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Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much Nancy. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. This is the NCUC Africa Lenders call on Monday 12th of February 2018 at 1200 UTC. On the call today we have Ines Hfaiedh, GZ Kabir, Muhammed Njie, Rafik Dammak, Tomslin Samme-Nlar. And from staff we have myself Maryam Bakoshi. I'd like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much and over to you Ines.

Ines Hfaiedh: Thank you very much everyone. I hope you hear me well. I am Ines Hfaiedh. I am the Africa representative in NCUC Executive Committee. Today we're going to have our first region Africa Regional Webinar for 2018. Today we'll be having updates from the executive committee. I'll be doing this myself. Yes as for the Africa representatives we will have updates from the GNSO by Rafik Dammak, Chair of the Policy Committee who will have also updates from the newly appointed finance committee representative, Thato Mfikwe and we'll kind of hear about a regional initiatives in Chad by (Adam Ahmed

Dongush). So welcome everyone and let us start with Rafik Dammak on the GNSO update. Rafik if you're ready the floor is yours.

Rafik Dammak: Great Ines. Can you hear me?

Ines Hfaiedh: Yes we hear you very well.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks Ines. I think if you want you can start with the updates from the EC and then we can go to the GNSO.

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay sure. I can do that. So let me start with my slides. So updates from the Africa representatives we will be talking about NCUC Africa in 2017. The NCPH meeting its a recent meeting that we had beginning of February. ICANN 61 updates are from the executive committee and NCUC Africa goals in 2018. So let me start with NCUC Africa activities between 2017 in 2018.

We had regional goals. In May we had the Middle East DNS forum in Cairo, Egypt where myself presented. I had introduced NCUC constituency to the origInes of the Middle East DNS forum. In July we had a two-day NCUC outreach in Johannesburg at the University of (Wits) and it was with the Digital Rights Community. We focused on the Workstream 2, the GAO names and other PDPs. In October we had NCUC Africa first Webinar, a regional Webinar. And in October too I presented NCUC to the students of the first (unintelligible) School on Internet Governance.

In December we had an Africa, the Africa Internet Governance Forum in (Sharma Shake) in Egypt where we had a very broad African regional discussions on.Africa, human rights and also freedom of speech and privacy. So this is basically what we had in 2017.

Let me move to the next slide. Four – so recently - sorry that's not this one. So Maryam can I please move the slides myself? Thank you.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes Ines you have…

Ines Hfaiedh: Yes thank you.

((Crosstalk))

Ines Hfaiedh: Please I don't know why I can't move the - please I will move the slides myself. Thank you.

Maryam Bakoshi: Can you move it (unintelligible)…

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay I don't know…

Maryam Bakoshi: …you can do that?

Ines Hfaiedh: Yes I – no. For some reason it's moving to the next slide. I just need the NCPH slide. I don't know why…

Maryam Bakoshi: Let me try to do that from here and see.

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay thank you. This one yes.

Maryam Bakoshi: Is this it? Is this the correct one?

Ines Hfaiedh: Yes the NCPH meeting.

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes okay.

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay thank you very much. So for the NCPH meeting that we had recently that we had recently on February 1 and 2 in Los Angeles we had discussions and diversity of views on how to address Whois in the privacy law compliance manner. We had – we showed and (unintelligible) understanding that there should be some form of acute or (laid) access. We joked about the transparency subgroup especially through (Michael Curran Nicolas). And the raptor will reach out to ICANN David Conrad to clarify whether the financial year 2019 budget includes sufficient funds to implement the open data initiative.

We had also on the transparency we unfortunately we could meet with the ICANN's legal but we talked about the upcoming CCWG accountability plenaries to incorporate the minority views. And we talked a lot actually on GDPR and the models that the communities should be choosing for compliance. So those were basically the most prominent topics we had at the NCPH.

And now I'll be updating you on - I don't know I can't move to the next slide. Yes so on ICANN 61. I can't see – yes. So in ICANN 61 NCUC will have its Constituency Day of course as of every meeting. We'll be having briefings from the Onboarding Team. We will have also updates from the working groups and PDPs from the auction proceeds through (Stephanie), the RGS, (Ayden), RPMs through (Kathy), the new gTLD subgroup Robin Gross, CCWP human rights by (Colin), the transparency subgroup by (Michael) and Workstream 2 by Rafik.

