out from you. Thanks for the question. We’ll be happy to find out from you what you mean by the disconnect. I see perhaps there are two levels. One it’s whether we are sharing enough news with you in terms of some of the events that we’ve been doing. If that’s one then we could certainly work with the APRALO to share more in a more direct manner on what the APAC regional office has been doing so that you know what are some of the activities that’s coming your way. In terms of participation in actual events, it’s still going to be a bit tricky in the sense that if you’re talking about APriGF and how we can help. Funding as Rinalia has pointed out is always going to be the issue because it is what got us here but resource is always going to be issue. But there are, for example, in terms of APriGF it’s a very good fellowship process. And I think we find about 50 in APriGF last year. And then some of us are in the fellowship committee here so that’s one avenue.

Other than that, on your second I think question when you talk about a regional activity, that’s not really for me to decide. But at the local level, what I’ve seen – and I’m sorry if you are

hearing me repeat this – at the local level what I’ve seen is a lot of communities have gone back to the other countries to share in their little manner what they have learned in the ICANN meetings. In the regional context, again it is also very difficult because one thing with – it boils down to resource and funding. Again if you want to have everybody travel to a regional meeting outside of an ICANN meeting. That is not APriGF as well.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:

Response. Funding is secondary. It’s just that the idea is to have a Asia Pacific event by itself. And then the rest of the things could fall in place. And this event could also be in rotation so that for the local participants, they may not require funding and there are other participants who’ll be funded not only by ICANN but ISOC and other organizations and some would fund on their own and companies could fund themselves. And so some sort of an Asia Pacific APRALO and other related organizations conference, that would focus on Internet and helping Internet evolve further along the right path. So thank you.

EDMON CHUNG:

Just quickly, I think this segues into Pablo. Is Pablo still here? That segues probably into Pablo. Maybe APRICOT is a good venue for doing something like that. I would just off the top of my head and my gut reaction is that probably we don’t need to

create altogether new forum for this. We can latch onto something in APNIC or APRICOT might be a good option, actually. I know that coming up in Kathmandu we'll have the GAC join us with the underserved region outreach kind of event there. So maybe that's something that might work well.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, yes, I agree.

SATISH BABU: Thank you that's a perfect segue into Pablo's presentation. Pablo from APNIC.

PABLO HINOJOSA: Well, thank you. I'm Pablo Hinojosa from APNIC. And actually I came here basically with one purpose which is to promote the APRICOT meeting next February in Kathmandu. I invite you all to join us there. There will be many things happening apart from the usual training tracks in APRICOT on one week and then the later including the APNIC conference.

It will be convergence of initiatives of different fora. And we're expecting an important part of the Asia Pacific Internet community being gathered there. So that is [a flag], that's the

advertisement and I really hope that you keep it in your calendars and in your radars for next year.

I'm extremely happy to see many familiar faces here. Many of you we know very well and you are also active members of the APNIC community, which is a bit more technical in nature encompassing mostly the network operators in Asia Pacific. For those of you that don't know much, just to say that APNIC is the Internet regional registry for Asia Pacific. We are located and registered at IPv4 and IPv6 an autonomous system numbers. And the Asia Pacific region, we all have very different definitions of it. In ICANN itself, there are many different definitions that Sharon was saying. APNIC basically covers 56 economies from Afghanistan to the last island in the Pacific.

We have signed an MoU with APRALO that was almost four years ago in 2014 in the Singapore meeting. I think it's a good framework. It's a general framework to help recognize the benefits of mutual collaboration. And we all have complementary skills, knowledge, and experiences, and we are always really keen to partner, share, and collaborate within our own limited resources and according to our respective missions. But I think there is an important intersection with APRALO for sure.

I would like just to finish thinking about 2018. And as I said from APNIC perspective there is the APRICOT meeting in February and the APNIC conference in September. It will happen in New Caledonia in the Pacific.

The second thing I would like to flag and for all of us to be aware of is this important Asia Pacific regional Internet Governance Forum, which will be in Port Vila in Vanuatu as we all know. And we're very excited about that possibility. So that will be in August in Port Vila.

I would like to close because we are in the process of planning our activities for 2018 and it is very scary. I have counted at least 24 Internet governance related events or activities. Among them, seven schools of Internet governance and growing. Nine regional and local IGF initiatives and all the academies and more. It is for us a big challenge because we would like to support them all. But we can't. There is no possible way in which one single small organization can meet the demands of such a region like the Asia Pacific.

