
CLAUDIA RUIZ:

This is Claudia Ruiz. Good afternoon, everybody. You are welcome to the LACRALO monthly teleconference call.

On today's call on the Spanish channel we have Alexis Anteliz – sorry; wrong – Harold Arcos, Maritza Aguero, Javier Chandia, Olga Cavalli, Aida Noblia, Alberto Soto, Jose Francisco Arce, Adrian Carballo, Carlos Leal, Vanda Scartezini, and Jose Arce.

On the English channel, we have Bartlett Morgan, Rodrigo De La Parra, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, and Tracy Hackshaw.

We have no participants for the time being on the French and Portuguese channels.

We have received apologies from Sergio Salinas Porto, Ricardo Holmquist, and Maureen Hilyard.

On the side of the staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Claudia Ruiz, who will be doing the call management.

Our interpreters for today, in Spanish, are Marina and Paula. In French, Camila and Claire. And Portuguese, Bettina and Esperanza.

Before we start, let me remind you to please say your name before you speak, not just for transcription purposes but also for the interpreters to identify you in the proper language channel.

Thank you, and let me give the floor now to you, Harold.

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HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you very much, Claudia. Hello, everyone. Good to see you all here. We are about to start the first call of our year meeting. As you know, our chair was not available today, and he has asked me to convey to you his greetings for the new year, the best of success for the projects of our region.

Without further ado, we will start with our agenda for today. We will start with an explanation of the new organization, the new working structure for ALAC. That will be by Alberto Soto and myself. Then, a presentation by Tracy Hackshaw on the NomCom after the review.

Then, we will have the report from the ALAC member, our friend Bartlett Morgan, and other various agenda additional issues. Well, I have decided to include several – the consensus call, the call for the orientation for the new ALSes, and some wiki spaces – so that all members are kept abreast.

So, at this point in time, if any other member of this region wants to add any point to Other Business, you can do so by raising your hand or requesting to speak – those of you who are just on the phone connection.

Okay. Seeing no hands raised [or] final comment, we're going to devote most of our time, as we've done on previous occasions, to discuss the report from our ALAC member, Bartlett Morgan. The intention is to move ahead in the work of debate and discussion, which is absolutely necessary for the region.

So, if there is no request for Any Other Business, we will submit the agenda for approval. Once approved, we will start with the presentation of the new ALAC [leadership] structure—

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: This is Dev. I do have something to add to Any Other Business.

HAROLD ARCOS: So, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: I just want to give an update on the LACRALO translation tool, based on the conversation the Technology Task Force had with ICANN IT staff. I'll give the update at the end, at Any Other Business. Thank you.

HAROLD ARCOS: Okay, Dev. Thank you very much. I will add this to the agenda. When we come to that point, we will talk about it. So, I will ask the staff now to show the slides on the screen. With Alberto Soto, we will share an introduction. We will be showing on the screen the new structure, the new organization, that has been submitted by Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair, last December, showing the organizational chart for the ALAC leadership structure.

So, in this new stage, during the term of Maureen, she has introduced some internal changes. We will discuss today one of these changes specifically.

As you can see in the blue section – I hope you can see – on the righthand side, we see the ALT-PLUS – that’s the new name – which includes the regional chairs. This is something we should be aware of because this is one of the ways through which we, through the bottom-up model, will have the opportunity to submit recommendations, suggestions, etc., from the RALO towards the upper levels of ALAC.

In the pink or orange section, you will see the topic of discussion for today, which is the Organizational Working Group. Alberto Soto is the Chair of this group, and I am the Co-Chair on behalf of LACRALO. So, this working team, following Maureen’s directive, intends to do a follow-up and facilitate the process of communication and organization in different areas of ALAC.

One of those topics, according to Alberto Soto’s e-mail, is the improvement of the work and communication with the RALO[s]. So, there are several suggestions, and this is what we’re going to discuss in the meeting. So, after this very brief introduction, I will give the floor to Alberto so that he can share any explain to the rest of the region what the purpose is, what the expectations are, and what, in his view, should be the mechanisms to make this work more agile.

So, please, Alberto.

Alberto, can you hear us?

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]:

Sorry for the interruption, Harold, but Alberto has disconnected and we are not able to reach him again. I don’t know if you can help here.

HAROLD ARCOS: Well, perhaps he can connect through the AC so that we have at least a channel with him. Is there any way to [drag] him out?

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]: Well, the operator is calling him, but he's not replying.

ALBERTO SOTO: Hi. Can you hear me?

HAROLD ARCOS: Yes, we can.

ALBERTO SOTO: Okay. I only have the mic. Good afternoon, good evening, everyone. If you are so kind to display the complete chart so I can make as much a complete explanation of the new structure presented Maureen [as possible].

As you're aware, after last year's review, there is a requirement to meet some target as requested by the Board. So, there were some pressing issues, it was necessary to work very fast as Maureen conceived of this new structure. The only changes are that there is the working group of team leaders, of coordinators, that are going to work in three areas: outreach and engagement, consolidated policy, and organizational, which is the main modification introduced by Maureen.

