
CLAUDIA RUIZ: This is Claudia Ruiz speaking. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Welcome to the LACRALO Extended Leadership Call on Thursday, July the 18th 2019 at 23:00 UTC.

On the Spanish channel, we have with us Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Carlos Leal, Lilian De Luque, Humberto Carrasco, and Adrian Carballo. On the English channel, we have Kerry Kerr. We have received apologies from Ricardo Holmquist. On behalf of the Staff we have with us Heidi Ullrich and myself, Claudia Ruiz on call management today. Our interpreters today are Paula and Claudia.

And before starting I would like to remind you to please say your name before taking the floor for the transcript and also for the interpreters to identify you in the appropriate channel. Without further ado, I give the floor to Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, Claudia. I would like to ask our Secretary to go through the agenda and then we can start with a discussion. Harold, go ahead please.

HAROLD ARCOS: Harold Arcos speaking. Thank you, Sergio. The proposal for today is the following agenda. Agenda Item 1 is the role call, then we have the adoption of the agenda and then the LACRALO Elections report, then the LACRALO Working Group report. Each of the groups with Directors who are participating, the group on domain names, WHOIS, multilingualism, capacity building, and then Item 5 we will take about

the face-to-face meeting of the Board of Directors that is scheduled for March 2020 and then we are going to talk about the new Rules and Procedures which will come in to force after the elections.

And then we have an Agenda Item for any other business in case you want to raise any other topics. You can raise it now or when we get to that point on the agenda. Thank you. If there are no hands raised or any other business to add to the agenda, we can consider the agenda adopted. Go ahead, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio Salinas speaking, thank you. I am just checking the participants to see if there are any requests for the floor. I don't see any so the agenda is adopted. So, let's talk about the LACRALO Elections Report. I'm going to be very brief. I will ask you all, and I'm also going to do the same, this is Sergio Salinas Porto for the record, before taking the floor please remember to say your name so that we all know who is making a proposal or a comment here in this call. As you know, we started with the elections process. Some of the members participating on this call has been elected by acclamation, in the case of the Chair, the Chair-Elect, the Secretary, the Secretary-Elect, the ALAC members and the Non-Com Representatives.

So, now we are going to have a new structure. We will have a Board for the region once a month and a week before the LACRALO meetings, the Board will have its own meetings in order to agree on an agenda. Before the LACRALO meeting we want to agree on the agenda to determine

what topics will be discussed. That is a process that we will have to implement for the next two years, for the next two-year term.

Those of you taking your positions for the first time, like Carlos Leal or Kerry or Sylvia, your terms will start in November officially, but I would like to encourage you to start working before that. You have already stated your interest in having an active role as part of the leadership so it will be very important for all of us to coordinate our efforts to get to November already with a functional mechanism, with an oiled mechanism.

We will have the At-Large Summit Meeting in November. Most of present on this call will be participating in that event, some colleagues have been left out unfortunately. Our Secretary-Elect, Adrian, have not been selected for participation in Montreal but all the others will have to be there. So, it will be very important for us to coordinate our efforts in LACRALO to make sure that we can have a proper interaction with the ATLAS III Summit. This is part of the responsibilities that we have taken over as part of our election.

Just let me make a few comments. This meeting, or this call is taking place after the monthly meeting. It wasn't possible for us to have this call before that monthly meeting. We had a face-to-face meeting in Marrakech so we didn't have the possibility to include it before the monthly meeting, but we are going to ask our Secretary and the Secretary-Elect to start working, both Harold and Kerry, to start looking at how you will organize the work of the Board. I'm going to ask you to read the Operating Principles that have already been adopted, they were adopted last December. I want you all to be in tune and then all

the other Directors will have to be aware of them because this will be a new structure.

The Board is a new structure for us all. So, I would like to ask all the elected members on the call is to look into those principles and to see how you can succeed in making this region work effectively. Sylvia has just told me that she wasn't able to join us because she was working but she said that she will be at Montreal. Adrian is telling me also that he will be in Montreal so it will be excellent to be able to have most of you there in Montreal. Unfortunately, if he cannot be with us, the Secretary cannot be with us, but we are going to come back to this topic again.

