
CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, welcome to the LACRALO Monthly Meeting on Monday, the 16th of September, 2019 at 2300 UTC. On the Spanish channel we have Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Carlos Vera, Antonio Medina Gomez, Lilian Ivette De Luque, Vrikson Acosta, Lia Hernandez, and Lito Ibarra. On the English channel we have Bartlett Morgan, Jonathan Zuck, Kerry Omir Kerr and Tracy Hackshaw. We have apologies from Cristian Casas, Adrian Carballo, Alberto Soto, Vanda Scartezini, Sylvia Herlein Leite, and Carlos Leal.

From Staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and Claudia Ruiz on call management. We also have Humberto Carrasco on the Spanish line now. Our interpreters today are David and Veronica on the Spanish line, Esperanza and Bettina on the Portuguese line, and Jacques and Claire on the French line. Before starting, I would like to request that you say your name before you take the floor, not only for transcription, but also for the interpreters to identify you on the right channel. Thank you very much, and I now give the floor to Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio speaking. Thank you, Claudia. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to you all. This is Sergio Salinas Porto speaking for the record. Also for the record, I want to say that Humberto Carrasco is on the call. This evening we have a one hour meeting and this is because there is no webinar today, and so the calls are shorter. I am now going to give the floor to Harold, so he can read the agenda and then approve it, so we can start the meeting. Harold, you have the floor.

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HAROLD ARCOS:

This is Harold speaking, thank you Sergio. The agenda for today is as follows. We will hear Jonathan Zuck on behalf of the ALAC Leadership. We will also hear the comments of some important issues by Barlett Morgan. Then we will hear a report by Anahi Menendez, she is on the Capacity Building working group. Then we will hear a report by Carlos Real, this is the IDN and Multilingualism Report, especially universal acceptance. We will also hear in Item 8, the Communications Report by Lilian De Luque, she is the head of the Communications working group in LACRALO.

We will also hear some current topics by Sergio Salinas Porto. And then if a member in the region would like to add another issue, they can do this right now or when we reach Item 10, and we can discuss this either here or on the next agenda. So, let us give you a few seconds, if you want to use the interpretation channel or you want to raise your hand on the Zoom platform, you can do it right now. There are no other topics to be added, so this agenda is now adopted. Sergio now has the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

This is Sergio speaking, thank you Harold. As you probably saw, Jonathan Zuck will be on our meeting today. He will have 10 minutes, but I particularly, and also Harold, I would like to say that he is a very good friend of LACRALO, we enjoy every time we participate in the ALAC meeting and we enjoy his view, and his active engagement in this space is so welcoming for all the regions. So we invited him, because he is

part of the ALAC leadership and we thought it would be very interesting to hear the Action Items still pending in ALAC and what we always typically call hot topics.

I know there are some new ALSes and some new members in the region, so we can just tell you, we conducted some surveys to be included on the ICANN Agenda and we would like to add them more increasingly. So it's a very good opportunity to hear Jonathan telling us a little bit where we are and where we are heading to. So, Jonathan, good evening, welcome to the LACRALO call, and you now have the floor to hear you. Please, go ahead Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thanks for that wonderful introduction. This is Jonathan Zuck for the record. I am just an incoming inexperienced member of the ALAC but I will do my best to represent NARALO and everyone in my efforts on the ALAC. There has been a lot of discussion about something called the At-Large Hot Topics. This was an attempt to assist RALOs in developing their own hot topics documents, helping with some boundaries on those topics, and focusing on ICANN's remit, et cetera, but this effort has migrated away from the idea of 'hot topics,' because Eduardo Diaz pointed out, what's hot today is not necessarily what's hot tomorrow, and so we decided to step back from this notion of 'hot topics,' and instead think about a platform, a little bit like a political platform, but for the At-Large as a whole and specifically for the ALAC. So, that's what this effort has morphed into.