There were people who were only in ALAC, or those who were on the left box, the former Chairs. You can see in that box that Olivier and Alan are included but also those of us who are not members of ALAC at present, though we have been in the past, have also been introduced in this new team.

I don't know what the reason was behind Maureen's decision, but Maureen has decided to include Daniel Nanghaka, responsible for outreach, and Jonathan Zuck for policy. And for the organizational portion, she decided to appoint me. I am going to be the coordinator and will have the specific responsibility over the working groups, including ATLAS III, the At-Large Review, which is the implementation portion, Finance, etc., and any other working groups that could be created in the future.

So, one person per RALO has been appointed to this team. You can see Harold here for LACRALO. The same with outreach: one person per RALO.

In consolidated policy, with this working group? In my view, this is working marvelously. I urge you – I really recommend you – to take part in the work of this group because it's extremely important. Those of you who are not familiar enough with the issues, do as I did myself: sign up for the group, just to learn, because they are discussing very present and up-to-date topics [with the ALAC. The ALAC] has to issue comments, has to give its opinion. And the RALOS and the individual members also have to give their views. It is very much up-to-date.

So, do not fear. Do not fear reluctant to participate. We have two leaders in this group, Olivier and Jonathan Zuck, who are extremely knowledgeable and are leading this working group in an exceptional matter.

So, what we are going to do, as Harold said, in the organization portion, is that any working group should have at least four potential considerations to make. The first is that, when the working group is about to set up, it has to define an objective. We have to set up a scope, a timeline, and a deliverable. As simple as that.

So, my proposal was to approach the RIRs in the Kobe meeting. Maureen agreed that we were going to try to set up a meeting that was for the near future. So, I set up a working group in the way I said it should be set up. I submitted it, but unfortunately, Kobe is very near in time. There wasn't time enough to develop all the information we required for that meeting.

So, with Maureen, we decided that this should not take place because we do not have sufficient time to approach the RIRs. Unfortunately, we did not have the response from the RALOs that we wanted to have. In one of the RALOs, only one ALS replied – a very good reply; well, actually two ALSes – with ideas and with concrete actions to undertake with the RIRs.

Nevertheless, I contacted our RIR in a personal capacity to ask if they were available to have meetings with us, and they said that they were not going to attend Kobe because there weren't many issues discuss there and it was very far away. So, our registry will not be there.

The other co-chairs for the other RALOs were going to contact their own RIRs. So, Maureen will try to coordinate meeting – not a specific meeting for this, but a meeting for the RALOs to discuss their respective issues.

I'm not going to give up on the RIRs' meeting. I'm going to continue working on it because I think it's very important. So, what I'm going to ask you to think what we can do for our registry, not what we can ask from them. The way we can start developing collaborative and joint work is not through requests, but see how we can help.

I've already said something – I think it was taken up by some, but there are a couple of things where we can help, at least our region. I'm almost positive that Asia-Pacific and Africa, perhaps not the case with NARALO and EURALO – I'm talking about the change, the switch, from IPv4 to IPV6. There is still some work to present there, and we can help there. The dissemination for the implementation for DNSSEC – two extremely important topics that impact the end user. That is our role: to safeguard, to protect the interests, of the end user.

So, those of you who have any additional interest or ideas, please let me know. We'll see how to include them and start working on those.

So, with that, I conclude. Here I am, ready to answer any questions.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Excellent. Thank you very much, Alberto. So, if there are any questions or any comments, we have on hour-and-a-half for this meeting. We will have some restrictions of time, so let's make the most of the time.

I see no hands raised, so we move on. Tracy's already prepared, so we can make questions also in the chat.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: So sorry. I do have a question or comment on Alberto's request.

HAROLD ARCOS: Go ahead, Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. Thanks, Alberto, for the update. I guess a quick question of ideas for what, as you put it, we can do for the RIRs to assist what the RIRs can do for us. I don't know if LACNIC – and ARIN, because, if you recall, in our region, we have two RIRs [inaudible] because ARIN services many of the Caribbean territories, whereas LACNIC services many of the Latin American and only a few Caribbean territories. So, we have to look at, perhaps, developing better synergies or approaches towards both.

As a suggestion, perhaps one of the RIRs can be approached to give us summary updates or maybe sort of a capacity building session on what the RIR is considering at this point in time. Then, that will be giving opportunity to have a dialogue with them and come up with better ways for how we make contributions, etc.

I'll stop now, and I apologize for the noise.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Dev. We could hear you very well on the [Spanish] channel. So, we take note of your suggestion because we know that the Caribbean geographic region has ARIN and LACNIC. But, given the geographical distribution that we have, it is important to contact these RIRs. I'm sure we will have the support of our Vice-Chair, Rodrigo De La Parra, and Rodrigo Saucedo.

Okay. So, Tracy, are you ready? Okay. Thank you, Claudia. So, now I would like to give the floor to Tracy. Go ahead with your presentation on the NomCom.

TRACY HACKSHAW:

[inaudible] the 2019 NomCom. This is our [first] presentation on [inaudible] updates [inaudible]. The outreach exercise is designed to sensitize communities of interest. So, obviously the first one that I'm [inaudible] is the LACRALO community.

