
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the LACRALO [bi-]monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12th, at 23:00 UTC.

On today's call, we have Sergio Salinas Porto, Carlos Raul Gutierrez, Adrian Carballo, Lilian Ivette De Luque, Harold Arcos, and Sylvia Herlein Leite.

On the English channel, we have Kerry Kerr.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Claudia Ruiz. I will be managing the call today.

Our interpreters today are Veronica and David.

Before starting, I would like to remind you all to please state your names when taking the floor, not only for the transcription purposes but also for interpretation.

Thanks. With that, I give the floor to you, Sergio. Please go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone under this COVID crisis. We have a new meeting of the LACRALO Board. I believe we will have two main topics. One of them will be the working reports, and there will be another item. That is the upcoming elections [and] the rules of procedures document that is ongoing. At the end of the elections, I believe we are going to have new rules of procedures available and, of course, a huge step forward.

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Having said that, I would like to read the agenda for its approval. As I said before, we have the roll call and the welcome session, then we have the adoption of the agenda, and then we have the report of working groups, ALAC member comments, and updates on documents and regional processes.

Is there any other business that you would like to address today? If that is the case, please let me know so that I can add it to Any Other Business. If that is the case, please, you need to type that in the chat. Otherwise, you can raise your hand.

I see no hands up. No comments in the chat. So we will begin the meeting.

The first item on the agenda, as I said before, is the report on working groups. We have domain names and their relationship with users. We have no representative for that LACRALO working group, so we're going to move forward to the LACRALO Working Group on Multilingualism on IDNs. Sylvia, you are in charge, so I give you the floor. Please go ahead.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

Thank you for giving me the floor, Sergio. Good afternoon, good morning, good evening, everyone. As Sergio said before on the [inaudible] of the COVID-19 crisis, I would like to say I imagine that you might be exactly in the same situation. We are facing a new reality. At the very beginning, we thought we would be able to have a lot of free time at home, but the reality is that that's not the case. This is just the other way around. We are fully packed with activities. So this is just to let you know that we haven't been able to make great advancement on

our working group, and we have a delay in the document circulation. The project is already finished. This is a project I have mentioned before on IDNs for LACTLD. That is the LACTLD/LACRALO project. We're going to have that tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. This is, of course, due to the fact that we have added some questions regarding universal acceptance under this project because, as you already know, our working group is divided into multilingualism IDNs and universal acceptance. So the new Co-Chair for the Universal Acceptance part, Raitme, has requested me, since we are going to be in direct touch with LACTLD members, if we could also add some questions related to the universal acceptance. That is the survey that [Gabriella] has created for our working group regarding this issue. So that's why we have some delay in this work, but, of course, this will be ready by this week. This is going to be officially published to be circulated among LACTLD members. Of course, we would like them to reply to us as soon as possible. We're going to analyze the results of the survey, and we're going to do that analysis on two different tracks. On one hand, we will be assessing the IDNs and then the universal acceptance topic under the charge of Raitme.

On the other hand, we are still moving forward with our project on local initiatives. That is the UA local initiative. Raitme started working on the issue two or three weeks ago. We are now trying to send information to the Global Universal Acceptance Working Group. We have no meetings so far, but, when everything is ready, we are going to meet. We're going to have a meeting with all the Multilingualism and Universal Acceptance Working Group members. That's all. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Sylvia. You have been very brief in your comments. Just one point I'm going to repeat in all the groups. We do need to hold those meetings. I know that we're holding many meetings. I personally have four or three or five meetings on a daily basis. Of course, these require time, and these take time from my personal activities. Of course, I have to divide my time into ICANN's activities and other activities. I urge you all that, for our agenda next week, we should have a meeting with the region. We need a meeting with the working groups. I strongly encourage you and urge you to participate in the meetings because, of course, these will lead us to a better communication among the region's members. For these elections, we need as many people as possible to participate and cast their votes and elect candidates. So, for any of these reasons and any other reason, we do need active participation.