We also have planned for this call to have some LACRALO Working Group Reports, probably some of the groups will have very little to report. Others will have a longer report to give. There are some leaders, Sylvia and Carlos Raul who are not with us on this call, but we do have Carlos Leal, Adrian Carballo, and Lilian with us. So, and Raul was in charge of the first report but he's not here. The second one is on WHOIS and GDPR, that is Carlos Leal. So, I'm going to ask Carlos to please go ahead with his report. Go ahead, Carlos, and please state your name before speaking. Thank you.

CARLOS LEAL:

Carlos Leal speaking. Good afternoon, good evening, good morning and this is Carlos Leal for the record. I'm very pleased to be here with you on this call and I'm going to be in Montreal, too. The Working Group on WHOIS and GDPR in June had an update state of the art report included on their work done so far and we will send emails to all the group

participants to confirm, to ask whether they are truly willing to participate in the group. We have received some confirmations already. Some of the members have updated their contact details, their email addresses, and that is the process in which we are in now. And once we have all the confirmations, we will schedule a meeting. And we have also joined forces with the IDNs Group because we want to address the topics effecting our regions jointly.

We want to make sure that at the regional level we can have some kind of survey to understand how prepared the region is for all the changes brought about by WHOIS and GDPR and everything that has to do with the IDNs. I don't know if there are any comments, anyone who would like to take the floor?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio Salinas speaking. No, Carlos, there are no comments or no requests for the floor but let me make a suggestion, or rather let me supplement the information. Together with Sylvia, you have been working very effectively. I think that we need to applaud that effort and you have worked to the detail. Unfortunately, Sylvia is not here to tell us about the process you followed to engage in different stakeholders in the region. In recent days we have seen an increase in the number of participants in this subgroup because actually this is a WHOIS and GDPR plus IDN mixed group, so this is quite a novelty.

It is quite new for us to have Working Groups and even more so it is have this kind of combined group where we are going to talk about WHOIS, GDPR, and Universal Acceptance and we are also including a lot

of individual users here. So, it would be very nice for the next meeting to plan for some slot, some time, for you to give us a presentation on the process that you follow in order to include so many participants in your Working Group. And this is my recommendation for all the other Working Groups.

I think that the Directors of the groups, the leads of the group, should have a small meeting over Skype in order to agree on how you are going to make the call for volunteers to the different Working Groups. I know that a couple of Directors of the Working Groups deal with crosscutting issues, Communications and Capacity Building. So, here we will have to be very careful. We cannot have thousands of people. We just need four to five in each group, we don't need one hundred thousand people in those groups but we need those four or five people to coordinate their efforts and the Directors the list should not be the focus of attention of activities. They have to serve as facilitators so that the members of the Working Groups can take on responsibilities.

I think that I talked about this with Lilian and I would like to repeat it here because this applies to us all. The Director should not be the only one working. All the members of the Working Group have to do their own part in order to benefit the region. We cannot just have names. We need to take on responsibilities and then we have more practical issues such as Capacity Building or Communications and obviously there you will have to work on very concrete issues. One person will have to deal with Twitter, another one with Instagram and Facebook, then you will have make preparations for the calls, you will have to call for participants. In the case of WHOIS GDPR, probably some callers, all of them will have to be in the ALAC but also, they will also have to see how

things are being handled in order to develop some positions in the region.

So, I would like to commend the initiative of the WHOIS, GDPR, and IDN combined group. I think this is the right path and let me insist on this. I would like the four or five Directors to get organized. Unfortunately, those of us in the Governance Working Group don't need any more participants. We do need to focus on the Rules and Procedures that is the main topic for us now but Communications and Capacity Building Working Groups, the WHOIS GDPR Working Group, and the GNSO and Domain Names and their impact on users, they have to see how they can be in sync with the other Working Group, how they can start their work and taking positions and also contribute to the ALAC or the Cross-Community Working Groups. Now I will give the floor to the Working Group on Communications. Lilian, you will have the floor now.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto Carrasco speaking. I would like to tell Carlos Leal that GDPR was taken into account and there was such a mess because of the [inaudible] Transparency Act and it has been heard by the Supreme Court. I hope you may take this as background.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. It's a very good contribution, Humberto. Carlos, you may read about that.

CARLOS LEAL: Carlos speaking. This is part of what the Working Group has to do because we have to gather information about the legal stated in each of our countries because apart from understanding how we are with this decision right now, we should also take into account the regional decision. At the same time, there should be a serious starting and before being published we may prepare test cases in each country. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you very much. I think now that Lilian should have the floor. So, you have the floor, Lilian.