Just as an update of what you're going to see on the slides, the opening of the applications – I sent [an e-mail to the] list on this – was done last week. I think it [inaudible] generally. There's a new form that's available. There was a [inaudible] on the ICANN website, etc. So, please do have a look at the e-mail that was sent. It was sent to both the English and Spanish lists.

The opportunity is now for all members of the community to follow that point, along with the relevant information that is available on the NomCom website, to people in your community.

So, I'm going to begin the presentation now. I don't have control. Do I have control? Next slide, please. [inaudible], yes.

Okay. [inaudible] capacity [inaudible]. This is a function of the NomCom [inaudible]. So, you can scroll back ... okay, great.

So, [inaudible] the control. So, for those who don't understand or those who aren't aware, [inaudible] series of representatives from the ICANN community. As you can see, it's quite large. I believe it's well over ten members now. What we do [inaudible] ICANN leadership position. So, [ICANN Board] directors, the At-Large Advisory Committee, the [inaudible] organization, the ccNSO Council, the Generic Names Supporting Organization Council, as well as, this year, we actually are appointing one member to the board of the Public Technical Identifiers board, the PTI board. So, that happens once every, I believe, two or three years. And [we have to do another] cycle as well.

So, this—

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]: Hello? Tracy? Sorry for interrupting.

TRACY HACKSHAW: Sorry? Yes?

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]: The interpreters are having a hard time hearing you. Are you talking on a headset? Or, are you ... I know you're connected to the bridge.

TRACY HACKSHAW: It's okay. On a headset on a phone. Mobile phone.

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]: You're on the phone? Maybe if you a speak a little further from the mouthpiece because they say it's kind of choppy. Or, maybe we can try to dial in another line. The interpreters say that they can't interpret.

TRACY HACKSHAW: I don't have another line [inaudible] and I'm on the road right now, actually.

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]: Okay. One moment. Maybe the operator can try you on a different line.

TRACY HACKSHAW: [I want] the same number though, right?

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]: Yeah. The same number. I'll have them dial you back in, okay? Sorry for the interruption. One moment.

TRACY HACKSHAW: Okay.

HAROLD ARCOS: Yes, Claudia. No problem with the interruption. It is very important for us to be able to hear him clearly. So, just let us know. If you need more time, perhaps we can give Tracy enough time to get to a fixed location and we can address another topic on the agenda. So, please do that if you need to.

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]: Tracy is being [dialed] out. I don't know if you want to wait for him, or you can give the floor to somebody else.

HAROLD ARCOS: We'll wait for a minute or two minutes for him to connect through a different line so that he can continue with his presentation.

In the meantime, we are going to share in the chat window the link to the NomCom's information.

Here we have the agenda for the NomCom with some issues related to the work to be done after the review.

TRACY HACKSHAW: All right. I'm back on. Is it better now? Can the interpreters hear me better?

Can you hear me better, interpreters? I'm not sure if you can [inaudible] hear me? Can they hear me better? Any better? Anyone?

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]: I am waiting for them to respond. One moment.

[HAROLD ARCOS]: We will see what the interpreters say. Perhaps you can try to get away from the microphone [inaudible]

TRACY HACKSHAW: I am away from it, so I don't know what else I can do beside [inaudible].

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]: Okay, Tracy. The interpreters said you can go ahead. Thank you very much.

TRACY HACKSHAW: All right. I'm not sure where I left you. Can someone indicate if they need me to go back over the NomCom structure?

Can someone indicate?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Three, where you were talking about the NomCom structure. Perhaps you can expand on that. You can complete your explanation about the NomCom structure.

TRACY HACKSHAW: Great. Okay. Thank you. So, I was saying that the NomCom is made up of a series of representatives of the ICANN community, which is

presented on the slide. With this year, we are, beside the representatives to the ICANN Board directors, the At-Large Advisory Committee, the ccNSO Council, and GNSO Council, we are also selecting a member for the Public Technical Identifiers board directors, which is something that comes across every, I believe, two or three years. So, we have to do another cycle of that in two or three years.

So, there are 15 members of the NomCom. [inaudible] from this slide representatives of the community, as well as liaisons and members who are not voting as well.

So, this year, there are ten [total] [leadership] positions. As I indicated before, there is one on the Public Technical Identifiers board directors. That seat is available for three years. There are currently three seats available. [We are] coming up [for] selection on the ICANN Board directors that the NomCom will select for three-year terms. Two seats on the GNSO Council for two-year terms, three seats on the At-Large Advisory Committee for two-year terms. And, as you can see there, one each from each from Asia, Australia, the Pacific Islands, Africa, and Latin America, and the Caribbean. And one seat on the ccNSO. This is not geographically bound.

Are there any questions on that slide. I want to make sure there are no questions.

Okay. According to the staff that we currently have, the current ICANN Board is distributed as follows. There are six members of the Board from North America. There are two members from Latin America and

the Caribbean, three from Africa, six from Europe, and two from the Asia, Australia, and Pacific region.

The NomCom has been advised – although this is not necessarily something that [inaudible] soon – that some regions are saturated, as you can see. Therefore, we would obviously need to seek diversity for the Board members going forward. I believe there's some – I'm not in a position to advise at this point as to exactly the upper limit for each region, but I believe there might very well be. But I don't want to step out of [line] and say anything that I don't have direct information on or direct feedback from. But I do know that we've been advised that we need to do our best to improve the diversity on the ICANN Board in 2019.