But just to give you some background, it has begun as a bottom-up process and there was a series of surveys done of the RALOs to figure out what were the topics of greatest interest to their members. This first matrix that was created by Glenn McKnight is a collection of the top issues that were identified by the RALOs. Next slide.

This is the same matrix, but sorted by the number of votes that issues got, so we get a sense of the priority of these different issues that came up in the regional surveys. So, this is the basis for all of this work that we're doing here as we try to create an overall At-Large platform from these priorities that are meant to be more durable than a hot topic as we go forward. Next slide, please.

So, everything that we do is in the context of the ICANN Mission and the mission is specifically to coordinate the allocation and assignment of names in the root zone and to ensure the openness, interoperability, resilience, security and stability of the DNS. So we always try to keep our mind on what the core mission of ICANN is as we come up with our priorities within the ICANN community. Next slide, please.

And within that, there is the ALAC mission, which is meant to be the primary voice of the individual internet user. So we are supposed to consider and provide advice to ICANN, play an important part in ICANN's accountability mechanisms, and coordinate some of the outreach and engagement efforts to these individual internet users. And so the range of individual internet users is very, very broad, as we will see, and so sometimes we'll have differences of opinion across them. Next slide, please.

So, when we talk about the individual end user, it's not a category of people, and I think that is a tendency we need to resist. There is not an identifiable people that are individual end users and then suddenly become technical enough that they're not. It's really a category of use; in other words, it's a seconds of activities that people do online. So we're all individual end users most of the time, even if we're software developers, we're individual end users most of the time. So when we think of individual use of the internet, it includes browsing, searching, research, email, shopping, travel and dining reservations, banking, and video streaming. Next slide, please.

Sometimes the question comes up between registrant and non-registrant users. Because we're supposed represent all individual int users, we have to focus on the interests of the majority of these users. And so every once in a while there is a conflict between registrant and non-registrants, and the ICANN community, the way that it's organized, registrant end user and there are different versions, whether they're infiltrate users or business users, are already well represented. So the At-Large stands alone as the representative of non-registrant end user. We try to represent the people that are not already plugged into the ICANN system. So, if there is a conflict, as there has been a little bit on GDPR and the ePDP.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Jonathan, sorry to interrupt, I think we lost the interpreter, we don't have Claudia, one moment. [AUDIO BREAK]

It's fixed, please continue, apologies.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Not at all, I don't know where the audio cut out. Sometimes there can be a conflict between registrants and non-registrant end users or individual users, and because we are the only voice of non-registrant users, that's the side that we need to take in the context of a conflict. So, if there is a conflict we endeavor to resolve the conflict, but we identify the interest of the majority of individual internet users and rigorously represent the non-registrant users within the ICANN community. Next slide, please.

Some issues that came up in the survey that Joanna and I felt are outside the remit of ICANN, so I say that because right now it's the opinion of two people, so if you have objections, that's something we should discuss and that's why we're having these presentations, is the general public interest, surveillance, net neutrality, accessibility and discrimination, digital literacy, gender diversity outside ICANN, and internet access/infrastructure. So, those are issues that would seem to be outside ICANN's remit and therefore outside the remit of the At-Large. Next slide, please.

The feedback that we've received along the way as we have presented this at various ICANN meetings, is that we need to add Consumer Trust and add the Public Interest Commitments that were part of the new gTLD program in 2012 and are now supposed to be part of any subsequent procedures, any new round of top level domains. Next slide.

So, that brings us to the At-Large Policy Platform. These are the issues that are going to be the key issues that we work on throughout the year in At-Large regardless of what's hot or what's not hot, because these are interests that carry on and become multi-year efforts. Things like Universal Acceptance is sometimes that is going to take many years to really improve upon enough to increase the viability of IDNs and these new strings. So, Internationalized Domain Names and Universal Acceptance. DNS Security and Abuse. ICANN and Human Rights, including Privacy in the context of consumer protection, ICANN Jurisdiction and Internet Governance.

