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YESIM SAGLAM

Hello, and welcome to the APRALO Annual General Meeting. My name is Yesim Saglam, and I'm the remote participation manager for this session. Please note that this session is being recorded and is governed by the ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior and ICANN Community Anti-Harassment Policy. During this session, questions or comments will only be read aloud if submitted within the Q&A pod. Interpretation for this session will include English, Chinese, and Hindi. If you would like to speak during this session, please raise your hand in Zoom, and when called upon, virtual participants will be given permission to unmute in Zoom. On-site participants will use a physical microphone to speak. Please state your name for the record, the language you will speak if speaking a language other than English, and speak at a reasonable pace. I will now hand the floor over to Amrita Choudhury, APRALO Chair.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you so much, Yesim, and welcome, everyone, to the APRALO Annual General Meeting, both for those who are online as well as in the room. We have a fairly simple agenda, which had been shared earlier. There would be a presentation on the annual report of APRALO for the last financial year 2025 by Shita. Before I speak about the agenda, may I introduce the leadership team for those

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who do not know. We have Aris Ignacio, who is the Vice Chair. We have Priyatosh Jana, who is the Vice Chair, but he is not in the room, but online. Priyatosh, if you could just switch on your camera once, people can see you. We do have Justine Chew, who is the ALAC member, who is soon in October going to step in as the board member from our side, so we should clap for it. We have Satish Babu, who is an ALAC member from APRALO. We have Aftab, who is currently not there, but he was online. We have Shita Laksmi, who is the representative for the individual members. And we have Charles out here. Raise your hand a bit higher, please. He is our representative in NomCom.

We just wanted you to know each other so that you know who is there for those who are new. Coming back to the agenda, after the presentation, we may hear from a few of our RALO members on how they feel about being associated with APRALO, some testimonials, while we have a few in the report. Normally there is the adoption of the report, but this could be deferred because you may want to see it, but the report had been circulated earlier, so if everyone agrees, we could always accept it. We would then discuss a bit about the opportunities for the next financial year, engagement for this year and beyond. Do note that the ICANN financial year starts from July and ends in June. There would be a discussion on the APRALO membership mobilization plan. What we plan to do, we want to hear from you on this. Aris would be presenting on the outreach and engagement plan so far. Satish would be sharing on a hot topic survey which he and Gyan have

been working on. Justine would be speaking a bit about the capacity building forum activities which have happened and are planned. Then we can summarize the way ahead. This is what our agenda looks like. If everyone is okay, if there's no objection, we will adopt it. Seeing a silence, I get it that it has been adopted, so we move on to Shita for the annual report presentation.

SHITA LAKSMI

Thank you, Amrita. Next slide, please. Shita Laksmi for the record. This is the annual report for Asian, Australian, and Pacific Islands Regional At-Large Organizations, or APRALO, from July 01, 2024, until June 2025. I must say that this is a busy year for the community. Next slide, please. First is the motion to adopt the new Rules of Procedure which was done in June 2024. It was passed by a supermajority of the APRALO electorate, with 58 affirmative votes from 70, as announced in August 2024. This adoption is a significant achievement for APRALO, given that the work to update began in 2019 and resumed in November 2023. Second is the onboarding. The Rules of Procedure 2024 provide a distinction between Unaffiliated Individual Members, or UIM, and individual members affiliated to At-Large Structures, or ALS. In this year, we have one accreditation for one ALS in India and six new UIMs in Yemen, India, Pakistan, Oman, and Sri Lanka. At the same time, we de-accredited three inactive ALS.

Third one is the Continuous Improvement Program. We have a small team that was established in 2024 and produced the APRALO

Continuous Improvement Program in July 2024. The plan is comprised of five principles, 20 criteria, and 62 SMART indicators. We have adopted these principles and have completed how we should be entering the data, and now we are in the process of reviewing and approving the process of collecting the data. We have a routine meeting on this once every two weeks. Fourth is the policy engagement and skill development. There were two launches of registers of skills and interests. Cycle 1 was launched and drew around 38 respondents, while cycle 2 drew 45 respondents, all of whom shared data on their skills and interests on areas of work for APRALO, At-Large, ALAC, and ICANN. This pilot was able to receive four targeted communications identifying topical-based and policy-related engagement opportunities. Fifth, two readouts were conducted for ICANN 81 and ICANN 82. Both were attended by cross-community panelists. There were 60 participants in the ICANN 81 readout and around 38 participants in the ICANN 82 readout.