However, there's also a desire, as the Board letter to the NomCom stated, which I circulated to the LACRALO list a few weeks ago, for some level of continuity on the Board. So, there's a bit of a compromise or a nexus that we have to [deal] with in terms of looking for new, diverse members, meeting diversity requirements in some way. Certainly, geographic diversity. Gender diversity as well.

But also us having to ensure that there's a level of continuity on the Board, noting specifically that several members of the Board are actually at the end of their term. They're term limited. Quite a few members of the Board will not be on the Board next year. It's been expressed to us that there's been a desire to ensure that there's no major turnover in that way so that there's institutional knowledge kept in some way and it's not a complete shakeout of the Board, given the

situation that's happening with the [governments] of some of the Board members.

[inaudible] we received. Of course, the NomCom will take all of that into consideration—

HAROLD ARCOS:

Sorry for the interruption. Tracy, we have a question here in the chat window. Vanda and Leon are asking about the members that you mentioned. Perhaps you can clear up our question.

Then, I just want to remind you that we have very little time, so try to make the most of your time and to be as brief as possible.

TRACY HACKSHAW:

Okay. I don't know what the questions are. What are the questions?

I'm asking what the questions are.

HAROLD ARCOS:

When you talked about the number of members in the different geographic regions, in some cases, we see six. Vanda is asking for the floor. Go ahead, Vanda. As your question directly.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

The question is the following. According to the ICANN bylaws, I think that you couldn't have more than five members from a region, not six. So, maybe there is a mistake [by the speaker] because I think that the

ICANN bylaws established a limit of five members at the most. So, this is my question.

And do you also have numbers in terms of gender distribution, gender diversity? But my main concern has to do with this limitation set forth in the ICANN bylaws. Perhaps you can clear up that question.

TRACY HACKSHAW:

Okay. So, Section 7.5 says that no geographic region should have more than five directors to the Board, not including the President. So, I believe that's the answer to the question.

In terms of what's on the slide, this is the approved NomCom slides. So, the data that's available there I would assume is the correct data at this point in time.

I can verify that there might be a typo on the slide. I'll bring that up – Leon is indicating that it could be a typo, and I will verify with the NomCom committee whether there's a typo or not [inaudible] is accurate. I will do that.

All right. The other question is—

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you, Tracy. I think that there must be a mistake.

TRACY HACKSHAW:

Sure. I will verify that and make that observation.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Perhaps that was a mistake, so thank you for your answer.

TRACY HACKSHAW: Right. And I see another question: "How many are left in each region?" I can provide that information separately. I don't have that currently, at present. The old members who are due [to leave due to] term limits? I don't currently have that information. I will have to obtain it, as well as any information in terms of that may not be continuing on the Board. I think that's the challenge that we have to deal with. We don't know exactly who would want to continue or who is continuing. That kind of information is not available. But I will make the inquiry based on the questions that are going coming out of today's session.

All right. So, in the interest of time, having taken note of those two questions, I'm moving on to the next slide. So, this is pretty straightforward. The ICANN Board Directors in effect are the main governance elements of ICANN. People who are coming up for selection are supposed to be at a certain level of maturity, experience, and able to fit in with the ICANN Board governance as it stands today. So, even if you are new, there's no requirement to be an ICANN insider, as I said. But there are certain requirements to at least understand what the [inaudible] is about. So, some knowledge of what ICANN does.

Obviously, the ICANN Board will provide onboarding to the new Board members, but there's an expectation that the new Board members are selected, if [there] are new Board members selected, will able to come up to speed very quickly with the ICANN governance [inaudible] the

ICANN subject matter. So, that's something that the Board has indicated to us quite strongly. They're looking for people of that caliber with experience and expertise. Of course, meeting that is the requirement, as we indicated previously.

The At-Large Advisory Committee – well, I don't have to say too much here, obviously. It's the caliber of [anybody] who to help govern the At-Large community and to ensure that it goes from strength to strength.

One of the things I would like to say in the interest of time is that the Board discussions that we had – [inaudible] can say this – it's important to understand that, even if a potential nominee would like to be present or selected for the Board and nominates him- or herself, there's an option for that individual to look closely at his or her CV and credentials and perhaps come in from the ICANN community or come up through the community by any of the supporting structures. So, in sort of a mentoring or stepwise approach.

So, for somebody who would like to be on the Board would be at a level of maturity or expertise or experience, there's a thought process that it might be a good idea for them to come in through one of the communities – the advisory committees, the SOs and otherwise – to ensure that they have necessary grounding in that thinking coming into the Board, if that's the case. So, that's something we also would like to ensure that the outreach exercise contemplates.

Not everybody, obviously, can be on the ICANN Board, so there's also the opportunity to join the advisory committees and supporting organizations, at least as a stepping stone to the Board, if you're looking

at it from that angle, but, certainly to ensure that the expertise is spread not just at the Board level but also at the At-Large Advisory Committee, the GNSO, and the ccNSO level as well. That's very important [thing] for the strengths and continuity of ICANN going forward.

