
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. Welcome to the LACRALO extended leadership call on May the 3rd 2019 at 23:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have on the Spanish channel Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Adrian Carballo, Vanda Scartezini, Carlos Leal, Lilian Ivette De Luque, and on the English channel, we have Bartlett Morgan.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Claudia Ruiz. I will be managing the call today. Our interpreters today are Veronica and Paula. And before starting, I would like to remind you all to state your name before taking the floor for the interpreters to be able to identify you on the other language channels. So thank you, and Sergio, you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Claudia. Welcome all. It's a pleasure for me to be here and to have you here. I would kindly ask the secretary to read the agenda so that we can approve the agenda so that we can begin the call. Harold, please go ahead.

HAROLD ARCOS: So the extended leadership call today has a set agenda. We have different items. We have item number four, that is the strategy for 2019 and 2020. We also have the LACRALO elections for 2019.

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In item number six, we're going to speak about Maritza's project. She's going to present our project. Maritza has been appointed before the outreach and engagement committee. And then we have item number seven, and this is Any Other Business. So if there is Any Other Business, you can just raise your hand and take the floor, or otherwise, you can state that on the chat. Or even if we get to the end of the agenda at the end of the call, you can also state the item there.

So if there are no further comments or nothing else to add to the agenda, we are going to adopt the agenda for today's call. Thank you. Sergio, please go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I have a topic to add to the agenda, and this is the Guadalupe ALS. As you know, this ALS submitted its application to be recognized in LACRALO as an ALS.

We have another request, so I would like to discuss that item on the agenda. So, can you please add that item to the agenda?

HAROLD ARCOS: Yes. of course.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. We have, as Harold said before, a long agenda for today. My idea is to discuss this in 30 minutes. As you know, this meeting is held before the LACRALO monthly meeting in our region, so the main idea of this

meeting is for us to have a clear understanding and to plan concrete actions for the region based on this agenda.

As you already know, this is the extended leadership call, but once the new rules of procedures are approved and when they're in effect and the rules of procedure are in effect, this extended leadership will turn to be the board of directors. So this is an active participation pace, and that's why we call it extended leadership, but after the approval of the rules of procedure, the name will change.

Now we have hot topics. One of them is the LACRALO strategy for 2019-2020. In this first item to be discussed, we need to take into account the issues that we need to put forward. As you know, in the previous fiscal year, we submitted a project together with Harold where we discussed the need to, let's say, have a view or a plan for an exponential growth of the region.

So we have 13 countries that are part of the Latin American, the Caribbean region, that do not have representation. They do not have representation because we're not able to find end users organization. Although they might exist, we are not able to reach them and tell them that we have a region within ICANN where end users are able to discuss and interact, and also propose topics to be discussed, and we can also provide feedback and comments to the ICANN board just to be part of the ICANN policies.

So this is what we did. We started by planning some concrete facts. We have already discussed these with Rodrigo de la Parra and the GSE team. We explained to Rodrigo our position. We wanted to have full

and active participation of all the countries in the LACRALO region, and that's why we have the CROPs that are going to be used to participate in the southern school of governance.

We have the director of this school here. He's member of the region. His name is Adrian Carballo.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Hello, Sergio, if I may, can you hear me?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, please, go head.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Yes, we only have one slot for the CROP program.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes. I'm going to mention that shortly. So we are now discussing these three CROP slots. We're going to use two of them, and the main objective of these CROP slots is to call the attention of people attending the school of Internet governance so that they can start participate, we want to invite end users or want to invite organizations of end users so that they can participate in our region.

So this is the strategy that we would like to submit to the board to take it to the region after that. We would like to promote our active participation within the school of Internet governance. We decided to sign an MoU with southern school of Internet governance. We also

discussed some agreements. Our main objective here is to spread the voice and to reach end users, end users organizations for them to be part of the region and for them to participate actively.