We will have also updates from the Finance Committee Representative Thato who has been newly appointed. Also we will have Renata will be giving us

updates on the member mapping. And we will have regional briefings from the executive committee.

On NCUC Africa goals in 2018 so we have the general goals for NCUC. We have first and of course the policy work which includes increasing members engagement in policy work via mapping exercises. We'll have working group encouraging our members to participate in working groups and PDPs. Also we'll - our focus on capacity building to consolidate and improve NCUC's capacity building efforts especially to outreach initiatives and maybe also some partnerships. Also in partnerships we would like to identify opportunities and form alliances with the strategic members and our partner organizations.

On the next slide - can you move to the next slide ICANN yes. So for the ICANN year we have in February we have the – we had the NCPH intersessional in LA. In March we'll be having ICANN 61 where we will have a joint outreach with NPOC and some civil society organizations Roundtable and our first addition of the Policy Writing Course which we are very proud of. In June will be having ICANN 62 outreach in Panama. In ICANN 63 in October we'll be having our reach with Civil Society and At-Large the (Eurolo) Division of At-Large.

In November we'll have preparation for IGF the 2018 IGF which will plan activities in outreach. And in December we'll be having the IGF 2018. Meanwhile we have many other opportunities in Africa. For example we will be having the AIS soon, the Africa Internet Summit very soon.

Now let me move to NCUC Africa goals in 2018. Can we move to the next slide please? Yes, thank you very much. So in 2018 our NCUC Africa goals range from enhancing active participation of members, elaboration of an

NCUC Africa membership proposal for the Africa Internet Summit. And this should be activated this week. We should have this running and arming this week.

We discussed the project of having a NCC radio with the (Isa Halgrang) from South Africa. On – we also would like to build bridges and encourage active participation in foras like – and mailing lists like AFRINIC Afrisec and the (EMEEC), the Middle East and adjoining countries School on Internet Governance, would like to support the members' continued engagement in subjects such as RDS, NonCom reviews and participation at the NCUC Policy Committee and national and regional governance forums.

Also for my (AC) - yes thanks very much Khouloud. The radio is indeed a great initiative. And it is an idea by Thato, (Tatu Sequa) from South Africa. We will – we would like to have more details on that and to activate it very soon.

Also one of my goals very soon this week also I'll be advertising more about the CROP opportunity that is – it's a travel slot that is offered by ICANN. And we at Africa we have a CROP opportunity. We have one slot. So we should be – I should be advertising more about this slot so that – and it should be a travel – traveling from Africa and in Africa. So this is – it's an in region travel opportunity.

Also last but not least encouraging more African members to apply and hold key positions within NCUC. So far we are very, very proud that NCUC Africa is very active. And we have - and our members are recently holding key positions in NCUC. For example we have the chair of the Policy Committee, NCUC policy committee Rafik Dammak who is from Africa. He is from (Taluhia). We have also newly selected member of the policy Committee. We

have two members of the Policy Committee. One is (Nick) and the other is (Faris Swolde Frambanili). He's also from Africa.

The newly appointed (Tatu Sequa), the finance committee representative is from South Africa, also from Africa so we are very proud of these key positions. And recently in 2018 we had – we have a public comment pen holder (Liz Randall) also from Africa. So we can be really, really proud of our African membership and we're looking forward to doing more and more for this coming year.

So this is all I have for the time being Africa Executive Committee update. And I am looking forward to your questions and to hearing from Rafik if he is ready to speak now. Thank you very much. Yes Rafik has risen his hand. Can we give him the floor Maryam? Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Okay thanks Ines for those updates. Just have a question here because I'm reading that you – one of the plan is to encourage participation at the NCUC Policy Committee. I think if you should clarify here because it's kind of, you know, it's formed by a representative from constituency and the counselors so I'm not sure what you mean exactly by participation at the NCUC Policy Committee, I mean what you are planning exactly.

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay. Can you hear me Rafik? I Rafik can you hear me?

Rafik Dammak: Yes I can hear you yes.

