

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Claudia Ruiz is speaking. Good afternoon, good evening everyone. Welcome to LACRALO Monthly Teleconference on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 23:00 UTC. On today's call we have Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Carlos Raul Gutierrez, Laura Margolis, Adrián Carballo, Lilian Ivette De Luque, Sylvia Herlein Leite, Leon Sanchez, Lito Ibarra, Alberto Soto, and Gilberto Lara. We also have Omar Kerry Kerr.

And from Staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Claudia Ruiz, on call management. Our interpreters today are in Spanish Paula and Marina, in Portuguese Bettina and Esperanza, and Claire and Jacques in French. Before we start, a kind reminder to please state your name before you speak for the transcription and for our interpreters to properly identify you in the language channels. I will now give the floor to Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio speaking. Thank you, Claudia. Good afternoon and good evening everyone. This is the first meeting after the Montreal face-to-face meeting, and it is great to see on this call some of our colleagues with whom we shared the Montreal Meeting. And a special greeting to our new old member who is now a Board Member, so we're very happy about his new appointment.

This is a meeting that will last for one hour. You know we have meetings for one hour and others for one hour and a half. This is the one hour meeting, the next one will be 90 minutes. And this is for you to consider, that in our next call we will have a webinar. That's for planning purposes. We have a packed schedule and I will now give the floor to

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Harold so that we can start with the Agenda discussion and adoption.  
Harold, you have the floor.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Harold speaking. Thank you, Sergio. Yes, indeed, our Agenda for today, we have changed our ALAC Member [inaudible] couldn't be able to attend because of other commitments, and in his place our new ALAC Member, Sylvia Herlein, will make the next set of comments as ALAC Member and as Director of the IDN Multilinguism Group.

Then we have a report by the Training Working Group, Capacity Building Working Group, on the person of Adrián Carballo. Then Lilian De Leque will report on Communications Working Group Action. Then Carlos Raul Gutierrez will make some comments about the GNSO Topics. And then the Expanded Direct Board Leadership for the future, and that will be given by Sergio Salinas.

As it is a tradition among us, did you want to add any other business please raise your hand or type it on the chat box, or when the time comes, we can add it and share. I'm now checking the chat. I want to know if anyone wants to add any point. As there no hands raised, the Agenda is adopted as it and we move forward. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sergio speaking. Thank you, Harold. And our first speaker will be Sylvia. So, our new now formal ALAC Member is going to perform a surge in this first meeting so we kindly ask her to make her remarks on the ALAC Action. Go ahead, Sylvia.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LETTE:

Sylvia speaking. I hope you can hear me well. Thank you very much. Yes, indeed, now I am officially the new ALAC Member and I feel excited and happy and very pleased for this new position. I had the honor of holding this position ten years ago in 2009 and as always, we always come back with a lot of enthusiasm after face-to-face meetings.

And now I want to take this opportunity to thank you for how you welcome, for how you treated me. I felt your warmth, the warmth of the Staff Members whom, of course, I knew already, and all my colleagues whom I met in Montreal. Whenever when we come back from a meeting, we have this eagerness to do things.

The meeting in Montreal was extremely interesting, or actually I was particularly interested in some topics more than others. I really enjoyed to see that now ICANN is given a lot of importance to the geo-political context in the various groups, for instance, with the governments in the GAC. Geo-politics is a topic of my personal interest. I really like it. I like to see what directions ICANN is taking. We know have relevant geo-politics are. For instance, in one of the meetings I heard that the United Kingdom was considered in regulations on traffic and how countries are reacting to the US Policy on topics such as cyber warfare and others. But this is not the point of my remarks, not what I did but what I saw in ICANN. And I came back really pleased.

