CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Welcome to the LACRALO monthly meeting on Monday, March 23rd 2020 at 23:00 UTC.

Today, we have on the Spanish line Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Vanda Scartezini, Adrian Carballo, Alberto Soto, Laura Margolis, Lilian Ivette De Luque, Lito Ibarra, Marcelo Rodriguez, Sylvia Herlein Leite, and on the English line, we have Dev Anand Teelucksingh.

We have apologies from Carlos Raul Gutierrez, and our interpreters today are, on the Spanish line, Veronica and David, on the Portuguese channel, we have Bettina and Esperanza, and on the French channel, we have Claire and Camila.

Before starting, I would like to remind you all to please state your name before taking the floor, not only for the transcription but for our interpreters to be able to identify you on the different channels.

With that, Sergio, you have the floor. Please go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. It's a pleasure for me to be here on this call. This is a very special moment. We have been discussing this a few minutes ago, I believe we are all affected and impacted by this situation, the COVID crisis. So most of us are quarantined, waiting for this crisis to be over, and this is a very special moment in our time and in the life of LACRALO as well.

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We have some topics to discuss. Harold is going to provide a brief update. This is the agenda for today. There are some news that I would like to share with you. These are some steps forward for our region. We also have some news to share with you, these are interesting news, so I believe this is good for all of us.

Without further ado, I would like to give the floor to Harold Arcos. He's the regional secretary. After that, we're going to begin with our meeting. I believe this is going to be a very brief meeting, so please, Harold, go ahead.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you very much, Sergio. This is going to be a peculiar meeting, a singular meeting, so this is the agenda for today. We will have the report of the Capacity Building Working Group. This is going to be delivered by Adrian Carballo. Then we will have a joint report by Sylvia Herlein Leite, and then we're going to discuss the activities carried out in ICANN67, and then we will have the LACRALO board update by Sergio Salinas.

Additionally, I would like to add three topics of interest. Let me mention some of them. I can list them now or we can wait for the item on the agenda. The idea is to update some things that we had been carrying out. We have been working with other RALOs, our secretariat, in order to discuss metrics. We are now discussing this issue of ALS mobilization, so this is something we would like to discuss.

If there is Any Other Business, please let me know, because we will have plenty of time to discuss those topics during this meeting. I see no

hands up, so if you agree, we can adopt the agenda and we will continue with the meeting. So please, Sergio, go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Harold. So the first item on the agenda is the Capacity Building Working Group report by Adrian Carballo, so please, Adrian, you have the floor. Go ahead.

ADRIAN CARBALLO: Thank you very much, Sergio. As we said before, we are really surprised by this COVID crisis, so without further ado, I would like to start by providing a brief update due to the worldwide events. We have been working with the ICANN academy in Spanish. We're having two or three [monthly and weekly] meetings, and I believe that next week, we'll be able to resume our meetings.

We have been also discussing and working on ICANN Learn, and we have to postpone the Southern School of Internet, and this is something important. We had many people that were going to be engaged in this event, but then the event had been postponed up until October. We have also the webinars. We had a delay in our webinars, but this is due to the current situation. We will discuss later on how to proceed on that.

When it comes to the working group, if you have any question or any comment, please let me know. This is all on my end.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Adrian, I have a question. I know that you're working in inreach and capacity building, and the idea would be to have a meeting or a training course for the Cancun meeting that is going to be held in the future. So, are you working on that? Are you working with [inaudible] on that particular issue?

ADRIAN CARBALLO: Yes, we have been working on that topic, but due to the current events, we're not able to move forward. However, we will be doing that in the future, and we will keep on discussing the projects and we expect to have it ready as soon as possible, probably by August, and the idea is to agree upon the different contents so that we can deliver that information by the Cancun meeting next year. So we will have to coordinate with all the necessary people and the responsible ones, but of course, we are still working on that particular topic.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Adrian. I am very confident that this training course is going to be delivered soon and that we will have a good activity. This is going to be a very important activity for all of us. So I feel confident. We're not able to make it in 2020, but of course, we will make it by 2021. So thank you very much for your input.