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay. So about - first you have Farell who is now a member of the Policy Committee. He is from Africa. So we could like Farell could be a bridge between the NCUC Africa membership and the Policy Committee so that in –

we could have some African perspective in making in the policy developing processes. This is what I meant.

And also to encourage the NCUC Africa members to join more PDPs. Sorry I – did you hear me? Okay thank you very much Rafik. Do you want to go ahead and present – give your updates on policy and GNSO?

Rafik Dammak: Okay thanks Ines. yes I mean it will be a brief introduction. And so I'm not sure about the experience of those on the call so maybe just to explain some stuff in the beginning. So when we talk about PDP we mean the policy development process. And that's the usual process where we are discussing policy. And the whole process includes the several milestone including having the working groups. And that's why I think what Ines tried to encourage everyone is to join the working group since it's in there where we have all the policy discussion and the policy work happen.

So when we talk - why we are talking about GNSO is because the NCSG and NCUC are part of the GNSO. And the GNSO is the policymaking body for domain names, the generic domain names. And this is our focus in NCUC and NCSG. So myself I am an elected councilor from NCSG to the council and I'm basically representing you there. And I am also the vice chair in the council.

So since Abu Dhabi the GNSO Council has two, I think two or three conference call including a strategical meeting that happened just more than one week in Los Angeles. It was our third strategic meeting. And the idea is that the council, the policy manager we need to do kind of planning for the year ahead. And it was the first time we have that sized meeting.

So it was a great experience in the way that we could see all the challenges we have for the last years in terms of managing the workloads in particular for volunteers and also the challenges we have with many working groups. We are facing delays and they are not able to deliver on time.

So why it's important? It's because at the end ICANN main mission is to do policy around domain names. And so this is where the constituency of ICANN come from. For us as the noncommercial it's our focus. As you may have seen in the NCSG mailing list we shared several times a call for volunteers to draft comments because working group why they work like for a month or so or even a year at some level they deliver first and initial report at the end a final report.

And when they publish this report it's the opportunity to for a public comment which means that all stakeholder groups can submit their input. And that's why we usually call for volunteers to draft our comment. So it can be a good opportunity for newcomers because joining a working group can be challenging. I mean you have to be frank about this because it's a time commitment, a long time commitment. It's also participating in a weekly basis in conference call and discussion mailing list.

However participating in public comment can be first a good step because what is requested is to review a report and the recommendation there and try to draft a response for NCSG from noncommercial and civil society perspective. And usually you can count on experienced and members who are participating of the working group or who are familiar with those topics to give guidance and advices and the possible issues or what we usually advocated before.

So in term of opportunities we have several now, several working group going. But the main out of the three and heavy one because they kind of touch in the main policy for GNSO, the first one is the subsequent procedure for four new gTLD. Maybe the name it looks kind of – I mean it's not clear but it's basically all about reviewing the last round for introducing a new domain name or top level domain name what happened in 2011, 2012.

And so this is the working group that's reviewing that process that happened a few years ago. And it was a complicated and complex process from a different point of view. That working group is a splitting - split its work on several work tracks. And probably you heard that many times as to the most important now is the Worktrack 5 about (Ju) names. (Ju) names was a topic so I was the topic that was not kind of solve at that time three years ago and so it's coming now and we are trying to solve it with cross community set up. So it's an important working group and an important working track to join. So if you want to join its open membership. You – what you need to do is really to go through all of the documentation and material to understand the topics, what we are trying to achieve and so on.

The second important working group is about rights protection mechanism. When you hear right that can be confusing and misleading. It's really hear about trademark and intellectual property, basically trademark protection and there are several mechanism that ICANN created even since its inception which is the UDRP, the uniform dispute resolution procedure. That was the first policy created by ICANN. Now it's over 20 years.

And this working group is the first time that we are reviewing all those mechanism that was set for many years in ICANN. Our take from NCUC side is that those policy are not really balanced toward the noncommercial interest.

And so we are trying here to review and in particular to have more status to get more flex to see why they are not really effective and so on.

The third working group, another one really important this is about the registration directory services or in fact it's about the Whois service. So ICANN didn't really succeed in for many years to have clear policy about Whois even if we have several probation regarding the Whois in the contract for the registrar and the registries.

