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AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

LACRALO Statement on Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Regional Strategic Plan for FY2021-2025

Introduction

On 01 June 2020, Public Comment opened for [Latin America and Caribbean \(LAC\) Regional Strategic Plan for FY2021-2025](#). On the same day, an At-Large [workspace](#) was created for the statement. The At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) Co-Chairs and At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group (OFB-WG) Chair decided it would be in the interest of end users in the LAC region to develop a regional statement on the Public Comment. Accordingly, Sergio Salinas Porto, Chair of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO), and Harold Arcos, Secretary of the LACRALO, confirmed that the LACRALO statement would be developed with a robust drafting team from the LAC region.

On 16 June 2020, at the request of the LACRALO Chair and Secretary, ICANN Policy staff in support of the At-Large community sent a call for volunteers to LACRALO leadership and LACRALO members who were involved in the development of the LAC GSE Strategy, to serve on the drafting team for the statement.

By 24 June 2020, the drafting team representing the region consisted of the following volunteers: Sergio Salinas Porto, LACRALO Chair; Harold Arcos, LACRALO Secretary; Augusto Ho, LACRALO Chair-Elect; Kerry Omir Kerr, LACRALO Secretary-Elect; Humberto Carrasco, LACRALO ALAC Member; Sylvia Herlein Leite, LACRALO ALAC Member; Vanda Scartezini, LACRALO member; Dev Anand Teelucksingh, LACRALO member; and Jacqueline Morris, LACRALO member. ICANN Policy staff in support of the At-Large community created a Google Doc for the drafting team of the statement.

On [08 July 2020](#), Harold Arcos and Omir Kerry presented the draft LACRALO statement to the OFB-WG for the working group's input. After the meeting, the [draft statement was posted to a wiki page in both EN and ES](#) for both LACRALO community and OFB-WG comment.

On 10 July 2020, ICANN Policy staff in support of the At-Large community sent a final call for comments to both the LACRALO and OFB-WG mailing lists. Comments received were supportive of the LACRALO statement.

On 14 July 2020, the LACRALO drafting team finalized the LACRALO statement. The ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard and OFB-WG Chair, Ricardo Holmquist, decided that the statement could be submitted to ICANN Public Comment.

On 14 July 2020, the ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard, requested that the statement be ratified by the ALAC.

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LACRALO considers it important to comment on the LAC Regional Strategy developed by the GSE - LAC, based on ICANN's Strategic Plan for 2021-25. In general terms, we find that the document is consistent with the challenges that the current contingency demands for end users in the LAC region.

The following comments have been organized according to the four subtitles used in the [original document](#):

1. Security of the Domain Name System.

We consider it appropriate that the GSE Plan 21-25 for LAC accompany the dissemination of knowledge about the importance of Domain Name System Security with a strategy that involves the regional At-large Structures (ALS).

In this sense, we recommend a joint action with the ALSes incorporated in LACRALO to create **Ambassadors of the Security of the Domain Name System** in a similar way to the roles created in our region with the Ambassadors of Universal Acceptance. The Ambassadors would participate from the perspective of End Users of the Internet, to contribute to raising awareness of these issues in each of the countries of the region, accompanying the fulfillment of the objectives set forth in the Plan. To do this, ICANN must provide a budget line to meet this objective. We also consider opportune a previous evaluation of the Security Situation of the Domain Name System in our region with the contribution of LACNIC and LACTLD to direct efforts to the countries that present themselves in the worst situation.

2. ICANN's Multistakeholder Model

We agree on the proposal to support regional stakeholders and provide necessary tools for them to become active and significant participants in the ICANN structure and PDPs. In this regard, we recommend strengthening the **LACRALO Academy** initiative with objective **2.2.4 of the GSE Plan on Capacity Development Session at ICANN meetings**. That regional initiative, LACRALO Academy, is being developed by the LACRALO Training Working Group.

We also consider it important to convene other actors such as LACTLD with whom this strategy could be reinforced or with LACNIC with whom LACRALO has a current Cooperation Agreement.

3. Unique Identifier Systems

We are aware that more than half of the world's population uses the Internet and that number of users grows every day. We understand that ICANN will continue to play a critical role in ensuring a unique, stable, secure, and interoperable infrastructure.

We see a great opportunity for joint coordination between the **LAC Regional Initiative on Universal Acceptance and IDN** and objective **3.1.1 of the Plan (Research Projects on Universal Acceptance (UA))**. The LAC Regional Initiative is being developed by the LACRALO Working Group on Multilingualism and Universal Acceptance, in addition to having a group in Brazil, where another LACRALO member participates in the studies for ICANN on UA and its developments.

We consider it essential to deepen into any action that promotes raising awareness of the use of domain names in the region, focused on improving the unique identifier systems of the Internet and, consequently, providing a better service to a broader and more diverse worldwide user base.

4. Regional Geopolitics

From LACRALO we believe in the importance of the articulated work with the Internet Users Organizations linked in Latin America and the Caribbean for the approach and deep work with actors of the regional ecosystem such as; public policy makers or key actors such as legislators, regulators and stakeholders who will be highly important to know about ICANN's mission. It will be highly relevant to the promotion of various regulations that guarantee the stability, resilience and good functioning of the Internet ecosystem.