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MARYAM BAKOSHI: Hello, everyone, and welcome to the NCUC Africa webinar on Friday the 12th of April 2019 at 16:00 UTC.

On the call today we have Ines Hfaiedh, Katambi Joan, Shah Rahman, Thato Mfikwe, Zina Brahim Mahamat, and from staff, we have myself, Maryam Bakoshi. I'd like to remind all participants please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes, and please mute your microphone when you're not speaking. Thank you very much. Over to you, Ines.

INES HFAIEDH: Thank you very much, Maryam. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Today, we are having our NCUC Africa webinar where we are going to have a report back on the ICANN 64 meeting from Africa representatives, who is myself, and also will have a discussion on the regional African strategy with Thato Mfikwe.

So I'll start. Maybe we can have my slides, Maryam.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Hi, Ines. Can you see your slides on the AC room?

INES HFAIEDH: Not right now. I'm seeing the agenda.

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MARYAM BAKOSHI: Hold on a second. Hi, Ines. I have your slides in the AC room and not the agenda. Can you confirm? As a presenter, you can scroll through the slides to just double check it. I've given you presenter rights so you can scroll through the slides.

INES HFAIEDH: Yes. It's working now. Okay, so I'll start. First, I would like to welcome everyone, especially newcomers, to NCUC, and I would like to make a very brief presentation of NCUC.

We are a constituency. Our stakeholder group is the Noncommercial Stakeholder Group, NCSG. We contribute to ICANN policy through various ways, mainly policy statements, policymaking groups. And we run for elections to become councilors for the Generic Name Supporting Organization, what we call GNSO council.

So you can find NCUC in this picture where you have the GNSO council. So the GNSO council, to put it simply, is made of the contracted parties house and the noncontracted parties house, and we are in the noncontracted parties house with the noncommercial constituencies where you can see on the right there is NCUC and NPOC.

So for my report back from ICANN 64, which was in Kobe, Japan, I had pre-, while-, and post-experience. For the pre-experience before the ICANN 64 meeting, we had the chance to mentor the NCUC fellow. As you all know, or if you don't know yet, I can inform you that we have a fellowship to attend ICANN meetings, which is different from the ICANN fellowship meetings. This is an NCUC fellowship.

We had also the pleasure to offer a CROP opportunity to [inaudible] from the Asia Pacific region to attend the Kobe meeting. Prior to her attending the event, we had a series of e-mail communication exchanges. Myself, the NCUC chair, Bruna, and the Eastern Europe representative, we worked with her to prepare her for the meeting, so we made suggestions to work on the Ask NCUC series, which is our famous series on Twitter. So we put her in contact with [inaudible] and to coordinate with some NCUC members because we had series with Stephanie, with [inaudible], with Farzaneh, etc., we advised her to do the live tweeting about NCUC sessions in the At-Large outreach, we asked her to enhance her schedule with GNSO-related work tracks so that she has more background, and also, we advised her to choose a topic of interest so that she really focuses on one topic and she does not feel overwhelmed.

Also, we offered [our assistance] in matching with NCUC policy team members and also offered assistance for her fellow presentation during the NCUC session.

At the ICANN 64 meeting, we had a joint NCUC and At-Large outreach event, so for those who haven't been to our sessions before, we have the position – almost, I think, as far as I can remember, of having this outreach event with At-Large so that we show to people our similarities and our differences.

So I'm just checking if you have any questions. Okay, no questions so far. Okay, so for the At-Large-NCUC outreach, basically, that was the agenda, we had an introduction to NCUC and At-Large. We had how is At-Large governed, our differences and similarities because a lot of

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people make confusion between NCUC and At-Large, so we make sure to make this clear, also what NCUC and At-Large do together.

Also, we introduced some of the issues that NCUC works on, especially the EPDP because they have EPDP representatives from NCUC and NCSG. We talked about human rights and we talked about the subsequent procedures and the track five on geo names.

Also, we talked about how to navigate your way at ICANN and how to get involved. So we had ways of getting involved in At-Large, joining NCUC, joining PDPs, working groups and other processes, to have your say, rafting public comment-s, and how to work with other groups, how to learn really the multi-stakeholder processes and how to become our next leadership.

So my contribution to the At-Large-NCUC joint meeting, I talked about how to become our next leadership. So for the leadership positions at NCUC, I explained that you have the chair, the executive committee like myself, the policy committee, the finance committee and the GNSO council, and I explained how to get to those leadership positions, it's like you need a lot of work, dedication, you need a roadmap.