So, what we saw and what we lived in this ICANN66 in Montreal, well as you know, we had our ATLAS III Summit which beyond any doubt was also very interesting and was very exciting to meet members of the

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other RALOs, even though this time not all RALO Representatives were there, it was very good. Although it was different from the other Summits, I had the fortune of attending ATLAS I and II. We were more focused on the Policy. Well, as you know, there was a very interesting presentation on leadership, and the ALAC Members were not full participants. Nevertheless, we could engage with the guests, with those who had taken the courses, who quite actually caught on to participate.

So, we learned a lot and we managed to establish ties with these new, well, not all of them were new, but I think we closed some new ties. I guess with the tools we gained in the leadership course, we will be able to work together in a more active and proactive way. So, certainly I have to note and highlight that the ATLAS III had a very positive outcome and I'm certain it will good results.

As you are aware, the role of the ALAC Member is to convey to you what is happening in ICANN and receive your input on how I will express myself and vote on the various topics ALAC is working on. So, my commitment will be keeping you abreast of everything that ICANN is doing so that I can act on behalf and for the difference of the end user positions. There are many topics for public comment usually and I will need your help for this, so please do not leave me alone on this. So, if you have no questions, I'd like to report now on the actions of the Working Group on IDNs and Multilinguism. I see there are no questions on the chat.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. I do not see any hands raised on the Zoom panel and I don't think there's anything in the chat either. Dev is only in audio and he says it, and that's it. So, go ahead, Sylvia.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LETTE: Sylvia speaking. Great. So, let's talk about the IDN and Multilinguism Working Group. I was attending all their meetings, I also feel very excited about the work we are going to do. Now, specifically on IDNs, well, those of you who follow our Wiki Page probably know this but let me tell you that together with Sergio Salinas Porto we had an informal with Ignacio Estrada who is the Chair of LACTLD, and we presented, we submitted to him our need, something we found in our Working Group. Why was LACTLD accepting the use of the Spanish N and others were not doing that.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Sorry, Sylvia. I'm interrupting, just a minor correction. Ignacio is not the Chair of LACTLD, but I think his position has been Representative, the position that Andres Piazza used to have.

ADRIÁN CARBALLO: Adrian speaking. I think he's the General Manager.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Yes, it's just to give some context.

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SYLVIA HERLEIN LETTE:

Sylvia speaking. Well, so we decided to talk with them why others were accepting the Spanish N with the tilde and others were not. So, we conducted a survey in our group, and we started working and talking and discussing this topic with the TLD. So, this is an ongoing project. It's only now starting. But I think we're very excited because we believe this could be for the benefit of the end users. So, this is the current project we have with regards to IDNs.

Now, regarding Universal Acceptance Working Group, let me tell you that I had the opportunity of being invited by Lilian De Luque to attend a meeting of one of the Universal Acceptance Subgroups working on Local Initiatives. Those who have visited our Wiki Page probably know that we will have our first ALAC Local Initiative. So, I was invited to that meeting. They are actually delighted to see that in this part of the world, there is someone interested in Universal Acceptance, that they were afraid that that would not be our interest and we reinforced them that our group is highly interested.

So, I told them about the project we are working on in LACRALO, we're working on Universal Acceptance, which is to conduct a study similar to the one carried out in Brazil which is to check each one of the sites that have the most prevalent use in our region and check whether they are ready or not for Universal Acceptance. This is a highly ambitious project because we are many countries. That is why we decided to at least divide it into subgroups. But I will not give you the details now because that'd take too much time. All this information is on our Wiki Page so if you're interested, you want to know more, you can go to the Wiki Page.

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Finally, let me tell you that I used this opportunity to thank Mark Datysgeld, who is the Universal Acceptance Ambassador, for his assistance. He organized the web seminar, a webinar, for LACRALO so I expressed to him our gratitude for his support. And we also said that this is what we're doing in LACRALO, but we also intend to take it to other RALOs as a pilot project to the entire ALAC. And they are willing to help us in whatever we may need. So, we were in very good terms and very pleased on both sides.

