
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Welcome to the LACRALO Chairs call working group on the Tuesday, 29th of January 2019 at 22:00 UTC.

On today's call on the Spanish channel, we've got Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Adrian Carballo, Carlos Leal, Lilian Ivette De Luque, and no one, for the time being, on the English channel.

From staff, we've got Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Claudia Ruiz. Our interpreters today are Paula and David. Before speaking, I'd like to remind you to please state your name for the transcription before taking the floor, and also for the interpreters to identify you on the other line. Thank you, and I'll give the floor to Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Claudia. Good afternoon to all of you. This is a special day, because we are starting with our first meeting of directors. This meeting [will be] held very sporadically because the idea is from next weeks, we will start working with the three ALAC members that are part of the chairs.

But our idea is that after approving this agenda –

INTERPRETER: The interpreters apologize, we are not getting any audio from Sergio anymore.

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SILVIA VIVANCO: I think Sergio dropped. He's being redialed right now, let's wait one minute please.

HAROLD ARCOS: Let's wait then for Sergio to be reconnected to the call.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I am on the line again. I'm not sure where I left or how much you heard from me. Just to provide you a summary of how we got to the working group, [on the first stage] after the two mediation meetings we had in Los Angeles and in San Juan, Puerto Rico, after that, we reached the conclusion so that the Governance Working Group can present the operating principles.

Those operating principles were adopted before the end of the year, and those principles include the board of directors. And the board of directors is made up of those working group chairs together with the ALAC members and the president and president elect.

This is the structure that this board will have. This board will have the mission of broadening the powers of president and chair elect to many other people who are involved in policy discussions within LACRALO.

This has a very significant support that, together with Harold, Harold and I [understand] that if there is a group working, that group is a lot more dynamic, it has as lot more visibility to have a stronger impact, it can fulfill ICANN's privacy, and it can provide a framework to the LACRALO strategy.

This is the context of how we [reached the] working group. In these mediation meetings we had, one of the main concerns, aside from the issues we have had internally in terms of organization or in terms of people even, there was a problem, there was actually a concern from the ALSes as for policies that are being discussed in ICANN.

Both Harold and I believe that this is directly linked to many issues. One of the issues is we have not had the possibility of discussing this in the region and to adopt a position as a region, and then bring this for discussion before the ALAC.

In this context, there is a reality. I have heard our friends and colleagues from some Caribbean ALSes who have discussed the [Carlton case. Carlton] is one of the main workers in our region, and he has worked a lot for our region to have a strong voice in different [inaudible].

But I think the methodology and the understanding of what we have tried to explain to our friends was ... they have not been able to fully understand it.

Being in a working group necessarily implies to interact within the ALAC. We cannot be working only in a closed group within the regions if we do not [stop] within ALAC and bring our voice. And our ALAC members should get nourished from the work that is being done in the region.

We will divide this meeting in two [inaudible] and then we should have some feedback. We should exchange opinions. And I'm going to go now directly to item number five, which is how this working group is going to work.

We think that this group will work every two months. They will meet on the phone, they will meet on teleconferences. Does this mean we will do nothing every two months? No, it means that we will meet on the phone every two months or with the AC.

But throughout those two months, we will need to send e-mails to the e-mail list, we will need to participate in the ALAC working groups. These groups have direct links between what is working, what has been created in LACRALO, and ALAC. In some cases, this is true, and in some cases, it is not.

If we take a random case, the Social Media Working Group is connected to the Communications Working Group. If we take the group led by Vanda, well, that group has a lot to do with whatever is being discussed, and everybody that participates on the GNSO from ALAC.

If we are discussing the IDN issues, we will be dealing with multilingualism or the internationalization of domain names. But at the same time, we will be saying that the cross-community working group will also be working on that in ICANN.

The idea here is we need to start turning the wheels so that LACRALO can start working. The six, seven ALSes in the region should be working with the working group logic, and they should also be working with the ALAC logic.

If we consider the [metric rules] that have been recently approved, part of those [metric rules] state that there are different [vectors that are considered in] those metrics, and one of them is our work in LACRALO, our work in ALAC, or in the cross-community working group.

[Silvia Vivanco] said this to me once, and I think it is necessary to make a small adjustment so that the alternatives can be [inaudible]. Even though this is very broad and it is [shown on] ALSes and also on people, on individuals, what we're trying is to have ALSes to have an active representation of the users where ICANN policies are discussed.