First you have to become members, become active, how to join the buddy, mentor program that we are trying to really revive, reading the onboarding materials that we have in English and also in French, and we have them in French thanks to the NCUC Africa members, actually, who did a great job in translating the material and how to engage in PDPs, and also reaching out to experts and veterans from NCUC and NCSG in general.

So it's good to have a roadmap, for example advancing a policy issue. So this is very important for those who feel lost what is NCUC, what is NCSG, what's At-Large, just think about an issue that you're interested in, start a policy discussion, check also the public comments all the time if you have anything that interests you and you would like to work on.

So the areas to work on, we have improving internal governance of NCSG, NCUC and NPOC, because we have procedures that we'd like to reach out more to our membership. Do you have any questions?

Okay. Sorry, I'm using my phone so that's why I have to check if there are any questions. And also, feeling confident to start penholding and starting public comments. So we also had our NCUC constituency day at ICANN 64. We have executive committee regional briefing, the presentation from the NCUC [inaudible], from NCSG committees, the EC briefing, PC – what is PC? It's Policy Committee briefings, the Finance Committee briefing with Thato, policy updates on the EPDP, on the cross-community working party on human rights and the global commission on the stability of cyberspace.

My contribution, I presented the Executive Committee Africa regional briefing, so I talked about the FIFAfrica, the Freedom of Internet Festival. It was an outreach in Ghana in September 2018, so this forum has convinced many stakeholders and human rights defenders, and we met a lot of NCUC members were attending, so that was a great opportunity to have some outreach and to talk to some of our members.

We also had the Africa IGF in Sudan in November 2018, and that was organized by the African Union Commission, and also we met with [inaudible] from our NomCom and who is from – we talked about the African School of Internet Governance, and the theme was development of the digital economy and emerging technologies in Africa.

Soon we will be having the DRIF, which is the Digital Rights and Inclusion Forum, it's going to be this month in Lagos in Nigeria. I'll be attending hopefully, and I'll be taking part in a discussion on the refugee rights online. Also, luckily, we were contacted to have an ICANN booth at RightsCon in Tunis in June, and also, we are – myself, I am in the secretariat of the MEACSIG, which is the Middle East School on Internet Governance. 2019 is going to be in Africa, in Rabat, Morocco, and it's hosted by the National Telecommunication Regulatory Agency of Morocco, and we have the Internet Governance project with [inaudible] and we have RIPE NCC and Internet Society. So we have great organizations which are still taking part in this school.

So from an African regional perspective – and I will not take a lot of time so that I leave enough time for questions – how can NCUC address African noncommercial users' rights in the domain space?

So we can work on the DNS market study and we can make policies related to generic names – we are advancing principles of freedom of expression, privacy and data protection, human rights, Internet governance and development. We also discuss sometimes access in some countries where actually their first problem is access more than freedom of expression.

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So the topic that [NC] works on, access to knowledge, freedom of expression and trademarks, [inaudible] freedom of expression and trademark rights, for example when people want to register what somebody else considers a trademark in a domain name, yet the trademark owners [inaudible].

I will just [inaudible]. Privacy, ICANN and WHOIS. These are the topics that we're working on. So for you to have some points of contact and to know who you can reach out to if you want to become more active in NCUC, you have Bruna who is the chair of NCUC, you have Antonella who is the Executive Committee from Latin America, Louise, representative of Europe, Michael, representative of North America, David, representative of Asia Pacific, and myself, representative of Africa.

Also, this can be very handy, we have our website, very proud of it, NCUC.org, our Twitter, @NCUC and Ask NCUC, we have ncuc@ncuc.org, and you can join us at NCUC.org/join. Thank you very much. So that's all for me, Maryam, and to you, Thato.

THATO MFIKWE:

Hello, everyone. My name is Thato Mfikwe from South Africa, NCUC member. Good morning, good evening, wherever you are. Basically, my purpose for this meeting is to facilitate implementation of recommendations and input from the mailing list in regards to the report that was shared after ICANN 64, and it is good to see that more people are coming online for this call.

So, what are we covering in this [inaudible]? Number one, I'll be just giving a summary report of what already took place in a meeting that we had. Joan Katambi was also part of that meeting, and unfortunately could not attend this meeting.

We'll also be looking at any comments based on the reports, and then we'll be asking for recommendations, and then the last piece, that's where we'll be asking for volunteers who can assist in making sure that we are able to track and support implementation of our regional strategy.