So it was an attempt to kind of let's think from the board let's fix this issue having a working group to create a policy. And it's long process like for in three phases including requirement, implementation and so on. But the working group is facing several problems. It's taking too much already a lot of time and it's not delivering its first initial report.

But also we have changing contacts with the GDPR. I think maybe you heard about it which is the general data protection and I forget, regulation which is the kind of the main data protection legislation in the European Union. And it has kind of effect even beyond European union. And it's more enforceable than before.

And so because of that the whole context regarding data protection and Whois is changing for ICANN. And so the working group is in kind of a strange situation. It is still important to join it but I mean at this stage I won't really advise people to join if they don't have experience in data protection and so on.

So this is our main working group or the main policy. And I think from the council point of view we find out that it was maybe not wise to have three heavy policy going on because that's putting a lot of burden on the volunteers

because basically policy discussion and policymaking in ICANN is done by volunteers with the support from the staff of course but it's supposed to be coming at – in the bottom up fashion.

So this is kind of the current how to say, it's the current state in policy discussion. And we are just a few weeks away from Puerto Rico. And you may assume that the focus in Puerto Rico will be really all about GDPR and so it's all about all Whois issues. So that gives you some Inesight what will be discussed in a few weeks in Puerto Rico.

I'm sorry I think it was quite long briefing but I tried here to just to give some – I mean to kind of give the context why we are trying to do this and why in NCSG or NCUC we are focusing on policy because that's kind of I would say the blood of ICANN. It's really about policy. Any other activities are just means to an end. And it's about advancing noncommercial interest and influence influencing ICANN policies to reflect civil society and noncommercial perspectives. So that's it for me.

Ines Hfaiedh: Thank you very much Rafik. Does anyone have a question because I do but I would like to give the floor to the audience? Does anyone have a question to Rafik? If so please raise your hand. Okay so I'll go ahead with my question Rafik if you don't mind. I would like to ask - actually and it is actually a question that always comes to me.

How can someone start really a public comment? Do we need to have some technical background? Do we need to have some policy development background or is it just as can we start like step-by-step little by little and like just by going through the documentation and the issues raised right now by ICANN and then start a public comment?

This is what I would like to know because currently there is an open public comment on the FY '19 the financial year '19 and there are lots of budget cuts for ICANN. And I'm really looking forward to running this on the NCUC Africa mailing list and ask them for – to start to draft a public comment and then share it to the NCUC and NCSG mailing list. So what do you think and what are your recommendations on the first steps to start writing a public comment? Thank you very much.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks Ines for this question. So okay I mean drafting your comment is not easy. I mean that's the reality. Even myself I find a problem to write. However I think there are some techniques and themes that anyone can use. So what I found for many years is that when you have even a simple text I mean some paragraph they are not necessarily to - that need to be finalized it - that can help to elicit comments and input from others.

So if you – whatever you can come out quickly as soon as possible it will be really helpful for the whole – for the whole process. So I - I'm just talking about drafting here. If someone drafts just don't to not let the good deed any - outside the (unintelligible) to be any of the good. If they just tried to draft something even if it's not finalized because then you can get comment quickly and we can – because it's a collaborative work. So when we get the comment we review, we add the comments, we do a lot of revision and so on so it's continuous work.

So back then how you - how someone can start to volunteer? Yes basically you - someone need to read the background material. It's usually only a report. It can be an initial report it can be final report. It can be proposal but usually for policy a process, policy discussion it's what we call initial report and final report.

There can be also other background material for if you took the example of the budget, the fiscal year 2019 there are several materials that you need to read to understand the context. And because you have to make links like to the strategical how say the strategy and operating plan for the next five years so to make the links between the budget and those elements.

So you start with reading. You can - I think you can start with some question. You can highlight what areas you don't think that maybe they don't look good. I mean it will in perfect world it will be better if someone from the working group who can make a comment because he or she has already kind of understanding about the work done there and knowing about the discussion that happened.

But it's not mandatory really. It's what is needed that someone read the report and try to kind of have some takeout from there and to try to highlight the kind of important part that maybe you raise a concern from Noncommercial Stakeholder Group. And one thing that can be useful again you can ask NCSG member on that working group or ask other experienced in members to help you to understand if there is anything unclear there.