I'm now going to give the floor to Harold so that he can explain something that is related to the [inaudible] and the [inaudible]. Each of the [inaudible] have some responsibility. One of the responsibilities they have is to be able to add more organization and more users, more individual users to the work within our working group, and they will also have the responsibility to delay [the idea] to work in working groups in ALAC.

I know this is going to be a very significant work, but once we can start moving the wheel and this makes sense to us, and we can be working [with both systems,] it will be natural. We need to [give the first step, and this is a very big step.] Harold, I'm going to give you the floor.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Sergio. I hope you can hear me. Thank you. First, let me remind you how significant this meeting is. It is very exciting for us to be working with the [inaudible] with all the LACRALO groups. It is very important to be aware, as Sergio was saying, that this mediation process where we are talking about the key importance of LACRALO being activated in a way that has been proposed within the group.

So, item number five, when we deal with working methods, we are proposing not a discovery of [inaudible] actually, this is a [national]

methodology on the working groups within ICANN once we hold the first meeting, each [inaudible] aside from welcoming people and informing the people of the purposes or the goals that were initially proposed within the group, and especially with all the expectations for work, we can even propose some results in the long-term.

So, we are inviting you to use the Gantt diagram that we're going to share on the e-mail list, and we will also have a chat. In this case, going to be a WhatsApp chat with the directors only. And myself as a secretary, I will have a more fluid communication.

This chat is very important, because we in LACRALO do not only have a president and secretary [figure altogether,] but actually, all of you [will start being] the leaders of those groups, and this is a [inaudible] because the current [records] have gone one step forward, and one of the main reasons is to provide these examples for the leaders.

The fact that you [inaudible] and that you assume the responsibility and that [you have progress] is very important, and as Sergio said, this diagram will help us, because in each of the bimonthly LACRALO meetings, we will have a report provided by each of you. There's going to be a very brief report, just a five-minute report.

That will be the initial proposal, and then the dynamic will tell us if we need another report or if we need [a director] to take more time, and so the monthly meeting may become a meeting to discuss only one issue. Dynamics will tell.

So at that time, we will begin this dynamic for the first time. This is the first thing that we will experience in LACRALO. So, as we will have

meetings every two months, these diagrams will allow us to have each of the working group with a lively discussion in each of their mailing lists. And this diagram will also allow us to show the milestones or the progress that we want to reach on the calendar.

There are a number of toolkits that I will also provide you. These are the calendars that each of you – we believe that each of you will find it very useful, and we also [want to say] that before the meeting with each of the working groups, we will be holding a prior meeting with the ALAC members so that we can include them within this [scheme] and to establish, to start approving and to start going through this route together to build information, to have participants that are well involved in bottom-up fashion, and at the same time, to get some feedback from ALAC members that will be from top to bottom. This will enrich the working group.

Another factor that I don't really remember if we mentioned it, and which was the result of the initiatives that we conducted [inaudible] Governance Working Group, there's the fact that those people who are being incorporated to the new ALSes, they find that these working groups are very useful, because going into the ICANN world directly may be a bit overwhelming to some ALSes, and [inaudible] to some individual members.

And the strategic purposes within ICANN for the next five years also include focusing on participation, not only from newcomers but also from the old ones that are already there. So, we need to look within LACRALO and foster the discussion, the inclusion of each of those issues so that we can then go to the next test.

This is all for now. Thank you very much, Sergio, and I'll now give you the floor back. Is Sergio there? Has Sergio dropped?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Yes, I think that he's not yet again connected on the call. He's being dialed out.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I'm already here. Hello, I'm here again. I thought there was a question from Silvia about the relationship and connection between the working groups and the ALAC members. Was that your question, Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, I have that question, and a follow-up question, because I'm trying to visualize this structure where you see all the different interactions among the different levels. So, my question was whether we could have a liaison for these working groups, to other peer groups at the ALAC level so that they could report what is happening within these groups.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes. I understand your question, Silvia. The working group had the obligation to report to the peer or parallel working groups within ALAC. Otherwise, it wouldn't make any sense for us to have these working groups, because we would be working on separate issues.

The working groups have to have some interaction. The beauty about these working groups is that they can take [a petition,] a region, which is not the same as what the other working groups are doing.