So the next item on the agenda, I don't know if there's any other—what's the next item on the agenda?

HAROLD ARCOS: We have a reminder, and this is to highlight that Adrian is working with the GSE team. we have received some suggestions, so we will probably have more webinars, probably during a month that we're not supposed to have webinars. The idea is to activate participation and to engage people. So we're going to use these tools, the webinars so as to engage ALSes and so that we can keep on working.

On the other hand, the next item on the agenda would be the presentation by Sylvia Herlein Leite, but before that, I see Lilian Ivette requesting the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Please go ahead, Lilian.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: I asked Harold not to include me in the report because we are working with the government, but I would like to say something, and this is that on Wednesday, I will be starting my quarantine period, so I will have enough time so as to organize our newsletter. This is going to be the first newsletter, so this is going to be done after the Cancun meeting. I'm going to ask Sylvia for her support because I need to be updated on the different topics. So I will be contacting you soon. And once I'm done with the newsletter, I'm going to start working on the working plan for the next three months.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Lilian, for your input, and I insist on this, and this is that I feel very happy with this newsletter because this is going to be

good for our external communication. This is for outreach purposes and we need to multiply our efforts and we need to provide information to the world. So this is good for all of us, and those newcomers or participants should be the ones receiving the information, but at the same time, they need to multiply those efforts. So the more people learning about the ICANN world, the better for all of us and the more participants we'll be engaging.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: I know that there are many people helping me. Vanda would like to contribute, so this is going to be a very good thing.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Thank you, Lilian. Now, Silvia, you have the floor. You need to speak about your working group.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Hello everyone. First of all, I'm going to speak in my capacity as an ALAC member, and let me tell you that ALAC is working. We have many meetings. We're holding many meetings with huge participation, and since February to now, we have voted on five documents that I'm going to mention for the record.

In February, I particularly voted on different documents. Alberto and Carlos Raul also voted on the documents. They have an affirmative vote. And we have participated in the consultation period and we had different consultation periods and calls before the ICANN meeting. So

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we had been working very hard and the voting process is just the final step.

So in February, we voted on the ATRT document. We also voted on the ICANN meetings for the period 2024-2028. We also voted on new gTLDs, and we also voted on the draft for the budget for the period 2020 to 2025.

In March, we voted on ALAC topics, and finally, we will be voting on the SSR2. This is a document on stability and resiliency. So this is for the record, we have been working very hard—ALAC is working very hard.

So just for you to have a brief idea, on March 25th, there is going to be a meeting of the CPWG, and on that very same day at 13:00 UTC, we will have a meeting with the At-Large leadership team. Humberto is part of that leadership team. On March 31st, we're going to hold the ALAC monthly meeting. For me, that is going to be 5:00 AM in the morning, but we will be discussing very important topics and we will see how ALAC is working.

And let me repeat, ALAC is working really hard. So I'm very happy at seeing this and I am very happy and proud to be part of this work, because there are many members that are working very hard.

And when it comes to my capacity as a chair of the IDN and multilingualism working group—and Humberto says something one the chat, but we will be working and participating in the meeting that is going to be held during this week.

So let me tell you that I have participated in the LAC Space meeting and I was in charge of reporting about our project. Our project is ready to be sent to LACTLD. The letter is ready. And we want to make the most of this opportunity because we believe that the ccTLD members are going to contribute to this. We expect them to fulfill the survey that is at the end of the project and we expect that you read that information and that you provide your input, because that is posted on our Wiki page, so we have a devoted Wiki page to that particular topic.

We also have some participation in the Universal Acceptance Working Group. I had the opportunity to participate and to speak about our progress. In addition to the information that is already posted on the Wiki page where we have posted information on the UA working group, we have been engaging with the ICANN UA working group and we have events in different countries to do outreach regarding this particular topic. This was well received by all the members of the working group and they said that they're going to support us in our events.