So I think the important thing here is to work together, partner together, and try as best as we can to continue to be as thriving and active as possible, but again within our limited resources and scope. APASA, that is another thing we have worked in order

to precisely create that sharing platform in order to help support these schools of Internet governance in Asia Pacific.

In APNIC as you know, our main sort of community are the network operators. We have 33 network operators, groups, meetings just scheduled for next year. And again it's just their reflection of how the community is vibrant and is gathering and it's doing lots of very important things. But at the same time it's challenging to follow a memo. Yes, I've finished.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Pablo. It is interesting to note the number of programs that are happening in our region next year. It is an exclusive kind of growth. But it's I think for the good. Although the support is an issue that is yet to reconcile with. Before I open up questions, I'd like to apologize to [Shediv] because I didn't give him a chance last time. Please go ahead, [Shediv].

[SHEDIV]:

Yeah. It is just a suggestion that in events like APriGF, I think the APRALO or we need to collaborate with the ALSes in coming with not just with proper sessions, but it helps in engagement as well as in getting resources. It works. So I think we need to collaborate in a more proactive way because these platforms are already there and we don't need to create. And most of us

are like very active there. Like APSIG is there. So a lot of people are there. So we have to collaborate. And we are lacking that. And due to that, there is a lot of engagement that is with the ALSes, we can capitalize that for further growth and further reaching out to the diversity so yeah, that's my point.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, [Shediv]. Would you like to respond to that?

EDMON CHUNG: I'm guessing that's a comment and I think that's a very good comment. The question is then the community specifically here, do we as APRALO, do we do some coordination as we go to these events?

SATISH BABU: One way would be to have a presentation of topics which are important for us. Last time, regional IGF, Kelvin and I organized a joint workshop on extending the footprint of Internet governance organizations to uncovered areas, unreached areas. So we could work together and have joint proposals. As [Shediv] mentioned, we have lively active fellowship programs for many of these institutions. And we can apply people here sitting around the table can apply for these programs. So funding is already there to some extent. [inaudible], please.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I have just simple comments to all of the comment. You are working [deeply] on Asia Pacific region. I would like to request them to [flaunt] APRALO member in local event and [flaunt] if any kind of local regional event, even some logistic support, [flaunt] them in local and regional level. That would be helpful to stand in APRALO [inaudible] way in [upcoming day]. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks for that comment. One issue is that APRALO itself has no formal – there could be multiple ALSes in a place. So then the question is, who shall we then the approach? But what I can draw from your comment is that maybe APRALO could be in the loop and we can inform our ALSes about such events and share basically. Amrita and then Fawad.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Coming from the point which Pablo was making about APRICOT participation from the ALSes, perhaps there could be a joint discussion amongst the ALSes on how to participate, for example, APRICOT being a more technical session. Not many of us might be technical. However, their communities might have technical people to participate. It could be remotely, it could be

on site. If some kind of activity can be done to increase participation from the region since it's – if I'm looking at it specifically, Southeast Asia.

No, I was saying that when you raised a point about participation in APRICOT, I was suggesting to Satish and others if there could be some activities amongst the ALSes to see how they can participate. And if not everyone in the room is technical, perhaps the community who is technical can be encouraged to participate in a whole way, especially from Southeast Asia. I'm being selfish because I'm from that region to participate in the upcoming Kathmandu meeting.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think that would be great.

FAWAD BAJWA: Thank you, Satish. Honestly I've showed up after a couple of years but I've seen one thing that APRALO has grown immensely. And there's such a wide – the right word is such a diverse amount of talent and intelligence around the table. These ALSes have progressed into a world of digital. And they're all connected with each other.

We have seen working groups being formed all around within ALAC and across the community. So I think we ourselves as

APRALO under this wonderful leadership of Satish, by Ali, and Lianna, this a group which has gradually grown with APRALO. And I think there's a very strong potential over here that it's time we integrate interest groups or working groups within APRALO, which concentrate on the areas of interest which were already highlighted yesterday by our kind colleagues or the issues that have come up today where you feel that the word disconnect I'm not really in favor of the word disconnect. But I think there's a little bit of gap which needs to be covered in terms of information and sharing of all these activities.

Like we know there's a global IGF happening. We know there are three ICANN meetings happening. We know there are regional meetings happening. We know there are national schools on Internet governance happening. But what is it that we are really trying to find within this? We are trying to find connectivity with each other, more frequent communication with each other.