We would just need to have ALAC otherwise. We wouldn't need to have regions. but we want to have a regional view from what is happening in the Internet in our area. So, we shouldn't have actually liaisons, but the different members of the working group should be working also within the ALAC working groups.

You were asking me about the direct connection that the working groups can have with the ALAC members. Let me try to [resort] to my personal experience. In 2010, when I joined as an ALAC member, there was a change that perhaps was not very big, but it did set a different position for ALAC members.

Usually, ALAC members – and this is how the ICANN bylaws establish it, they shouldn't be consulting with the region. And because the ALAC members will take on their [seat, their position] following certain criteria.

But since then, there have been constant consultations about the decisions that are going to be made on different topics discussed within the ALAC. So, is this a mechanism that is set forth in our participation and engagement mechanism? No, not like that exactly. This rule of engagement to have a consultation with the region, there within the ALAC? No. Of course not.

But it would be very healthy for the representative to have the ability to consult with the organization that he or she is representing on a

constant basis, on an ongoing basis. And in addition to that, organizations should provide these representatives support so that these representatives can perform a better job.

ALAC members usually cannot attend all meetings of all working groups, so the working groups have to feed back to the ALAC members so that they can convey their position. So, with the LACRALO board, we are going to ask all the members to take this commitment on to listen to the region's position and view. That is the kind of interaction there may be.

Is it an obligation for ALAC members to follow the steps indicated by the working groups? No, not at all, because there is nothing in the ALAC rules that determine that. But it could be a good practice for ALAC members to listen to the working groups' positions and to support those positions. That is what I can say in answer to your question. I don't know if I have answered your question.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes. You have answered my question. It is very important to have feedback and to have an ongoing flow of communication going from the groups to the different ALAC members in order to have some consistency, because [there may be the case] where you can have an ALAC member that may have a different position from that of the working group. So, that is what I'm considering now.

The LACRALO ALAC members should perhaps also join these calls of the working groups, right?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Not necessarily, because ALAC members, you have some ALAC members who are already members of working groups of their interest, and in ALAC, they are participating in the ALAC working groups. They perform those two roles.

Usually, at the regional level, you work in those areas where you have most of your expertise or greatest interest. Some people may feel more comfortable working on IDN, others may feel more comfortable working on different topics.

For the ALAC members, the purpose here is to make their work easier. There are so many issues being discussed, and we never have time to make decisions on everything. So, we are always rushing and we are running against time. So, we are trying to help the ALAC people. you have the ALAC members working within working groups, but they also have to undertake this commitment to convey the regional view.

The Latin American and Caribbean point of view is different from that of European, and perhaps in Europe, privacy ideologically is a complex issue for them, but perhaps someone who is taking his or her first steps in the field of privacy doesn't understand what the implications of privacy are.

So, we are trying here to look at those positions that take into account the common user. That is also why it's also important to have individual users with their views here, because perhaps they can make a different type of contribution.

If you allow me, I would like to move on to item six on the agenda. that is the management activities of the directors. In this area, I have already

mentioned some aspects. We will have to work, especially if we want to work in an organized manner, we will have to work with some numbers just to have a starting point and to have some kind of reference, and to see how far we can go.

We need some elements that the staff can provide us with, but there are other elements, other inputs that we will need to get somewhere else. For instance, attendance for the different calls. The attendance information is something that the staff can provide us with. We will know who was on the call, who was not on the call, who was connected on AC or who was connected on the phone bridge. That will not be a problem for us.

I was having a conversation with Silvia Vivanco a few days ago, and I asked her about someone in the US and somebody who has a very interesting piece of work that allows them to see the interaction on the email list. So, that could be a good basis to have some statistics, some numbers. And we will be able to use those figures to understand what is happening within the working groups.

You may wonder whether this is important. It is important, because we need to justify also our participation, our engagement [as groups] and also as individual users within LACRALO. But it would be very difficult for us to measure quality of the work we do. Let's say if I say plus one in every e-mail that I receive, I will appear on that list with a plus one, and that will mean that I have made a sufficient number of contributions via e-mail to have an active participation in the meeting. But if I'm working in the media group, perhaps they will say, "Well, but this person is

always just sending an e-mail with a plus one, but this person never makes a contribution.”