Regarding outreach and engagement, before we start, I would like to share that there are three main objectives of the APRALO 2025 fiscal plan year for outreach and engagement. One is enhanced engagement, especially with inactive ALS and UIMs. The second is outreach to a broader community on key topics such as new gTLD, IDNs, and UA. Third is outreach to economies or sub-regions with no ALS or UIM presence. As you can see in the presentation, we have 30 activities to achieve this objective. Among them are various Schools of Internet Governance, GFCE sessions in INSIC 2024,

APRIGF, and APIGA. Last but not least, APRALO has actively contributed to WSIS+20 review discussions at the local, national, regional, and global levels. We are strongly championing the multistakeholder model and renewal of the IGF mandate. Those are the things that we did in one year, quite a lot of activities. I'll stop here and see if there are any questions or updates from other leadership team members.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you, Shita. Just to respond to a question by Riyadh Zehran in the chat, when we talk about APRALO members, we have the ALSs, or At-Large Structures, such as the Internet Society chapters who may be our members. We have individual members and we have Unaffiliated Individual Members. These are the three criteria, and they are listed in our Rules of Procedure. I hope we've clarified the point. Does anyone have any questions or comments on the annual report? This is just a glimpse of it. Many of you have been involved in the outreach and engagement sheet. You have listed them or the policy development work which has happened. Everything is listed, but we didn't want to share a full document here. This is a snapshot. No comments? Does anyone online have anything to share?

If not, I would thank you all for all the activities you've done. If it is okay with all of you, can we adopt our annual report? It had been shared in advance. If there is a no, you can raise it, otherwise we will take it as adopted. Or someone can second it in the chat or

verbally. Thank you, Shreedeeep Rayamajhi. I see thumbs up, so I take it as this has been adopted. Thanks, Shita. Let's go to the next slide. We had a few testimonials even in our annual report, but we have many of our ALSs here, and these are chances when we get to meet them to share what they have done or what they plan to do. Whoever wants to speak, you can raise your hand in the Zoom room or here so that we know who wants to speak. Adarsh, I see you. Is there anyone else after that? Ashirwad, okay.

ADARSH B U

Let me go first. I am representing the Internet Society India, Bengaluru chapter. Being in this APRALO community is an incredibly enriching journey and a learning experience where it brings in the diverse voices across the APAC region, where we all collaborate, learn, and contribute to the community. As I'm representing ISOC Bengaluru, which is part of the Karnataka region, we did a lot of activities in 2025. We did DNS and DNSSEC training for corporates and academic institutes. We did the Startup Domain Summit to bring in awareness about the new gTLD program in the Bengaluru startup hub. We are planning to work much more so that we are learning and contributing to the community overall. That's from my end. Thank you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you, Adarsh. Ashirwad. We have the A's speaking first.

ASHIRWAD TRIPATHI

Alphabetically, I guess. Namaste everyone. Ashirwad Tripathi for the record. I represent Educating Nepal, an ALS from Nepal, and we are a landlocked developing nation. My first journey with this community started with internet governance after there was a big earthquake in Nepal. At the time, I was not aware of these kinds of things, and I did research and found that the internet was not useful in rural parts during the earthquake. The urban part was quite good. First time when I came to this ICANN community, there were a lot of things that I needed to process. But lucky for me, after I became an ALS, I could join the General Assembly, and I found that a lot of people are so welcoming and they're always helpful. There's always room to learn.

While navigating, I also met a lot of other ALS from Nepal. What we did this year was we came together as a consortium, and we have been doing capacity building initiatives as well as policy reforms in Nepal. I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank Amrita, Gisella, and all the staff and leadership team in APRALO that made my journey really easy. What I would like to suggest here is that there was a lot to handle for me at first, but I started to find my way when I started joining the working groups. The policy forum and the ICANN readouts were very helpful. When I joined the CIP small team, I could really find my place and understand what we could do there. Gradually, I'm still learning and I will still learn, but I really wanted to thank the community for being so open and always welcoming to questions. That's from my side. Back to you, Amrita.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you so much, Ashirwad. Now we go to B. We have two Bs after that, Barkha and Vivek. I don't know whether it is by choice.