In this special meeting I had, I could see all the activities, not only those related to the project we are going to carry out, but other Local Initiatives. Other Local Initiatives outside ALAC, for instance, there are Local Initiatives in India, Russia, in Africa, in many countries. And I took several of those ideas to understand how they are implemented in these areas, bringing them closer to the entire technical community. I'm talking about technical community.

I have a super invitation, super news, which is the following. The Global Universe Acceptance Working Group is conducting, it's about to give a technical course for those who are interested in becoming Universal Acceptance Ambassadors. This class will start next year in February free of charge. It will be in English, but we are already discussing to see if one of our interpreters can take part of this course and we will have the Spanish and French versions of this course. So, we are very excited about this.

So, again, I'd like to take this time to tell you and to invite those of you who have some technical knowledge, I'm not going to list the skills that are required, I will circulate an email later on, those of you who want to

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become members of our Working Group on Universal Acceptance, once again, I invite you. So, those of you are who are interested can attend this call [inaudible] will be extremely interesting. So, here I am. That's all on my side and thank you very much for your attention.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, Sylvia. This has been a very complete and accurate report. I think that now it is Adrián Carballo's turn. I don't know if he's on the call.

ADRIÁN CARBALLO: Adrián Carballo speaking. Yes, there was a misunderstanding. I will be here today, and I will be on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Okay, go ahead.

ADRIÁN CARBALLO: Adrián Carballo speaking. Thank you for giving me the floor. I would like to thank the return for all of the support that we have received. It has been a very positive experience. I think that as a team we had a very good interaction with all the RALOs. I think that it was a very enriching experience so I would like to thank the entire team, the Staff, everyone.

Now, going back to our work as a Working Group on Capacity Building, we have a list of all the topics that we will address, I mean now the ALSes and the webinar. In particular, in ATLAS III we talked about the



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need to promote the ICANN Academy, so we have been trying to find information around ICANN. It was not so easy for us to find information about this project itself, but we are in the process of gathering that information in order to have everything also in Spanish as soon as possible.

As to the webinar, in the next few weeks I hope I can return to you more elaborate list of all the topics that we could address through webinars. And due to some personal reasons with the team, we haven't been able to set the dates for the different webinars, but we are still working on the calendar for webinars.

As to the Work Plan, we continue working on that. At a personal level, there was some local issues that made it difficult for me to devote as much time as I wanted to this, but we keep on working and I hope that in the next call I can show you a more comprehensive Work Plan with clearly defined objectives and some deadlines. That would be all on my side. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, Adrian. As I said to Sylvia, you have been quite accurate and also very concise and straightforward in your report. I don't know if there are any questions from the participants on this call. Otherwise, I see there are no hands raised, so now I am going to give the floor to our dear friend, Lilian De Luque. The floor is yours, Lilian.

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LILIAN DE LEQUE:

Lilian De Leque speaking. Thank you, Sergio. Good evening to you all in the region. I raised my hand while Sylvia was speaking, so let me take this opportunity to make the comment that I wanted to make. I received today an email with all the information that we need to submit in order to truly become a Local Initiative. So, Sylvia, I'm going to forward you that email and all that information so that we can start with that process because there are some steps that we need to complete in order to turn into a Local Initiative, a Local Chapter for Universal Acceptance. This is what I wanted to comment on.

As to the Communications Working Group, in Montreal we talked about the need to go into a new space, that is to get the group in motion. We need to distribute activities now. We need to focus on communications within the different ICANN Communities, those that are part of the ICANN ecosystem in order to enhance our communications with other Stakeholders, other organizations and Communities. So, as from this month, we will be engaging in a new state in the Communications Group. Basically, this is what I wanted to share with you.

We are going to start a new stage in our Working Group. We will focus more on each Community within ICANN. We have already completed all of our actions in terms of external communications, communications with the ALSes, that is working very well. So now we think that we need to take another step and work with different Communities here.

