CLAUDIA RUIZ:	This is Claudia Ruiz speaking. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the LACRALO monthly meeting this Monday, April the 20th, 2020, at 23:00 UTC.
	On today's call, we have Sergio Salinas Porto, Adrian Carballo, Alberto Soto, Anahi Menendez, Gilberto Lara, Humberto Carrasco, Leon Sanchez, Lilian Ivette De Luque, Lito Ibarra, Raitme Citterio, and Vanda Scartezini.
	On the English channel, we have Omir Kerry Kerr.
	From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Rodrigo Saucedo, David Plumb, and myself, Claudia Ruiz. I will be managing the call today.
	Our interpreters today are, on the English and Spanish line, Veronica and Claudia and, on the Portuguese channel, Esperanza and Bettina. On the French channel, we have Claire and Camila.
	Before starting, I would like to remind you all to please state your names when taking the floor, not only for the transcription but also for the interpretation.
	With that, Sergio, I give the floor to you. Thank you.
SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	Thank you, Claudia. Welcome, everyone. Thanks for joining this meeting. Today we have just a few items on the agenda to address. I don't know if Harold is already connected on the call. Otherwise, I will begin by reading the agenda for today.

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Let me give you a point of clarification. Even though we have a few items to discuss today, these topics are quite long items to discuss and very deep items to discuss, so we will have a long discussion. If Harold is not already on the call, I will just proceed to read the agenda for its adoption.

I can hear an echo on my line. I don't know where this echo is coming from. Can you please mute?

I will start by reading the agenda [inaudible] welcome, then approval of the agenda, and the updating of the regional strategy plan. This will be delivered by our dear friend, Rodrigo Saucedo. Then we have another item. This is the overlapping between ALSes and [inaudible] At-Large parties of the ICANN community. Humberto Carrasco will be updating us on that topic. Then we have Item #6. These are the metrics. This point or item will be delivered by Harold. Then we will have a webinar on the new rules of procedures. As we already know, we will have Item #8, and this is Any Other Business. If there is anyone who would like to add any other business, please raise your hand now or say it now.

If there are no comments, I will start by—I understand the agenda is now adopted—addressing our first item. This is the update of the regional strategy plan. I would like to welcome Rodrigo Saucedo. Rodrigo, welcome to the call.

RODRIGO SAUCEDO: Thank you, Sergio. I'm going to speak about this strategic plan in the region. This is a plan we have been working on with other colleagues from the region. We had been working with this since the Montreal

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meeting. We realized we needed to create a new strategic plan, and we asked the community if the community thought it was useful to renew the strategy by updating and by aligning the objectives and goals according to ICANN's new strategic plan.

Once we came to an agreement, we started by performing an exercise. This was to identify the different and most important topics for the region. We created an exercise. These are the trends that we now see. This was useful for us to identify the different areas of interest for our strategy and point out the objectives.

Once we have the objectives already aligned with a new strategic plan of ICANN, we started to create projects. This is what we are doing right now. We are in our third edition. We had some back and forth with [the council].

Now I'm going to introduce to you something that we have been working with and that we will have ready in two weeks' or perhaps three weeks' time. We will have this plan posted for public comments for the Latin American and Caribbean region for the community to be able to provide feedback.

Okay, there we go with the slide deck. Without further ado, I would like to start describing the first key area of interest. This area is on the security of the domain name system. The first objective is to raise awareness in the region on DNS security and threats. For this objective, we have three projects. One of them is outreach. This means the outreach on DNS security and threats. The idea for this objective is to create awareness, to provide general awareness, on DNS securities and

threats in the new version of the roadshow that we have. This is going to be done in partnership with regional organizations. So this is the first project that we have ahead.

For this new version, we would like to have something very new when it comes to roadshows. We will continue visiting countries, but I don't think is going to be one single event. We believe it will be worth visiting countries for two or three days and to have meetings with different sectors according to the needs. We need to take into account that there is mapping/there's an identifying of the different gaps of participation in our region. Based on that mapping, we're going to identify and say, for example, if we need ALSes in a certain country, if that is the case, we can go to that country. If we need GAC representatives or a new representative for the GAC, we will go to that country, or perhaps if we have a GAC representative who is no longer active. So that is the first one.

When it comes to the second project, this is a project on materials on DNS security and threats. Now, OCTO is creating new material on this issue, but, of course, we are well aware that we need to translate that material, and then we need to distribute the material to the region. So this second project will be based on that. We need to be updated, and we will be translating and distributing and circulating materials and documents to the region.

The third project is social media and communication regarding DNS security and DNS threats. Basically, the idea is to create a small social media campaign to raise awareness and to communicate to our

community the different things that are related to DNS security and DNS threats.

So that would be our first objective.