So these are good news, and let me make a very brief comment regarding participation of the global community of the ICANN community at the virtual meeting. This was a very interesting experience. I was able to participate in many sessions and I saw many participants actively engaging, but due to time issues or time restrictions, I was not able to work and to participate in all sessions, and I believe you experienced the same situation.

However, I was very pleased to see many participants engaging at the same time. So I believe Harold is going to provide a brief update on that

situation, on the ICANN67 virtual meeting. We would like to participate. It was a good meeting with good participation, but it was not the same as participating in the face-to-face meeting. So this is all on my end. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you. Your report was very complete. I'm glad that we're celebrating ALAC's work. It's been increasingly more impressive and it is encompassing so many areas of ICANN life that one is greatly surprised.

But I'd like to say something else, and this is my personal opinion with regards to the virtual meeting experience. I felt it was too little. Many of the meetings where the Latinos had to participate had no interpretation, and I don't know why that happened, but in some of the meetings, we were left outside. Those were important meetings and it was important for us to be able to participate in our own language.

I'm now going to give the floor to Vanda. She has raised her hand. And I'm going to ask her to put her hand down on the Zoom platform so we can allow others to speak as well. Vanda, please go ahead.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you very much. I just want to remind you of two things. First, we should not forget to have a survey with respect to—well, ICANN67 was like some of us I think have not received it. I believe everyone has had the opportunity to do this, but we need to reply to the multilingualism group and to others.

I just want to say something else about universal acceptance. I want to say that our association has obtained a new project now with ICANN with respect to the [world] study on universal acceptance. This is already the second project that we've been engaged in. Actually, there are three. We ourselves started one in Brazil, then there was another one from ICANN which was a bit less complete, and now there's a more complete one that we're going [to have to charge.]

This is just for us to share with Sylvia. We have already shared the previous project, but now we're going to share this with her in the group. We're going to provide her with the results. Thank you very much for your attention, and I will continue being here until the end of this group.

In addition, we are also going to forget that we had an honorable mention from the board with respect to the participation of ALAC in ICANN67. All the RALOs have a very important participation. I think we are the group that participated the most in ICANN67. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Vanda. Congratulations. I wrote this on the chat. I have to say that it is always an honor to see that an organization in the region is also active in the activities that ICANN is proposing to work in issues which are important for the Internet.

I think it is my turn now, but first, I'd like to do two things: first give Harold the floor because he can talk to us about ICANN67, and also maybe ask [Lito] or León if they can take the floor to say something. They have been active as ICANN board members, and if they can take

the floor to say something. They have been active as ICANN board members, and as members of our region, they have also been very active. So it would be wonderful to listen to them as well. Harold, you have the floor now. Please go ahead.

HAROLD ARCOS: I'm going to be very brief because I don't want to overlap with what Vanda said about ICANN67. Due to the global circumstances, we all know that in general terms, there is a projection that this situation will have a favorable course by the third quarter of 2020. So the suggestion is that we can get organized and always do our volunteer work and our work on the Internet, but now it seems that the events will be online as well. So we will need to get ready for this.

Also, we had a very good participation. We had more than 100 participants in the subgroup, and this is, of course, logic, because the [world's] agenda is now including our ecosystems. That includes the geopolitical aspects, legal aspects, technical aspects [with the new ICANN protection,] and I'd like to invite all of you to subscribe to the mailing list of the five groups. These are listed. We have been building and strengthening for quite a long time now, and this is a good opportunity to join. We are also going to work more on the work that we have been doing so far.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Harold. Maybe if León or Lito would like to take the floor and tell us about the highlights that they think are marking something different in the ICANN67 meeting.