And we would like to promote as well discussions that are related to net neutrality and discussions on topics such as the Internet stability, and other important issues that are really impacting very deeply our region. So this is part of the strategy. Of course, we can discuss other topics.

In the Kobe meeting, we had some agreements. We also held a meeting with LACTLD members, with GAC members, at the time represented by Olga Cavalli, and Olga told us that there was a structure promoting the participation and the activity of the Latin America and Caribbean region. Harold, perhaps you can add some comments.

It was the [inaudible] organization, and we also wanted to have some participation on that organization as a region, as an organization. The other thing that we discussed was something with LACTLD. And Harold, please, I would like to give you the floor so that you can speak about the agreement that we held before and that is going to be reflected in our strategy.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Sergio. In these meetings with possible or future regional sponsors, we have [inaudible] from LACTLD, and we were able to define a training strategy for DNS, and this is going to be promoted by webinars together with the regional members.

And of course, within the region, we will have technical groups. LACTLD, because of its nature, will be able to deliver these training courses in order to create or build capacity, and this is within Adrian Carballo's working group. This is a LACRALO working group. This is part of strategic plan 2019-2020.

Now, when it comes to the advice provided by Olga, there is a group, the [inaudible] group, it's an open group that allows open participation. ICANN had a very successful relationship with that group. And one of the most important things is that they have a strong training on governance, and they can also cover some aspects of our IT ecosystem.

So one way of materializing or realizing this is by means of webinars. We're going to have access to those webinars, and we're going to participate as the LACRALO organization within these [inaudible] working groups. So these are the main items or topics to take into account.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: If you're interested in adding something else to the regional strategy, please let's take into account that this is a one-year strategy, so we need to focus on strategic processes. Despite the strategy of ICANN, perhaps we may have a five-year strategy in our region, and then year after year, we might also work on that. If we have a very active participation by our region, we are going to reach our goals. But of course, we need to take this into account because new members will have a clear overview. And of course, we need to take into account the practical steps to implement the strategy.

So this is something that I would like to discuss, and I would like to give you the floor, perhaps if there is any comment about this. And if there are no comments or no further comments, I would like to proceed with the next item on the agenda. So, is there any comment or any questions?

I'm not sure how we can raise the hand in the Zoom chat.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Yes. If there is anyone connected to the Zoom room, please move the pointer. You will see in the lower part of the screen. You will see the chat, and you also see the shared screen, and then you will see participants, the ICANN participants. If you click there, you will be able to see the different icons. You will see the icon to raise the hand, or to mute.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

I see no hand up, so we're going to proceed with the next item on the agenda. If I'm not mistaken, this has to do with CROP. Harold, okay?

HAROLD ARCOS:

Hello. Can you hear me?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

As you already know, we have three CROP per year. We have two CROPs now.

HAROLD ARCOS: This has to do with CROP, then we will have to discuss the elections.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Let me conclude with this item. So we have used two CROP slots. Humberto told us today that there is still one available that is there to be used, so I invite you all to revisit this, because we are running out of time. I thought there were some people who were considering traveling to the Dominican Republic because there seems to be a possibility there to have an organizations that would be linked to LACRALO.

We need to have a clear understanding on two things. First, next year, probably the CROP program will be used in some cases for participating actively in the speakers' panel. We have discussed this with Adrian in order to have a space for active participation within the school of governance, and also to send some of the members of our region to the school of governance.

That would give us the opportunity to create capacity, to build capacity internally, and at the same time, to interact with almost 200 people, because usually, that is the number of attendees in the southern school of governance. These 200 people come from different countries, so that could be a great opportunity. So if you're traveling, you will have to attend the meetings and all the activities of the school of governance, but at the same time, you need to engage in outreach activities, that is the opportunity that ICANN makes available to all their users.

Now I'm going to move on to agenda item five, elections.

HAROLD ARCOS: Before moving to agenda item five, we see somebody raising their hand, so let's give the floor, and then I should also say that in previous CROP, we used [that] for the mediation procedures in the general meeting that we had.