New gTLDs, that includes PICs Public Interest Commitments, Security, Stability, Indigenous Rights, and Consumer Trust. ICANN Transparency and Accountability. Consensus through Partnership with governments, businesses and civil society. In other words, if we've got a mission to make something happen, we'll partner with anyone within the ICANN community to try and get it done. And then this last bullet, feedback as you think about it, if there are issues that should be part of this broader platform of the At-Large, please provide that as feedback. Next slide.

So, the Next Steps are to continue to develop these topics and make a presentation of them at the ATLAS meeting in Montreal. We will be developing a wiki space for the policy platform. We will eventually get approval for these issues from the ALAC, and then we'll draw them up as a document and put prose with them, so they're not just bullets, and so they become messaging and they become a kind of a platform document for the At-Large.

The idea is to provide a resource for all of our attempts to participate in the ICANN process, whether it's in comments or working groups, et cetera, or even providing ALAC advice, and to try and sustain the bottom-up model of identifying policy being regional hot topics documents and direct RALO leader involvement. So, that's the overall objectives as we move through these slides, that will turn it into a document subsequent to Montreal. So, that's my presentation. I hope I didn't go too fast for the interpreters, and I'm to answer any questions. Sergio, go ahead please.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Thank you very much, Jonathan, for your presentation. Now I'm going to give the floor to the participants so please let me know if there are questions or comments. I see Dev has his hand up.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you Sergio, and thank you Jonathan for the presentation. One of the things I noticed, I don't know if it was intentional, was that on the slide that talked about individual end users are not a category of user, I realized that in none of the slides there was mention of civil society which I thought was a category that At-Large typically has a strong base from, civil society, not government, not business. And typically civil society, in internet governance speak, is the noncommercial users. So, is there a reason why you shied away from using that terminology? Or am I reading too much into it?

JONATHAN ZUCK:

I don't think I shied away from anything necessarily, and I did mention civil society among our efforts at partnerships, so we will definitely partner with the NCUC and other civil society organizations whenever interests are in alignment. They are very rights focused and so it's more ideological than the At-Large in that regard. And so a perfect example right now that's going on as we are participating, Hadia and Alan are participating in the ePDP to come up with policy following the GDPR, is that they and the NCUC are fighting in a very absolutist way for privacy but we are left to the privacy of registrants.

So the interest of people registering domain names, but our job is to represent the interests of people that aren't registering domain names, but are just using the internet. And so issues of cybersecurity, spam, phishing, et cetera, and the research necessary to prevent those things, law enforcement, protection, those become the things that we are advocating for in that context, because registrants are well represented and non-registrants are not. So that is an instance where there is a conflict. But in many cases, and maybe even most cases, there isn't a conflict between registrants and non-registrant users. Does that make sense?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH:

This is Dev, yes, thanks. I was just curious about why it was intentionally left out, and you gave a good example regarding GDPR as it relates to registrants.

JONATHAN ZUCK: That's right, and civil society is mentioned among our partnerships, I didn't leave them out entirely. Any other questions or comments or suggestions?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Okay, Dev, I see your hand up, please go ahead.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: One quick question, again looking at the slides, Jonathan, this is Dev. On the slide regarding polices you referenced them in a particular order. Is there any particular priority being given to one over the other in terms of the second to last line, which is the At-Large policy platform. Because they are numbered...

JONATHAN ZUCK: No, I wouldn't call them a rank, I see them as things that we're going to have to work on constantly, because they won't be finished quickly, but that ordering did come from that second matrix that we had in the slide presentation where we reordered the priorities that came from the regions based on their popularity across the RALOs, so that's where the order came from. But I think as a practical matter, we're not trying to create priority for one over the other, because different things will become important in different contexts and opportunities.