We will have a Work Plan in order to make sure that our work is effective, and with more cooperation and collaboration with other Communications Groups that exist within the organization. And as I was talking about with Rodrigo de la Parra, from the point of view of

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communications and information shared in, we will also work more closely with ICANN internal office here in Latin America. So, that will be on from my side. I don't know if you have any questions. Thank you, Sergio, for giving me the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, Lilian. I'm checking to see if there are any comments or any requests for the floor. There seems to be none. I can tell you that I'm extremely happy to hear you saying this. That relates to what we always discussed within our Board, that is to open up the game to others and to start building on leadership and to start addressing those small issues that may be very important for the region.

I'm sure that if we do that, if we take that approach, in this region we will operate much more effective. We have seen several examples of centralization where leaders oversee everything, all the reports go through the leaders, and perhaps that is not the right approach. In my opinion, we need to turn into administrators, managers, of the various activities that need to be performed within the region, we should be just one part of a system where everybody works. So, congratulations for this initiative. I think that you are on the right path.

LILIAN DE LEQUE: Lilian speaking. Thank you, Sergio.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Don't mention it, my friend. Sorry, I hadn't seen some hands that were raised. So, now I will ask you and Sylvia to talk to each other and try to agree on what are the next steps. Universal Acceptance is one of the big topics that our RALO will address in this period. So, with your leadership and Carlos Raul's contributions, I'm sure that you will do very good work. So, please get in contact and start working together.

Now, as you know, we have two new ALAC Members, two new starts, that will support the old ALAC Member, Humberto Carrasco. So, one is Sylvia and the other one is Carlos Raul Gutierrez, who is now wearing his new hat as an ALAC Member. So, it is a pleasure for us and an honor to have him working actively in the region. And he's very active coming from a very important position within the GNSO, and now he will take on another responsibility within ALAC. I'm sure that Carlos will talk about the topics that have been under discussion within the GNSO and now he will be working closely together with us on ALAC issues and we know that he can do it all. So, Carlos, the floor is yours.

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: Carlos Gutierrez speaking. Thank you, Sergio, for your kind words. Ricardo had kept an open communication channel so far with the GNSO. This is Carlos Gutierrez for the record. I had the opportunity to talk with Ricardo, to listen to his recommendations and his ideas. As to the GNSO, I was replaced luckily by another member from the LACRALO Community so I hope that we can keep in close contact with Carlton Samuels, who's now part of the Council appointed by the NomCom. He

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has a lot of experience. And I also had the chance to talk with him about the topics that are of interest to the Council.

I agree with the previous comments as to the need to focus on the internal Communities because there are many good communications channels. Remember that the ALAC has a permanent representative on the GNSO Council, Cheryl Langdon-Orr who was reelected in Canada so she will be there in that role for another year. So, there are many channels of communication open right now. Remember that we also have ALAC's participation in the largest processes and the discussion, that is all the Subsequent Procedures discussion where we have ALAC representation on Work Track 5.

There is a report that should be put out for public comment. Javier Rúa from ALAC was the standing representative on behalf of our Community on that work on GeoNames. At the time same time, we also have full members, [inaudible].

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello?

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: In the Policy Development Process...

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Thank you.

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CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: That has to do with the GDPR, I'm sure that they are also doing very good work there. And in both pictures, the Community will need to submit its comments before December. So, it is very important to be on their list and to be paying attention to the conference call [inaudible]. And given our language limitations, we will have to be ready to submit our comments on time, so we will need some preliminary work there. So, we need to carefully plan our activities from now until December in order to be able to submit these comments and to comply with all these deadlines as to do with what Sylvia has mentioned.

We keep on working on the IGOs protection. We are a bit behind with that. We thought that the project would be ready already but there were some GAC comments that prevented the adoption of the second chapter. The first chapter was about the Red Cross so that problem was solved, or that issue was solved. For all the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies there will be a list of protected names, that was a quick solution. But the ICANN Staff also showed that the solution for the Red Cross implied also a list of seven thousand combinations considering all the different languages so it will take some time to fulfill that if these protection lists are going to be helpful because they do not always help us.