LILIAN DE LUQUE: Lilian De Luque speaking. Good afternoon, good evening everybody. As it has been said, and Sergio said, Communication is a Cross-Planning Group and we need a support team, not a large number of people but we should very effective. Right now we are waiting for a meeting that will be held next week, it is a bi-monthly meeting. So, there the idea is to distribute the workload among the members based on the skills of each of us. And as Harold is suggesting, to be more dynamic to rotate among us the various tasks so that in the Communication Group we all will acquire the skills for all the tasks that we have to do.

We are working on social media, we are on Twitter, Facebook. We are constantly inviting people, members in our region to follow us on Twitter, to join us in Facebook, and the idea is to reach a strategy as to get to each ALS and be reported, be updated on several events that may be held in each region. And I can bet that if we know what each ALS is

doing then we will have a greater sense of belonging. It's very important to me and it's important that the ALSes should be our communication channel.

This is being done also through FaceTime and we know that they are related to the final users. So it's important to be part of the Working Group and to be in close contact with our internal Working Group so that if there is something important, we should communicate it to the whole region. I'm going to ask the members of the Communications Team if you are not there, you should also be part of the Social Media Group because there's a very good synergy with John Laprise and with the admin in that they are waiting to support us. All that information should also be transmitted to plans so that it may be published in the At-Large Social Media Group. It's important for us to participate in that block.

And, at the same time, I've just sent to Raul a kind of final document that is the proposal for webinar to train young people between 18 and 30 years old in the regional people so that their subgroup is entered. They may get to know ICANN before applying and they may know about the meetings that will be held in Cancun in March 2020 or 2021. Once we have that final version, I have to send it to Sergio to be approved and then we may start with the logistics aspects.

And then we will start with the promotion because we have partners at various countries, and I would like Kerry and people from the Caribbean may support me because we have a weakness there in the Caribbean. Carlos Raul is in Central America as well so we should cover the whole list of Central America. And with the people of the School of

Governance, I will share the information with them. These people I think will help me get to NGOs, universities, because as a matter of fact, the reception has been good.

And I hope we will be welcome within LACRALO because this is a program that is starting at the Communications Group, but I want to thank Heidi and Siranush because I was given this task in Latin America to show our commitment. We have started to publish our commitment in native languages. We start with Guarani and there is really a difficulty because it's very difficult to find the words in those native languages when we... there are some words that do not exist in those native languages so I'm doing some translation, [inaudible] will do some translations. So the idea is that they may apply, but it's very difficult to translate the native languages with ICANN. But anyway, we are doing it and the idea is to be more inclusive in the region. The idea is to help young people and I'm here to respond and answer any comment or questions.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you very much, Lilian. This has been a very good report. So, Lilian spoke about the specific work of the Communication Group, but then Lilian has assumed the responsibility, after our proposal by Heidi and Siranush, to start talking about many other things. So, I'm going to propose something. I already discussed this with Lilian, but I will let you know how we are going to work. We have to incentive our regions to send us what the ALSes are doing. They should send it to Lilian. Lilian is chairing or leading a group of people

that are willing to receive information so as to convey that information to the general public.

That information will be conveyed through the social media. If possible, we are going to create a blog so as to post it there, and we will create a newsletter. But this has to be sent in the language we have. In the case of Kerry, I think it will be in French. In the case of Carlton, he's in Jamaica and if he organizes it in Jamaican it will be in English and in the case of Ricardo or Humberto in El Salvador, it will be in Spanish. Making it official that the region is diverse, the idea is to have some input so that we may make this contents viral so as that anybody may know what the ALSes in the region are doing but on the same hand we have to mobilize what Lilian is clearly doing very well to report every time we have an activity. These activities may be topics related to ALAC or Cross-Community.

But what I'm going to say now is that we need our members to attend ALAC Meetings. We need our members to attend the Cross-Community Working Groups so, each Chair, each Director, should make team members within the Working Group to attend to each of these Working Groups and they have to provide some evidence, so they have to register that. We need some records because we have regulations within our regions that are metrics and the metrics are already in place. They are not waiting for the Rules and Procedures, they are not waiting for the Operating Principles. So, we need to account for that.