All right. So, just rapidly continuing, the GNSO is the policy making body for the ICANN organization – I think we all know this – and they are primarily looking after the generic names part of the ICANN organization.

The ccNSO has a special role in ICANN. They are the Country Code Names Supporting Organization. They have a peculiar, particular role in the ICANN community that [inaudible]. We looked to have something to understand the ccNSO community very intimately.

This is the [inaudible], the PTI Board Directors. For those who don't know, the PTI is the successor agency or entity to what was the IANA. It provides the IANA functions role on behalf of ICANN through a series of contracts. They perform domain name number resource and [inaudible] assignments for ICANN.

And the PTI Board Directors manages the [inaudible] and affairs of the PTI. The Board consists of three members employed by ICANN or PTI and two members nominated by the NomCom, and they're not employees of the ICANN or PTI. This year, we are selecting one member of the PTI. So, in addition to the ICANN Board, there [will] been one PTI Director selected for the '19 cycle.

Are there any questions on that?

Okay. So, in terms of the timeline, we began meeting in Barcelona during the ICANN 63 meeting. We've been since at the subcommittee level, as well as in full committee – committee as a whole – and we will be likely doing a public meeting at ICANN 64 in Kobe in March of 2019.

At this point in time, as I indicated earlier, we have opened the current application period on the 17th of January. That runs until the 16th of March, if I recall correctly. That's being done through a new specific [inaudible]. We encourage everyone from the Latin American-Caribbean to reach out to their various organization, through the ALSes and other organizations that [inaudible] to obtain candidates, very diverse candidates from diverse regions, [inaudible] geography.

Let's see how we can, as the Latin American-Caribbean community can ensure that they're a very good nomination for the committee to consider and ensure that they are in leadership positions in ICANN. There's a very good opportunity for 2019 [for the LAC area to be represented] across the breadth of ICANN.

The selection meeting will happen just around Marrakech – yes, at the end of Marrakech – in June 2019. We will be doing a selection two months before the IGF in Montreal in November.

So, around the period of August or September 2019, the selectees will be announced. Then, due diligence will be done, etc. As you can see, [inaudible] [professional] NomCom [inaudible] in 2018. That's going to happen in the year 2019. The NomCom will meet face-to-face in between ICANN 65 and ICANN 64 to basically do a significant review of

the candidates [inaudible]. That will happen in April of 2019 [inaudible] Marrakech.

I think that's it for my slideshow – yes, it is – right now. So, do look out for more information from the NomCom from the Chair of the committee via blog and via various releases from the NomCom committee between now and ICANN. [inaudible] certainly [inaudible] ICANN 64 in Kobe, where there will likely be a public meeting where we'll be able to take further questions.

So, thanks very much. Are there any further questions from anyone in the room today? Thank you very much.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you very much, Tracy, for your presentation and information. In the chat, Silvia has written the description of directors and the applicable paragraph and section. This is precisely what we were talking about: the maximum number of give per region.

So, if there is any additional questions for him, I will ask the members to make it through the mailing list because we need to move forward with the next presentation. So, we need to check that Bartlett is ready, but before that, once again, Tracy, thank you very much.

If there is any questions for Tracy and his presentation, please either write it on the chat or send it straight to the e-mail list so that you can get a reply through their.

So, can we confirm that Bartlett is online so that we can take over?

BARTLETT MORGAN: Hi, everyone. Bartlett here. Just checking out that I'm being heard.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, we're hearing you, Bartlett.

BARTLETT MORGAN: Okay. Wonderful.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Bartlett. You can start.

BARTLETT MORGAN: All right. Hello, everyone, again. This is Bartlett Morgan, your friendly ALAC member from LACRALO. What I propose to do over the course of the next 10 to 15 minutes is quickly bring everyone up to speed on what the latest is in terms of ALAC policy development work.

Now, that being said, I don't know if I have control of this. But can I get the next slide, please?

Yes. So, the main part of this presentation will focus on the statement being drafted by the ALAC [community]. I think that's where we have the most opportunity to make an impact as members of the wider ICANN community.

Now, as it stands right now, I would say [inaudible] compared to last month's. This is, in relative terms, a relatively quiet month for policy development compared to last month.

But, that being said, we have five [really] important – well, in my opinion, I should say – matters that require the consideration of the community, which I quickly want to bring you through this afternoon.

Now, they are Work Track 5 on geographic names at the top level and particularly supplemental initial report. Now, there is the ICANN strategic plan for fiscal years 2021 to 2025. In a similar vein, the updated operating standards for specific reviews. Also, a first consultation on the two-year planning process. Now, finally, there is the ICANN draft of the financial year 2020 operating plan and budget and the five-year operating plan update.

Now, as you can see, when you look at all of them together, [inaudible] the Work Track 5 policy matter. The other four all seem to be very closely related because they all have to do with that very boring but rather important matter of planning for our future.

Now, if I could get the next slide, please. Thank you. So, first off, we have Work Track 5 on geographic names. Now, just to provide some context because I do see about two or three names that I'm not familiar with and therefore I presume are new members or interested potential members of LACRALO, I'll take my time to [inaudible] some broader context here.