So instead of leaving it across APRALO for information to start from point A and reach point B, I believe that if we have focused working groups – so even if we don't want to use the traditional word of working group, maybe focus groups, which help and which change and evolve over time within APRALO. And these groups can be according to a specific area of work.

I heard one of our former colleague's struggle about public policy. Today there's a lot of people who are interested in organization and public policy. I would love to form and work with such a working group. They have special interest groups within ISOC. They have these working groups mailing lists across various chapters. So we can import those ideas because you're already accustomed to those ideas. Maybe we can have those here. We have such technical people like Dr. [inaudible]. We have such wonderful people who are on the technical side of things. We have standards people like Anupam and so forth. So we have this potential to create these special interest groups. One working group can work with our MoU signing partners and they can regularly coordinate activities and help ALSes engage with them. So this is a small idea. Maybe you might want to think about this Satish. I'm sure under your leadership you can help us move forward with these ideas. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Fawad. It is indeed an interesting idea. We will be discussing follow up in the next tomorrow's session. We will take this up as a point to be discussed. Thanks very much for that. Suwaidi.

SUWAIDI: Afternoon. I just want to make a practical request to APNIC. Can APNIC waive the fees for participating at least for one from ALS to participate in APRICOT or any fee-paying events?

PABLO HINOJOSA: Well, there are two organizers of the conferences. And one is the APNIC conference in which we have control. And the other is APRICOT in which APRICOT has control about the fees, etc. I cannot speak on behalf of APRICOT. But I think it's all about – I mean our conferences are aimed for our members. And our members have the right to bring a couple or three people per member. So there is possibly an exercise that we can do to see how many of the ALSes are also members of APNIC and start from there. And perhaps we can discuss whether access to different portions of the conference can be a possibility. Again, I cannot speak on behalf of APRICOT.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much. Are there any other questions for our panel? Please say it to the mic.

EDMON CHUNG: I was just thinking and we are happy to waive fees for .asia registrations from ALSes.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much for that, Edmon. We are very happy with that concession for us. Great. Any other questions or comments? Otherwise, we will let our panel leave because they are busy people. Right. Not seeing any hands. I'd like to thank Edmon, Pablo, and Kelvin for their presence here and their discussion with us and for all the support they're providing us. Thank you very much.

Right. So we will now move on to the last part of today's discussions. Can I have the second presentation opened? The question as to what should and what can ALSes do in terms of practical activities in Internet governance. Let's take a quick look at a broad framework and then we'll discuss. We can go to the next one. Next one. Next one. Okay.

Now here we have the ROPs extract from the Rules of Procedure of APRALO. The full document is available online. I will welcome you to open it and take a look. This section is extract from the responsibilities and obligation of members, particularly ALS. So basically what this says is that they serve on behalf of At-Large community by acting for the good of the entire community, attend APRALO meetings, and to the extent that such participation from time to time may not be possible provided one's notice of absence. This is a hiding factor.

First of all, the fact that you're here to attend the APRALO meetings, which are monthly calls, mostly third Thursdays, the webinars that between APAC Hub and us we organized. Then there are several working groups that you can participate in. There are webinars organized by the Capacity Building Working Group of ALAC, which is a global thing, not just regional. So there are a number of activities.

Now all these things are coming to you on your e-mail. The minimum that I would recommend is the monthly ALAC meeting. And please note that from now to Kobe is a kind of a critical time. We would be monitoring the attendance for these activities. And we have been in some way ALAC that unlike this GA where we invited all active ALSes, in the ATLAS III meeting we will not be able to invite all ALSes because of a financial constraint. And we will be forced to filter ALSes on the basis of their levels of activity and participation. So we are necessarily required now to track these factors. So kindly participate in these events so that you don't miss out an opportunity to participate in the historic ATLAS III conference.

Then 6.1.3 says prepare for and actively participate in all APRALO discussions including face-to-face meetings, teleconferences, e-mail lists, wikis, and other means of interaction. One thing you should do right away if it's not done already is to update information about your ALS on the APRALO

wiki. So some of you have done it. Some of you have done it recently. Even during this meeting. That's very good. If you have not done it, please go back and get it done. Can you go to the next page?

Take part in all APRALO consensus decisions and votes except for those that are requiring attendance at a meeting where APRALO member is not present. So basically this means that please participate in any surveys because that's the consensus kind of a thing. Votes, any voting that's required. So this is a good thing that we expect from ALSes.