BARKHA MANRAL

Hello, everyone. Barkha Manral from this side. I'm representing ISOC Delhi. I want to inform everybody that we successfully conducted Local APIGA India just one week before ICANN 85. Thanks to the APRALO leadership team for guiding us and mentoring us so successfully that we get the chance to explore new ways and pave our ways out as well. In the meantime, I want to also highlight the CIP CCG group, which I am a part of, which is the Continuous Improvement Program group. We are working on those principles and criteria alongside the indicators. In that particular opportunity, I got to learn more about what ICANN is doing and what, as a part of APRALO, I can contribute. There is one more thing which I moderated, which was a session about the APRALO Policy Forum, which Justine usually takes care of, but we got the chance as youth to moderate those sessions as well. I welcome the next generation and many new faces here to be a part of APRALO and contribute, or at least learn with us together. That is my sense.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you. Now Vivek.

VIVEK SILWAL

Hello and namaste everyone. This is Vivek Silwal from Nepal for the record. Again, I want to thank the APRALO leadership team. Starting from 2022, the leadership team has been phenomenal in terms of support and they are very accessible. If there's any question, we always can ask very easily. It has been like a family. Contributing from writing APRALO newsletters to going to the Policy Forum, there was always stepwise learning in this. Ashirwad added on a lot of things going on in the community regarding capacity development. We have been working with two specific capacity development initiatives in Nepal. The first one is Local APIGA Nepal. We're very proud to say that we are the first-ever Local APIGA that happened, and it helped us find a way to take a five-day capacity building program and turn it into two days while bringing newer people in their language. We are very successful in that, and so far we have about four ICANN participants, two ICANN fellows, and one APNIC participant. It is the impact in the community that we all bring together, and they are always resource persons. I've always asked Amrita to step forward, and she always agrees.

The second thing is we do a UA Day in Nepal. This will be our third edition, and we do the UA hackathon. Last year, we released the first-ever Nepali IDN, and that is the first-ever website in Nepali. We do a UA hackathon giving the tech community a chance to learn how they can integrate IDNs. This community is growing as a whole, and we are all part of it. Thank you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you, Vivek. I see Sushanta. Anyone else? I just want to see the count of hands, one minute each. Valentine, Mohan, you have to come in front, Mohan. Okay, I'm closing this queue here. Anyone online, if you want, please raise your hands. Sushanta, Valentine, and then Mohan.

SUSHANTA SINHA

Thank you, Amrita. I'm just breaking the sequence and jumping into S. Sorry, Mohan Babu. I am currently the chair of ISOC India, Kolkata chapter. My journey with this team was quite long, more than a decade. Thanks to Amrita, thanks to Samiran, and many others. My earlier few years were spent closely working with the UASG group. I was the UA ambassador from India and happened to work in this multilingual internet and internet-for-all activities. I will carry that forward with this APRALO group as well. I was talking to the people to take the UA curriculum to institutes going forward. I must thank this community. It is like a family. This is my first ICANN, by the way, but I wanted to meet all of you face-to-face and take this journey forward.

VALENTINE MELKUDI

I was feeling left out that everyone was representing their chapter and I wasn't. My name is Valentine. I'm a mentor to all NIXXI fellows here, and I'm also representing my chapter, the Mumbai chapter. APRALO has been great and ALS has been great. Amrita and Gisella

are very supportive, even Justine Chew. At our chapter, we have been doing events that actually impact end users. In the recent past, we did events in Ladakh and Meghalaya, India, in under-represented states and areas of our nation. We have been working on things that actually bring the topic of the digital divide closer and making sure that we work for the end users. The results have been there.

K MOHAN RAIDU

Hello, all. This is Mohan from ISOC Hyderabad. We do this UA Day every year. Last year we did it, and this year again we are doing it at the Microsoft campus on April 04th. We are also members of the Global Encryption Coalition, and as such, we do Global Encryption Day on October 21st. These are important issues we are working on. We have academic hubs in universities and they do activities for which we do the mentoring and provide the resources. That's how we are running our chapter. Thank you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you so much, Mohan. I see a comment from Shreedeeep in the chat that collaboration and communication are important. We can always collaborate, and for us, the WhatsApp group helps by chatting there and sharing what we do. There are many more unique things which many of the ALS individual members are doing. We have a fellow here who's representing one of our newest

ALS, and I will let him speak as the last one in this queue before we move to the next topic.