For example there is an effort going on that Brian Cote is leading as a result of the new strategic plan to explore how to improve the multistakeholder process, so we're engaged deeply in that effort

because it's going on, not because it's more important, but because it's what's happening right now. Does that make sense?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: This is Dev. Yes. I will share a link with you what was done as part of the community from Outreach and Engagement. Perhaps that approach could help in framing the discussions for the policy platform. I will share a link in the chat.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Oh, great. If you could email it to me, that would be even better, because I'm not at my computer. Thank you.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Very well, I'll do that.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Are there any other questions? It looks like not, Sergio and Harold, thank you so much for letting me be a guest on your call, and I look forward to any other feedback as you all discuss these issues, and we will continue to develop this document into the winter. Thanks again everyone for your time.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Thank you, Jonathan. I am going to circulate this information so my words will represent like RALOs thinking, so thank you for your participation and I thank you for present these topics to

our region. We have some other topics to address and this is the issue if individual users, and this is related to what you have already mentioned, so we will continue with the discussion. Once again, thank you very much, and see you soon.

JONATHAN ZUCK: My pleasure.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. So, let's continue with the next item on the agenda. Now I'm going to give the floor to Bartlett. We are going to have a report on the different issues that are being addressed in the ALAC, so this is ALAC Member Report. Bartlett, it's a pleasure to have you here with us, please go ahead, you have the floor.

BARTLETT MORGAN: Thank you very much. I have five minutes apparently to go through the key topics in the ALAC right now, and it's actually not a bad things, since at this time of year in my opinion, the one key topic that's of important to us in At-Large and LACRALO in particular, now that has to do with Next Steps to Improve the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model. To some it may seem a bit abstract, but the reality is the very model that ICANN employs getting its work done, it's central to how we work, the different groups in ICANN and how we relate to each other.

If you've been involved with ICANN for long enough, all the conferences we have all the time, the influence and the power of different stakeholder groups. Very often it is contained within At-Large, the

relative perceived power of the GAC or in some ways the approach of the GNSO. Without going down the worm hole too much, the long and short of it is they are now developing next steps to improve the effectiveness of the model. And so as this goes to the core of what we do here At-Large and LACRALO in particular, in that way, I think it's very important for us to address this. The work plan that is going to come from this is going to be part of the strategic plan for the period of 2021 to 2025.

In other words, a year-and-a-half from now, this is what ICANN's multistakeholder model ought to look like. This has been in discussion for a while. There is actually a document right now that is prepared by the ALAC, and some comments have already gone in there about some of the key issues that ought to be addressed. I definitely recommend that you have a look at this document and just sort of make your input. The comments close on this on October 14th so there is some time, and so that's actually a good thing.

One of the things I should mention is that the ALAC did sort of scope this issue ahead of time and Marita Moll very helpfully came up with a framework for how we should look at answering this question, which had these four broad categories, which I think are actually very helpful, and they are DO, WATCH, PLAN, FORGET. Obviously forget are those issues that are not priority at all, they won't actually improve anything, nobody really needs to care about them. And then there is watch, which are probably being developed by somebody else. We don't necessarily need to figure out how to make it work ourselves. Obviously DO are the ones that we need to address ourselves in terms of involving ICANN's multistakeholder model.

I do have a little bit more time, so I do just want to quickly touch on a potential statement that the ALAC has not made a decision on whether or not to comment on. This has to do with the CCT-RT, which is short for Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team and their accepted recommendations. So, as some of you may remember, when the CCT-RT made its report, despite plentiful recommendations, the Board of ICANN pretty much just accepted six of them. The reason why potentially this may be important for us in LACRALO in the future is that the recommendation [inaudible] which by definition is all of our home territories in LACRALO.

So the ALAC hasn't made a decision yet on whether or not they are going to address this at all, but to the extent that, I mean, it's still an open question, I would very much suggest or recommend if you would use my view on it, we should probably suggest that a statement, if only a short one, be written on that point. That is essentially it, but there is one other thing I would like to recommend that we have a look at. If you go onto the ALAC Policy Advice page on the wiki page, one thing you will notice is that there is another topic there SubPro, that has to do with SubPro which is Subsequent Procedures.