Please, let's go to the next slide. The second objective for this area of interest is to establish regional capacity-building programs on DNS security and threats. For this objective, the first project is what we already have been doing with LACTLD. This is the internship program that we have available. We provide support to ccTLDs in the region. We provide support to small and medium-sized ccTLDs for them to be able to implement best practices and to exchange ideas among them. So this is a project that comes from our previous strategy, but I believe it is a very good idea, a very good project, that has a good impact on ccTLDs in the region.

The second project is to create a sort of syllabus on a yearly basis to determine or see the webinars that we will be delivering. We're always focusing on DNS securities and threats. Of course, the idea is to organize these webinars and to deliver the webinars.

The third project that we have is training. We would like to create a program to provide a face-to-face or one-to-one online training program on DNS security and threats. Of course, this is for ISPs, vendors, developers, trainers, and ccTLDs.

Next slide, please. Our third objective is to increase cooperation with regional organizations on DNS security. In this area, what we are looking for is this: we would like to create a partnership with these stakeholders and with the organizations in the region in order to promote, in a

coordinated manner, and to identify and mitigate security issues and threats on the DNS. Of course, the idea is to fight or combat the DNS abuse. So this is a very new project. I'm just sharing with you the main idea. As you can see here, there is a title or name for the project. In this case, it's to increase cooperation. Then you will read a brief description. Once we are in the implementation phase, we will have to update the text [of] this idea because we will have to start working on the project.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sorry, I'm having some issues. I am not hearing you.

RODRIGO SAUCEDO: Sergio, I can hear you. Can you hear me?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yeah we can hear you, Rodrigo.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Rodrigo, I can hear you.

RODRGIO SAUCEDO: Okay. Next slide, please. Sorry. Before going forward, the next objective for Area #1 is to support the decentralization and distribution of the DNS root server. This well known as the IMRS. This is the ICANN-Managed Root Server. The idea for this particular objective is to

promote the deployment of IMRS in collaboration with network operators in the region and with a regional organization such as LACTLD and LACNIC, allowing us to work together and to improve the IMRS.

Next slide, please. Now I'm going to speak about Area of Interest #2. This area is related to ICANN's multi-stakeholder model. This first objective has to do with outreach. How can we go out and find new people to bring them to ICANN's ecosystem? How can we fill the existing gaps in participation? We have three projects available, allowing us to create outreach to bring new people, new blood, to the ecosystem. So the first objective is outreach in the region. This is has to do with the roadshow, as I mentioned before. And this has to do with how we can use this new version of the LAC roadshow and how we're going to share information on ICANN, how people can participate in ICANN's structure, what can we do with someone who does not know anything about ICANN's structure, and can we present that information to them? Then we have outreach webinars. These are online webinars. The idea is to organize a series of average webinars for people who were not involved in ICANN's structure in the LAC region. Then we have the community engagement plan. These are plans are being created by LACRALO and other communities because this project will help us to support these new plans. When these plans are ready and available, and once we are ready with a program, we can just discuss how can we help supplement each other.

Next slide, please. This is Objective #2. After performing outreach, we have people who are already involved in ICANN's ecosystem, so we will need to see how we can make them participate or increase their participation in an effective way. We need to take into account different

situations here. In the first case, we need to take into account communications on ICANN's PDPs. We need to provide information to the community and to the region on PDPs [on] what are the most important PDPs and the stages of the PDPs that are in process. This is really important for our community to be able to participate in one way or another and for them to understand the importance of their participation.

The second project has to do with capacity-building webinars. The idea here is to organize a series of capacity-building webinars to address PDPs, issues, and other processes or other topics that are related to ICANN's ecosystem. This is what we did in LACRALO, so this is a project we have been working with for quite a long time now. We say that we will be delivering six webinars on a yearly basis, which have different topics for those webinars. What we do is we deliver those webinars on our monthly meetings. Basically, we perform these on a [bi]-monthly basis.

Then we have the Lac Space. I believe that most of you, if not all of you, already know this space. I believe that we need to continue with this space. However, the mission of this new working group needs to evolve, and we need to see how we can evolve, to put it somehow, the concept of the LAC Space. We need to take this to the next step or the next phase just to see that this is some space helping everyone and helping participants at ICANN's meetings.

Then we have the fourth project. This is a different session at ICANN meetings, and this is a capacity development session for the region. In the working group, we will have to determine the topics and

methodology to work with this. Then we will have to discuss how we can approach our community in an ICANN meeting.

The fifth project has to do with incentivizing participation in webinars. This is an old project. The idea is to promote participation in webinars by creating a contest and awards. We have been doing this for four years now. If people participate in five of the six webinars, they will be able to participate or be part of a contest or to obtain an award. So I believe this is something really interesting to promote participation in our region.