SILVIA VIVANCO: I would also like to take the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I don't know where the hands are raised, where I can see the hands. Okay, now I can see them. Silvia, and Lilian. Lilian first, and then Silvia. Lilian, you have the floor.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: Can you hear me?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: When you talk about the five-year plan, I think that it is very important to consider that, because it would be putting in that plan the vision of LACRALO for the region. So I think that that should be there as a commitment so that together with the different groups in the region, we can build a five-year vision for LACRALO that will stand over time in order to avoid changing that vision or that [inaudible] whenever there is a change of leadership. Do you understand what I mean? It has to be

something robust. We shouldn't follow the ups and downs of the leadership changes when everybody steps down and we have new leaders coming in. So I think that it is important to have that kind of view.

And also, capacity building plays a very important role. It is important to consider that whenever we have meetings with fellows, fellows go through the entire ICANN ecosystem. But it would be very good if we could have a meeting with the fellows from our region to explain to them how LACRALO works, how they can join us. So perhaps that is an objective that we have to set for ourselves for future ICANN meetings, to try to approach the next generation of fellows in meetings.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Lilian. Thank you also for raising this issue here, because I think it is very important to give support to all these initiatives that have to do with what you are just describing. Working on project with a forward-looking vision for the entire region. And I think Silvia asked for the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you, Sergio. Just a few comments. You still have discretionary funds available, \$1300 are still available for the fiscal year that will conclude on June the 31st, so we know that significant amount of that funding has been used up, but there's still some money left.

And then the CROP, you need to consider the number of weeks beforehand that you need to submit the applications by. So if you have some request, you would need to submit them already now, this week.

And then we have the general meeting. As you might recall, Sergio, all the RALOs had been asked to identify a place inside their organization where they can have a face-to-face meeting together with a regional partner, for instance the RIRs like LACNIC or LACTLD, or some other organization with which they can have closer ties. So they have been required to identify a potential place, a potential venue for a regional meeting, and they should provide us with that information in Marrakech.

Why? Because we want to put together a calendar of general meetings for the RALOs. As you know, in 2017, LACRALO had its meeting with ARIN, and it was quite successful. So that is important.

Also, for the 2020 fiscal year, each RALO will have \$4000 available as additional funding. They can be used for fiscal year 2020. That is \$4000. So this is what I wanted to bring up here. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Silvia, for your contribution. Let me say that something in relation to what you have just spoken about, we talked with the GSE team about the possibility of having our general meeting together with the next LACNIC meeting. The truth is that we haven't yet spoken with LACNIC authorities to see if that is feasible, because this year, LACTLD and LACNIC has tried to have the joint meeting, so adding another activity might make things complicated for them. So we have to

consider whether we can do that, because it would be really interesting for us to be able to participate, and that's a meeting where topics associated with IP numbers are discussed.

And then an ICANN meeting in the region, I think that next year, we will have an ICANN meeting held in Latin America, or in the Caribbean, so perhaps we can have the meeting there. But we have to look at the calendar. We have Vanda and Harold asking for the floor. Harold, would you be so kind to – and let me tell the rest, if you can please put your hands down. So, Harold, would you mind letting Vanda go first?

HAROLD ARCOS: Yes, of course. Go ahead, Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I would like to remind you in relation to the strategy that we need to consider that there is a strategy in our region that has to do with the group led by Rodrigo de la Parra, and we need to align our strategy to that general strategy.