Now, even though this policy issue is supposed to be to Work Track 5, broadly, Work Track 5 is part of a larger policy development process.

[It's called] the new gTLD subsequent procedure. gTLD means generic top-level domain. So, the generic top-level domain subsequent procedures policy development process. That came about to evaluate, essentially word changes, additions, subtractions that need to be made to the existing gTLD policy recommendations.

As I mentioned, there are five work tracks. The other four work tracks' work is essentially done. Now, Work Track 5's work was more staggered and they've now produced a report. They require our input on that.

Now, Work Track 5 has to do with a not-uninteresting topic of geographic names at the top level. If you've been following the news around that over maybe the past two to three years, you'll realize that, even right now as we speak, there is a lot of talk of – I don't know the word. It's [inaudible] that I should use to describe what's going in that space, especially around things like that – Amazon and so on.

In other words, the question is, what happens when the top-level domain, the thing [you know of] – .com or .net or what-have-you – is something like .panama or .mediterranean or .barbados? How do you treat situations like that, given issues of sovereignty and so on? That's what this document is about that has been produced and the ALAC is trying to comment on.

Now, to cut a long story short, Work Track 5 has produced so far 30 preliminary recommendations, eleven questions, and, if I recall correctly, about 38 or so different proposals about what ICANN ought to do with the issue of geographic names at the top level.

Now, the bad news is the deadline [documented] on this is actually 24 – well, less than 24 hours from now because it's tomorrow, the 22nd of January, 2019. My slide[s] are actually up on the wiki. If you pull it down, you can click through the links there to go directly to the page where the ALAC is formulating and finalizing its comments on that.

Now, if I could just get the other slides, please. Thank you. So, as I will have mentioned, the policy matters 2 all the way down to 5, in a broader sense, are related to the broader question of planning.

Now, the first of these is ICANN's strategic plan for fiscal years 2021 to 2025. Now, this plan is in a draft stage at this point. It's going to be pretty much shape ICANN's priorities in terms of the budget and determine what activities are funded and so on for fiscal years 2021 through 2025.

Now, why does any of this matter? Now, to borrow language that Dev used to describe it, public comments on this draft of this five-year strategic plan are part of ICANN org's consultation process with the community. Public comments often ensure focus on the right priorities for ICANN for fiscal years 2021 to 2025.

Now, in plain language, here's what that really means and why it [probably] should matter for LACRALO. This strategic plan is going to determine what gets prioritization for things like funding, including – you may have guessed it – the various activities we take on in the At-Large. So, that's why it matters to us and why we probably would want to take a look at this.

Now, in the draft that they put together, ICANN has identified I'd say five what I consider key considerations that would underpin its priorities going forward and their security, governance, unique identifier systems, geopolitics – interestingly – and also the question of [inaudible] financials.

Now, the deadline for commenting on this one is the 11th of February, 2019, so we do have a little bit of time here. So, I obviously recommend you to go and have a looksie. The link is there, so please pull that down and have a look at it.

Now, what's also due for comments on the same day, the 11th of February, 2019, is on the next slide, which is the updated operating standard for specific reviews.

Thank you. Now, in essence, ICANN org has developed the operating standards to provide guidance on conduct in specific reviews in accordance with the bylaws. The specific reviews would cover, for example, a specific topic or that kind of thing – consumer issues or what-have-you, as I understand it.

Now, the whole idea is that there are these standards, as they were, to ensure that the reviews are conducted in a particular manner, that they're transparent. They're efficient, and more or less, the overall process is predictable. These are things that obviously are important to us as a community.

Now, I've had a quick look through of the operating standards and what it is they are looking to change. It is not a small document, so about 31 pages. It's broken down into more or less five or six key areas that

they're looking at. That includes [transparency] for the review, actually conducting the reviews, the review output, dispute resolution, and finally a process for amending the operating standard.

From my review so far – this is purely my subjective opinion – things like the dispute resolution mechanisms may need some further work. So, for those of you who are interested in that kind of thing, I'd certainly recommend that you pay attention to that section because, as it is currently, it's a fairly broad process which goes against [what's] difficult to do with reviewing the operating standard, which is a far more efficient and predictable process.

The current [inaudible] dispute resolution process doesn't seem to be very clear in my opinion, so that in and of itself is a red flag me and may certainly require us to look at that going forward.

So, if I may have the next slide, please. So, this has to do with the first consultation on a two-year planning process. So, the [nub] of this policy is this – well, actually we call it a policy issue – currently, planning in the context of ICANN usually takes place in the context of a 15-month schedule. The underlying worry is that 15 months is not enough time to do it properly. So, the idea of a two-year planning timeline has been floated. So, the essence of all of this is that they want your feedback on whether or not this is a good idea. That's really it in a nutshell.

Now, I should say that this is actually a consultation paper. It's actually the first of two consultation papers. This one is really concerned with what I'd say is figuring out the issues. What [is the core part] of the problem with regards to our planning processes?

A subsequent consultation paper will come out, which will then focus on the possible solutions.

