

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - LACRALO Representative on the At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)
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Dear Colleagues,

I feel both privileged and humbled to be nominated as LACRALO Representative on the At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) for the term 2020-2022, and I am looking forward to participating in, and contributing to the ALAC as we navigate this most critical period in world history.

We are living through a once in a century global crisis, where the Internet and its accompanying applications, tools and related human capital/expertise are being called upon to redouble efforts to support the global user community in a collective impetus to navigate the “new normal” in a world traumatized by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is my strong belief that the ICANN At Large Community is uniquely positioned to play a consequential role in this regard. There is perhaps no more diverse or qualified global community, representing the interests of Internet end-users, involved in the DNS policy advisory process. Indeed, this is the key motivation behind my interest in serving on the ALAC at this time as I believe my experience and skillset are well suited to the ALAC’s requirements.

I am an ICT and Digital Economy Strategist and am currently employed at a Caribbean-based Digital Advisory services consultancy, [TFH & Associates](#), where I function as the Chief Executive. I possess close to twenty-five (25) years' local, regional and international experience spanning work in both the public and private sectors where I have been integrally involved in the design and implementation of several globally recognized award-winning initiatives such as [SurePay](#), [ttconnect](#), [TTBizLink](#), and [Star.tt](#). I have represented Trinidad & Tobago in various international forums, including at the 2016 [G77 Meeting of Experts on ICTs and Sustainable Development for South-South Cooperation](#), the Executive Management Committee of the [Commonwealth Cybercrime Initiative](#), a two-year term as Vice Chair of [ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee \(GAC\)](#), and co-coordination of the [Dynamic Coalition on Small Island Developing States \(SIDS\) in the Internet Economy](#) at the [United Nations Internet Governance Forum](#).

With respect to my ICANN volunteer work, I attended my first ICANN Meeting as a Fellow at ICANN 35 in Sydney, Australia, and have since attended 29 Public Meetings. After serving on the GAC from 2010-13, I was elected to the aforementioned GAC Leadership Team, serving two years as Vice Chair. Following this, I was asked by the Leadership to co-chair the [GAC Under-served Regions Working Group](#) focusing on capacity building within developing and emerging economies primarily in the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific regions, and to take the Lead on the [GAC Technology Task Force](#), charged with the redevelopment and redeployment of the GAC’s website on a new ICANN web platform. I also responded to the call to participate as a Community Mentor in [ICANN's Pilot Community Onboarding Program](#), a role which I performed from [ICANN 55](#) through to [ICANN 59](#), handing over the Mentorship mantle to my graduating, fully onboarded mentee at the end of the Johannesburg meeting. In 2018, I was selected to serve as the Latin American and Caribbean Regional At Large member on the [2019 ICANN Nominating Committee](#) and in 2019, I was selected to serve a second term on the [2020 ICANN Nominating Committee](#). Over the last 10 years, I have participated in, and contributed to, several ICANN Cross Community Working Groups and at this point, I am currently focused on contributing effectively to the extensive ongoing work of the 2020 Nominating Committee, and its sub-committees as a senior member, having served on the previous NomCom, [where we are currently engaging in a complex and challenging Assessment & Selection exercise](#) given the current global state of play.

I have conducted Academic Teaching and Research work at the [DiploFoundation/University of Malta](#), where I am currently a member of their Teaching and Research Faculty and at [The University of the West Indies](#), where I received a 1st Class Honours Degree in Sociology & Psychology in 1996. Since then, I have continued my postgraduate learning path at [Royal Holloway College, University of London](#), at the [National University of Singapore \(e-Government Leadership Centre, Institute of Systems Science\)](#), and in 2019, after completing further studies in Entrepreneurship and Small & Medium Enterprise Management at the [Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business](#), I received a Masters in Small & Medium Enterprise Management with Distinction.

As Director of the [Trinidad & Tobago Multistakeholder Advisory Group](#), I played an integral role in convening the inaugural [Trinidad & Tobago Internet Governance Forum](#) in January 2017 and have continued in this role right through to the most recent TTIGF held in January 2020. I was the founding Vice Chair of the [Internet Society Trinidad & Tobago Chapter](#) from 2011-2017 and was elected its Chair for the period 2017-19.

Colleagues, the role and voice of At Large, now, more than ever, is one that **should**, and under its current leadership framework, I fully anticipate **will**, continue to engage with the wider ICANN Community - **especially within its underserved communities** - to improve, expand, enhance and further evolve the DNS ecosystem for the benefit of the entire global user community. I am volunteering to serve on the ALAC in furtherance of this objective, and I look forward to earning your trust and gaining your support as we work and collaborate with each other to keep the Internet **secure, stable and interoperable**.