So, it's really very important that this month the Working Group of ALAC should be imperative because we have not been there for a long time. So, we've started in November, so we have been dealing with this for

eight, nine months, and as a matter of fact, there's no result. People from other regions working in ALAC Working Groups so we need another leap of quality. Each of us should assume a commitment. We have a Social Media Working Group with ALAC. Lilian should be there. Yeah, it's okay that we need four, six, ten people at the Working Group. They should attend to the Social Media Working Group, together with Lilian. Because they will learn what is going on the ALAC, what's going on in ICANN, but they will have to of course make the strategy of the region compatible with ALAC strategy because the strategies may be different, but the idea is that we should meet our objective.

ALAC is far forward from us. So perhaps we are the developmental stage and they are now developed stage, but the idea is to catch up. So, please, try and see this. Each of the Chairs of the Working Group should check that their members of the Work Group should go to ALAC meetings, should attend to that. If there is no Working Groups active with ALAC, maybe another group. Let's say within the regional strategy of Latin America and the Caribbean or within the ICANN strategy because ICANN has a place for us so let's move forward on that. Let's participate actively in those places, in those Latin American bit of the organization. The users, organizations has participated in LAFRALO so the people who are representing this organization should participate, speak up, and talk about everything that is affecting them as Latin American users of the internet.

Thank you very much, Lilian. And I congratulate you. Then you talked about languages. Certainly, I was moved when I saw that there was some texts written in Guarani in Argentina, in the Northeastern area. Guarani is spoken so certainly I was very moved by that, by seeing that

text written in Guarani in our [inaudible] group. Additionally, if we write in Guarani on Twitter or Facebook, we should say that it's Guarani and why we are doing that. We have to make some kind of posting about that because its important for our languages to be represented and we can see that that's important. Or languages be represented at the ICANN.

LILIAN DE LUQUE: Lilian speaking. Yeah, we wrote something about that on Facebook and Twitter saying that it was in Guarani for the Paraguay people, Paraguayan people.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Thank you very much, Lilian.

LILIAN DE LUQUE: Lilian speaking. Sergio, I have to repeat the request for support because we have said we are a crosscut group so we existed because there are other groups and because there are somethings moving at At-Large in LAFRALO so we'll keep on working and we need the Chairs of the other Working Groups that they can count on me.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Adrian Carballo, this is your time. This is your showtime.

ADRIAN CARBALLO:

Adrian Carballo speaking. Thank you very much, Sergio. So, I congratulate Lilian certainly because Guarani is now one of the languages included in our communication. I think that the communication is really effective. I want to speak that in the case of the Working Group, we are preparing a list for consultation for ALS to find out what are the most important topics as to focus ourselves on the topics we are going add to our list of Capacity Building Topics.

And I'm also analyzing, regarding ICANN Learn, all the courses available there. As we have spoken, all of them are in English so the idea is to update these courses to find out who of them are kind of outdated and start organizing these courses, not to be only available in English but in Spanish and French, and perhaps Guarani or some other languages. The idea is to include as many languages as possible. I don't know if next week or the week after next there is a conference with [inaudible] so as to speak about these courses and to work together with Betsy and I think that we will have support.

Another topic that we are trying to move forward as much as possible is to create webinars. In the last meeting of ICANN, I've got some contact people so as to confirm the date and once I receive them, I will work with Lilian so as to communicate them. The idea is to have a space between 20 and 30 days before them to communicate them, 20 or 30 days in advance so as to have a good number of people. And the other work with Monica is to find volunteers to translate many subjects. Its not something with that in the courses, and in the case there's no translation by ICANN, it may be to us. Perhaps we may get volunteers so as to have [inaudible] translation.

This is what I have to report. There is another topic that was pending. We have the specific idea of trying and multirate the ALSes that are not active and to continue working as a team so as to have more ALSes to join the RALO but this is my report so far. Thank you very much and if there is any question or comment, of course I'm here to answer.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, Adrian. I see that Humberto is with his hand up. I don't know if it was an old hand. I think he put it down already. Okay so let me say exactly what I have just said. Please, check the participation in the ALAC Working Groups dealing with Capacity Building. We need to emphasize that because we need to keep an eye on those topics that are of high interest for us. There were some webinars that were in English and not in Spanish so that is why we had those webinars, those five webinars, in two different times. But if ICANN Learn had been all in Spanish, we wouldn't have had that problem. That happened because nobody was paying attention to that. Of course, I'm not putting the blame on you because you have just started with this Working Group. It happened to all of us. I hadn't realized about that until it was too late, after the fact.