For us to be successful, I think that it could be interesting to bring together these two strategies so that they are aligned.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you for your contributions, Vanda. That is very important. We will try to align these strategies so that everything that is being done within ICANN makes sense. Harold, you have the floor now.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Sergio. Let me begin by the last comment made by Vanda. We have the GSE strategic coordination meeting, and we had staff members there. It would be the first RALO considering having a five-year strategy or a two-year strategy for the reasons that we have already [described,] and as regards to CROP, in effect, we do have a formal request to coordinate an activity in the Dominican Republic, and there is a group interested in joining LACRALO as an At-Large organization. This is what I wanted to confirm. And if there is some other thing that we need to consider, just let us know.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Harold. Humberto, you have the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Can you hear me?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes. We can. Go ahead, Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: First, let me comment on the next regional general meeting for LACRALO. LACNIC and LACTLD had been holding joint meetings for a number of years now. It is not the first joint meeting that they are going to hold. So perhaps we could join them. We could add our own activity

there, because it will allow us to bring together TLDs and the IP numbers.

There will be an ICANN meeting in Cancun in March 2020. That is another option for our regional meeting, so this is what I wanted to raise here. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Humberto. That is useful information. I had forgotten that we would have that meeting in Cancun, so perhaps we should already keep that in mind in our timelines, in our agendas. I think that Adrian has asked for the floor, so I'm going to give him the floor.

ADRIAN CARBALLO: Thank you, Sergio. First of all, let me begin by thanking you, Sergio, for considering the southern school of governance as part of your five-year strategy. I think that this is a space where you can raise awareness and also attract the interest of many people. It is also important to consider that we have simultaneous interpretation for all the meetings into English, in the case of Brazil with Portuguese, and we also have streaming facilities. So we may have a certain number of people attending the meetings in person, but many more can connect over streaming. So the possibilities are even broader. Sometimes we have thousands of people, and of course, you know that we will have a lot of work to do in the school of governance. We have quite an interesting agenda. It is already online, you can see it in our website. We will have hundreds of speakers over the course of a week, and you can see all the topics that will be addressed there. So we are at your disposal for

whatever you need. This event will take place in ten days from now, so we have high expectations, and I wanted to thank you because we wanted to provide support to LACRALO in this event. We have been holding this event in different countries in the region for 11 years, and we have high expectations of your participation here at this event. So this is what I wanted to say.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Adrian. I see your hand up, but I'm going to ask you to put it down. Okay, so now we can continue with the next item on the agenda, the LACRALO elections. You have participated in a consultation to see how we can approach the elections process that has taken place in all the regions.

option one was the winning option. I think that I have discussed this with all of you. We knew that we were doing what was already in writing, the operating principles. The operating principles would say something, and then with the proposal of the Caribbean colleagues, we chose to support their suggestions and we decided to use the new operating principles, although we don't have the rules yet in place.

This brings about significant obligation on us, and that is that we shouldn't put any obstacles, and we need to have before October of the next year or before November of this year, we should have the rules of procedure. We should have adopted the new rules of procedure before November. That would be by late October. Otherwise, the new members cannot take over, they cannot start their terms.

So within this framework, we now have to have elections, and we know that we have a few days for the submission of nominations, and after that, we will have a few days to determine who will be the new authorities in the region. And instead of having the three or four positions that usually are taken, we will have six positions in our region.

We do need to create a template or somehow a plan so as to be able to face the election. Yesterday, I talked to Carlton Samuels just to see how we can face this situation. We have different points of view. And we agreed on the fact that he was going to discuss that with his colleagues at the Caribbean just to find a solution, a common position to reach a strategic agreement so as to move forward.

So along these lines, we are going to surely before Monday, because you know on Monday there is going to be an election, so with or without agreement, we need to start with the election. That's why I believe and I say that this will depend on the goodwill that we will have for this.

So when we discussed the options in the past, the option for the region, the first thing I said was that we had to leave behind our positions, personal points of view, and we had to find a shared solution, a common goal. And this is my objective. This is what I am putting forward here.

We in LACRALO have possibilities to sit for an election, so we have to create a table. I have created a table. I believe that it might be interesting for you to see it. We may have some positions. We have six positions but we only have four regions, so we need to repeat. And

some of the people will only be able to hold one position. So along these lines, I believe that we are going to be able to move forward. We need to start at once with a transitional period, and once we agreed upon the chart of this table, this will be done when we discussed the rules of procedure, because in the rules of procedure, that is established. Everything related to the regulation with the rotation of regions, that has to be set forth in the rules of procedure. So, what we can do is to have a transition period until we have the new rules of procedure, and that is going to be after Monday.