So I can have all those statistics, but perhaps the quality of my participation is not that good. So, we will need to know what is happening with an ALS, how we can help that ALS to improve their participation. Perhaps it’s not because they don’t want to get engaged but because they don’t understand our processes.

[inaudible] Here we have two [cross-sessional] groups, or three. One on communication, another one on capacity building, and another one on governance. They cut across all the rest, they go across the board. So, these three [cross-sessional] groups that cover the entire region will have to check whether there are any deficiencies, any flaws in some participation. If there are certain people who cannot find their way into the regional work, we will have to apply our creativity so that they can improve their participation.

In addition to this, there is a relationship with the Gantt chart that Harold was describing. The other topic that we need to bear in mind is to call upon greater participation of ALSes.

I don't know if we can have the information about the ALSes, but I don't know if we have 57 ALSes that are already participating in the working groups. I think that we have several of them into the groups, but some of them still have to get into the groups. If that is the case, we will have to go over that and see which are the ones that are not there, that have not written down their name on the list, and we will have to give them a call asking them to participate. Perhaps [John and Mary] have some

technical background and their expertise could be of use in a given group perhaps, or in the GNSO, or for IDN. So, we will have to see who can join the different groups in order to avoid ending up with empty groups.

And I was having this conversation, Adrian was asking me whether we could add more people. Yes, we can even add the individual users. Then we will try to encourage them to join an organization. If they can get organized, well, that would be even better, but if not, the governance group is going to set the rules for the operation and the participation of these individual users in the region.

But the operating principles already allow them to do work, so perhaps they can join these working groups. They should enjoy the same freedom that all of us have. We have to encourage them to participate actively to make sure that we expand the work of this group. Silvia is asking me here or is telling me that there are some individuals who have joined in. I'm not sure who they are, but perhaps, Silvia, if you have a list, you can provide us with that list. We need to call them so that they can become actively engaged.

What is not yet clear to me is how they are going to join these activities, and the governance group will have to define that. I think that EURALO had like an affiliation sheet or a card that they could use to fill out to join the region that was different from that filled out by the ALSes.

But I think that that is something that we will have to discuss in the next week in our governance group call. And then another point that I want to raise here under this agenda item is that we need to encourage the

members of our region to participate in the working group if possible. Well, then that group is the most complicated one, because you have five working groups in GNSO, I think there are five, and it is very interesting, it is very important for us to make progress with it.

Silvia, if you have an individual within LACRALO who has expressed his or her interest, we need to listen to that person. Then there are some records that we need to take into account. The registrant or registries cannot be individual users and advocate public policies.

There is an item that narrows down that scope for the participation of any of these members, but if they meet all the necessary criteria, they will participate. Only a few, only a handful will not be able to participate because of these rules that had been set out. I hope that you can follow me and you understand what the process will look like.

Let me say one more thing before I open it up for discussion. Which are the expected outcomes, the expected results? We want to increase participation. This doesn't mean having more ALSes. We also need to incorporate 13 countries. So we have 57 organizations that belong to LACRALO, so we have to make sure that LACRALO can set the example, because we were the first region within the ALAC. In 2006, the first region to organize itself was our region, Latin America and the Caribbean.

So, we have a historical [debt towards] ICANN to set LACRALO into full operation. And we also need to drive and to push for proposals within LACRALO. Something happened last week. Adrian [Carballo,] his organization is part of the GNSO and they made a statement, and they

have offered that statement as a contribution to take that statement as a LACRALO statement, as a contribution towards the work of the GNSO.

So, we made some comparisons to see how that worked. Except for four to five items on which LACRALO would have a deeper position, so to speak. Most of the items coincided with the views of the ALAC, but because of problem of interpretation over the e-mails, we couldn't move forward with that. We will have to see, we will have to go over that again and revisit that.

So, I invite you, I encourage you to start in your working groups, generating your own inputs. Of course, we can have these discussions and provide the ALAC with inputs. Some regions might not agree with our position. That may happen. But perhaps another aspect, the other regions agreeing with our position, and we can make a contribution to the ALAC so that we can have a better contribution to the ICANN board and to the ICANN group.

So, we shouldn't just be observers. We need to take a proactive role and we need to start coming up with initiatives, with proposals, with proposals, with draft statements so that we can be much more active.