So just you try to take out what you think is of concern. You can use like some terms like for example if it's like a final initial or final report you can - sometimes some section but what it matters are the recommendation. So you can take those recommendation one by one and try to do some analysis around them. So you provide some analysis and that can be helpful.

So there are different way to do so. I'm as the policy committee chair I can help to give guidance and to where to go directly to not waste time. But my really advice just try to maybe to take - and I saw this now lately is what some people do they take like the recommendation and try to comment them one by

one. It's not necessarily the final result but that's a good start because other people when they review our comment they can go directly there and we can articulate and elaborate more.

Sometimes some comments or request for input are just a questionnaire so it's a clear what you are trying to respond here. And what you have to do as pen holder or drafter is to get input from other members and try to how say to format that.

So yes so there are no – yes there are different way. We can give guidance but using my advice read the material. Try to give what they call straw person. I mean it's not the final product but something that we can use for consultation.

So back to your question about the budget. My understanding there are several, already several volunteers working on that. So I guess what is better is to have everyone working on the same document. I mean you can work on your draft and then we do the kind of consolidation but it would be prefer I-mean better that everyone work on the same document. And I see that Khouloud has a question so…

Ines Hfaiedh: Yes Khouloud has her hand raised and we also have a question from Benjamin. Maryam could you please give the floor to Khouloud? Thank you.

Maryam Bakoshi: Please go ahead.

Ines Hfaiedh: Hi Khouloud. Can you hear?

Maryam Bakoshi: No Khouloud we can't hear you. Do you want to dial out? No we can't hear you at all.

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay Maryam can I read Benjamin's question? So Benjamin is asking, "How does the NCSG collect some of the input? NCSG volunteers participated in the existing working group are example NexGen RDS PDP Working Group?" He is asking about how to collect some of the input.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks Benjamin. So it depends. This working group didn't deliver yet any report or anything yet so it's they are still discussing within that working group. So as NCSG we don't have an opportunity yet to make a position or submit any - and any input on that. However the working group members, the most active the - they are kind of coordinating and discussing through Skype channel. So during for example during the call they can make a comment and discuss in real-time and so reacting to whatever they hear or they read.

But this is just kind of coordination why we're not talking here about NCSG position yet since we don't have kind of public comment. So the working group itself is quite late on that matter. So that's what – how it usually happened.

But let's say if they deliver a report what we do then we do a call for volunteers to get someone to be – people to be in holders or drafting team. But we usually encourage also those in the working group to join so they can give more input. Other way is that when we have like our NCSG policy call which happens in the Tuesday prior to the council call or during ICANN meetings in NCSG session we get some briefing and updates from the active members.

So usually for example for RDS Working Group it's Stephanie Perrin who give update and briefing what's going on and the current issues in that working group. So…

Ines Hfaiedh: Thank you very much. We have Poncelet who has his hand raised. Go ahead
                   Poncelet.

Poncelet Ileleji: Thanks. Thanks Ines. I just wanted to add to Rafik's point about the RDS. But
                   the members of that working group discuss points in every meeting and they
                   have a poll at the end of every meeting to members have to vote for it
                   whatever they decide after the discussion. So that's an opportunity for the
                   members to make their positions hear so#

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay thank you very much Poncelet. So now we can see the question of (Juja
                   Fased) aside from participating - participation to working group. "Since each
                   deals with a specific aspect how to have a sustainable participation. Is it more
                   about engaging in the policy discussion?" And she's also asking, "How to
                   enhance the participation of Africans in leadership positions?"

Rafik Dammak: Okay. So the question…

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay can you Rafik can you yes can you answer Question Number 1 and I'll
                   answer Question Number 2? Yes go ahead Rafik.

Rafik Dammak: Yes sure. So okay so yes so policy discussion that's where we talk about
                   policy development process that's the long process and starting either by the
                   board or the GNSO Council with the issue report and so on. But as I'm trying
                   to explain many times really the main, the bulk of the work it happens in
                   working groups because that's where the policy policies are (unintelligible).

Ines Hfaiedh: Hi Rafik. We're losing audio from you.

Rafik Dammak: (Unintelligible) so if someone wanted to participate that's where he or she can join. But trying to understand more the question from Khouloud I think what may be she is asking here…

Ines Hfaiedh: Hi Rafik. We can hardly hear you now.