And there is a stronger purpose. This is that, if we lose the track of our monthly meetings or our meetings, if we lose the daily training that we have, we're going to start losing people as well. So I would like to invite you all—I say that because Sylvia mentioned that, but I know that many of you will agree on this—to arrange a meeting with your working groups and to invite all members. Nobody reads the mailing lists, so groups are useful. Mailing lists are useful for posting information, but we need to contact our people, our members. So, when we're asked to participate and we say we are the leaders of the region, we are the leaders because we are leading something. But, if we do not have followers, we are not leading anything at all—we are just objects. So let's talk to our members. Let's create an agenda and let's arrange a

meeting to discuss with the members of the region for them to engage actively.

Now I'm going to give the floor to—thank you, Sylvia, for your comments—the Communications Working Group. Lilian Ivette, De Luque, you have the floor. Please go ahead, my dear friend. And welcome to this meeting.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone. I'm going to be very brief. For the first meeting that we held this meeting, one of the short-term objectives was the creation of a newsletter. We started working on that newsletter. I started requesting information, and that information was sent to me. I asked for information from Silvia, Vanda, Sergio, and the ALSes. There was a delay in this because Harold was not able to send certain information, so I was not able to coordinate with him so as to gather certain information. So I could have that information through Silvia and Evin. They were great collaborators. The idea is to engage you all. For that, I sent some e-mails.

As per our conversation, Sergio, in order to have a better perspective for the newsletter, I sent some e-mails to Kerry. He answered me with that it was okay, but I didn't receive the information requested. I also sent an e-mail to Tracy. I had no reply from him. I also sent an e-mail to Sergio, but I have no replies.

So, taking this into account, I believe that we're going to have a [bi-], semestral, or yearly newsletter because I have to still gather

information. I cannot make up information or event information out of the blue.

So I would like to kindly ask you to please work with me so that I can gather than information in order to have updated information.

So I was waiting to have that information available to present that to the working group, to have a meeting with them, and to submit that information to them to get their feedback and then to submit that information to the LACRALO Board just to shape that. Then the newsletter was going to be published. But that was not possible because, as Sylvia is saying, we are very busy to this new situation—the crisis that we’re undergoing—so we need time for that as well.

So now I’m still waiting for that information so as to have hold a meeting with the working group. I was talking to Sylvia, and we set some deadlines for the working group, but I believe that, regardless of this information is ready or not, we need to hold the meeting group meeting in order to redefine and keep on moving forward regarding the communication plan.

So, Sergio, that’s my comment. We still have to arrange a meeting with the working group members and see how we can rearrange the information and get organized in order to have that communication meeting available for the region. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Lilian. You made me laugh. I just sent you the picture that I was owing you.

I'm going to ask all of you to please bear with Lilian. Lilian is working really hard. I'm sure she's also working with Marcelo Rodriguez and some other colleagues. Please do call and try to meet and try to collaborate so that that newsletter can go out. Now that we are all home, maybe we can have more time or maybe just the possibility to read the newsletter that we will send. So this can become a custom, not only for those who are in LACRALO but we can even do some outreach.

We also need to stress that there will be some movement in our LACRALO Board. Humberto will leave his position as an ALAC member in November. I think we need to do some justice with other colleagues, like Tracy, who's going to probably cover Humberto's position. So, from now on, we're going to need to plan so that everybody can have their five minutes of glory and this newsletter can reach many other people.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: And, Sergio, I would to make a call—a [lobbying]call—to all of you. Please do answer the e-mails, just as a question of courtesy. It just won't take much time from you. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Lilian. It is now the time for Adrian Carballo to speak. He's on the Capacity Building Work Group, so he will now have a few minutes to provide us with some information.

But, before that, let me add—and Silvia Vivanco has just added this on the chat—that there will be a few extra issues—kind of a bonus track—and we will add this later. She mentioned this on an addition Skype chat

that she and are having. So there will be a few issues then related to FY '21 outreach and engagement. The other one is a meeting with Rodrigo Saucedo and the GSE to hold the activities that we're now going to tell you about.

Having said this, let me now give the floor to our colleague, Adrian Carballo.

ADRIAN CARBALLO:

Good evening, Sergio, and everybody. I would like to express my solidarity with this COVID-19 that we are all experiencing. Let me say that we are all trying to strength from somewhere to go on.

As for the working group, we have already completed a first version that I am going to send this evening or probably tomorrow morning at the latest. We deal with the ICANN Academy issues in Spanish. It's some kind of a review. [I sent] this first to Sergio and Harold for their remarks, and then we're going to share it with the rest of the directors.