Now I'm going to get quiet, I'm going to open the floor, and if you need any answers, if you have any questions, I will do my best to answer them. So, Lilian, what you are saying there is great. congratulations. Anyone would like to take the floor? Adrian, Marcelo, Carlos, Lilian?

[There's not a lot of speakers. Lilian has raised her hand.] [inaudible] so after Lilian, I will ask Adrian to raise your hand so that I can give the floor. Lilian, please go ahead.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: I hope you can hear me. [inaudible]. With this meeting, our outlook is a bit clearer. I think we can still do some [teaching,] because in the first meeting, the first LACRALO meeting we had, there was some opposition to the working group, and I was trying to say that it wasn't the same thing, but we actually had to work in coordination, because I believe that what is dealt with in the different working group calls should not just remain there but [has to be sent] to the other members of the region so that everybody is aware of what's going on in ICANN.

So, we need to give our input to building all of this that then there's criticism, there's disagreement, and the groups are already made. so what we need to do is to move forward and to [inaudible] and to work together with the ALAC working group, because the [region will come first.] And we also need [inaudible] work.

I was also trying to say that we are many ALSes, and there are only three or four participating, or sometimes even more, but the ones that participate the most are the ones who speak the most and the ones who have more decision power.

So, decisions are focused on four, five or eight people, and so that is not very good. We will need to know the opinion of all the ALSes, of the representatives, and to try to sort of do some teaching work, to do some socializing.

I don't really know how to call this, but we need to invite them to participate more, to engage more. But there are some 50 or 60 ALSes, and there are eight or ten people participating. [It's always ten people.]

And that's not the idea. We need to [show the difference] that participation has to be fostered.

And [now as for] the ISOC Colombia chapter, it hasn't been very easy, because it happens in all organizations, here in Colombia, there is a problem in the different areas of the different regions, but I am convinced that we will be able to reach our goals.

What Silvia is saying is that [we're concerned] there is a very low participation in the groups. There has been a very low reception. We have had a very ... the reception that we desire, it's not really very high, and so we need to encourage participation, we need to encourage more collaborations with the rest of the working group, and more participation. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you very much, Lilian. I'd like to build upon what you said. Each of us has to go and chase talent. We need to go out and look for those ALSes, those in the Caribbean and those that are in the continent. We need to host a meeting of each of the working groups. We can't just wait two or three more weeks.

The next week, we will have a call with the ALAC members. this will be the first official meeting with the ALAC members, and then we will send another new e-mail with an invitation to those members who have not enrolled, but you need to go out and look for people [- and we'll provide you with the list -] so people who have not joined the working group.

If there are 57 and we have only six working groups, then we need to divide them, and this gives us some ten people per working group. So we need to have at least ten people in each working group. Adrian, you now have the floor. Adrian Carballo.

ADRIAN CARBALLO:

I hope you can hear me. First of all, let me thank you, Sergio and Harold, for your words and for this challenge that you're taking. This is very [interesting] for all of us. And from my part, I hope I can support you as much as I can.

I'd like to refer to the working groups. I would like to make an analogy with what is happening with the ISOC chapters. We always try to have people [who can] get involved, whether it's companies or [inaudible] institutions, but it is very difficult to get them to work as volunteers and then to create a sense of belonging and to have continuity.

I think it would be good to have projects, to have ideas, and those people who joined are part of the project, they're still part of the project. There is nothing that's already prepared, but I think each chair in each group needs to find a way to find projects in case of training specifically to see how other people can get engaged, how other people can feel interested about this, and we can have [their word] and their intelligence as well.

What I'm saying is very simple, it's very brief, but actually, it's not very simple. I've been working with the Argentina ISOC chapter for more than ten years, and even though there are a lot of people there on our

list and everybody is working, and those who are working, we need to talk to them so that they make other people aware and join our project.

Now as for training, we are [starting] many initiatives that I hope to be able to express and clearly in future meetings so that we can get more people. I was asking Silvia, and she answered very quickly, how many people we have in the training working group. And there's only two. This is already a reason for concern. That is, we need to see how we can add more people.

So my question is, is there a way to have a more massive call to the ALSes or to individuals, and how we can divide this with each working group. That is not to maybe have just one call but have one one week and then another one later, and to have a reminder.

This is not simple, and I think the only way is not to stop after the first try, but we should actually try to get more ALSes that we can add, especially those that are working in ICANN and that know the ICANN mechanism. And this applies to individuals as well.