Then we have the readout session. After each ICANN meeting, we create these readout sessions to summarize the most important topics being discussed at ICANN meetings. What we do is we invite participants, we invite speakers, for them to speak about the most important topics in that particular ICANN meeting.

Next slide, please. [inaudible] key area of interest is the unique identifier system. I know that I have three minutes remaining, so I'm going to speed up. Basically, we tried to raise awareness and promote topics related to universal acceptance, IDNs and IPv6.

The first project is to support the projects that are already in place in the region related to universal acceptance.

The second is to raise awareness regarding IDNs and universal acceptance as well. The idea basically is to translate all materials that we have already in place—there's a lot—in the regional places and distribute the material. I think this is really important and has not been done in a large scale. We may see some things in Spanish, but it's

important to have this project [ongoing] so as to understand that, if there is a document, we may translate it and distribute it.

The third one is to raise awareness for new [inaudible] of opportunities so as to give some presentations and to address new audiences—maybe CTOs or developers—in the region. I think this is really very important so that they may be aware and understand what universal means and is.

The second objective in this case is to promote use of domain names in the region. This is a [joint effort] together with the ccTLDs in the region and regional organization to promote use of domain names.

The second project is the LAC DNS Forum. It's been organized year after year—in five consecutive years, as a matter of fact—and we are aware and we certainly believe that this event should be the most important regional event for us, of course, regarding DNS. Of course, it should become the most important event.

Next slide. Now we're moving to the KAI-4 regional geopolitics. In this case, we have two projects. The objective is to build alliances for the Internet ecosystem so as to raise awareness and to have relations and engage with regional stakeholders so as to talk about ICANN's mission and policymaking.

The first project is to raise awareness, addressing lawmakers, regulators, and stakeholders, talking about ICANN's mission, and, of course, the policymaking of ICANN.

The second one is related to capacity building. In this case, the idea is to improve the relationship with national and regional organizations so as

to promote capacity building and, within that framework, talk about ICANN's mission and policymaking.

Next slide. I think this is it. I've exceeded the time allocated to me but not so much. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to address all of you. It's really great talking to you. Of course, I will answer any questions you may have.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Rodrigo. We are really very pleased to have you with us. Surely you certainly monitor everything that is going on in the region. Certainly, we Latins are very happy.

Is there any questions? Is there any comments regarding Rodrigo's presentation? Because this is the time to do it. I will give you a few seconds to see if any hand is raised to make any comments or questions.

Vanda, you have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you very much, Rodrigo. I think this has been a very good presentation. Yes, [inaudible] can certainly rely on [inaudible] here in the region. Our software organization is within ICANN in the Business Constituency. We have started two projects with ICANN universal acceptance and DNS security, so I'm here for whatever you may need. Thank you very much.

RODRIGO SAUCEDO: Thank you very much, Vanda. I would like to tell you that this document is undergoing [proofreading] [inaudible] to check [inaudible] is correct. Then we will open the public comment period. So, once open, you may make suggestions and comments. Once we have that, we will have the final version.

After that, we will start with the implementation. At that point, we will create working groups, working parties, for each project, and we will start working. Of course, all of you are welcome. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Rodrigo. Vanda, please put down your hand if it is an old hand. Thank you very much. So thank you very much, Rodrigo.

Now we will move on to the next topic, the next item, on our agenda. So Rodrigo Saucedo has already spoken, and now we have Humberto Carrasco, our ALAC member. He will talk about the overlap between ALSes and At-Large participants in the ICANN community.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much. I certainly thank you for then opportunity for talking about that, but I think that the title is not right. I wanted to talk about certain collisions or crashes [between] working group[s]. Just give me on sec, please. I'm trying to find out the name. Just let me check. The work on the mobilization of ALSes. We have a regulation in our rules of procedures …

INTERPRETER: Interpreters apologize, but we're not hearing Humberto.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Humberto, are you there?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: [inaudible].

SILVIA VIVANCO: Claudia, can you help us reconnect with Humberto, please?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: I think that he dropped.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Well, since we cannot have Humberto right now, why don't—oh. Is he again with us?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Yes. I had to change the device. We received an e-mail from Alan Greenberg to ALAC leaders and RALO leaders, and he reported about a working party regarding the mobilization of ALSes. There was some conclusions in that working party saying that the representatives of the RALOs—the RALO leaders—and ALAC members may have some other rules of procedures within ICANN's organization chart.