Rafik Dammak: Okay so can you hear me or not?

Ines Hfaiedh: Yes.

Woman: (Unintelligible) breaking up.

Ines Hfaiedh: Now we can hear you Rafik. Okay thank you very much Rafik. We have some other questions. I think that they are directed to the executive committee to me so I'll be answering them in a few. But for the interest of time let's go ahead with Thato on the Finance Committee because congratulations again Thato you have been recently appointed as to the Finance Committee so we would like to hear from you and the floor is yours. Please Maryam give the floor to Thato. Thank you.

Thato Mfikwe: So Farzaneh is also sitting with us on this particular committee and then or Sam would be representing NPOC. So we are not going to have our next meeting in the next few days or maybe within the next two weeks. But currently there is no chair that has been elected into the finance committee. So that's one of the first things that we will be focusing on.

And besides that also (unintelligible) starts doing my own research on my (unintelligible) to understand the financial (unintelligible) in terms of how to better to finance the activities of all of the NPOC and NCUC. So I'm actually looking forward to working with members of NCUC to really understand why

is - what are the given ideas in terms of the different budget requests that they would like to see being approved by ICANN so I can basically assist in that process because when we – when I – the only financial the operational (plan) that I have looked at so far is the 2018 operational plan and budget trying also to see how budgets are planned within ICANN. And I see that there is a lot of opportunity for all this…

Ines Hfaiedh: Hi Thato are you – I'm not sure if we can hear…

Thato Mfikwe: …NCSG. And it seems like there's been some of this going on due to (unintelligible) represents. But I'm hoping that in the future engagements with the community we will be - we can share more (unintelligible) they could approve - they do (unintelligible) benefit within the budget but I set by ICANN. And then furthermore there's also an issue of voluntary contribution I have actually okayed within the stakeholder group to ensure that all of the constituency, the GNSO and the NCSG they do benefit from the activities and their policy development activities and processes are well resourced moving forward.

So in short I think that, that is the approach we are yet to engage with other members of the Noncommercial Stakeholder Group. I know Rafik is one of the observers with Renata and (Jocay) from the NCUC a - who will be engaging a lot. We will see how can we (unintelligible) our community actually be effective in pushing goals and objectives. Thank you.

Ines Hfaiedh: Thank you very much Thato. Your voice was breaking a little bit but let me just summarize. So first on your – on the table you're discussing appointing a chair to the finance committee, two working with NCC Africa members of what they would like to see, and three, engage with other members from NCUC for other activities. So this is what you said right? Okay great.

Thato Mfikwe: Yes.

Ines Hfaiedh: Thank you very much Thato.

Thato Mfikwe: Basically I would like to see an African NCUC members with a budget request. They will do this role is actually more (unintelligible) in other regions but it (unintelligible).

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay that is great. Does anyone of our members attending right now have a question to Thato about the finance committee? If so please raise your hand. Or if you can't raise your hand or call please write down your question. I see (Liz) is typing right now. So until we receive questions Thato can I ask you about in terms of time commitment like what are the activities and topics and that the Finance Committee is now working on? Do your work on projects or on budgets or is it just members or is it really on improving some budget requests? Thato we're getting a lot of background noise from you. Do you want…

Thato Mfikwe: Yes we were getting some breakage in your communication. Type your question and then I'll be able to answer it because I can hear you clearly. There's some network interferences.

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay. Okay so you couldn't hear us. Could an you read on the chat box a question at least?

Thato Mfikwe: Yes. I am responding to the chat box. But we will share more information as time goes in terms of how can we best position members of the NCUC to benefit from all this budget allocation and opportunities that are presented through the operational goals of ICANN and also assisting in making sure

there is enough finances for both constituencies if this is the NCUC (unintelligible). So more information will be shared as we have more meetings with other (unintelligible) members of NCSG.

Rafik Dammak: Okay. Thank you very much Thato. I know that the Finance Committee has just started or is in the process of starting. So we can understand that you need more time, give us more information. But we really appreciate you giving us an idea about the Finance Committee. And once again congratulations on your new appointment and new position.