JASBINDAR SINGH

Thank you, Amrita. My name is Jasbindar Singh from Fiji. I'm a first-time attendee at ICANN and I'm a fellow as well. I thought we were going by sequence, but then I realized and said, "Okay, let's jump in." We are a very new ALS back in Fiji because what we observed was there was no active ALS. We thought we better come on board after one of our colleagues, Ashutosh Maharaj, attended ICANN as a fellow. We got registered and we would just like to thank APRALO for getting us on board so quickly. The process was seamless. The organization I work for is the national university back in Fiji. We've already started talks with ICANN and APNIC on engagement activities that we can do using a conference that we run and has been running for the last seven years in Fiji. That was the initial event in Fiji regarding IT. We are just happy to be part of the family and learn how we can leverage our position as an ALS to contribute better. Thank you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you so much. Incidentally, we have our individual members who've joined recently, Valentine and Swarn. They are the newest ones. You can raise your hands in case people don't know you. Harsha, do you want to introduce yourself? You can do it during the networking. Let's go to the next part of the agenda. Do share what you're doing over the WhatsApp group, irrespective of you being

the ALS primary, secondary, individual member, Unaffiliated Individual Member, or any community member who is interested. Next slide, please.

When we are talking about onboarding new members, that is one part of the work. There is another part which is the mobilization of our members. How do we ensure that we retain them and that the members are also participating? For that, we have our APRALO Rules of Procedure, which we modified in 2024, and we have the Continuous Improvement Program. The main impact which we want to do with this is to clean up the membership list. There have been members who have not been participating for whatever reason. Their primary or secondary representative may have changed and they have not communicated that to us, or there may have been some lack on our end, or they have lost interest. We want to establish what our expectation from our members is and provide announcements of new accredited members or de-accreditations. This presentation will be shared on the website for people to go through. Justine, would you like to speak? Next slide, please.

JUSTINE CHEW

Thank you, Amrita. The timeline reference is what we are proposing to do. In April 2026, the plan is to re-establish contact with the 51 individual members that are on record at the moment who have been accredited to confirm that they are active. We need to confirm whether they are going to participate in the UIM electorate. Amrita mentioned the fact that we have individual members and

Unaffiliated Individual Members, but we do have a class of voting that is specific only to Unaffiliated Individual Members. We have to identify who they are so that we can get them to exercise the single vote that is cast through Shita as the representative. We need to do that in line with the regional elections that typically come up in May.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you, Justine. Just so you know, an Unaffiliated Individual Member means they are not linked to any organization like an ISOC chapter. For example, Valentine is a member of ISOC Mumbai but is also an individual member, whereas Shita, who is not affiliated with any organization, is an Unaffiliated Individual Member. We need to get this differentiation right. We need to reach out to the members to confirm so that we have our mailing list accurate. By June 30th, we have a process wherein we can withdraw inactive members. We will set up a process to reach out to people by mail at least two or three times. If they do not respond, we will have to move them out. Since it will be a pilot, we will give time for people to revert in case they were not able to respond. We will then review the adjustments in August.

This is for individual members. For the ALS structures, the main part is that we know who the ALSs are, and they are supposed to provide us with the primary and secondary representatives' details because each ALS has a single vote. However, in many cases, the updates do not happen on time. For example, with ISOC Kolkata,

Ananth Rajay may be listed as the primary, but now Sushanta is supposed to be the primary. That needs to be changed by the ALS. Similarly, Mumbai had an election and they need to change their primary and secondary representatives, otherwise the mail will go to someone who is no longer there. There may have been an ALS where the people who were running it are no longer interested and have not participated for years. We will ask for the contacts of the primary and secondary reps. For those who have not reverted by May 2026, we will inform them of the expectations. For those who remain inactive, we will reach out one final time and then remove them. This is the plan because there is no point in showing we have 67 ALSs if in reality the active number is much lower. We want to get it right and avoid spamming anyone. Since this is volunteer-based, we want to encourage all of them to be there, but if someone is not interested, we need to clear the database. If you are all agreeable, we will put it on mail and start the work. Sreedeeep has his hand up.

SHREEDEEP RAYAMAJHI

Thank you, Amrita. I was just wondering if we have a process to talk with these ALSs. I think we have talked about this so many times. There is a wiki page where we were supposed to update. Every time there is a travel fellowship, everyone is there. I think we have to get the system right. There is something that we are lacking in communication or oversight. We all need to work on this so that there can be better communication. If there is a travel fellowship coming on, that could increase the points. If a person is not active

from an ALS, there can be another person who is active. This has been a major problem in terms of outreach. I am so happy to see young people here today. We need this energy, but with a system and a process, we can build a better system. From ICANN 60, we have been discussing that we are going to regulate things. If there is an error in communication, let's work on that and see if we can set up a process to communicate. Even today, look at the numbers. We have 60-plus ALSs represented, many confirmed, but very few are present. We have to get them going.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Absolutely, Shreedeeep. We are running late, but I get your point that we need to work. That is why the Rules of Procedure were set up to modify these gaps. Staff is also working on getting the membership updates and correcting the databases. The small team is working on streamlining that process to make it easier for staff. We did not have the Unaffiliated Individual Member process before our Rules of Procedure was adopted. This is a new thing, and establishing things is difficult. Personally, if we are volunteers working for something, tying it to tangible travel may not be the right way to get things done, but opinions can be divided on that. I see Abdulrahman has his hand up. Navid, I see your point on considering an alternate time slot for monthly meetings. This is something we could think about, and we can have that conversation by mail to see what alternative timeframes we want to look at.