The e-mail was quite long, but certainly he pointed out two recommendation made by this working party. One of them said, with respect to the ALSes, representatives, and the [other regarded institutional point of view] … So I was [inaudible] with the first recommendation regarding the ALSes' representative in their capacity to participate in some other working groups. They reached the conclusion saying that there is no prohibition in ICANN's regulation so that the ALS representative may also have a position or a role in some other parts of ICANN outside At-Large and that, in those positions, they are comparable or similar. For instance, in the recommendation, they talk about being a member of another constituency. It may be an AC or SO. I'm speaking about that because, in our rules of procedures, we are prohibiting RALO leaders in Section 21, if I'm not mistaken … We are saying, in the last paragraph, that there should be no conflict like that, being a representative of a GAC or any other AC or SO. But this working party is saying that there is no problem and so any RALO leader may have a position in another stakeholder group. We said that there was a conflict of interest. The e-mail is quite long. I'm going to circulate it to the LACRALO members so you may read it.

It also talks about institutional membership and the sense that there is no other prohibition that an ALS may be an institutional member of any other part of ICANN or may be part of the IPC or NCSG within the GNSO or GNSO. But the only obligation of an ALS was to declare, to state it out.

So I'm calling your attention to the LACRALO members and leaders because, within our rules of procedures, we are [setting] a conflict of

interest. So, once approved, I think we will have to change the conclusion this working party is reaching.

Now I'd like to know if any other wants to make a comment or question. Sergio, that's all on my part.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Humberto. Vanda first, and then I will raise my hand so as to give my opinion in this respect. Vanda, you have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Humberto, really there is no logic to me when you say that a person in a leadership position in a RALO … How is it possible to defend or raise any other position, particularly if he or she going to be part of the leadership of another group? I really did not understand correctly how this could be approved because, if you participate … I may say, by means of example, that many of our colleagues have participated at ICANN in some other ACs and SOs. They participated in At-Large, RALOs, and ALAC, but, if they are leaders or in a leadership position, I think there is a conflict—and important conflict—here because you can expect someone who participated in a group being focused on another, particularly if he or she is the leader of more than one group. I think that this is strange.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Vanda. I will give my opinion—very short opinion—and then I will give the floor to Harold. I am reading something that Humberto is saying. "Please send the complete information to review it, particularly

regarding the specific remit of that working party." I think that Humberto has already wrote down something in the chat box. If you don't speak English, you may just copy it and use Google Translator or some other translation tool.

I will give my opinion, which is quite simple. Vanda is expressing something—I will put the same emphasis—which is the purpose of a person that is a constituency representing the interests of the companies, businesses, and registries, and, maybe at the same time, was an ALAC member and tried to influence or have leadership in ALAC decisions. I think that, as an advisory structure to the ICANN Board, this is the place where they would like to be. So there's lots of sectors in ICANN where you may have an influence and then you may participate on behalf of end users so as to reach a given decision. We have always discussed [in a year] how to divide the representation of the end users at the RALO level. Certainly, this is really very important.

We talked today with Humberto to try and prepare some kind of decision where at least some members—if you want, all LACRALO members; perhaps there is not a majority but a minority or a reduced group of users of LACRALO—may have a say and give our opinion. So we have been working for a long time. In LACRALO's history, we have always stated that there are some conflicts. There are conflicts in governments representing users and representing companies. So this is part of this logic.

So I think that Alan is certainly an influence in all that. It's his way of thinking. I accept his way of thinking, but certainly I do not share his way of thinking and the way of thinking of the group he is leading.

So I hope that we may prepare a document signed by most of the people of the region. First of all, perhaps we may write something down with Humberto tomorrow, and then we will circulate it. So perhaps more people may join that decision. Certainly, this is changing the balance of power within ICANN when a group may be part of another and may have what we call double-dipping. So they work on behalf of the business or the company and behalf of the users.

Harold, you hand is up, so you have the floor.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Sergio. I would just like to add these two points that have been highlighted in Alan's letter. He talks about the ALS representatives, and he stressed that it's only ALS representatives. The scenario mentioned is a scenario in which these representatives were helping with some kind of influence or in an influential role in some other part of ICANN. So this ALS representative would be outside ALAC rules. So, if the ALAC is not prohibiting this, that working party may be in isolation of any criteria. [Say there's a group of representatives or ALSes that generated some kind of influential position.]

In the second block of criteria, he mentioned institutionality. So that group, that working party, assessed that there is almost 40 ALSes with voting rights. Within this group is NCSG, for instance. There was a consensus on the fact that there was no actual harm while they were working on that working group. But, to give an answer to Alberto, this is being discussed, so we my repeat the request to Humberto so that this