LEÓN SANCHEZ: Thank you, Sergio. I think the meeting was quite successful. It exceeded actually my expectations for remote participation. This is my perception. Of course, there were challenges. Of course, it was difficult. Of course, it does not substitute face-to-face meeting, for many reasons, but I think that as a first effort and as a first attempt of a fully virtual meeting, it was successful. And now, what's important is to learn from this meeting, to learn what were the problems, what were the cons, what improvements can be made, what adjustments need to be made. And based on that, if there is a need to hold future virtual meetings, then we can apply those learnings and we can make the most of the circumstances.

There were many people attending the At-Large sessions, and I was very glad to see that most of the sessions organized by At-Large had more than 150 and 200 participants in some cases. This, I think, is due to two factors. One is that because there were less sessions, people who were interested in ICANN issues could attend a higher number of meetings. And secondly, the relevance of the issues raised by At-Large was such that it evidently aroused the interest of the remote participants and so they just attended the meetings.

So I think what At-Large did was very good work. I saw many members of LACRALO that were very active in the different sessions, and I think this shows the commitment and the favorable evolution that we're seeing in the region to contribute more significantly to policy building, to discuss issues that are central and that affect end users not only in the region but also in the world.

And of course, I would like to say that one of the main pillars in the community agenda and of course on the board's agenda is DNS abuse. We saw that there were several discussions about DNS abuse in the meeting. Many of the board members followed them and participated in some of them, and this is an issue that we are following. There is no doubt that it's on top of our agenda. So I think it is very important that we continue discussion on this issue and that the region continue to positively contribute to this.

I'm sure Lito will say something else about what I'm going to say, that with respect to the board, there's always a prior briefing, a workshop usually held by the board before each ICANN meeting. These are three days where we focus on different pending issues, and since this was a virtual meeting, we still had it, but of course, we suffered the impact of modifying the schedule and the timelines to adapt it to the circumstances.

So instead of a three-day meeting, we met throughout six days where we had shorter meetings, and we dealt with different issues that allowed us a to progress on other tasks. This was a challenge for many of our board members in the Asia Pacific region and also the Middle East region because the time zones were very painful for them. Our board member Akinori had to be present at the meetings always at night, and he had to work at night and sleep during the day. So we will see how we're going to compensate him.

But it was definitely a big effort from the community as a whole. I feel very proud to be a member of this community and to see the efforts from everybody in the remote sessions, and I'd like to thank LACRALO

and their participation, because I think this is something that has to be highlighted. Thank you very much, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I'm going to say something that Humberto mentioned. Is the board considering the Kuala Lumper issue and the Hamburg issue? Are you discussing this? Do you want to answer this, or maybe Lito?

LITO IBARRA: Hello. I am going to add to what Sergio said and then come back to your question. We are actually analyzing those issues very frequently in our meetings. There are no official decisions except for the GDD event that was going to be held in May in Paris, and also the board workshop that is going to be held there as well. All this has been canceled, but as it has been said on the chat room, there are possibilities that the face-to-face meeting would not be held. This is still subject to final decision. We are still reviewing all the meetings scheduled for the reasons that we all know.

I also wanted to add that with respect to the ICANN67 specifics, there were 1752 participants, 75 sessions, and 93 hours of work during ICANN67.

INTERPRETER: We apologize but we are getting very bad audio from the speaker.

LITO IBARRA:	Some people will follow this example, and we also need to highlight that some tools started to be used. We started to use simultaneous interpretation at the LAC council meeting for the Caribbean, and for the first time, we used simultaneous interpretation in Zoom. It was very similar to what we are doing here. We believe these tools will be helpful for us. We will continue analyzing this and we will try to have more interpretation using the Zoom tool.

I think this complements what I wanted to say, and I want to remind you that we will have an ICANN67 readout session to have a summary of the issues dealt with. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	Humberto has raised his hand, and Harold too, so I'm going to give Humberto the floor. I'm going to ask him to put his hand down, and same for Harold. Humberto, you have the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO:	First of all, I followed your instruction and I've put my hand down. I want to make a comment. First, I could participate in some meetings in ICANN 67, but I couldn't participate in others, mainly because in Chile, we could not attend universities physically, and so I had to hold all my lessons on videoconference. We used Zoom for universities. Most of the universities use it, most public and some private universities that are part of the system use Zoom.