Just to give you a little bit of background, because I've had the pleasure of getting to know more about the LACNIC region, of which I actually saw that as an opportunity in terms of how we could improve in terms of our regional activities and our engagement efforts with the GSE office.

So based on the meeting that we had with [Pierre – Pierre] has already outlined about the LACNIC region, also has its own hub, whereas in Africa, our hub is based in Istanbul, not sure about the limitation that may pose, and then the LACNIC region also has Internet houses where regional Internet registries, RALOs and so on, they collaborate, they work together, and then that enables them to effectively contribute within ICANN.

So I was thinking that these are some of the things that we can actually have in mind whenever we're thinking about how to best improve on the regional strategy, because being able to actually mix together with different communities at the regional level actually enables us and

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positions us to successfully be able to influence position of the policy and the direction itself, especially at community level.

And then the LACNIC region also supports establishment of working groups, which is another thing that I wanted us to also [look at] whether it is viable for us to actually work with the GSE office to see how we can start establishing working groups for different focuses, [because there are a lot of ] communities within ICANN, but I think working groups simplify the integration and group participation of people who want to participate or do who don't know anything about ICANN.

So the first thing that I'll be talking about in terms of this report is improve, implement our regional participation within ICANN activities. So number one, I'd like to thank everyone who actually submitted their questions, and as I communicated that I could not deal with all the questions because there were time constraints when we had our meeting. Pierre had limited time to actually talk to us, but the main thing that [inaudible] meeting is that there is a need for members to participate in working groups, [inaudible] position and speak at public programs during ICANN meetings, because these are [inaudible] viewed as [expression, quality] and effective participation according to the ICANN Africa vice president.

And there is a need for an Africa ICANN environment during ICANN 65. There will be African strategy meeting during ICANN 65. So I think it is very essential that we are able to prepare accordingly so that whoever [inaudible] strategy on behalf of NCUC, they will be able to be contributing on behalf of the [inaudible] and NCUC itself.

So according to Pierre, Africa is still not yet [inaudible] within ICANN and its communities. That's one of the reasons why qualitative and effective participation is always emphasized.

So [inaudible] mentioned about the current African strategy. It has two pillars. Number one, it is participation in ICANN's work, and then number two is capacity building in the domain name industry. And the proposed campaign under the domain name industry is a [DNS road show.] So not sure what is the status of this road show in terms of are we able to reach every corner of the continent and what are the successes and what are [inaudible]. This is one of the things that we could also be looking at.

And then we also have the DNS forum, and then the DNS forum is to create a platform for registrars and registries in Africa to collaborate. The next one will be in Botswana. Not necessarily of the actual month itself, but [inaudible] this year.

So these are some of the initiatives that Pierre actually mentioned, but we can actually look into, see how we can participate and contribute. And then lastly, he talked about the law enforcement agency campaign. This campaign involves the education of cybercrime through capacity building of law enforcement agencies.

So there were other opportunities that we also discussed around fundraising, capacity building program, support for [inaudible] because we did mention that we will continue to provide support for [inaudible] and provide a resource to [inaudible] realizing the objective of the [school itself.]

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And then one of the things that Pierre also outlined is that there have been a lot of requests within the region for ICANN to participate in national IGFs, and the only program that they have is that ICANN Africa [inaudible] countries, it means ICANN has to dedicate the [presence] and resources to each and every country. So currently, they're focused more on regional and sub-regional IGFs.

So in a nutshell, that is the report that I wanted to also bring forth to everyone in this meeting so that I can request for more comments or suggestions or any question and answers before we look at how we can move forward. Thanks. Back to you, Ines.

Hello. I'm not sure if you can still hear me.

MARYAM BAKOSHI:

Hi, Thato. Yes, we can hear you. You can go on.

THATO MFIKWE:

Yes. Basically just wanted to get some back from all the members in regards to whether you have any additional inputs, ideas, comments in regards to what I have just outlined right now, because some of the comments and suggestions that were submitted by the members when the information [inaudible] is that there was a comment about we need to evaluate the current state of African leadership within ICANN community to ensure that as much as we want to move forward, but we also take cognizance [inaudible]. And then we need for NCUC Africa to organize the structure itself because there is a lot that we can learn from AFRALO, because the GSE office within the region works a lot with

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AFRALO. Maybe there might be some lessons to be learned there to see how we can actually structure and organize ourselves as NCUC within the region so that we can be more [active] within the region. And we need to increase engagement activities within the region and collaboration, [creating a collaboration platform] at the regional level like mentioned as in the LACNIC region has also done combining the RALOs, the regional Internet registries and different communities to have a position that they can take forward when it comes to the [Kobe] meeting which is our ordinary and traditional ICANN meetings.