letter may be circulated because we want to read the e-mail or letter sent by Alan so as to give our opinion. Thank you very much, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Harold. There are some issues that are being posted on the chat. I see Alejandro. He's saying that this should be circulated to the mailing list so that we can have a discussion on the topic. So, yes, I believe this is the place where we should discuss these issues, so we will do whatever is necessary for all of us to be able to participate in the discussions and for all of us to be able to make a decision.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Sergio, sorry for interrupting you. We need to take into account a recommendation by the working group that we received on the ALAC mailing list and on the RALO mailing list. We need to work on the recommendations. So what I did is to bring the topic to LACRALO because I believe this is a topic that we all need to discuss. That's why we can circulate the recommendation on the mailing list. We can also circulate this information to the working group. Then we will see if we can just have a LACRALO opinion.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Humberto, if I may, can I please ask you to circulate that to the mailing list? Can you please take care of that? Can you please gather all the necessary information and create a Google Doc just in case it is necessary to create that document in order to have a position or a point of view by the LACRALO members? Can you please do that?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Yes, of course. I have no issues in forwarding the e-mail to the mailing list because this is being sent to the LACRALO members as well. So what I suggest is sharing this with all the LACRALO members and seeing if we are against these recommendations or not. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, Humberto, that sounds good, so please go ahead.

We have another item on the agenda. These are the LACRALO metrics. But, before that, is there any other comment? Anyone who would like to make a comment or a question?

If not, I will bring this item to a close and then I will give the floor to Harold. Harold, please go ahead.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Sergio. Claudia, could you please upload my presentation on the screen? Thank you.

Okay, there we go. First of all, I would like to remind you all that these metrics were approved some time ago, on January the 23rd, and we have been working on data gathering. Also, we have been working on the mechanisms so as to be able to implement these metrics.

I'm going to divide the information into different sections. First of all, we have participation criteria. For those of you who do not know them, these are the criteria. When it comes to participation, we have been discussing criteria on participation in meetings—virtual meetings and face-to-face meetings—participation in working groups at all levels,

meaning LACRALO, ALAC, and ICANN working groups, participation in mailing lists, participation in local and regional events with specific content and on particular topics related to our MOU signed with ICANN. This means there is an event that is relevant for end users, but the topics are not included there. These will be considered a regional event.

I see now on the screen that we have a list of names. In the region nowadays, we have a certain difference regarding member participation. We need to take into account participation criteria for this. In the document that we had before, we could also see that active participation means to participate in at least 50% of monthly LACRALO meetings. So participation in 50% means at least participation in five or six monthly meetings. We have 37 ALSes that are not meeting this criteria regardless of their participation in a webinar or in any other meeting or an At-Large or LACRALO or ICANN webinar. We have 28 ALSes that do meet these criteria—this active participation criteria.

Then we have other criteria that is being reflected and translated in our metrics, and they are related to the following things. People or participants need to participate in webinar—a LACRALO webinar, in an ICANN webinar—and they need to have members participating in the working group. In this case, we are considering the ALS participation. We are not considering individual members participation. An ALS may be composed of eight or nine members. If there is one member that meets this criteria or this requirement, then the ALS will be compliant with these requirements. So we have 28 ALSes missing the minimum participation requirement of 50%, and there are 37 ALSes that are not meeting this criteria.

Then we have other elements to take into account. We need to evolve our metric system because one of the criteria that we reflect on the metrics is that the members of the ALSes need to participate in mailing lists. This means that we need to review all the mailing lists—not only the LACRALO mailing list, but we also need to review other ALSes or other working group mailing lists. We also need to review the ICANN mailing list because someone may be participating in one working group and meeting the criteria. So this applies nowadays for the 58 ALSes coming from 22 countries.

We also have observers, so we need to take into account that members who are observers are considered to be those members that are awaiting approval to become an ALS or those possible members that are in the process of being approved. For that particular case, we are holding some conversations with these members, and we need to take into account the next steps to move forward.

And we need to take into account three important topics. One of them is data gathering. It is important to automatize data gathering because the ICANN staff, as well as the LACRALO Board members and the secretariat team, which is myself, mainly, and our Secretary-Elect, Kerry, we are still working on data gathering, and we are doing that manually. But we are facing certain challenges because we make some mistakes. We are trained to improve this system by providing an automatic process.

So we are proposing to adopt these in the agenda in order to evolve our metric system and in order to be able to have a certain basis to improve throughout time because we need to understand the meaning, and we

need to understand the main objective of the metrics. This is that we need to keep in touch with people. We need to keep in touch and we need to consult with them, with different people, and to learn why they are not participating anymore.

So the main objective of our metrics is to promote participation. The idea is to provide people space for them to be able to provide input according to their skills and according to their understanding of the ICANN ecosystem. Based on that, we need to take some steps forward. We're working on improving the system. As I said before, we have 28 ALSes meeting criteria, and we have 37 ALSes that not meeting criteria.