And so essentially what that page amounts to is sort of, in my own words, an ongoing conversation about different issues that directly or indirectly relate to Subsequent Procedures working group and the degree to which they impact on At-Large or pertinence to us in the At-Large. So I definitely recommend that you at least bookmark that and have a look at it from time to time. That pretty much concludes my presentation. Unless there are any other questions, thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: This is Sergio speaking. Thank you very much Bartlett. We're going to allow a few seconds to see if anyone would like to ask a question or make a comment. Harold, you now have the floor.

HAROLD ARCOS: This is Harold speaking. Thank you, Sergio, Harold for the record. Let me thank you first, Bartlett, for these recommendations. We do know right now there aren't many active topic as we had in the past in this phase as in others. And so we are interested in having been called for participation.

So, my question is, Bartlett, which do you think is the step forward in ICANN's multistakeholder model? You have been in this historic moment in these past two years where there have been many discussions internally in ALAC. So we would be interested in knowing with these analyses that you always provide us, how do you see this? What would be the most significant aspect in ICANN's evolution that we should place our attention to, so that we can be more engaged in LACRALO. How do you see this? Please go ahead, Bartlett.

BARTLETT MORGAN: The answer to that is quick and short. It's sort of how do we amplify, but in an accepted way, the voice of end users, and to the extent of LACRALO, Latin American and Caribbean end users, in the policy conversation in ICANN. That to me is the number one priority from our perspective. I think in large part, the last review of At-Large in general

sort of confirmed in my view that end users, the whole path between an end user who may be broadly interested in the policy issues within ICANN and actually getting involved and maintaining their involvement, there is a challenge there. And so to my mind, that is the number one consideration that we ought to be mindful of within LACRALO. Any other questions?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, so there are some comments, Bartlett from Humberto, and also mine, also from Harold, saying that this is a very significant issue. It's an issue that we're going to be having to discuss very soon. This last issue will be one of the topics that I am going to put on the table so we discuss it. It is very interesting that this whole meeting is going in the same direction, this is the second time that this is at stake in our meeting. So, thank you for report.

And now we will hear Anahi Menendez, our Capacity Building Working Group 5 Chair. She will provide us a report on the group, what they are doing, where we are going, and what are the next steps that we will have to go in terms of capacity building in LACRALO. Anahi, you now have the floor. Thank you for being here.

ANAHI MENENDEZ: This is Anahi Menendez for the record. My presentation is about the Capacity Building Working Group. First, I would like to apologize because Adrian is not here today, he is organizing the Argentine School of Internet Governance, it is a very interesting experience, and that is why he is not here today, and I am presenting our job. In the last

meeting we had on June 5, where we were organizing the next meeting for a date I will provide later, in the chat room I will leave the link so that you can complete the Doodle Poll.

Those of you who would like to attend it will still be open for a few more hours. We have divided our activities into three different types of training; the webinars that we provide each month in between the GSE training in the LACRALO monthly calls, then we also organize training sessions, these are courses with more advanced level, there is a basic, intermediate, and advanced level, so that we can go more in depth into technical issues or into issues that require more than one class or more than one talk.

And the third training format is related to these short courses where skills are taught; these are leadership skills for the leaders, and this is because it is also good to bring together the different capacity building sessions for the leaders. So, this is the chronogram we have, the schedule we have, it will be ready for you to use it in the next session.

What I have found useful, those who spoke before me have issues in common with the issues in our agenda and it still is open for you to provide your input both in terms of hot topics, for us to build capacity, and also for those who can share this knowledge with others who are specialized in technical issues and can provide it to the community. So this is also open. I have been very quick and very brief, but we are open for your input and for your necessary questions, and I would like you to tell me if you are happy with this. We are open to any intervention and any input that you would like to provide.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Thank you very much Anahi for your report. We're going to allow a few seconds to see if there are questions or comments. In the meantime, I would like to say that I have met with Adrian for several days in the past month to discuss certain issues that were still open in the working group. I now have to work with Anahi who is substituting for Adrian to try and fine tune some of these issues and perhaps go into a specific review.