We have a concrete possibility of presenting an alternative, so I circulated something that from my point of view was okay, but we don't really know if that is going to work or not. I believe that this is something good, this is something that we can implement, and I say this taking into account two criteria.

On one hand, we need to have regions that were not able to participate in the past. They need to be in leadership positions. That is one of the important things to take into account. And on the other hand, we need to generate a governance alternative for the future.

So these are the two criteria taken into account. So this is open for discussion. This is for all of us. I'm going to just give you my ideas, but of course, you may contribute with other ideas. Tomorrow, I'm going to reach Carlton just to keep on discussing the topic, but perhaps [Humberto, Harold] may also have some contribution so that we can reach to a common position or to agree upon something in common, and I believe that this is not close, it is not finished. We need to move forward and we need to work together in order to reach an agreement.

On the other hand, I believe that this is also part of the goodwill of the parties. I saw very good will of the region to approve the Caribbean's proposal, and that was proposal number one. Now, we need to see how this works.

You know me. I am very honest. For those of you who know me for a long time, you know that I speak my mind, and I'm always trying to find solutions. I believe that we can all be candidates for an election. We all have possibilities, because our positions were taken into account before the rules of procedures. So it would be not fair for us not to be able to be candidates.

Secondly, I would like to – and this is a very personal point of view – as in the case of other chairs, have the possibility of having a mandate of more than one year. I'm going to run for the election, I'm going to be a candidate, but I would like to see or I would like to study this proposal. I believe that we can create a proposal with six lines, first of all. Chair with possibilities for [inaudible] this means any member or persons belonging to [inaudible] may be able to be a candidate [inaudible] chair, chair elect for the [inaudible] region. Then we may have a chair for the [inaudible] region.

Then let's take into account that chair and secretary. I'm going to mention this, and they're going to be active in two years' time. So secretary from the [inaudible] region, vice secretary or secretary elect from the Caribbean. That is going to be the next secretary after this period. One ALAC member from Central America, one NomCom candidate from the Caribbean, any of the members that we have from the Caribbean can be nominated for the NomCom.

This is the way in which we would like to proceed. If you pay attention, we will see two candidates for the Caribbean region, and two candidates from the [inaudible] region. [inaudible] and Central America will have only one candidate.

Next year, with a new regulation, after having taking into account new rules of procedure, we will have to take this account so as to start with a new process. So we will have to, let's say, take into account this plan so as to have it as a reference to be able to proceed with the next process.

I have two hands up, Humberto and Vanda. I don't know who is going to be first.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Vanda is first.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I only have one point that I would like to make, and this is a legal point. I am a little bit concerned about this since we're breaching our rules. There is something good, I believe, and we need to draft these roles, we need to approve these roles very quickly, because these might create other problems, and these may lead to the [inaudible] of the voting process, because if someone goes to the ombudsman and files a claim before the ombudsman, that person will have the right and [inaudible] authority to void the elections, to cancel the election.

So because of the rotation has to be approved, voting had to be approved, we need something to start with. So this has been [done,] but this goes against the rules in general, and this goes against the

operating principles. Therefore, I would like to have this in writing so that we can avoid future problems that may come up clearly, and this might take the region to a very complicated situation. I am very concerned about this, Sergio, to be honest with you.

Everything is okay for me, because we can start working, but we need something written, we need something on paper, and doing this just because I believe this is very risky for the future of LACRALO. I don't know what is your position or point of view. I don't know how we are going to move forward, but I believe that we need to write this down. Perhaps we can draft a paragraph or two paragraphs with the wording, [inaudible] we are going to do such and such.