ABDULRAHMAN ABOTALEB

Thank you, Amrita. My name is Abdulrahman Abotaleb, and I am the representative of the Internet Society Yemen chapter. I have a small question. What indicators and metrics will APRALO use to measure the effectiveness or activity of those members? Is it only the response to the email of inquiry, or do we have something clearer?

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

We have the Rules of Procedure, which was adopted. Yesim put the Rules of Procedure in the chat. If you look at the responsibilities, starting from leadership to ALSs and UIMs, there are particular requirements of what we expect from them. This current effort is to establish whether they are interested in continuing as members. The responsibility of each membership class is listed in the Rules of Procedure. Justine wants to add.

JUSTINE CHEW

Thank you for that question, Abotaleb. As you see in the table here, the first row makes a reference to where the expectation of membership comes from. It is appended to the Rules of Procedure for APRALO as an adjunct document. The first step is to establish whether our members continue wanting to be members. Otherwise, we are just talking to a wall. That is the first step for April and May. In May, the target is to inform all these members who want to continue what the expectations are. The expectations are

in those documents on the wiki. We will set out the expectations for members who continue, and hopefully they continue to be active. We know that sometimes that set of expectations might be onerous, which is why we are allowing for a pilot implementation starting July 01st. We are expecting to have allowances. If you do not meet certain things at the first time, it is not like you failed and we are going to kick you out. We know it is going to need time to adopt and change. We could target the monthly meeting of May for a larger discussion on expectations.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you, Justine. We have 20 minutes left, so we will rush to the next part. Aris.

ARIS IGNACIO

Hello and good day to everyone. This is Aris for the record. I will be presenting the APRALO fiscal year 2026 Outreach and Engagement Plan. The current plan will be ending its fiscal year at the end of June. The particular goals of this plan are as follows. Goal number one is enhancing the engagement, especially of inactive ALSs and UIMs. Goal number two is outreach to the broader community on key topics such as new gTLD, IDNs, UA, and DNSSEC. Goal number three is outreach to economy sub-regions where there are no ALSs or UIMs. This is really being targeted to bring new people in. There is a specific link on the top of this slide. When you click it, you will be able to see all the outreach and engagement activities that have been done, are being planned, or are to be implemented within the

next couple of months. This document is open to all ALSs, IMs, and UIMs to include the initiatives they are doing within the region. Next slide, please.

To summarize, some of the key outreach and engagement priorities include expanding the APRALO membership across the Asia Pacific region, promoting UA and multilingual internet initiatives, engaging youth and other stakeholders, and strengthening collaboration with regional internet governance organizations. These activities include webinars, capacity building workshops, participation in regional events, and joint programs with ICANN, APNIC, and ISOC. If you look at the document, it is categorized in line with ICANN strategic objectives. Each activity has details including dates, which ALS or UIM initiated it, the current status, and the lead organization or person. If you have time, please visit that link and you will see all the activities APRALO has been working on to attract more members across our region.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you, Aris. Yesim, would it be possible to show the outreach and engagement link? This is how the document looks. It is a living document, and you will see whoever is doing activities puts it in. What is completed or not completed is listed, along with who did it and when. We also ask them to share the links so they get recorded. If you are doing an event, we encourage you to add it to this sheet in comment mode. We have another section with Satish. Next slide.

SATISH BABU

Thank you. This is Satish for the record. We periodically do surveys to figure out the priorities for our community. Looking around the table, you can see the kind of diversity we have, so it is important to capture the priorities of this community periodically so that we can work on them. We have created a draft survey. This is a complicated process because we already have the template from the last time Justine did this exercise, but the topics are changing. Gyan and I have been working on this draft survey. It has become quite lengthy, and Cheryl was telling us it is probably too long and asked if there is any way to simplify it. We would request the participation of those who are experts in the survey business to see whether we can simplify this.