The fact that Anahi is here on this call today is the result of our belief in the working group and this has resulted in more people actively engaged in the group. The idea of the working group is for us to have leadership diversity, not just one leader that will conduct the working group. Not just the Chair and the Co-Chair, but also the idea is that the members that are involved in the working group can assume responsibilities within the group and the responsibilities always consider the region as a whole.

The group is changing, and so when one individual cannot be there, there might be someone else with similar capacities, and we are seeing this. So, it is a pleasure to have seen Anahi leading, taking the initiative, in the past few weeks she has been in charge and I think this process is very interesting. I want to say that I do applaud her work.

ANAHI MENENDEZ: Anahi speaking, I would like to say something else. I just wanted to say, if you in the working group see that you are stuck in a certain issue or that you need some contribution from the outside, we can also organize

a webinar or a training sessions so that you can progress in whatever you are working on and you can also then progress on the development of your project.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking, thank you very much Anahi. This is a very good initiative. I have a question now. We know Silvia is not here because she has a job engagement and she will try and be here with us the next time. I also know that Carlos Leal is absent because of a family reason. Now we will hear Lilian Ivette De Luque. She will provide a report on what happened on the NextGen meeting and so many other things. So, I'm now going to give her the floor. Lilian, you have a few minutes, you know that at 9 p.m. we will complete our activity. Thank you.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: This is Lilian speaking for the record. Good evening to you all. Thank you, Sergio. This is a very brief report. Since Silvia is not here in this call, I would like to refer to something we discussed this day. A few days ago we held the first communications working group in the Universal Acceptance field. The Chair of Universal Acceptance was [inaudible], I know him, we have a very good friendship, and I introduced the local initiative that Silvia is leading through the IDN group and the Universal Acceptance group, that is tied to our initiative, as well.

I also said that any information arising from Universal Acceptance that is relevant for Latin America, I am available for translating it into Spanish and facilitate the discussion between our networks and also the IDN

group. So, to the extent that I can have a discussion with the communications working group, and with Silvia on WhatsUp, we can have some kind of intermediation and the idea is to meet with them in Montreal.

Now, as for the activities, in the past month, the time we had before this call, the communications working group has been focused on organizing and implementing the webinar on ICANN and NextGen in the fellowship program. The ICANN Staff provided all their logistical and technical support, some ALSes helped us to advertise this in the different countries. We also had the support of the special interest group for women in ISOC, the IC women working group in LACNIC, and some friends from other countries that are not necessarily related to us, but they do have some kind of relationship with the ecosystem.

So, we had 130 participants. There were some times where we had 47 people, 50 people, there were remote people from Paraguay, Honduras, I believe we had 68 people, and all these groups were just participating through one person [inaudible]. From the Caribbean, we had people from Haiti, Dominican Republic, and Cuba. These people knew about this event through the observatory, the women's group, and someone who supported us from the Dominican Republic.

From Central America we had participants from Mexico, Panama, had a very good attendance and I would like to thank our friends from Panama, they gave very good advertisement, and also Guatemala. We had the participation of indigenous people from Panama, Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala. From South America there were people

from Columbia, Bolivia, Argentina, Paraguay, and some other countries. We did have very good acceptance.

After this event I received some email from people who could not connect because they weren't on the platform or because of timing issues, and so I did send an email to all these people with the link and they could hear the presentation, they downloaded the presentation, and we can consider that it was a success to do this webinar. As I said, we have already opened our Instagram account, you need to have proper configuration to use it on your phone. And then there is the newsletter issue, we simply need to pay for some of the spreadsheets that we need, and so all of this, essentially, that's it. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio speaking. Thank you, Lilian. Just a brief comment, Lilian. We show find out, perhaps we could set up a mailing platform, we will have to check that, if we can do it in the LACRALO web page. I don't know the situation of the segment page. If ICANN is not able to create the web page, we can do it, and we can upload everything so that everything is hosted in ICANN's server. There we will be able to have the newsletter available.