But somehow, this has to be approved. Somehow, this needs to be approved, because cannot elect A, B or C, or someone voting outside the rules or voting without taking into account rules of procedures, because we are ignoring the rules of procedures. So it is very difficult. This situation is very complicated. And of course, I agree with the idea of this option number one. I think this is okay. But we need to move along the legal lines.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Vanda, just to summarize, you are proposing this: to draft a small paragraph for the region to approve this paragraph.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yes. Or we can say that we're going to do such and such to move forward. If we agree, that's okay. But if we don't agree with that, we

cannot move forward with the voting process, because otherwise, in the future, we will have very serious problems.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Vanda. Humberto, go ahead.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I agree with Vanda, but I would like to add something else. There is a way of presenting the geographic representation. You know we have already discussed that privately. I don't believe that the operating rules may have retroactive effect, because that would imply leaving Harold, and you, Sergio, in a bad position or at a disadvantaged position. I don't know if I'm being clear, but from my point of view, this doesn't have to be applied.

However, I do agree with Vanda that we need to vote on this, we need to create a draft paragraph with the wording, and we need to propose two alternatives. The first one is the one that you are proposing with this table that you're proposing with the geographic denomination or designation, and then we need to have the list of candidates. I have already mentioned that we need to take into account candidate [at least] so as to see and so that we can meet with the requirements set forth in the rules of procedure of the region, or taking into account your proposal if we are going to run elections for a representative from [inaudible].

I would just take into account these two proposals. I would just vote those proposals, and the winning one is the one that is going to be

applied, because if this has a retroactive effect, that is going to be a problem. We don't agree with that. So we need to put this, or we have to consider this through voting.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: As you know, and because of this, we need to work with the region. This is a very interesting exercise, and we need to keep it throughout time. I know that Silvia wants to take the floor. I don't know if Vanda, but now I'm going to give the floor to Silvia.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I would like to take the floor again.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: So we have Silvia, Harold, and then Vanda.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: No, I am first, but Silvia, please go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Just let me give you some ideas. Perhaps you might take them into account. After seeing so many ideas about this rotation, perhaps you might create a small election committee including the members from the Caribbean region that was a proposal by Dev. So you may also add these proposals in the consultation that you are planning for the nation, and within that small committee, perhaps you may also talk about this [backdating] effect of regulation on the rules of procedure. And if rules

are going to applied for these new leaders, perhaps you need to work on that, you need to define this in the small election committee.

And secondly, although it is true that the call for nomination should be carried out in accordance with all the other RALOs, we are somehow behind other RALOs. I believe that we need some more time. Perhaps you can take a couple of days more so that you can discuss the topic so that you can discuss and reach the consensus that you need.

If you're going to carry out a second voting or another voting, you need to take into account the positive and negative aspects of that so that people may decide. So these are the topics that I wanted to mention. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Silvia. I believe it's good to have more time when Vanda mentions this. I believe – and I realize that we may have some issues with time, but if you are telling me that we have that window of time, I believe that it is going to be okay for us and it's going to be very useful for us. Harold, you have the floor. Please go ahead.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Sergio. Let me tell you that I'm rebooting my machine so that I am no longer in the Zoom room. I want to thank you for the comments. These rules are not retroactive, so because of the new [inaudible] that we are now connecting with all the RALOs, it is important to consider that rules are not retroactive. They do not have a backdating effect. So the principles that we are trying to establish rules

for have the same level of validity. So we need to find the right way to go through this transition and to start with this new rotation.

And let me say that I understand what Sergio has just said. It is a proposal. It is not engraved in stone. No decision has been made so far, so it is very important for all the members of these extended leadership teams to be clear on all the aspects, because this team is responsible for leading decisions and understanding the reasons why certain processes are taking place. We do not necessarily have to share the same opinion, of course, because all of us may have differences of opinion in our work areas, and we may use different criteria. But we need to be well-informed because we are leaders for our work teams, and we need to convey that.