Next Monday, we will hold a webinar to deal with the resiliency and general functioning of the DNS system. It will be provided by [inaudible] joint ICANN, and we hope we can provide you with good information about this.

As for the continuity of the webinars, we have been preparing a webinar schedule. We will probably circulate it soon. We will send you the names and the dates, if we are going to continue using the dates that we have for the monthly meetings or, on the contrary, we're going to

have other dates or some additional time because of these good contents that we are getting now.

So, in principle, this is my comment as for the working group. I'm now open for any comments you may have.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Adrian. I wanted to add that one of the candidates we have for Vice-Chair has asked us if he can be a part of the Capacity Building Working Group. I think the name of the person is [Augusta Hop]. He's from Panama. I just told him we'll provide him with information to join the group. He is a teacher. He is an important person in the academic world in Panama, and I think he could be of good value for the region.

ADRIAN CARBALLO: I know him from the time when we held this call in Panama. I know he's working really hard in several sectors, including the government.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. That's good.

We have now some comments from our ALAC members. We have opened this to three ALAC members. I see Silvia has raised her hand, but I wanted to finish this issue. The three of you are just free to speak.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Very quickly, I just wanted to tell Adrian that, with respect to the webinar list, we have a webinars web page ready. We can add the list of the speakers if you already have it.

Also, let me remind all the working group Chairs that they need to document their progress in the respective wikis. I know that you meet informally on what's up in other mediums, but it is good also to keep the community informed. So it is important that you just add your progress to the wiki pages. Or, if you'd like, you can send the information and we will gladly post it ourselves.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Silvia. This is a good reminder. I never [remember] to do anything of that on the wiki. I need to admit I am a disaster in that sense, but I suggest we all do this because this will show the work in the region.

Let us also remember that there are some people who are a bit behind in their thinking. The way to show that our region is moving is to be transparent, and everything has to be in the wiki. Documentation is actually the basis of our historic movement. Also, when somebody comes after us, they should be able to access all this information.

Sylvia Herlein, you now have the floor.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: I am reading the chat, and I think that Harold has just said that the IDN Working Group has their updated their information on the wiki. That's true. Thank you very much.

Now, as an ALAC member, my comment would need to be a comment for the region as a whole and not just for the readers. As an ALAC member, and in connection with the public comments that are still open, as you know, we can all participate. And ALAC wants us to participate. So I would like to say that, in a few minutes, we will close the comments on the guidelines for labels for reference for the second-level.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I don't know what that is.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: I will explain. This is a very large name know as LGR. The purpose of these is that ... You know that, when working with IDNs, we talk about the different languages. This creates some labels in the root zone that allows for use of IDNs. These label generation rules are a very technical thing. At the IDN group, we have joined them, but we have not made any public comments because usually they refer to languages such as Arabic or Chinese, and this does not impact us. It's just that that doesn't cover us because of our language. Anyhow, we are closing these comments in a few minutes, and I will inform the IDN group.

What is still open—it would be interesting for all Chairs, and also for the community—until June 1st is the draft for the strategic plan for fiscal year '21 to '24. This, I think, is an opportunity for the community to give their opinion on the first strategic plan draft. Then we can send it for the Board's approval. So we're talking about the strategic plan for the IANA

functions and also ICANN itself. These go from '21 to '24, again. Thank you, Silvia, for putting the link on the chat.

Those of you who are interested in giving an opinion, we maybe can meet and we can work on a draft so that we can issue our opinions in LACRALO on this very important topic.

Let me also say that the ALAC, in May, has voted for this Phase 1 of all the rights protection mechanisms document in all the policy development processes. We have always been talking about giving our opinion on policy, so this is some kind of a guideline for the mechanisms to be followed when we are going to develop a policy. This is a document that was prepared by the NARALO. They volunteered to do this, of course, and it was approved by the 15 ALAC members. It is a very large job that resulted in 76 pages. I think we can add the statement here. This was the last statement that we had to vote as ALAC members on and, fortunately, the 15 ALAC members voted in favor.