I was there for the last session of the GNSO and I was able to join the ALAC on the last day of the meeting, on Thursday, and of course I am more willing to keep on working to do an effective job internally. The ALAC is a member of the Empowered Community and we have responsibility over the Board of Directors. We can remove or send any Director home if we have reasons for that. And we will also have to look at the budget and we will need volunteers to work on all the issues

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related to the budget. But as I said earlier, the one who is working directly into Policy Processes, we have to start working now on that. We cannot wait until the end of the process. As we always say, we need to know what the ALAC Members and the ALAC Liaisons are doing in order to be ready to give our comments when they are required. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you. I'm looking to the chat here to see if there are any requests for the floor. Let me take this opportunity to make a few comments. I think that the public comment you are talking about .org, or that is what you referred to when you talk about the NGOs or are you talking about something else? My question is what way are you talking about when you talked about the NGOs?

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: Carlos Gutierrez speaking. All international organizations that use top level domain names, no matter they are .org or any other names. I'm referring to all these organizations that use the Curative Rights Protective Mechanism. They need the protection for their domain names. They don't necessarily have to be .org.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Like ISOC, for instance, these could also be included in that discussion.

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CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: Carlos Gutierrez speaking. No, there is a list that was established in 2015 including all not-for-profit international organizations that have requested a specific protection for their names in addition to the protection systems that are available to all private organizations.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. And does that imply some minor investment by the organizations?

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: Carlos Gutierrez speaking. No, they have registered their domain names and it is simply that they don't want to subject themselves to civil courts in specific countries when there is a dispute about their domain names because they abide by international governance, international treaties, and even before that year they had been claiming for the protection of their rights. And this is quite a hot topic because basically it involves the GAC Representative. So, this discussion has been going on for a long time and the GAC will not be allowing ICANN to move on to another round until these issues have resolved.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you for that point of clarification. Now, let me make some comments about what you said here. We need to be proactive. We usually run after things, so it is very important that ALAC Members work hand in hand with the members of the region and with people working on Policy Processes. Part of all these new structures of work will start operating by the end of this year and early next year so



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that LACRALO can react more quickly to all Policy related issues discussion.

I know that the GNSO has made progress and you have a lot of experience about that so I'm sure that that will be very helpful for the region so that we can take a quantum leap in our work. So, we welcome all contributions you can make to improve the quality of our participation within ICANN.

Item 9 is extended leadership of Board of Directors. It is my responsibility to discuss... I never said who I was. I am Sergio Salinas. It says Cancun 2019, actually it's Cancun 2020. So, this item of the Agenda deals with what is going to happen in the Cancun Meeting. A few months ago, we started this possibility of having the first meeting of the Board of Directors. I don't know if we will meet up to that, but it is necessary to have a face-to-face meeting with the Policy Directors, the ALAC Member, the Chair, and the Secretary to kick off the work in the region which is about to start. And the Chair Elect and the Secretary Elect as well.

So, along these lines, we are setting up a meeting with the support, with the accompaniment of GSE and Rodrigo de la Parra, they're helping us here. And we are the developing a working methodology a few days before the face-to-face Cancun Meeting. And there we will be working on Policy, there will be Policy discussions for the region, the development of better opportunities to have a more effective impact on the various topics applicable to the region.

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And this is also related to Capacity Building and training cycle, and Adrian Carballo has already said something about it. There was an exchange of ideas in the Montreal Meeting where we were talking about the Academy. We had this chance to send a person to attend this ICANN Academy which is unfortunately only in English. In my case, my English is awful and certainly I was not the person to go. Other members of the region have the opportunity to go but they endure the same problem. And that was one troubled thought.