So Sergio is raising here a proposal. It's also important what Silvia said, and I think there was also another proposal that came through the mailing list, and Humberto's proposal to have these first elections under these new principles, this first call to be done openly with a full list for all the positions.

So we must remember that these meetings have this objective that we can enrich ourselves with a variety of opinions. And I think that Vanda's comments were also very valuable. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Harold. Yes, it is true. This is just a proposal. This is what I can think of now, looking at the new leaders that [are around in] our region with two years of training, I think that these leaders could certainly take over leadership positions, and it is also important to

promote generational change in our region. We have to start looking at new people.

[inaudible] thought that Bartlett could be a good candidate for ALAC. We can do the same for all these members. We do not necessarily have to be the same people that had been working over the last 13 years in the region. Vanda is asking for the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you. Perhaps I think that from a lawyer perspective, we need to consider that in this context, we have to make it clear that this is an experience or an experiment, because the rules can be completely varied. What we are putting forward now will be rules, so I think that from a legal standpoint, it is very important to understand that this is like an opportunity to gather experience, but by no means are we closing the doors to other possibilities of changes [to these] rules if the rules are not adequate ones.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Vanda, for that point of clarification. If you agree, I would like to know how much time we have left. We have already exceeded our time, right, Claudia?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Yes. But the interpreters can stay longer if you need them to.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you. The next item is Martiza's project. Since this is an individual project, Harold and myself have not been able to meet with Maritza, so perhaps we shouldn't discuss that project4 in this call. Maybe we should do that in our next call.

I would like to give priority to some other items that we have left here, and we can just devote ten minutes to discussing this item. First, we need to close this election discussion. If Humberto can come up with a document together with Vanda, perhaps you can draft a text, and you can circulate that. And I think that we also need to talk with our Caribbean friends.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I can do this this weekend, but I would like to talk with our Caribbean colleagues. So let me summarize the positions. There are two positions. One is to have this retroactive effect for the operating principles or not, then to show that this is an experience that they will not be there forever, they can be changed. Then the third one is your proposal, and the fourth option is that we can have a defined list of candidates in order to ensure that we meet the rotation requirement.

So I would send this summary to our colleagues in the Caribbean, and perhaps Dev also wants to add his own proposal.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Humberto, I think that leaving things so open like a list of candidates to be defined will be too complex. I would speak about two options. On the one hand, there needs to be a discussion within a legal framework,

and that is something that you said, and I also said and others said it, laws, rules do not have this retroactive effect.

So I think that we need to draw a line there. but it is also important to consider that we may have a proposal. I think that this is a very good proposal for everyone, and that it encompasses all the rest. If the proposal that I have just raised here is not accepted, perhaps there is another proposal and we may have two proposals. But we shouldn't think about several lists. Let's consider two proposals, because the proposal is how to address this process, how to approach it, and how many people you will have. Each region will need as many nominees or candidates as it wants, because in the same region, you can have several candidates. so there, you can have what you are talking about, a list of candidates. But we would try to be more straightforward.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Perhaps we can start by saying that the c hairs can be from a certain region, or some other option.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Well, in [inaudible] you can have a candidate from Brazil, one from Argentina, one from Paraguay. That is an option. Okay, that's acceptable. And in the Caribbean, for the positions for the Caribbean, you can have one candidate from Trinidad and Tobago, another one from Jamaica, and another one from another country. We can do that one by one. So we will have these disputes or this competitions at the subregion level.