So, for those of you with experience on boards and financials and planning for organizations and budgeting and resourcing and so on, this is the kind of thing that may be of interest to you on a personal level. As it regards LACRALO and the At-Large in general, my view? I don't know if this is necessarily a huge priority for us, but it's certainly something that we ought to comment on.

So, that said, I – well, see that time seems to be going a bit against me, so I won't get into the actual questions. I'll move on to the next slide which has to do with ICANN's draft financial year 2020 operating plan and the budget and five-year operating plan update.

This is really more or less self-explanatory. They want our input on the budget for the coming year and the five-year operating plan update. Now, what I should say is that, so far, the At-Large has been chipping away at this. The ALAC has been chipping away it with a view to have some meaningful input on it.

So far, we've identified I'd say about seven areas within the document that require our comments. Those have to do with language services, raising stakeholder awareness worldwide, engaging stakeholders regionally, supporting policy development and policy related and advisory activities. There's also the question of reinforcing stakeholder effectiveness, collaboration, and communication capabilities. Then, there is the question of organizational review, and, finally, supporting stakeholder participation.

Now, if I may get the next slide, please. Now, this has to do with possible policy statements that we may consider taking on. There is an ALAC call not too long from now where a decision will be made on these. If we go to the next slide, which is effectively the same thing, you'll realize it's on the initial report on CSC effectiveness.

Now, CSC stands for Customer Standing Committee. Now, per the bylaws of ICANN, the CSC is tasked to ensure continued satisfactory performance of the IANA functions for the direct customers of the naming services.

Now, as you can appreciate, that would sort of raise a flag in your mind if you're involved in the ICANN community from the perspective of end users, about whether or not this is something that we ought to be commenting on, or whether it's of significance to us here in At-Large. So, we, I guess, wait with bated breath to hear what the ALAC will decide as to whether or not it will comment on that.

That essentially concludes the presentation. There's one last slide, which is really a next-steps slide. So, thank you for your time. The next steps: if you're interesting in any of these policy related issues, I would submit that, if you're involved with LACRALO/At-Large, then you ought to, at some level, be interested in the policy work, since that's the core work that we do here.

Now, we've been sort of consolidating all that in our Consolidated Policy Working Group. That meets every single week. So, ideally, I would recommend that you make some time just to jump in on one or two of the meetings because all the different policy issues that are live at the

time will be discussed, and a plan will be put in [place] for how to approach it.

So, that's it. Thank you very much for your time.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Bartlett, for your very comprehensive report. There were some questions in the chat that were replied to by other colleagues.

Alejandra Pisanty has asked in the chat, Bartlett, "When has the consultation started? When was the geo names process started?"

BARTLETT MORGAN:

So, that [sort of goes back] some time. It's not something I could really answer, but you could say, realistically, it got serious in 2016.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Okay, Bartlett. So, we want to thank you again. If there is any other question, please write it on the chat. Bartlett will certainly answer it in due time.

Finally, let me check with Claudia. What are the times – do we have sufficient time to discuss the next items of the agenda? Do we have the interpreters available?

So, thank you for the confirmation, and thanks to the interpreters for their valuable effort. So, we will now discuss the following items of the agenda. The first is the consensus that is about to close the 23rd. This is

the second call after the modifications introduced in September and the one introduced in last week's call.

Another thing we wanted to discuss was about the working groups. The working groups have set up a mechanism of, after the meditation ... so, we are inviting the ALSes in the region to invite their members to be part of at least one.

In ICANN, in ALAC, we are trying to find a mechanism to promote bottom-up participation, and this is something that we've been discussing in the region for a long time. At various times, we recognized the need to set up these new spaces.

So, the working groups are the areas where we can all participate, developing policies. Those with more experience would be able to assist the new entrants so that they can enhance their engagement and informed participation, specifically considered in the 2020-2025 period.

The second item in the agenda to be discussed is the ALS orientation call [invites]. Some are not present in this meeting, but if you are here, let me take this opportunity: this week, will circulate a Doodle survey. It's not just for ALSes but for anyone in the region who wants to take up the call that will explain the tools that will facilitate the participation of new ALSes in the ICANN workspaces.

We are going to have a new process for metrics evaluation. The purpose of these metrics is to have a historical record of each and every ALS involvement. So, we will again update the wiki pages for each organization to provide up-to-date contact details, their main contact, so that we can have an up-to-date chart with all the new information.

So, I see a comment by Leon. So, Leon, I will give you the floor before we give the floor to Dev to conclude. So, Leon, please go ahead.

Leon can you hear me?

Silvia, can we check what happened with Leon's audio?

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]: Harold? He is connected but [we] cannot hear him.

HAROLD ARCOS: Maybe there is a technical problem. Okay. So, perhaps, while we solve this technical problem, we can give the floor to Dev. Dev wanted to make a comment about the translation tools.

Dev, are you there? Can you make your comment now, please?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Yes I can. Okay.

HAROLD ARCOS: [Okay. So, go ahead, please.]

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. Thanks, Harold. So, just [to provide] a brief update to the LACRALO translation tool, the Technology Task Force had a conference call last week, Monday, and perhaps Silvia can post the link to the agenda and you could read the transcript of that conversation.