And so, we were planning the Cancun activity for 2020 that has been planned for a long time, and there was an overlapping of days. So, this is an example of something that has happened in the past. Many members, most of the members in our region, either speak Spanish or English or French. So, we understand that there must be something in Spanish because we need to provide training and build capacities among our colleagues. Our region has gone through this.

There is a difference between those who have taken the Leadership Course, the Leadership Academy in ICANN, and the growth in this region is a Latino component, a Spanish speaking component. So, we are now developing a Capacity Building structure that will be given in Cancun in March initially for the Directors so that in 2021 in our General Assembly, everyone will be able to be trained.

So, in this process we will be working progressively initially to fine tune and adjust, for instance, what is our purpose, what is our goal as Policy Directors for the Working Group, how we should work, perhaps a plan that goes beyond our term of office, a plan agreed by consensus as sort of a handbook or manual on the things to be done, like a Strategic Plan

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from the Board of Directors for the region. And in parallel, Capacity Building.

And this is a structure, this is a method that we are developing now trying to base it on past experiences. I've been told that this ICANN Academy is a very good experience, it's something to take advantage of because if it works well, it has to be leveraged. And on the other hand, it has to be adapted to the Latin American and Caribbean Region context. We might say why for Spanish and French speaking Communities only and not the English speaking Community. Well, because the English component is already there, and the English speaking Community can attend or follow the other structure.

And we are very concerned, at least this group is very concerned, or my office is concerned that by the time we complete our term, LACRALO should be highly productive responsibly. Not individually, how can I become a good worker for ICANN, but how this region can be the best region. And that requires an analysis of the internal launch to see how we can strengthen our capabilities so that ICANN feels proud of the Latino speakers, Spanish and French speakers, working productively. So, this is the overall purpose of the meeting in ICANN67 that will be completed in ICANN in 2021 with the attendance of several of us there.

And then, final comment, the great attitude shown by those who attended the Canada Meeting, in addition to that I have to acknowledge the very good interaction and the great remote participation led by our dear Secretary Harold Arcos. [inaudible] was on the call, Antonia Medina, I wasn't able to follow everyone, but Harold was there. Harold was in the Zoom, I see he has raised his hand, and on the other hand he

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was sending messages, “Come on, this one is not there, the other I want to say this or that.” It was very interesting to see that those who were not able to travel were nevertheless present in the meetings there. “Listen, here we are there in this meeting.”

And they raised the bar very high because actually it’s been years of barren land, unproductive. And now we had all these colleagues actively participating. Those of us who were in Montreal felt proud about it. “Look”, we said to each other, “Here we have a group of colleagues from Latin America present here, others remotely, then others who came to see from other constituencies how we were managing our group.” So, for us from Latin America showing this... And this is not my doing or Harold’s doing, it’s a collective doing. I think the page has been turned over. Many of us have matured a lot and if there is someone to be commended for this, it’s everyone. I see that Harold has raised his hand. Harold?

HAROLD ARCOS:

Harold speaking. Yes, you mentioned two key things. Yes, precisely what Lito and Leon have said, the Latin America Region was present in the Board through them. And also, two significant aspects, the topics that ALAC is discussing resulted in this initiative. The new subgroup on DNS Abuse, our colleague Fatima Cambronero was taking over Leadership of that subgroup, and [inaudible] has joined the Domains Group.

This is just for your information and for the record. So, Sergio, if you agree, will we now give the floor to Lito and to Leon to talk about this

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ICANN Meeting that was so significant with major milestones for us, for our region. So, please go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio speaking. Thank you. Before giving the floor to our colleagues, I forgot to say it. But having recovered Fatima, well, it's a pleasure. DNS Abuse is a major topic and I think it will be the second topic of our discussion. And, of course, they ask, what can we say? As we said with Carlos Raul, we saw this opportunity for Jose to take over this matter. And in addition to our two ALAC Members, both Sylvia and Humberto, will have to work a lot and we need them to have another space.