So this is my report. Of course, I am open to receive any questions or comments. As I said before, we are going to present these to the Governance Working Group in order to gather some input from the regional community. So I'm open to receive any question or any comment. Please feel free to do that. Sergio, you have the floor again. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Harold. I see Alejandro, Raitme, and Alberto. I'm going to ask you to be very brief because we are running out of time and because we need to address another important topic and these other rules of procedure. So please be very brief in your intervention. Thank you. Alejandro, please go ahead.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Good afternoon, everyone. Can you hear me?

We need to take into account how our procedures have been changing in the region. We also need to take into account the policy institutions that are the most important part in ICANN. LACRALO and other RALOs have [revealed that] they have discussion on these topics. Of course, these make participation decrease. So I believe that it would be good to, for example, every two weeks, address a certain issue and analyze the impact that this may have in other parts of the region. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Alejandro. I believe that Raitme is first and then Alberto. Raitme, please?

RAITME CITTERIO: I would like to make a point of clarification. There was a general situation that was announced, and this has to do with ALSes meeting criteria. So I believe that this should be published in an e-mail that has to be circulated to the mailing list or perhaps to another mailing list so that we can see on a monthly basis so that we can identify on a monthly basis the ALSes that are not meeting the minimum criteria.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Raitme. So that is our intention. That is what we are trying to do. So I believe that shortly you will see that.

Alberto, please go ahead.

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you. I believe that it would be good to be able to automatize data gathering, but there is another important thing that concerns me, and this is who will be able to be candidates for a certain position. This has to be also take into account in relation to the metrics.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, Alberto, you are right, but I believe that we should have a special call to address this particular issue from the Governance Working Group. We can provide any invitation to you all so that we can discuss altogether this important topic.

Now I believe it is time to give the floor to David Plumb. David, it's a pleasure to have you here. Sorry for the time. We are running out of time. So please feel free to deliver your presentation, and welcome again.

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you, Sergio. It's a pleasure to be here with you again. For those of you who do not know me, let me say very briefly that I am providing support to the RALO on governance issue for quite a long time now with the objective to improve this governance issue so that the RALO can improve its relationship with ICANN.

Last year, and the year before, LACRALO approved by consensus the operating principles. This was a huge step ahead. What we are doing now is to discuss the rules of procedures that will supplement the operating principles. So this is focused on then operational issues of LACRALO.

You will see a slide on the screen. These are some of the items on which the Governance Working Group has been working. There is a draft which is almost a final document to be circulated and shared with all the RALOs. We are still discussing this draft. What we do is to use the language and the agreements from the operating principles. So this is very important to take into account. What was agreed on that operating principle document is on the rules—the definition of ALS, how to understand possible conflict of interest. Then we have the rotation principle among the regions and the weight voting. So these are the main topics, main issues, that are contained in the rules. These rules need to be implemented. They need to be enforced. Some parts of the operating principles were very important, but there were some other parts that had to be improved. These rules help us to improve the operating principles when it comes to election, when it comes to assemblies, and when it comes to meetings—for example, when it comes to the one we are holding today. There is also a definition of the procedures that are being required for participation and meetings like the one we are having today, as I said before.

Then the address the issue of individual users. This issue is addressed by the creation of an individual-member ALS. I wish that this is going to be something good for you because we have been discussing if individual members are eligible to be candidates for leadership positions. So we had different positions, different points of view, and then there was a consensus. You said, yes, they are okay to be in leadership positions, but they have to be nominated by the traditional ALS. They have to be active members in LACRALO as well.

So these are some of the items that are really important for you to take into account. So, when you read this draft document that is going to be issued by the Governance Working Group, these are the topics that you need to take into account.

I'm going to mention some other elements that are also important and that we need to take into account for the elections of this month.

Please, let's go to the next slide. In this case, we see the details of elections and some key points to take into accounts. These criteria are going to be applied in the elections that are going to be held this month. I'm going to mention them because they're a step forward in the discussion and from the previous process.

The election process for this year is going to respect the rotation principle that was approved in the operating principles. This rotation principle is going to be enforced as followed. A candidate may be nominated by any LACRALO member. However, this nominated candidate must be a member of an ALS and would have to be located in the corresponding subregion. For example, let's say that Central America and Mexico are to nominate candidates for the vice-chair position. LACRALO can nominate, but the candidate must be from an ALS in that subregion. The rules also provide for certain situations that might be possible in the future. Let's suppose that there is no available candidate for the applicable or corresponding subregions. Therefore, the ALSes of that subregion shall be able to nominate candidates from any ALS in LACRALO, but the subregion needs to nominate the candidate.

So, when there are exceptions, those exceptions are not going to change the rotation principle because this is a principle that was drafted last year, and this rotation principle is not being improved. So we need to stick to that principle, to that table, and to the subregions available.