So I don't know if there are any comments, questions or inputs from members. I can see Liz, you can go ahead.

LIZ OREMBO:

Hello. I actually agree with you, Thato, the need for us to be more structured as NCUC Africa. My question goes regards the meeting that is coming in Morocco, because it's an ICANN African meeting, I think very many Africans will attend. I don't know if AFRALO will have an AGM for their RALOs. The other time there was a meeting in South Africa, they had an AGM for the RALOs, and that meant there was double attendance for Africa.

I think we should use that for our outreach activity, an event for the people who do Internet governance in Morocco itself. We can either partner with the RALOs and even the GSE to do something around that. I don't know what you guys think.

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THATO MFIKWE: Thanks, Liz. That is a very good idea, because as you know that At-Large also has regional structures like AFRALO, so if we are able to [inaudible] and see how we can partner with the AFRALO and also the GSE office, I think that might actually [inaudible] forward. So I think Ines also has her hand up. Ines, go ahead.

INES HFAIEDH: Thank you, Thato, and thank you also, Liz, for [inaudible] about the outreach. Since the ICANN 65 meeting is going to be in Morocco, meaning in Africa, I really think we should go ahead and do some outreach and liaise with the GSE Africa team so that we work on something together, maybe an event and outreach. We need to explain our mission, our values, etc. So this is for me maybe one action item that I should really take down.

Also, I was thinking for At-Large, the AFRALO, they do what they call the [AfrICANN statement.] I was wondering if we as NCUC could do the same maybe, so I'm just thinking out loud. Thank you.

THATO MFIKWE: Thanks, Ines. Okay. I'm noting that outreach seems to be something that everyone wants to see happening within the region, so I'm taking note of all these comments.

So I think we've got Pascal, [inaudible]. So Pascal, go ahead.

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PASCAL BEKONO: Hello. I think that I believe what Ines said is quite interesting, that is we'll start working about outreach. And also, concerning the issue of [a kind of statement,] we can work on it, but I think [inaudible] the statement should be focused on our region, Africa, with a good aspect of what you summarize in your report with Pierre [inaudible] we can maybe start working on outreach now [with youth which will be present there,] and from the region also. That's it. Thank you very much.

THATO MFIKWE: Thanks, Pascal. Agree. Whatever it is that we – the Africa statement that you're referring to, [it helps to] communicate to local priorities, and we also need to set our own expectations to ICANN, because each and every region that participates within ICANN, they have their own [inaudible] ICANN, so it will be good for the region to also establish such.

So Peter, you can go ahead.

TAIWO PETER AKINREMI: Thank you. Hi, everyone. This is a good one. The report [inaudible] thank you for this, job well done. I think I agree on going on with a kind of assessment [inaudible] the proportion of African in the ICANN environment, that's the first step to go for, and also to know actually what we really want, most especially all of us who have been working [inaudible] actually, we need to come together, and this is the essence of your report and meeting with Pierre, we need to know the kind of support that is available for us, the kind of outreach we want to do .We need to define it and we need to gather and do something about it. In

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NCUC and NCSG generally, because [inaudible] I think we need to focus more on capacity building, and now we need to put a kind of measure in place that those that receive an African, they receive fellowship to do something [inaudible] in the environment and they need to breed new [inaudible] to be able to – because we are lagging behind in the environment and we [inaudible] of our community, and we're still comprised of low – as in underrepresented in the environment. We need to do something. [inaudible] is I agree with you on the assessment that we need to do to know who is who in the ICANN environment, what kind of support do we have. Actually, we don't really need to wait for support from anywhere for us to do the kind of outreach that we need to do. Okay. Thank you.

THATO MFIKWE:

Thanks, Peter. I think I do agree with you [inaudible] need to focus our outreach program and then capacity building I think is a [veritable] way of outreaching people who are new to the environment itself.

I think we also have another comment from Liz. Liz, go ahead.

LIZ OREMBO:

Thank you, Thato. I was thinking about organizing a workshop. I don't know if [it can be] outside the conference. That would be after [five] or just to have in the conference a workshop, within the ICANN program, so that you can get people – let's say African members to introduce them to NCUC, and also because I've also noted that most of us are there but we don't participate really on policy meetings, and it's

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because of obstacles. Maybe you don't know much about NCUC and it only gets you up to a certain level of participation.