So, if we had had someone working in the ALAC Working Group, probably this wouldn't have happened. So, we need to have people in Latin America and the Caribbean working as part of the ALAC Working Group. Especially to bring Caribbean and Latin American perspective into their work of the ALAC. Please, bear in mind that it was very difficult for us to get Latin America and Caribbean organizations to work within ALAC. So, we need to change that situation. Now things are

changing with the work being by the groups but let's be aware of this so that all of us can participate everywhere. Thank you, Adrian. Would you like to add anything?

ADRIAN CARBALLO: Adrian speaking. Yes, just a small comment. I take note of everything you have just said and as you said, I'm also part of the ALAC Capacity Building Group and I'm going to resonate this within the group to make sure that we have some continuity here.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, Adrian. We still have some minutes in the call. We have with us Humberto on the call. So, I would like to ask him to take the floor just to give us an update on what he thinks is the status of the work within the ALAC and what is his recommendation in order to pave the way for his own work. Perhaps there are some difficult topics to deal with or perhaps there is too much information so some times four eyes see better than two. So, I don't know, Humberto, what you can tell us about the issues that are being dealt with within the ALAC. We need some guidance from you so go ahead, Humberto.

HAROLD ARCOS: Harold speaking for the record. Sergio if you allow me.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Yes, go ahead Harold.

HAROLD ARCOS: Harold speaking. Sorry I had my hand up before talking about the ALAC work. I just wanted to say something about the Working Group. As you know I'm the Secretary for the Working Groups so I would like to remind you that Raul has just taken over as the Director of the Working Group on Domains and the other Working Groups have already presented and submitted their workplans and they are already in the second or third phase as expected. The meeting that we will have in August will be the meeting for the webinar planned together with GSE. That was going to be a ninety-minute meeting originally, so Lilian and Sylvia Herlein gave their reports in the previous one. So, we would like the other groups also to get ready to give their reports for the monthly meeting. That is something that I wanted to say here as a reminder. And then I'm going to share some more information through the mailing list.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, Harold. What you are telling us is that two Working Group Directors should also participate in the next GSE meeting. Is that what you are proposing because I got lost in the middle?

HAROLD ARCOS: Harold speaking. No, in the last monthly meeting Sylvia Herlein and Lilian gave their reports as Directors of their Working Groups, so in the next meeting in August we should have the Directors of the other Working Groups making the report. We shouldn't have the same

Directors giving their reports. We should give some space to the Directors of the other Working Groups in order to have all the reports.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. So, Adrian and Carlos Leal can do that. So, we will have our next meeting in August and then the other one when, in October?

HAROLD ARCOS: Harold speaking. Yes. This will be the ninety-minute call so we can also have the others in September.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Perhaps in the October call before the Montreal meeting, we will already have some more information about the status of the work on the Rules and Procedures so perhaps, you know this is quite a new group, so we can give some time to Carlos and then the Governance Working Group. So, Carlos and Adrian Carballo can present next and then Carlos Raul and myself would make the reports. This way we can take turns to present the Working Group Reports, if you agree.

HAROLD ARCOS: Harold speaking. Yes.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Sorry to interrupt you but please remind me if I forget about this. Please write this down, take note of this because if it is written there, we can already proceed to approve it.

HAROLD ARCOS: Harold speaking. Yes, I'm taking note of this Action Item and Monica Trochez is the Vice-Chair for Adrian Carballo's group on Capacity Building. In the last meeting of this group, they distributed the work. Adrian will be working on training, or Capacity Building, and Monica is working on the translation proposals for the ICANN Learn platform.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. This is a message for all of you. These calls are closed calls. The Chairs can be there, but we cannot have too many people on those meetings so let's just try to narrow down the scope of these meetings because we just want to focus on specific issues. And then we want to distribute the work. Okay, we still have one topic to discuss here which is quite important. And that is the face-to-face meeting for the Board. I'm sorry, Humberto, are you there?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto Carrasco speaking. Yes, I'm here. Can you hear me?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Sorry I got carried away and I didn't give you the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto speaking. There is a lot of noise here, so it is like having bats around me. We had to come up with a report on the policy issues that

we discussed in the last ICANN meeting, so the Work Track 5 is still a high-interest topic within ICANN. And then we have to think about the future, and we need to put some pressure or we need to devote attention DNS over HTTP and DNS over TLS because these are Hot Topics that will become very important.