Sylvia will continue with IDNs and Universal Acceptance but our other two, we need them in ALAC as well, and we need help organizing the Board of Directors. So, what I mean is that this working structure will bear fruit. So, Jose Arce, you're most welcome to this stage and I will have to play the drama. Now, we have a few minutes for Leon and Lito if they are on the call to say their words.

LITO IBARRA: Lito speaking. Thank you. If I may very quickly I'd like to say that I agree with what you have said. I agree that ATLAS III was a very important Summit. It was necessary to make good footprint. I think Latin America was well represented with it's dynamics. So, thank you everyone because it's everybody's work with everybody's participation.

Sometimes we do not realize how important remote participation is. It's not the same thing to be present face-to-face, there are some

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differences for other reasons, but it was very good for me, too. This was an indication that we are there, we want to participate, and to do the best. So, thank you everyone.

LEON SANCHEZ:

Leon Phillippe Sanchez is speaking. I echo Lito's word and I want to share with you that as you've seen many Board Members attended the ATLAS III. For me, for Lito, it was very relevant for our Board Members to see what an ATLAS is, how relevant it is for the At-Large Community, the fact that we are gathered there, this building ties that will eventually result in better work and relationships and better final results. And the feedback or the comments we were given were very positive.

I think that they are convinced that this is an effort that is worth continuing and supporting. And mostly, an effort that represents the diversity and the inclusion that the roadmap and Stakeholder Model followed in ICANN and decision making is based. So, again as I said, they were very pleased to see what the ATLAS is. I think they are convinced about continuing support in it. It's there. We will certainly continue working to continue supporting.

And there may be other channels to continue these efforts so that ATLAS is not only after five years and we might have to lose the momentum after the Summit. So that we can see what we can do within region, how to continue with training or other ways. So, that we can build contractively.

And I'll say this because I was told by other colleagues from other RALOs when some of them found this training very useful, the intention of

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which is to put all the ALS Members at the same level, on an equal footing, there are some people more experienced that said, well, that for them perhaps it was not the best of exercises and that this time could have been used better with different activities.

So, maybe what I might suggest for this RALO and afterwards extend it to the other RALOs is to see how we can develop a plan or a program that is structured on a different shaded basis so that those that are just arrived take the most and the experience of the veterans in the At-Large Community can be leveraged so that they discuss other more substantial topics or provide additional benefit or, I don't know, some other results that could eventually become a recommendation to the Board as it happened in ATLAS II so that afterwards they can be implemented depending on which recommendation we're talking about. So, well, that's basically it. And congratulations because the effort was significant, it was worthwhile. But we should not forget and just to say with the [inaudible] but see how to improve it and make it work for all participants and not just for one segment. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas speaking. Thank you, Leon. Your comments are very valuable. I take note of all of them and I'm sure that we will have some questions for you now that we are going over some issues and probably will also talk to Lito just to have some feedback from you for some topics that we are planning to having 2020 and 2021. Another point I would like to officially welcome Kerry and Carlos Raul in their new positions. I'm sure we will meet next month in the meetings that we

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usually hold in the region, but I'm sure that we will have exchanges in our mailing list and in our Working Group.

Finally, just an announcement for Omar Kerry, our Secretary Elect, I sent you a private messaging asking you for your email and your phone number in order to agree on a time and date for a meeting so I sent you my contact details so that you can also keep them. That will be all on my side. And I hope that we will see one another soon.

Before we leave, I think that there are two colleagues who have left their positions, Bartlett and Ricardo, both of them have done an excellent job. I was able to say this personally to Ricardo. I didn't have the chance to the same with Bartlett, but their contributions have been extremely valuable, and we are very proud of having them both working with us representing our region within the ALAC.

So, we send them our thanks and we hope we meet again. In the case of Ricardo, we will see him in EURALO because he is living there. So, thank you all for your participation and I'm sure that we will meet again in 30 days from now in another LACRALO Meeting. Thank you. Goodnight.

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