So I want to say something. In Chile, and I think in the rest of Latin American countries, this is the same, we will be quarantined until

approximately August or September. So this will mean that our next ICANN meeting in June will be a virtual meeting.

However, I also want to say that today, only today, I had eight video conferences because even though we are quarantined, we have migrated almost 100% of the activities to the virtual world, and I see in my view it is going to be difficult to reconcile my attendance to the next ICANN June meeting the way I used to do physically, because I have no excuse to not attend my job sessions and I cannot attend ICANN sessions, and I need a certificate from ICANN saying that I'm attending these sessions.

So I'm being very affected by this. I think the Mexican meeting has been very successful. I think now everybody will need to start work virtually. I see now that everybody is working virtually, and so I am even taking karate lessons online through videoconference. So this is going to be an issue. I'm glad that León is here. I told this to León. I'm also glad that Lito is here as well.

There will be people that it will be very difficult for them to be absent from their jobs if there is no recognition from ICANN. They did not do this for the Cancun meeting, and I think we need to change this policy because personally, I will not be able to participate as I would have liked to in the June meeting. I am saying this now because I have no excuse to stop doing my video conferences in my job over the ICANN video conferences. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Humberto. Harold, please go ahead.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Sergio. Dear León and Lito, let me ask you about this. What's your opinion or perception on this issue that we're discussing on our agenda? This is the DNS abuse. And this is, of course, taking into account the geopolitical perception and context. So, where is ICANN going to regarding the approach ICANN is taking to the different groups? For example, the cybersecurity groups, GAC, ALAC? What do you think this is [facing] to? This is a turning point from the legal point of view. This affects the local regulations, so we have a global need to address the situation regarding the DNS abuse. And of course, we need to learn about ICANN's opinion. Are you working on any coordination effort? What is the position ICANN is assuming on this aspect? So what's your opinion about this? Thank you.

LEÓN SANCHEZ: Sergio, if I may, I can reply to the question and perhaps Lito can also continue with the explanation.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Please go ahead, León.

LEÓN SANCHEZ: As Lito is indicating on the chat, this is a priority for all of us. This needs our contribution. Of course, we want this to be a bottom-up decision, so this has to be a bottom-up solution.

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Along these lines, one of the challenges that we're facing is that we do not have concrete definition or one single definition on DNS abuse. We have several definitions of the term, and based on that, the work and the contribution of the community has to be that of creating something that has to be more concrete in order to provide ICANN with the necessary tools to comply with all the necessary regulations and to fight DNS abuse based on the policies established by the community.

When it comes to the geopolitical aspect, at ICANN, we have a collaborative position, and we are trying to address the different initiatives at an early stage. So we're trying to address this from a legal and political point of view and the idea is to address these topics through the different teams because we have different decision makers involved in this situation.

So this is a sort of educational effort for all of us. this means that we are trying to be out of the political scenario but trying to be very active in the educational sphere for our decision makers to be well aware of the situation so that they have the necessary information and tools on the impacts that this may have on the domain name and Internet infrastructure.

So we are trying to create awareness, we are building capacities, and we have to educate decision makers on this aspect.

LITO IBARRA: In addition to León's comment, we have different work tracks at ICANN. On one hand, we know that the SSAC is actively working on not a definition but is working on certain guidelines on this particular issue,

on the DNS abuse issue. We also have other working groups working on this issue, and we have already seen abuses that are related to the crisis that we are now undergoing at this particular point in time.

So we see some fraud cases and some abusive situations that we need to address, so we're asking for the collaboration of the different working groups at ICANN to address the situation. Unfortunately, there are people who are abusing and trying to make the most of this situation, so we have to give priority to these topics in order to avoid these sort of situations.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Lito, and thank you, León, for your contributions. Thank you, Sergio, as well.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: So we have ten minutes to the end of this call, and there are some items that we need to address. First of all, let me say that we had not long ago a board meeting. At that meeting, we discussed certain topics such as the cancellation of the board meeting that was going to be held in Cancun.