And this is also related to the discussion on net neutrality. Although these new technologies provide more security to online navigation, when you go into a website, if you are in a different country perhaps you may end up in different website that will have different privacy related issues. So, I think that this was a Hot Topic that was quite sensitive for us all in the Policy Forum Meetings and I'm sure that the discussion will continue in the Montreal meeting and we continue talking about GDPR.

So, overall this is a brief summary of the topics of interest for ALAC so please take them into consideration. I still owe Lilian something that has to do something with a paper, a report on Cultural Diversity and Domain Names. I think that we need to start pushing for that topic in the region because we have quite a lot of diversity. We have a lot of indigenous cultures also in Latin America and the Caribbean. So, I still owe that report to Lilian, but I just wanted to draw everyone's attention to this topic because it is somehow related to the issue of IDN, but this is a general comment. For the time being that will be it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, Humberto. Just a question, do you have an interpretation into Spanish for the Work Track 5?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto speaking. Yes, I think so. That is my understanding.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Harold, please wait because Humberto is talking.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto speaking. There is a proposal put forward by Javier Rojas and the Work Track 5 that has to do with changing the application guidelines for GeoNames. I understand that his proposal has to do with the fact that in order to have an application for this kind of domain name you will require the authorization of the region or of that geographical place in order to be able to proceed with that application.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Okay, perfect. I think that Carlos Raul's group will have to take care of this, right? Can anyone answer that for me?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto speaking. But, Carlos Raul is Governance.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Carlos Raul is GNSO in his relationship with end users.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto speaking. Yeah, okay. Because it may be there.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Let's give some incentive to people that is not working in some other Working Groups to join this group. If we have three or four that are working actively plus some others, we may have group of Latin American people from Latin America and the Caribbean thinking with a common logic so because of what happens in the .patagonia in WT5, for instance, Adrian Carballo presented the [inaudible] for the region, he prepared that and he offered it to the region so that the region may present it as its own. So I think that we may have some different views in the Caribbean Islands that have a common law and in our case that we have Roman Law, the Civil Law, applying with influence from France, Portugal, Spain, etcetera.

So let's try and reach some common ground on our own if possible or otherwise try and defend certain basic things and make proposals that are related to care for the State, to protect the State. The States are all of us, this group just is an administration, a government. The State is something more so we should bear this in mind when talking about GeoNames. Thank you very much, Humberto, for your report.

And I think that we do not have much time left but we discussed about the face-to-face meeting. There is a possibility of meeting in person, we started discussing this in the Marrakech Meeting with [inaudible]. There is a possibility that all of us may meet in Cancun in 2020, March 2020. So, we may have a Board Meeting during the ICANN Public Meeting. So, let's start thinking about that because we need to secure [inaudible] to

get the rest so that it's secure but it's important for all of us to be there in Cancun to have an agenda ready.

I don't know, would it be in between the ICANN Meeting will be before or after the ICANN Meeting, we have to discuss that based on the cost of this meeting. We have to prepare a budget, but we have time and we're going to have a face-to-face meeting. All members of the Board would be there so if all Elect, Secretary-Elect, and Chair-Elect, they have no slot for tickets, plus the Chairs of each Working Group. So, within this logic we will start working so that all of us will meet in March 2020 in Cancun.

Another topic, and I want Harold to record this. The Secretary and Secretary-Elect should discuss how they would meet. Chair and Chair-Elect has to have a meeting to discuss how we're going to work, which will be each of our responsibilities and how we're going to interact with others. And then the four of us should meet and discuss about the common tasks, Chair and Chair-Elect with Secretary and Secretary-Elect. Harold are you there? Is Harold on this call?

HAROLD ARCOS:

Harold speaking. Yes, I was muted but I was just taking note of the Action Item.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio speaking. Great. Claudia, what about the time?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Claudia speaking. Well, we're just on the top of the hour.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio speaking. Okay, so to conclude, I sent email to Alberto Soto [inaudible], just so that the three of us may meet and, regarding the Operating Principles, check the Rules and Procedures that are related to some of this Operation Principles so as to start working so that the Governance Working Group may start working. The idea of the Governance Working Group is to reach November, when, in theory, the new leaders will take over, to have everything in the right place. So we're going to prepare that.