In each subregion, we will have candidates. But let's try to make things quite straightforward and concrete, otherwise, people will get confused. When you have too flexible options like a list initially, that would create some confusion.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: And we don't have time to discuss this.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes. Tomorrow, we have to have the discussion. Tomorrow, we have to bring this issue to a close. On Sunday, we need to start with candidates and then move on to the vote, which is the method that we want, method A or B? And then we will have candidates, of course. But for the staff, it will be quite complex to handle all this, because counting this vote will be quite difficult. Here, you need to consider the number of candidates, multiply them by the number of positions in order to get to a final countdown or a final count. I wouldn't like to be in Silvia or Claudia or Heidi's shoes.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: If you'll allow me.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Since this is new to us, I think that we'll need the guidance of the LACRALO's secretary, Harold. This is extremely new for all of us, so we will need to have it well spelled out, very clearly described which are the candidates that we can accept and which ones we cannot accept, from

which countries and which positions. So since this would be quite complex, we need to be very careful in putting together the [inaudible] who can be a candidate. And then we will still have supposedly a weighted vote, so I think that will be the easiest part, but the preliminary actions will be quite challenging.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Perhaps [Harold] can be support by somebody from the governance group like Vanda or Alberto Soto, and they might support him in that process to make sure that this is a feasible process. I spoke with Alberto today to see if he could help us with that. He said that of course, he's available, and of course, we have Vanda. We have people who are balanced. We have Harold as a secretary, but then we have these two members of the governance group that are capable of providing this kind of support, they have been working with me and they have broad knowledge of the law.

And just a last topic before we conclude this call, you might remember that there was an application from the Guadalupe organization. I can't remember the name. The name had a B. I can't remember exactly the name. BIKLAB. That was the name.

This organization is already operating in EURALO, so although it formally belongs to EURALO and is going to vote there, they asked to be added to the LACRALO mailing list and engagement list where they can participate so that they can follow up the activities that take place in the region.

I told them that provided that they do not engage in any discussions on funds and budget for LACRALO, they can participate in that mailing list. They can even in the Caribbean if there is an activity, they can participate, because they are far away from Europe, because they are on this side of the world. However, they belong [as a] colony to a European country. So if it is okay with you, we can confirm this and we can welcome the BIKLAB organization from Guadalupe to join us in our mailing list. Is there a problem with that? No problem with that? Everyone agrees? Okay. So Harold, I'll give you the floor, and then we conclude this call.

HAROLD ARCOS:

I just wanted to say that they have also requested affiliation to LACRALO, but that is not possible because of the geographical distribution established in ICANN. And [you are now] opening the door for allowing these organizations to participate in outreach and engagement activities that we have in the region, so this is quite clear. Initially, they cannot join LACRALO as an affiliated organization, but they can participate in our engagement and outreach activities.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

I apologize to the interpreters, but let me take one more minute to make an important announcement, because I need to know [what I can do] with this. A NARALO member sent me an e-mail, asking me if we are going to use the discretionary funds, and if so, if we could use those funds to – if we are not going to use them for any specific purpose, we

could provide her with support for travel to Marrakech. I said that I was going to ask you about your opinion.

HAROLD ARCOS: I think that that cannot be done.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I have no idea.

HAROLD ARCOS: I think that the fund should be used for events, meeting support, catering expenses, coffee breaks, but not for travel.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Harold, for that clarification. I wasn't sure. I didn't know what to answer to her request. I said that I was going to ask you on the board, and we will have an event in Mar del Plata in July, not in June, and I would like to take part of the funds for that event in July. I don't know if I can do it earlier. I'm going to talk to the staff to see if that is possible.

I think that with this, we can bring this meeting to a close. I don't know if there are any additional comments. Otherwise, we will bring it to a close because I'm sure the interpreters want to go to have dinner.

No more comments? One, two, three. So this call is adjourned. Enjoy your weekend. Some of us will have to work.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Humberto, please share with us what you are going to write down.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes. We are going to use the WhatsApp chat to share that. Before that, we will try to contact Carlton. We have known one another for a long time, so I would like to speak to Carlton first to see if he has spoken with our colleagues in the Caribbean, because they have a campus in which they exchange information and they take positions on different topics. And then we'll see how we can move forward from there.

We need to be well informed; we need to keep the region informed. So, thank you all. Thanks to the interpreters, and enjoy your weekend. Goodbye to you all.

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