But my question is, is there some way to have more people join each of the groups? [Is there a] communication strategy?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

We had a first general call that was through our mailing list, and then there was an individual call, so each of the 57 ALSes, we sent an invitation so that they can participate in each of the working groups.

In some cases, the response was they did not want to participate in the region, they didn't feel like it. That was the answer from some of the

ALSes. They just didn't feel like giving some time to LACRALO and ICANN. Actually, there was some kind of apathy with respect to ICANN and the ALAC.

And then in other cases, the will was to join other working groups. Part of that work was done already. Now, what we need to do now is to try [insist] again to make another global call to try to add the other ALSes that are missing. If there are individual users involved, we need to know who they are so that we can identify them and show them that they can have a possibility to engage more specifically, more concretely, now more than ever. And then on the other hand, you need to send e-mails to try to get people to your group.

We need to do fine tuning here, but no ALS has to be devoid of participation possibilities. This is what is essential. If the ALSes in our region are involved in ICANN, this is because they need to represent end users. ICANN offers nothing else but the possibility to participate, to get engaged.

We have only a few minutes. there is Carlos Leal who wants to take the floor, so Carlos, you now have the floor.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Carlos, we cannot hear you. You sound very distant.

CARLOS LEAL:

I was hearing you, and I think we should not get so concerned about the number of members in the working groups, but actually, we should get concerned about the quality. We should be focused on private individuals.

In my experience, there are three levels. There's the leaders, the members who are very active, almost as the leaders, and those who are [inaudible]. In the list, and I have [said this] to Harold and Sergio, there are names –

INTERPRETER: We apologize, we get very bad audio.

CARLOS LEAL: – and we are not getting very good results. I also agree with the training issue. There are different things that we see in our community on the ALSes, and the only way to have more people interested is to show them what are the issues that we're going to deal with, because otherwise, there is no way we can get –

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CARLOS LEAL: Now, in the sessions for the Caribbean, we still have [inaudible] because there is now governance calls. They are in South America or North America, and we don't have one in the Caribbean. I think we should not get concerned so much about the quantity, but perhaps in a future that is not so distant, we can consider some other training issues.

INTERPRETER: Once again, we apologize, speaker has as very bad audio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much. I'm now going to give the floor to Harold. Harold, try to be brief, because we are at the top of the hour.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Sergio. You as members of the new leadership, you know that there may be a lot of expectations. Just remember that in each new project, there's always a margin for resistance. As Sergio said, we are coming from difficult times within LACRALO, and so this should not worry us, this is not [inaudible].

[Whatever may be a consent review of the chair,] please leave it to me. I will be in each of the meetings as the secretary and as support. We also will have support from staff, and we will deal with each of your concerns.

It is important that after this stage, we know that as leaders, that there should always be comments. Our function as a leader is to motivate and to encourage participation, and we can do this by way of example. I am very reassured on this new team, and I wanted to convey this, because this is part of the dynamic when you open new projects.

All of you who have moved forward as directors, you know about this. So, that was all. And let me now give the floor to Silvia. Silvia, please go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Just to conclude, I would like to summarize on the working group methodology, because the directors are going to be part of the LACRALO board, and I think that it will be very important for us to follow up on your discussion.

First, there will be calls every two months. You will have a monthly report in the LACRALO call so that all the members can be updated on what you are doing, and you will also have a chat group to actively discuss the different topics. But I would also like to offer you a mailing list for the working groups to have an easy way to communicate. You can use the ICANN mailing list, and [this] can be available for display to all the LACRALO members and At-Large, if you want. Is that okay? Okay, thank you, Sergio. So, we are going to open and to organize mailing list for each of these five groups.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you all for your participation. I just want to conclude by saying that we will ask for a Doodle to be set up with attendees that we had today, plus the three ALAC members in order to have that board meeting. And we will repeat some of the things that we said here. Perhaps the leaders' participation will be shorter and we will have more input from the other participants on that call. We will set up an agenda for that.

Okay, we ran over our time, so we must conclude with this call. What Heidi's saying is the discussions on policy issues must have a record, and obviously, mailing lists will allow us to keep a record of those discussions. So, thank you, Heidi, for your help with that.

Let me say goodbye to all of you. I'll see you soon. Thank you all for your participation. Good evening.

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