Play where possible and practical a leadership role in representing the interest of Internet end users in the region. For ALAC and then ICANN generally, please remember what has been repeatedly informed to us by the leaders that the most important requirement for ALS is to participate in ICANN policy processes.

Now some of us are able to do this, others are not able to do this. And we need further capacity. That's fine. We don't expect that all ALSes are at once ready to do this. But we have to work towards that. Actively participate in APRALO and ALAC working groups presumably, preferably in working groups sponsored by other ICANN bodies as well. Unless otherwise specified, such

participation is as an individual and not formally representing the APRALO. Okay?

So this is what the RoPs state as minimum requirements. But beyond this, what can we do? What does an At-Large Structure, ALS, do? Next slide please. Next one.

So the question is, what can we do? Some people might say that “Look, my ALS is the main focus is something else. It is not Internet governance. What can we do?” So at the base level, what ALSes can do is information dissemination. We can pass on – now, we may have membership of maybe 20, 30, 100. We have one ALS with more than 100,000 membership here. [inaudible] of India. So and many of these ALSes have their communications, their e-mail newsletters or other kinds of magazines or whatever they publish for their members. Now important information about Internet governance can be carried in that.

I know several people who are running newsletters. Amrita for example runs a newsletter, which she’s pushing to many people. So this is a good place where you can actually inform your members about events or happenings about policy initiatives within ICANN. You can also have local lectures and things by experts in your ALS. So this is the minimum level of engagement

that we can do beyond the base level which is participating in the calls and stuff like that. Next page.

The next level is – okay. We are passing on information now. What next? Next is the kind of gearing up towards a more active engagement. So you could start interest groups within your ALS if your ALS is big enough. Now this may not be formal groups. This may be informal groups. It may be two or three people who are assigned this task of working on Internet governance topics.

Like I said, Internet governance is not necessarily for everybody. It's a fairly niched kind of a domain. And you may have people who have special aptitude for it. So the idea is to bring this to people in your ALS and get them to take a more active role. Assigning stuff for volunteers to specialize on this and encouraging participation of not just the leaders, but also these other people interested in the calls of working groups and things like that. So this is in second level of engagement. Next.

The third level of engagement is when you have really active participation wherein your special groups have staff and volunteers and activities and probably some funding for carrying on Internet governance-related activities, especially even travel funds for certain key meetings to be discussed. There are also possibilities of fundraising for this like these fellowship programs that we have to now start applying for. Now if you

have identified people who can lead this thing, then they have to be supported in your ALS. Next.

The final level of participation is when you can play a leadership role. Like many of us sitting here, for an ALS and also for – it can be very useful for ICANN and other agencies themselves. So people who have some background, some aptitude, and have the time for it, because this does soak up time. As Rinalia was pointing out, you have to really work hard at certain times. If you have all these things, then you can actually start playing leadership roles as well. So you can liaise with other organizations in your country as well as outside. You can start creating policy statements and positions. You can test public comments that ICANN runs. You can also run workshops and even ICANN or IG, for example.

So this is a full level of engagement, which will require some support and some funding and all that. So this presentation is in response to what can my ALS do in terms of Internet governance?

We have a few minutes before the break. Are there any questions or comments? Yeah, Amrita.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: When you're talking about participating in policy discussions, many times this is something which I had seen when I tried to encourage people to participate more in policy discussions. People do not read that much especially when the policy documents are huge. Is there a possibility of trying to simplify or trying to identify the key issues which is easy for people to respond? As in this is what I had experienced when I try to ask people to participate.

SATISH BABU: [inaudible]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think I share the concern of Amrita. So what has been specifically asked by the people who want to participate that if you want my attention or comment on a particular thing in a very big policy document, earmark that particular section or that paragraph or whatever point of contention is. And then it will be easier for me to give you a reply within half an hour or one hour. But if you want me to read through 100 pages or 50 pages, I'll not even look at it.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: And also from the APRALO's point of view, many of us might be working – might have parallel tasks which we perform. So when

we are looking at specifically from the APRALO point of view, we also need to... many times we might understand, many times we might not understand the fine lines. So if someone can help in that.

SATISH BABU: Right. Thank you for those questions. Yes, Fawad. Please go ahead.