If you can have what ICANN American region had, something like an NCUC policy cost for Africans, and then we publish the materials. I think it would be a good idea rather than just an awareness exercise that can be done over, let's say, a cocktail. Then I think we should also reach out to GSE as soon as they can if they have a budget for that. I don't know, but I think GSE usually has some small budget [inaudible] Marrakech meeting.

THATO MFIKWE:

Thanks, Liz. I think this is one of the interesting issues that you are raising, because as you might all be aware that there's always budget constraints within ICANN, and obviously at regional level, it does [inaudible] down to that level.

So we [did] talk about fundraising opportunities when we had the meeting with Pierre. And then we actually proposed some of the things we can do in order to promote the regional participation within ICANN and also to support some of the activities or initiatives that we might be having.

For example, you've mentioned that we could step into local capacity like your mobile operator stakeholders and entities that are benefitting from the domain name space, so engagement with them is very important to supporting local and regional initiatives. That's why towards the end of this presentation, we'll also be looking at establishment of working groups so that we can undertake some of



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these tasks and then maybe [inaudible] we can have some report back [inaudible] and be able to support where needed.

Yeah, so I'm not sure who else is on the line. Okay. I think let's give Peter a chance, and then we'll come back to this. Peter?

TAIWO PETER AKINREMI:

Okay. Thank you. So I just wanted to say that I [did] know the plan because Ines' comments in Nigeria, and we're both on a panel, a session like that. I don't know if we can use that, I don't know who is going to be around. Maybe we can use that platform also to meet and to talk about NCUC and in order to meet some stakeholders [around] to discuss the development. That would be kind of an outreach also about the NCUC. I just wanted to say that.

THATO MFIKWE:

Peter, I'm not sure if I caught your statement very well. You said whether can we use what kind of a platform to meet and discuss how we can move forward with this strategic – can you just simplify what you just said? I couldn't have said that correctly. Thanks.

TAIWO PETER AKINREMI:

Okay. I said there is a conference that is going to happen in Nigeria, especially in Lagos, Nigeria this month on [inaudible] to 25th, which Ines is coming. I don't know who is coming also. I'm thinking we can use that venue also to do a kind of outreach about NCUC. Okay, that is what I'm saying.

THATO MFIKWE:

Okay. Thanks, Peter. I don't see any other hands. But now based on your comments, I understand that there is an event that is happening in Nigeria, and also not sure how many people will also be there. But I think we need to establish some kind of inclusive platform like the Africa Internet Summit or the DNS forum where we are guaranteed that we'll be getting more than two or three people participating in that type of a meeting to initiate what you are saying, because I think next month is a [inaudible] but if there are people who will be attending, then yeah, I wouldn't have a problem with that.

So since I do not see any other hands, I would like to go to the last aspect of this particular presentation around the African regional strategy. So we'll now be looking at how we want to be moving forward, because now we need to have some volunteers as a way forward so that we are able to establish some sort of a steering committee as [inaudible] has mentioned, something to that effect. That will be behind the implementation of the African regional strategy.

And then obviously, [inaudible] with the development of a concept document on how NCUC plans to collaborate with the regional [office] and other stakeholders, and then how to establish NCUC regional activities and next steps, and then to also draft the regional action plan and establish working groups, because obviously, our work needs to be as open as possible, so I just need to understand who is willing to actually participate in this endeavor so that we're able to work together to actually bring this to life.

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You can go ahead, Ines. I can see your hand. So I think Peter – okay, now it's a bit confusing. So let's give Ines a chance, and then we'll come back to you, Peter. Ines?

INES HFAIEDH: I just [inaudible] to show that I want to participate in this initiative, so [inaudible] raise your hand. There is a button that you can press to show that you agree. So I'll keep my hand raised just to show that I am [in the team.] You can mute me.

THATO MFIKWE: Okay. Thanks, Ines. Thanks, everyone. I'm also looking at the comments here of people who are expressing their interests to participate. So so far we've got about six members, but obviously, we'll be able to share with other members on the mailing list who were not able to be part of this particular call, and then we'll take it from there, but I think we'll have to start creating mailing list of volunteers and then we can take it from there.

So without wasting any further time, Ines, that is the end of my presentation. Thanks.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Hi, Ines. If you're speaking, we can't hear you.

THATO MFIKWE: Hi, Ines –

INES HFAIEDH: Can you hear me?