That's all from me as an ALAC member. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Silvia. My suggestion is it would be good if you could send all these updates with the signatures of the three of you. That is, you should send an e-mail to the list with some way for remembering these discussions in ALAC. Maybe the LACRALO Board—the Vice-Chair or the Vice-Secretary, or the Chair and Secretary—can drive some of these issues so that the voice of the Latin American and the Caribbean can be heard. But we need you to push this first. If you can write a short e-mail

saying these are the issues being discussed at the time, and we have a certain time for this and a certain time for that, then maybe we can have some input from someone in the region to help us bring some proposals to ALAC by Latin America and the Caribbean.

Welcome, [Amir], and thank you, S[y]lvia. Humberto or Ricardo or Carlos Raul, would you like to say something? S[i]lvia, please put your hand down.

S[Y]LVIA: Okay. I'm going to discuss this with Carlos and Humberto.

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: With respect to our comments from our friend from Columbia that the e-mails are not answered, in the last ALAC conversations we had, well, yes, communications are suffering. Jonathan Zuck is testing a new platform. There is a LACRALO group. This is just a test to see if we can have a more practical website to know what is happening in ALAC and LACRALO so that we go and jump from Skype to Zoom to WhatsApp. I see that you are the LACRALO administrator. Maybe this can help us improve communications. Thank you very much. That was my only comment. Thanks.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Carlos. Carlos Raul is referring to a platform called Loomio that was on my agenda for me to check this. Carlos requested access to that, but I would like to test that on the region.

If there is anyone who has or had the chance to see that, please let me know.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Sergio, I would like to make a comment on the platform, if I may.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Let me finish my comment and I will give you the floor. So, if there is anyone who has been able to test the platform, we could perhaps work together for five or ten minutes. We can discuss the platform.

Humberto, please go ahead.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Jonathan Zuck complained about two meetings because there was huge participation of people. But these meetings are not focused, and decisions were not being made. So we, as leaders, had to find a way to discuss topics and to channel the decisions. Perhaps we could have large meetings, but, at the end of the day, everyone wants to take the floor, so the purpose of the meeting is lost. So there is a new platform just to [set] those purposes, and there's going to be a demo for 14 days with a certain amount of people being able to participate. So we're going to test that and see what happens.

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: And there is a very important point to take into account. This is just to have one single place for documents, communications, and decisions. Sometimes we are on Zoom, but we see presentations that are uploaded on one page but are not on the other. So it's quite difficult to do the follow-up. So let's see if that works. I would like to invite you all just to check this. Perhaps we could work and test that on the LACRALO Working Group, and perhaps we could provide feedback on the things that we have still pending.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Any of you had any experience with Loomio before that? Did you have any experience? Have you been working with the tools? With the platform?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: No. I have been participating and working on that platform, but I don't have experience on it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Harold, please go ahead.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Sergio. Just a few comments. First of all, I would like to reply to your question. When you access Loomio.org, that is an open source initiative. This is a platform to somehow organize the decision-making process. This is a very powerful tool. Once you access the webpage, you will see that there are open and public groups. You can access those

groups. You can check the processes. That is being done in order to promote participation.

On the other hand, I would like to share with you that I am a member of the group. Jonathan sent a link to test the platform. We are participating and engaging in the first exercises with some ideas being discussed. Once we have greater experience on the platform, we will see that we have a possibility of making proposals to create ideas and to vote on those proposals and ideas. But that could also be a moving [sense], if you will, because you know this could be a mess if we don't use the platform properly. This was being used for open-source communities in Caracas. For example, in Venezuela, we work with many parts of the world with other parts of the community. This turned out to be effective for us, but these concerns come from a process in ALAC meetings because we have been discussing how to improve our decision-making process—how we could reach a statement with a consolidated opinion with enough time and space for people to provide feedback and input and for people not to feel that there are certain decisions that are leading certain ideas. So that's why we are working on that. Jonathan Zuck himself made some presentations with charts and graphs on how we could move forward and on how we could have processes on a clear basis—when the idea is being proposed, when the debate is being created, when we have to move onto a voting stage—once we have a consolidated position of point of view. So this concern has been around for quite a long time, but, of course, this has been highlighted due to the COVID situation.

So I would like to invite you all to test the tool. The next step would be as testing the tool or as opening space for LACRALO. Part of that has to

do with being able to organize the process for a team or a regional working group or ALAC and be able to take some positions or decisions on a particular topic.