FAWAD BAJWA: Satish, this just came out of what both of [inaudible] and Amrita were saying. You know the APRALO point of view, this would actually be a monthly roundup of what APRALO is doing and how people can associate themselves with the ALSes, how they get associated with the targets, for example.

For example, the policy side of things right, we have such a large number of ALSes. Now across the region, one ALS may have discovered a better way to interpret policy for its members. Maybe if that is to trickle down to APRALO, that methodology could be published for all to use. Because I can tell you, the policy process whether you're doing it for the organization or you're doing it for governments, is a long, lengthy, and cumbersome process. And there's too much documentation

produced which sets off a great deal of stakeholders because they cannot go through all the documentation.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: I completely agree with you on this thought. What I'm coming at is many times, for example, [inaudible] coming, example. From the consumer perspective end user, we might have a different view. If someone coming up with a logic and sharing it is great. But even from the people who are actually into the [hell no things from APRALO] also in this. If they can raise the concern, okay look this might be a concern. They might not say, this is the concern but this may be a concern, then we ourselves might deliberate and try to read it more. That is obviously helpful if someone has done something.

SATISH BABU: Thank you. Narine?

NARINE KHACHATRYAN: Just to make a comment concerning the question which Amrita was asked. Policy Development Processes indeed very both time-consuming and all policy documents are very content-rich. Though there are several possibilities to become engaged like webinars and many webinars are even provided in several languages, so for anyone who wants to become engaged, it

would be much easier after they follow all those capacity building activities and then try to make input. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Narine. The answer is – okay, please go ahead, [Yana].

[YANA]: Well I think previously in the ATLAS II, we do have some subject matter expertise person that we developed. I'm not sure if we can continue to bring that back for APRALO per se, and actually to have members to really help some of the ALS to join the working group in specific and help them to onboard the whole process that I think that might be helpful.

SATISH BABU: Thanks for all these comments. I think they're all useful. My response at this point would be first of all, we cannot eliminate the time that is required for a base level of understanding of these topics. That you have to invest the time. That's an investment.

Secondly, there are already several ways by which you can get information, simplified information also raise your questions

and get them answered including several working groups and webinars as I mentioned.

Now, GDPR for example. It's a hot topic today. There has been already a webinar on that. And a webinar is when you join and then you ask your question. You raise your question and get your answers instantly. There are working groups that help you mentor – they help you to ease into the topic. Now some of the working groups are tough meaning if you join them in the middle, the whole context is difficult to understand. That is difficult. But suppose you take the Work Track Number 5, they're just starting out now, geographical names. It's just starting. So the context is very light, lightweight at this point.

So there is no single answer to this question of how can an ALS who's starting out with policy start ramping up. So it's a combination of your own work, the input and time etc. Plus joining these existing channels that you have.

Finally, you can also raise questions on APRALO lists. If you have a specific question, please go ahead and raise. I'm sure you'll get answers. Are there any other – sorry. Heidi.

HEIDI ULRICH:

Thank you, Satish. Just three additional resources. One is the penholder. Feel free to reach out to them if you have any

questions on a particular policy advice statement you'd like to comment on. I mean they are really the subject matter expert that can guide you.

The second, they're right over here. We have policy staff who can help you. I mean they can either help you with that or they can guide you to the relevant other staff that can help you get details on a particular policy device.

And the third, and then maybe we could put this into the chat, are the Beginners Guides. And these are again – they were started by At-Large to have simple language guides to help you understand At-Large in terms of the At-Large Structures, how to participate, but also there's one specifically on policy. So take a look at that, we'll put that in the link into the chat so you can see where they are. But those are additional resources from our side. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much. We have now exceeded our time by two minutes. I don't want to keep you any longer. We will now discuss some of these topics we discussed today and address other topics also in the sessions tomorrow. We have two sessions tomorrow. Please join them on time.

And are there any housekeeping announcements anything about our showcase this evening? Starts at 6:30. Please be present at the hall opposite. It's not here. It is in the hall just across the corridor. And please wear something red. If possible, your traditional costume or dress of the country.

What? All right. So we will break now and thank you very much for your participation and see you tomorrow.

HEIDI ULRICH:

Satish, we're going to show here is the website page with all of your gorgeous faces. And again, it's not quite finished yet because there is going to be a section for all of the sights and sounds. And that's up to you to make those sights and sounds and you can find the pictures likely tomorrow or the next few days on the event. But do please come to that. There'll be a lot of food and a lot of fun. So thank you.

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