Then we were discussing the activities for April and May. We were supposed to have a face-to-face meeting, but now we're going to hold a virtual meeting. We started by having some virtual meetings. the idea, the objective of those meetings was to create a [thought] analysis. We're working on that analysis, and the result of this is going to be guidelines so that we can create our strategy.

This strategy will provide the board with some guidelines and objectives to be met in a five-year period, and regardless of the leadership, the most important thing about this is that the board will have a clear goal to move forward, and those who are leaders will have to be able to meet all those goals.

After this five-year plan, we'll create a new five-year plan, because this is what we need for our institution. This is only for the board. In the coming month, we will have one strategy for LACRALO. That is to say, we're going to create a long strategy, a strategy for some years, and then each of the leaders and the region itself will work on different alternatives to meet those goals. So we're thinking about having a five-year plan as well for LACRALO.

And now I'm going to speak about the governance working group. I want to be very brief, because as you know, this is good news, but we have finished with the rules of procedures draft, so today or tomorrow morning, we're solving some technical issues in our working group, but I know that this is going to be solved shortly, so the members of the working group will be receiving the final draft, so we created a subgroup to be able to develop this topic.

We will work at the working group, we'll discuss the document in the working group, and then we'll also have a discussion in the region in order to finish the document and to submit that document for approval. And then we will see if there is any adjustment to be made to the document.

So for me, this is good news, and shortly, I believe we will be celebrating the fact that we will be having our rules of procedures. It took us some time to reach to this point, but of course, this is part of our activity. So Alberto, please go ahead.

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you, Sergio. I have a question. I didn't understand the difference between the LACRALO strategy and the strategy for the board. Are they different ones?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, of course. Let me answer to your question very briefly. The board will have a strategy. This has to be [a work of] strategy, and this has to be framed under the activities of the board. So the strategy is going to be different to that of the LACRALO region because in LACRALO, we have a different structure, we have different voices, and LACRALO is related to the ICANN policy. So LACRALO will need a different strategy.

So on one hand, we have this small structure, this is the LACRALO structure. The board, which belongs to the LACRALO leadership. And on the other hand, we have LACRALO. LACRALO is a region, and we need a regional strategy based on policies and activities. So that is the main difference. That's why we're undertaking two different efforts, because we need to discuss the different actions to be taken, we need to take into account the goals, we need to set the goals and we need to define the roles of the secretaries, of the ALAC members, and at the same time, LACRALO needs to have its own strategy and tactics.

So tactics will be defined by the leaders of the region. For example, I am ending my term next year, so next time, Central America will have its own leader, and those leaders will be setting the tactics. But the strategy needs to be framed and this has to be in line with the region.

So whenever we speak about regional strategy, we're going to speak about profound issues that we need to discuss, and each of the leaders in the region will have to keep on discussing the topics. We will all have to discuss and to make our path so as to meet the regional objectives. I don't know if I'm being clear now.

ALBERTO SOTO: Okay, I understand now, because the board cannot make any decisions. Thank you, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: you're welcome. Is there any other comment or any other question? Any question, any comment, any input?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Carlton was asking something in the chat.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I cannot read Carlton's comment. Let me check.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sergio, Carlton asks if you could clarify the question for translation and transcription, but I have already answered that question to him.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. So just a brief comment. The governance working group members will be receiving tonight or tomorrow morning a draft of a document in two languages: Spanish and English. So if that is Carlton's question, Carlton will be receiving that document in English to provide his input, and this is going to be also sent to English speakers, and the same applies for Spanish speakers.

Okay, if there are no further comments or further topics to discuss, we will adjourn our meeting. Today, I think we had 90 minutes for this call, so this meeting is shorter. But in any case, if there are no comments, let me say goodbye to you all, and please, let's keep on working. So thank you very much.

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