Thank you, Sergio. That was my comment.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Hello, Sergio? We cannot hear you. If you are speaking, we are not hearing you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Sorry. I was talking but I was muted. I was saying that, tomorrow, I'm going to have my first experience with the platform. I will then share a brief summary and some feedback on the platform. and if we can escalate that platform and if we can keep on working with that.

I am a bit concerned about the amount of e-mails that I am receiving from the ALAC mailing list and other related emails. I cannot read anything at all. So I don't even learn about the meetings. That is a bit concerning for me because I have not enough time to read all the e-mails that I receive. I receive tons of e-mails, and sometimes we have e-mails with other e-mails embedded. So I cannot read everything.

I don't know if there is any ALAC member who would like to make a comment or make a question. If that is the case, please go ahead.

I see no hands up, so we're going to continue with the updates. In relation to the updates, I'm going to mention two topics that Silvia Vivanco mentioned and focused. I'm going to start with the first one.

We had a meeting with the GSE team with Rodrigo Saucedo. It was not the whole GSE team but it was with Rodrigo Saucedo. We were discussing how we could re-engage in our activities because we have the ICANN meetings on one hand, and the roadshows. With the pandemic, roadshows are no longer being held, and meetings are not being held. So the question is, what can we do for the community to learn about our activities and for the community to understand the value of ICANN in the Internet community?

Based on that, we have been talking and discussing with Rodrigo, with Harold, and with S[y]lvia. We have been discussing the possibility of holding two meetings with invites to people outside ICANN. This is in relation to the idea of perhaps engaging university communities or business communities or even those who are related to the work of the Internet. Perhaps we could engage them in order for them to learn about ICANN.

We spoke about some topics to be addressed. Any of the topics that may come to our minds may be useful and interesting—for example, DNS, multilingualism. Any of those topics could be of interest for many of the people outside. So what we are now trying to see is if we could have some online activities—ICANN-related activities—together with a RALO—perhaps not together with a RALO only but together with the ALSes promoting those activities. These can have a multiplying effect. Zoom has some possibilities of creating something robust so that we can have many people participating at the same time. The idea would be to hold meeting on two or three topics. For example, in Argentina, with universities, we could invite students to participate. But probably, at the local level, we could replicate the same. This is going to be

discussed in our next LACRALO meeting on Monday. It would be good for us to have, on our minds, this idea. It could be an interesting one.

On the other hand, we're always thinking from a Latin-American/Caribbean perspective, of course. On the other hand, I was saying before, Harold uploaded the FY '21 budget. Let me see if I can find the link to share that information with you. I believe this is the link. I'm going to post it in the chat. I would like to ask you to read that information.

Now I'm going to give the floor to Harold for him to speak about that. He has been working on the topic. Harold will be [the executing hand]. So, Harold, if you have some minutes, please go ahead. Let's talk about the budget for FY '21. Thank you.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Sergio. Of course, first I would like to give you some general items. We are, of course, rethinking our fiscal year. We are thinking of them in terms of the new normal.

What you see on the screen is just a brief summary of the report with many of the topics that we are considering in ALAC and At-Large—the strategic plan that has been defined—of course, taking into account the key topics that ICANN has been proposing for FY '21-'25 and the upcoming years. The summary embraces different criteria, for example, to visualize, for '20-'21, our general assembly. That is the general assembly plan for that year. Of course, the idea is to strengthen that meeting. We have been working with our ATLAS III ambassadors.

They're increasingly involved. We have many people in the region being involved.

But we also need to have the engagement of them not only in the mailing list or outside mailing list but they need to participate more. They need to participate actively in LACRALO and ALAC working groups by learning, for example, GNSO working groups in order to have a better understanding of the topics. It is not just a question of talking and discussing among ourselves as ALSes, and it is very important for this to be reflected in participation. We understand that this is the most difficult point because this implies time commitment. Of course, we are not passionate for these topics. We do not have, sometimes, enough time. Of course, there are some other interests that might impact on the interest of volunteers, creating a certain situation. So this is being created, this is being analyzed, by ALAC. We need to promote participation. Therefore, there is a need to focus on ALS mobilization and to focus on other working groups that are restructuring and rethinking engagement and participation.