The primary focus of that Technology Task Force call was examine the LACRALO translation tool. It was pointed out there's been some issues that have happened since the new tool deployed. ICANN IT has taken note of it but has also noted that they are having some constraints in how to effectively upgrade or update the tool to fix those problems.

So, our next conference call is going to be held with ICANN IT to focus [inaudible] discussions with ICANN's IT on possible ways to approach the challenges faced with the translation tool.

So, I just wanted to bring every person up to date that the conversation has happened and it's going to continue to happen. Hopefully, we'll figure out ways to address the one or two issues. I know [inaudible] encountered is that they get an error message when they post to the [list]. A message cannot be translated because of this problem, that this sentence must be followed by a space. So, you want to really work with ICANN's IT to identify the core root of the problem and to come up with some cost-effective solutions.

As always, if you have any technology issues or challenges, please let me know so that, through the Technology Task Force, we can try to at least identify solutions or workarounds to these technical problems. I'll give a further update once I have some more information.

That's it. Thank you.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Dev, for this information. Leon, you have the floor.

LEON SANCHEZ: Can you hear me?

HAROLD ARCOS: Yes. Perfectly, Leon.

LEON SANCHEZ: I apologize for the previous technical problem with my audio. I just wanted to make two brief comments. First, the Board is requesting that all the SO and AC leaders should forward some questions so we can address those questions in the session that will have with the different parts of ICANN in the Kobe meeting. So, we are expecting some questions, mainly about the strategic plan that was posted for public comment, the strategic plan for 2021-2025, the plan for establishing the budget planning for two years for the budget.

As you might recall, we [inaudible] for the budget year after year, with the possibility for the community to make comments on that. Now we are considering the possibility of extending the planning [inaudible] so that the community can be deeply involved in this process and participate more actively in the design of that budget.

The third issue that I wanted to raise here has to do with the financial and operating plan for fiscal years 2021 to 2025. The suggestions that we are looking for have to do with those elements that you think that the Board can address on its own and ICANN and the community can also address to make sure these plans can be successfully rolled out.

In other words, we want you to come up with suggestions for the Board, for ICANN, and for the community as part of the elements in the strategic plan so that plan can be successfully implemented.

Then, we would like to know how we can make sure that ICANN can have a better interaction with the outside world because ICANN cannot operate in isolation. It cannot not be separate for other Internet governance-related bodies. So, what kind of partnerships can we establish to make sure that ICANN can play a successful role in the field of Internet governance, and also, considering the different activities in the ecosystem, how could these activities benefit ICANN? These were the topics that I wanted to raise here.

Then, we will have a meeting in the Board in the next few days. We will meet from the 25th to the 28th of January in L.A., and we will have four public sessions. Of course, I would like to invite you, if you can, to join us for those public sessions.

The first one will take place on Saturday, January 26th, at 10:30 A.M., L.A. time. I think that would be 1830 UTC. In that session – that will be a very short one; only 30 minutes – we will talk about priorities for fiscal year '19. We will provide you with an update on the various priorities that have been addressed by the Board and the current status of the work around these priorities.

The second session will also take place on Saturday, the 26th. We will talk about geographic names as TLDs. This is related to what Bartlett was talking about, Work Track 5 on geo names as TLDs. This will be a

one-hour session. It will be a public session, and it will take place at 1:30 P.M, L.A. local time. That would be 2130 UTC, if I'm not mistaken.

Then, there will be another public session on Sunday, January 27th. This will be a one-hour session. It will be a public Board session. We will talk about the consent agenda, and we will include the approval of the At-Large Review in that session. So, that will be part of the consent agenda, not the main agenda, so any Board members can that that be transferred to the main discussion agenda for further discussion. But for the time being, it is part of the consent agenda.

Finally, there is a fourth public session, also on Sunday, January 27th, at [3:30] L.A. local time. That is 2330 UTC. It has to do with implementation of Work Stream 2, the work of the CCWG on the transition. Here, we are going to review the feasibility of the recommendations, and we will assess the financial impact that these recommendations could have.

So, as you can see, there will be plenty of opportunities to participate. You can join these four public sessions. We will have a public agenda. You can look at it one the ICANN website in the Board section. And of course, you will have the various links to join the session.

So, that would be all on my side. Harold, thank you for letting me take the floor. I'm open to any questions you may have. Thank you.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you very much, Leon, for these announcements. As we are about to close this call, please, if you have any questions, you can type it on the chat.

But, before closing, we have [sent-in] actions first. We have taken note of the proposal sent by Adrian Carballo. Then, the group requested by Humberto Carrasco is on the wiki. Tomorrow, you will have more input. You will be informed. Also, the clarifications and the answers to the questions made to Tracy Hackshaw. So, all these questions will be cleared up.

So, this is all. Thanks to the interpreters for the extra time. Again, if you have any questions, work it through the mailing list. [Let's just] start planning the next meeting in February.

So, thank you for your participation and interest. See you in the next meeting, but let's continue working through the mailing list. Thank you again, Silvia and Claudia. With this, we have completed our call for today. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:

[Are you there?]

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]:

Hello. Thank you, everyone, for joining the call. This meeting is now adjourned. Please remember to disconnect the lines. Thank you.

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