If you look at the page for the regional Hot Topic survey, this is to serve for the next two to three years because this is a heavyweight process that takes time and effort. Here is a timeline which we hope to stick to so that the priorities are ready before the next year. We have a live survey link and a PDF. This is not fully ready because we need to simplify it and ensure all topics from the ICANN strategic plan are reflected. This is also a call for volunteers who are interested to join this. Please write to staff. This small team will sanitize the survey, prepare for the analysis of the results, socialize the survey to the community, and present the output to APRALO and other forums. I will stop here.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you, Satish. If you are interested, please send an email to staff. I think we will move to Justine. Next slide, please. Before Justine comes in, there are two attendance sheets circulating. In case you have not signed, please do so because we want a record of who attended the AGM.

JUSTINE CHEW

Thank you, Amrita. This is Justine. I am going to speak about regional capacity building activities. We have been very active, typically via the APRALO Policy Forum, or APF, which I currently chair. There is a link to the wiki page with more information. I am going to run through what we have done in fiscal year 2025 and what we are planning. The capacity building function is led by the APF, and we are probably the major contributor to the fiscal year 2026 At-Large capacity building agenda. We don't just do it in the RALO, but we also contribute resources across the At-Large community. In August of last year, we created APRALO Bytes. We realized a lot of information is going out in massive volumes, so we wanted to create something lightweight to focus on recent information. We have about eight out already. We invite contributors to get in touch with me or staff to contribute a byte. We are not entertaining op-ed contributions; we create factual bytes.

We had a webinar earlier this year on January 22nd to teach people about participating in ICANN public comment proceedings. That is a way for all participants to contribute to how ALAC creates a

statement. We also recently created a three-webinar series on the multilingual internet in collaboration with the Universal Acceptance and Internationalized Domain Names department of ICANN. We are fortunate to have the cooperation of Dr. Sarmad Hussain and Pitinan. This series is connected. Part 1 was in February. Part 2 is coming up on March 26th and covers IDN policies and implementation. The third one is about Universal Acceptance and email internationalization. If you have an interest in how ICANN makes the internet multilingual, please join. We have a lot of new members coming in, so I invite you to reach out to staff to subscribe to the mailing list for the APRALO Policy Forum. You can see the planning document for what is coming up and suggest topics you want to lead. Thank you.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you, Justine. We have five minutes left. Are we okay with the ALS mobilization strategy? Seeing no objections, I take it as adopted. We will start the work and keep you updated. If you want to participate in the policy forum, do fill up the ROSI and reach out to Justine. We will have a readout of ICANN 85, and Shita is working on it. Before we conclude, Gisella has announcements to make regarding the dinner tonight and official photographs.

GISELLA GRUBER

Thank you, Amrita. This is Gisella for the record. Everyone who has confirmed for the APRALO networking event this evening should have received an email and a calendar invitation. This is by

invitation only. Please meet directly at the restaurant at 07:00 PM. We have two minutes left, and I would like to share that this is the last meeting for Yesim Saglam as she transitions to another part of ICANN. Many of our APRALO community members have worked with her for ten years. She has been on this APRALO journey with me on 06:00 UTC calls as well as face-to-face meetings. These are huge shoes to fill. Yesim will be leaving us in two weeks, though she is staying within ICANN in a new department. Yesim, I cannot thank you enough for your collaboration and support. I believe many in the APRALO community will agree regarding your dedication to At-Large and ICANN. We are working on a replacement. Yesim is going to be very much missed. Thank you, and I hand it over to you, Amrita.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you so much, Gisella and Yesim. Of course, we will all miss you because we could nudge you for whatever work we had, and you were very accommodating. Yesim, would you like to say a few words?

YESIM SAGLAM

Thank you very much, Gisella, and thank you all for your kind words. It has been over ten years. It was a privilege for me to work directly with Gisella. It was an absolute pleasure to work for At-Large. I always say it, APRALO is my favorite region. I am not going anywhere far; I will still be in ICANN. Thank you all for your kind

words. I am careful about the time, so I will cut it here. Thank you all very much.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you, Yesim. With this, the meeting is adjourned. We will have a group photograph. We have Samiran, Save, Mabda, and Baher from the GSE team. They are from our region, so you can reach out to them. Let's have a group photograph. If you want to join the APRALO discussions, you can write to staff to be added to the mailing list. We have a WhatsApp group for informal communication. Please message one of us to join so we can verify you are not a spammer. Thanks a lot, everyone, and thank you, interpreters, for staying over time. Let's have the photograph outside.

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