As you said before, Sergio, there is a very important topic to discuss with the region, and these are the talking points or the conversations with the GSE. We know have the LAC talks, and we believe that we, as Board members, as directors, need to look for these contracts in academia, in universities, because there is where we would like to focus and reach. So we will have to work on that. Sergio has asked us to promote that idea among the LACRALO Board members. We need to start working with our countries to check the sources and to check the different possibilities in order to send letters. Sergio will be in charge of that. He will be introducing the initiative. Then the local contacts will be

promoting those activities. This can be reflected and translated into many things.

There is another proposal we have been discussing with Sergio that I would like to share with you just to have your opinion on that. This was created last year when we had an activity where each of the sub-regions were supposed to have a hot spot for engagement and participation. Each of them at that point in time would be a face-to-face [happening]. Now we're going to have them in a virtual environment. So we could create an activity based among those subregions within this program. This has to be, for example, preceded by a musical or a cultural activity. This could be performed by a group contacted by one of the members. So they should have a proposal. The idea, of course, is to speak or translate that into those students' or young peoples' language through music or through culture. And the idea is to improve this proposal because this cultural proposal will have an impact on our Internet ecosystem because this is very important for our future communities.

So this is something very brief that is simple. We know that this is going to be streamlined remotely. That could be a short video. After that, we will be holding the webinar with each of the subregions. So we thought this could be linked to these LAC talks' proposals, where local and regional groups would be working as coordinators, as liaisons, and having these coordinating groups that would pave the way for ALSes to be able to actively engage. So the proposal is to [inaudible] Latin American or the Caribbean tone because this is closely related to our music and to our culture. So this could be done under this virtual framework, and having a space for intercultural issues would be very important.

Of course, we have also have the musical aspect. The musical message is a very important factor for young people. We would like to mobilize and we would like to have then participation of young people. So this would be one of the proposals. This is a very simple proposal, but this is, simply put, an idea of having, for example, a band or taking a video of one musical band. We need to make a proposal. After that, we could start our activity, per se. So that was idea that we discussed a long time ago.

Then we also learned about this proposal of LAC talks. Rodrigo Saucedo was informing us about that. So we're thinking about improving and contributing to that in order to engage the university sectors.

So this is, Sergio, my summary. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Harold. There are still some issues to be dealt with. One of them is the modification to the rules of procedure. We need all of your capacities to be able to talk to all our colleagues in the region so that they can have a look at these rules of procedure and to try and encourage them to complete them without many modifications. The operating principles were okay. The rules of procedure also have a political agreement that is significant. So all of these rules of procedure will be completed to the best of our ability. So we need all of us to be committed to the rules of procedure being completed and approved. There probably will be a few modifications because we are human and we can make mistakes, but it important to know that the [matrix] of

these rules of procedure show a political agreement within all the regions. This a thing that we need to try and keep.

As you know, we also have elections only for the Vice-Chair position. There are three candidates—two women and one man. This is really good because the theory that things are becoming more female—and [critically] female—makes me really happy. Women are progressing.

Are there really two women? Yes, that's correct. Not for this subregion. For the subregion, there are two men and one woman. But, for elections in general, we have two women and one man. Vanda and Tracy have no other candidates. They will be recognized by acclimation and they will hold their positions as from November. Vanda will replace Tracy at the NomCom, and Tracy will replace Humberto in ALAC. What still needs to be seen is what's going to happen for the Vice-Chair.

My suggestion is this. We should have a discussion. There will be a talk on Thursday where the three candidates will show their proposals. This will be a 90-minute meeting. I need all of you to be there and to help me have all the regions present. It's very important that we hear our candidates. These are new candidates to be Vice-Chairs. None of them have the background or anything from the LACRALO, and this is very important. So my suggestion is that we should work together so that everybody is present. Let's try to have the best win. I have no preference at all. I don't what my organization will do, but I do know we need to preserve all this work we have been doing.

That's the last thing I want to say. It is 20:59. This is the last time to say goodbye. Let me also say that we can have this meeting adjourned. On

Monday, there will be another LACRALO meeting. It is important that all of you be present there. All of this group has to be there. There will also be a training session—actually, we webinar, as Adrian has said. Then all the ALAC members need to prepare a report to define who is going to be the speaker. So try to be there.

Boys and girls, thank you very much. I send you all a big hug. It's been really nice to talk to you. We will meet soon. Thank you.

Thank you very much. This meeting is now adjourned.

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