We discussed in Marrakech, I think that Humberto talked with the Staff and with Maureen, the ALAC Chair. So, we'll still make some progress with David Plumb, the mediator that helped us in the first stage so as to conclude with this last stage and so as to not to have a rough discussion between the Caribbean and the Latin American sub-regions. The idea is to reach some compromise and I think that everything is well organized to arrive as a safe harbor and to have all Rules and Procedures in place.

We have to somehow secure this. We have to guarantee this so as to understand, to be open-minded, and move forward in this. Our purpose is no more fight in the region. There was some kind of battle in the region regarding one of our representatives elect and I know there has been somethings in private but some of us talked in public. We should note there should be no misunderstandings, there should not, none of us should be disrespectful to any of us so there should be no aggression and that's it.

We have to protect the region. We have to be careful about how we work but everything should be based on respect. We will move forward about the new Rules and Procedures. I know there will be discussion, different possibilities, there will be some complications, but we should keep it to the minimum. I would insist because I perhaps will write Heidi tomorrow so as to know, I don't know if Heidi is here and she may speak. I don't know what will happen with the mediation, whether we will have a mediator or not. LACRALO has no means for this. But if ICANN is waiting to help us in this last stage, perhaps we may have a mediator. There may be some minutes. Yes, who's speaking?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi, this is Heidi.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto speaking. We met with Maureen and with Javier. ICANN would probably help us. I don't know if Heidi is here.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi, yes. I'm here. Can you hear me?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Perhaps she may say something in that respect.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi, can you hear me?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I don't know, Heidi, if you may something in that respect. You should remember that October 30 we should have the Rules and Procedures approved so, we should have a draft.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Yes, Heidi you have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, can you hear me? Just confirming.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, we do.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Perfect, thank you and thank you very much, Sergio, for calling me on this point. So, Maureen and I spoke with your honor, Maureen did, and I was there with her, and she did ask if it would be possible to have funding for a mediator just for a short while, maybe a couple of months, to help you with the conclusion of your Operating Rules and he said absolutely okay. So, what we are working on now is just to get that going through the final internal processes so we need to find, you know, to make sure that there is budget for all of that so we will be working with you and we will let you know shortly on that. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Thank you very much Heidi. I know that you've been at the meeting, but we have started moving forward so that when we reach the difficult point in the meeting about the Rules and Procedures. If David or, I don't know, somebody else may be there with the quality and the knowledge David has of the group, we may make progress and reach a good solution for all of us. So, we're going to put as much as possible from our sites so as to conclude the Rules and Procedures and have a successful ending. Thank you very much for your effort then, because you are also working for this to reach a safe harbor and a very good solution. Thank you.

Okay, I don't know if anybody else wants to add another topic. Otherwise, I will close this. It was a very fruitful meeting, a very fruitful call, lots of reports. We have made progress in many cases. And I think that with this Action Items that we have already in our agenda, I think that this has been a very fruitful call. Any other topic, any other business? Okay. Many people is willing to end this call so thank you. I want to thank the interpreters, I want to thank the Staff because they have been working with us very hard and so, to conclude, Harold, do you remember the LACRALO next meeting? It's on the 15th?

HAROLD ARCOS: Harold speaking. It's August 19th, it's the third Monday, the next monthly call.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. The second Monday then there should be a call for the Board. Can we organize this right now, so that next month the second Monday we have the meeting of the Board? Is that possible, Claudia?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Claudia speaking. Yes, it would be the second Monday then.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Yes, and we should check that all participants or Board Members receive a reminder. I didn't check my mail, perhaps I receive it but, on this time, because I did not see it.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Claudia speaking. It was sent one hour before the meeting.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Perhaps it was sorted as spam but thank you for telling me this so I can check it afterwards. So, please all of you should schedule for a meeting one week before the monthly LACRALO meeting. Is that clear?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Claudia speaking. Yes, it's clear.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Thank you very much everybody. I'm concluding the call and we will be checking our email and sending emails during these days. Thank you very much. Good evening everybody.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Claudia speaking. Thank you everyone.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thanks everyone. Thanks for the great interpretation.

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