There are some other items that are also important and relevant to highlight. For example, when there is only one candidate for one particular position, that candidate might be chosen by acclimation. So all ALSes that are accredited will be entitled to vote for any position, but we still need to discuss the issue of active ALSes. However, in the rules of procedure, we will be mentioning or talking about active ALSes, and we will be basing on the metrics to decide if the ALSes are active or not. The candidate that gets a plurality—this means that they get the higher amount of votes—will win. So this does not necessarily require 50% of the vote. When we're holding elections, as it is the case of year, outside of the scope of our generally assembly, quorum will be at least 50% of active ALSes. So we will need to see how we are going to implement for this year and for these elections. So quorum in this case means at least 50% of the active ALSes will have to cut their vote, and they'll need to how that they're participating, somehow, in the election. These are important points that will be used in this election as a recommendation of the governance group. Of course, it has some consistency towards what had been done last year.

Now we're moving forward. In this specific election, the chair-elect has resigned, so we're going to elect another one. There is a draft paper prepared, a draft section, for this specific case. It says that, in case of resignation, this same position will be filled by another representative from the same subregion. So, in this forthcoming election, the resigning

person came from Central America. So that subregion—Central America and Mexico in this case—will have to elect somebody in this position or, let's say, nominate somebody.

Finally, it says that you may take over the position immediately after the election, so there's no need to wait for the general procedure that will happen afterwards. In the case of the chair-elect this person—this incoming chair-elect—will certainly fulfill the [tenure] [inaudible] in the operating principle. So it will complete the term of the previous chair-elect, in this case. So this is it.

There's one more slide, and then we'll have a conversation. This is my last slide. This is related to individual members. Certainly, this has been quite an issue in LACRALO as well as in other RALOs. According to the rules of procedures, there will be a new ALS. It will be an ALS of individual members. The LACRALO board will organize this new ALS. The board will set the basic rules with not too much bureaucracy. There's no need to incorporate it in any country. It will just be like an extension [of] LACRALO, and it will operate more independently because it will have at least five members, it will have a set of rules of its own, it will have elected members, and it will have annual elections. There's no possibility of reelecting immediately that same person. So there's some [minor details] included.

This new ALS will be entitled to vote, and the weighting will be equal to the lowest weighting of the ALS in the region, or it will be Argentina/Brazil—the country with the largest number of ALSes, as a matter of fact. It will be an individual ALS in Argentina/Brazil. The

members may participate in all activities, as well as any other LACRALO members.

As I mentioned, they may be candidates for positions that must be nominated for but a regular ALS in the subregion corresponding to the position being elected for. Once again, in the case of Central America and Mexico, it has a position to be filled, so the ALS over there may say, "You know what? This time I'm going to nominate a member of the ALS of individual members."

Finally, in our last meeting with the governance group, we decided there should be some of onboarding of these new members. This onboarding will be guided by the LACRALO board, even though the new ALS will be quite independent.

This is everything I wanted to say with respect to the content that will be approved soon. If we want to open up the floor and listen to some reactions, it would be great. I did not have the opportunity of reading the chat, but I see lots of activity there. So you may raise your hands, and we may have a dialogue about the rationale for what the governance group has decided and what they tried to put into practice: the operating principles that have been approved by LACRALO.

Raitme, I see your hand up, so, please, you have the floor.

RAITME CITTERIO: Thank you very much. I have a question. You mentioned that there be an absence—or resignation, in this case—of the chair-elect of LACRALO, so the criteria that has already been established for candidates would b

taken into account. This is [in the sub]region, I mean. Is there any exceptions that may be implemented? Let's say that there is no candidate from that subregion. Thank you.

DAVID PLUMB: Yes—thank you, Raitme—because there is an exception of that sort, and it is what I mentioned two slides before. Claudia, can you please go back? If there is no candidate in that subregion, the ALSes of that subregion may nominate a candidate from other ALSes all over LACRALO. This is the way we are going to cope with that. This is the only way to do it. Then, when the ALS of individual members is working, another option would be for the ALSes of that subregion to nominate a person of that ALS of individual members.

Any other questions?

I'm just trying to read the chat. Alberto Soto is saying that the LACRALO board has an advisory function, so it cannot take any actions like creating a new ALS.

Alberto, you're right that the LACRALO, as it was considered from the very beginning, was just a coordinating body, an articulating body, for the region. Certainly, in these rules, we have [inaudible] section so that the LACRALO board may organize this new ALS on a temporary basis. This is what we are proposing as a temporary section so that the ALS may be up and going—this new ALS, I mean.

I'm just reading something else in the chat, but, if you want, you may raise your hand. I'm just reading. I don't see any other comments— Sergio, your hand is up.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, David. I just want to say that we're going to post these rules of procedure in English and in Spanish so that everyone may read them, review them, analyze them, and then make comments. You may make your contributions in a 15-day period, and then they will be subject to approval or not. We'll see.