Since we don't have much time available, I suggest talking to Staff, just to see the status of this. Is there any comment or any question before moving forward? I see no hands up. Since there are only a few minute left, let me say, Lilian, thank you very much for your summary.

I'm going to give you a brief report, but before that, Harold, I think you can speak about IDNs and Universal Acceptance. Harold, please go ahead with your brief report.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Harold Arcos for the record. Thank you, Sergio. Based on Lilian's report, and Silvia was also reminding us of using the wiki page, I believe that we need to use the tool that was already started in the group. We have discussed that with Lilian, there is a blog created by them, so that is a challenge for all of you. We need to use these tools. And the information can be uploaded or posted there.

Now, going back to the brief summary, my summary is going to be very brief. The Universal Acceptance working group delivered a first webinar with a very good level of attendance and there was also the participation of the ambassador and since we are carrying out interesting research, this research is being requested by other RALOs. So I believe that this is one of the most important results that we can mention after organizing ourselves in different working groups, because we can measure the impact we have on a global scale.

As you already know, Carlos Leal is the Vice Chair of this working group and due to his technical skills, he made some proposals and in the region that is a very active working group which is working on local projects. So this is very good for us, and this is also contributing to ICANN's development. So, these are the recent outcomes that I would like to report to you in this meeting. Thank you, Sergio, please go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking, thank you Harold. We only have four minutes left, so I'm going to be very, very brief in my comments. There are some topics that we need to address. In ALAC we are discussing different topics and today we also mentioned the importance of discussing the issue of including individual members in the RALOs, so we need to see the rights that they will have, how they should organize to become participants.

We are discussing this topic, this discussion is going to be held in the governance working group. We have already discussed some questions and we also made some classifications. We divided into subgroups so as to be able to address the topics. I have already talked to some ALSes. Some ALSes have accepted and we have seen this because we have many organizations and members that are part of LACRAO now. The idea is to promote their participation, but on the other hand, ALSes are also saying that they might not have the same rights or that end users might not have the same rights as those users within an organization.

So this discussion is going to be carried out in the governance working group. We need to know and we need to say that this discussion is going to have some shape and we need to know that they are going to positions taken already, but in any case I believe that we are going to move forward in a very positive way. I would like to add in this regard that once we are participating and when we put forth the proposal before the region, we all need to participate, we all need to discuss and engage in the discussion of what to do with individual users, regardless of the decisions taken by the working group in terms of users and in terms of their participation.

I believe that we need to move forward and we need to be very clear on the participation spaces for individual users. We need to be very clear on this objective. We have many individual users that are now part, they need to participate, so we need to see how. Silvia Vivanco has raised her hand, so I'm going to give her the floor. Silvia, you have just one minute.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Silvia Vivanco speaking. Okay, I will take 30 seconds only. Thank you, Sergio and good afternoon everyone. I just wanted to introduce our colleague, Alperen Eken, has been added to Staff, he is now a member of Staff, so he is going to help us, and he is going to help us in reaching out to ALSes. We are going to work closely, as well. So, we are very happy with Alperen, so I'm going to give the floor to this new member. His nickname is Alp. So I'm going to give the floor to the new member so that he can introduce himself. So, please go ahead.

ALPEREN EKEN:

Hello it is Alp. I have been working with Internet Society for almost three years. I have also been with ICANN as a Fellow twice, and I hope I will work with you closely and get to know all you, thank you so much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio speaking. Alp, thank you very much, we welcome you. It's great news to have you here, to have you as part of the Staff. We are going to interact with you and we're very happy to have you here. I know that we will be bothering you soon, and asking you plenty of questions. We

are on time now. This is the top of the hour. I don't know if there are comments or questions.

Is there any other business or any other issue? If not, if there are no questions or comments, we are going to meet this meeting to an end. Seeing no comments, thank you all for your participation and let's talk soon. I would like to see you all participating in all calls and working groups. So, once again, thank you for your participation. This meeting is now adjourned.

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