THATO MFIKWE: Yes, we can hear you.

INES HFAIEDH: Okay. Thank you. So I would like to thank you, it was really a great idea to talk about this topic of more regional African engagement maybe with GSE. I just have something that's one comment. I do not really agree with the mailing list of volunteers. I am thinking that we can use our mailing list NCUC Africa so that we have more volunteers, and then we will see where this takes us. So just a small comment.

But please, I'm seeing Peter has his hand up. Please go ahead, Peter.

TAIWO PETER AKINREMI: Hi. Hello. Can you hear me?

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Hi, Peter. Yes, we can hear you. Please go head.

TAIWO PETER AKINREMI: Okay. Thank you so much. So about the working group, I think what we need to do [inaudible] highlight what we need to do, so what's the task of the working group. From there, we can take it forward. That will

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guide us to really come [inaudible] working group. So we need to kind of highlight what needs to be done. [inaudible] Thank you.

INES HFAIEDH:

Thank you, Peter. Actually, it's not really a working group. A working group is something different. But we're rather strategizing our efforts and bringing everyone together from Africa so that we can have a strategy and be more like to step up to the plate more with the African GSE and be more present. This is what we are trying to work on. But it's not really a working group. A working group is something different, that has to be initiated by ICANN community.

THATO MFIKWE:

I think obviously, we are taking baby steps, we are moving bit by bit. I agree with Peter at the same time, [that even with] working groups, there needs to be a focus [inaudible] policy development, outreach and stuff like that. And I think we are requesting for volunteers. Those are some of the things that [we'll define] to actually establish in terms of what are the priorities, what is important for NCUC Africa [at the moment,] and then we start going from there, because at the moment, we cannot say that this is what we want to be doing. This is [inaudible] that we also need to consider the input of other members on the mailing list. Thank you.

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INES HFAIEDH:

Yes. Absolutely, Thato. I agree. So, do we have other suggestions, recommendations from those attending right now? Please go ahead if you will have anything to add.

Okay, I do not see hands. I'll just add maybe a question. I would like to ask NCUC, like the members that we're having here, just to tell you that we luckily in NCUC always try to have those webinars, so we are very proud because we're having those webinars. Other regions don't have those webinars.

So really, I'm proud that each time we have a great bunch of people [who prefer the frequency maybe] of having those webinars, if you have any frequency that you suggest, like we [inaudible] in two months or something. Do you think we should have more NCUC Africa webinars? Go ahead, Peter.

TAIWO PETER AKINREMI:

Thank you, Ines. I think once in a month will be okay for us. I think it's another venue for us to educate ourselves on what is going on in ICANN environment and a kind of capacity building. I think we need to do more than just reporting. It's kind of an environment where we engage with people, because you do much of the work, we just – doing the work is what we're seeing, and sometimes, [there's an event where] you can persuade some people to join some working group. I think we need to find a way to make it more engaging, I think kind of capacity building to educate the African [members. That's all I have to say.] Thank you.

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INES HFAIEDH:

Thank you, Peter. So if I understand well, you are suggesting once a month, and also, I'm seeing Thato on the chat room is writing once a month as well.

Okay, so if once a month, then we're thinking mid-May, maybe, so I think it's good timing, and maybe we can have another call in June which would be before the ICANN 65 meeting, so I think we can do that, but we need to reach out to other stakeholders.

So do we have Any Other Business? We still have like three minutes maybe. Okay, then I think it's an old hand. Peter, do you have any question, or is it an old hand? Okay, this is an old hand. Do we have Any Other Business before we end the call? Okay, so I guess we don't have any other questions or suggestion, so really, I would like to thank you, Maryam, thank you, Thato, thank you all for attending, and it was very fruitful, I'm very happy each time we are having this NCUC Africa webinar, and I hope we can keep really becoming more involved. So I'm seeing some questions.

Okay, so we have Montrésor is asking [inaudible] "I don't really hear [what's being] said. My question [inaudible] what does the NCUC plan to do in the Africa region, and particularly in Francophone Africa? What does NCUC plan to do to break down language barriers and have more inclusivity?"

Thank you very much, Montrésor. We don't really have time to answer this now, but please, I will paste these questions in the NCUC Africa [inaudible] discuss it more. So I'll have to thank you all. Thank you,

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Maryam. Thank you all again for attending, and I wish you a very good day. Thank you. We can end the call.

MARYAM BAKOSHI:

Thank you very much, everyone, for attending. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening wherever you may be. Bye.

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