What has been important is the work—the hard work—that— [inaudible]—the people—the people that had different ideas in the [past] and we were able to balance our ideas and create these rules of procedures [inaudible] in our region. I know that this may be subject to improvement, of course. This will be a dynamic document in the future. But I think that there may be some process based on the history of the region so that we may improve this. But certainly this is the best that we were able to achieve as of it. There was an open discussion with all members in the region. I think that this is really very important because, when we prepared the operating principles, we saw that—those of us involved in the mediation [strategy] … And David, as a matter of fact [inaudible] only been the facilitator [inaudible] or look to each other's eyes or to understand each other and to move forward regarding better rules of participation, if you want to call it that. This is the time when we may make a contribution by being honest and straightforward. Perhaps there are still some things that are not working okay, so we have to put all this in a Google Doc. We are going to upload it to the wiki page so

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that this may be certainly documented regarding our active participation. And there will be a 15-day period so that, if you want to make a contribution, suggestion, welcome, or reject the work, you may do it. Then the region will have to discuss whether these principles will be approved or not.

So, first of all, I would like to applaud the work you have done, David, and then tell the governance group, regarding this topic [that we're just discussing it in the region that tomorrow] we will just finetune some details. This document will be uploaded so that all of us will be able to work using the Google Doc—making some contributions or whatever. Then the working group will decide which things may be applied or not and which things are breaking the logic of an agreement that has been reached. I'm not talking about structural problems. The idea is not to go back in many things because this is not workable. The idea is that we may have [inaudible] to use this as a working tool and not to start fighting on some things regarding the form. But, as Alejandro said, we have to discuss politics—everything related to form, etc. Thank you very much.

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you very much, Sergio. The great hope, the great idea, behind all this work is that LACRALO may be certainly be focused on [inaudible]. [That] is to work on politics and not just try to overcome a crisis.

I don't know if there is any other comments. Any other thing to be said? Otherwise, this is it.

I see Silvia. Your hand is up.

SILVIA VIVANCO: This is with respect to the election that will be held in all RALOs. The process of nominations starts on Monday, April the 27th, as you said, David. First of all, thank you very much for the work that has been done in this respect in regards to the rules. As you said, the staff will upload this to the wiki page. We're going to review the rules applicable to this election. There are the rules of the draft. The draft that you have mentioned and that you have showed, David, has specific rules that will apply on a temporary basis. While the whole document is being approved, these rules—particularly Sections 19 and 23—will apply to this election that will be launched on April 27th. I wanted to point this out so there is no mistake because this election will be governed by the rules that in fact have not been formally approved by all of LACRALO. However, some sections will be applied to this election in particular with your consensus and based on the recommendation of the Governance Working Group. I wanted to point this out for everyone.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Even though tomorrow you will be receiving the link to the wiki page, and you will also receive an e-mail—a formal e-mail—from April 27th to May the 8th, we have a nomination period. May 15th is the final day to accept nominations. From May 18th to the 22nd is the call to candidates so that they may speak about their ideas. From May 22nd to May 29th, the elections will be held. We have three positions to fill: the ALAC member—that will be led by our friend, Humberto Carrasco—the chair-elect (that was submitted for consideration last year, and Carlos Leal has resigned, so we have to elect another chair-elect that will take over

as chair in November [2020-2021] … And so there are [three] decisions open, and you have to check the relevant subregions to fill these positions. We will receive all that. This is it. Thank you very much.

DAVID PLUMB: I think we are concluding everything related to the rules, so I'll give you the floor again so as to close the meeting.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: It's 1:28, so we're two minutes for the end. This has been a [record] meeting because we have discussed certainly topics of great importance. There has been an opportunity to discuss rules of procedures, metrics—Sylvia, your hand is up. We have two minutes left, Sylvia. You have the floor before concluding.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Good evening, everyone. I would like to take advantage of these last two minutes to say some words about the IDN [inaudible] universal acceptance. I'm leaving this group, and I have great help right now because there is a co-chair of this group: Raitme. Raitme is here with us in the meeting, and we know that he's part of a technical group and is part of the Global Universal Acceptance Team. So we will move really very fast so that LACRALO will officially and finally have the very first local initiative at ALAC. So I wanted to make this announcement. Thank you very much, Raitme, for accepting this decision. I know for sure that we will move fast and well. So this is my official recognition to you, Raitme. Thank you, and good night, everyone.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Sylvia. We are going to conclude the call. We're really very happy because we know about Raitme's capacity and how we works. Certainly, we're all very happy. When we discussed this with Sylvia, we kept on thinking of him so he might assume this responsibility. So welcome aboard, Raitme. We have certainly [inaudible], Raitme, but we will be with you.

Well, this is it. Good night, everyone. Have a nice week. Bye.

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