So as you can see on the 2018 goals we really have a great active members in the NCUC Africa and we really looking forward to more active participation. I would like to thank you very much Thato. Now I would like to answer the question of (Pasquel Biquino). I don't know if I can see it but I remember that he asked about the - one of 2018 goals building bridges and encouraging active participation in AFRINIC and (unintelligible). And (Pasquel) was asking do we need to have a roadmap? Do we need to draft something?

Well my idea and I would like to run this in the Africa mailing list is that we run – we start a document on strategy to – on how to build bridges. I think that we have already the basis, the good basis for that strategy as we have very active members in those instances. And those very important Internet governance groups and mailing lists. So we could start with our active members and those bodies.

And then we would by attending some events and doing outreach initiatives we could build those bridges. And that way we could have more policies oriented and activities oriented towards the themes and topics we believe in like human rights, privacy, et cetera. So this is what I was thinking.

I think it could be great to have a document that we could work on all of us together or if you have any other suggestions I'm open to it of course. (Pasquel) does that answer your question? Should we go ahead and start drafting something? What do you think? Poncelet is raising his hand. Please go ahead Poncelet.

Poncelet Ileleji: Thanks Ines, Poncelet. I just wanted to know more about them NCSG radio with (Isal Gatan). I don't know if you have any more information about that at this time? Thanks.

Ines Hfaiedh: Thank you very much Poncelet. Actually it's great that you are asking the question now because Thato is here. So we were at the IGS in December, me and Thato and we were talking about this project of having this NCUC radio. So maybe Thato if you are still here you can give us more details about it especially from a technical side and I will be talking about the content. Thato can you speak it out? Hello Thato?

Thato Mfikwe: In regards to NC - can you hear me?

Ines Hfaiedh: Yes Thato we can hear you.

Thato Mfikwe: Can you hear me? Oh okay. I was saying that what we talk about during the IGF in regard to NCUC radio it would be more of a platform with that group, the NCUC community within the (unintelligible) select whereby we are looking at having some online engagement, dialogues around Noncommercial Stakeholder Groups NCUC and their participation within ICNN including the general IG space.

We're looking at your publication development and updates on ICANN DNS information, gTLDs and general IG spaces to enroll the community within the

continent itself. So that is the brief idea around it. I wish I would have gotten this particular element way before this particular meeting and then I could share more information sitting down with the teams before bringing you more actionable or more solid information in regard to it. But in a nutshell that is what it's trying to do to build a community which is online to enhance activities on or within the continent yes.

Ines Hfaiedh: Thank you very much. Thato actually it wasn't in the agenda but I just wanted to give an idea about it to the African members so that we think about how to develop it because I really love the idea when we talked about it at the IGS. So we can run this internally, work on the details and then we can share it to the mailing list.

Okay so I'm going to add also another action item on developing the idea of the NCUC radio. What do you think Thato? Do you agree? Okay thank you very much Thato. So I added it as an action item. Maryam could you please record these two action items so I have just typed now just an action plan strategy for building bridges with AFRINIC African (unintelligible)? And the second action item developing the idea of the NCUC radio with (Isa Hotling), also working third action item developing an elaboration of a NCUC proposal, NCC Africa proposal for the AIS, the Africa Internet Summit.

Okay so I just added it now. Okay so so far so good. So we're just - now we're just our time is up for the call. Do you have any other business, any question before we leave? I see Poncelet's hand is up. Yes Poncelet go ahead. We still have like one minute. Go ahead. Thank you.

Poncelet Ileleji: Sorry that's an old hand, sorry.

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay that's an old hand. Anyone have another question? Okay so I don't see any other hands. So I would love to thank all of you for attending this call. I would like to thank our speakers today. We had Rafik. We had also Thato about the Finance Committee. We should have had (Adam) from Chad to talk about regional initiative in Chad but I think he had a technical issue. He couldn't connect so a connectivity issue. You know, this is Africa so we have to – this is what you have to keep up with.

Thank you very much everyone. Again have a good day and I'll see you very soon. Thanks again. Thank you Maryam. Thank you everyone. Goodbye.

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much Ines. Thank you everyone for attending the call. Nancy you may stop the recording and disconnect all lines. Thank you so much for your support today. Goodbye.

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