
CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to all of you and welcome to the LACRALO ALAC Candidates call on Thursday, August 6th, 2020 at 23:00 UTC. On the Spanish channel, we have Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Augusto Ho, Vanda Scartezini, León Sánchez, Alberto Soto, Lilian Ivette De Luque, and [Alberto] Medina Gomez.

On the English channel, we have only Kerry Kerr. And on the French channel, we have Derisma Queslin and Sindy Obed. We have received apologies by Dev Anand Teelucksingh. And on behalf of the staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Claudia Ruiz, who will also act as call manager. The interpreters today are, on the English Channel, David and Claudia, and on the French channel Jacques and Clair.

Before starting, I will ask all of you to please state your name so that the interpreters may identify you in the language channel and for transcription purposes. So, Sergio can please start the call. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you very much, Claudia. Good afternoon, good evening all of you. This is a very special meeting because the purpose of the meeting is to listen to the candidates. Those candidates come from Haiti. And it will be really interesting to learn from them, to listen to them, apart from what they have written down in their resumes. I know that some people had some problems to connect to the call. Carlos Raúl is one of them. So, I think that he has just left the room to get in again.

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Here, we can give the floor to Harold Arcos. And Harold, then, will read the agenda, so as to be adopted. And I will ask all of you to please pay attention to our candidates. Our vice-chair, Augusto Ho, together with the secretary elect, Kerry Kerr, will be managing the meeting. I hope all of you are in good health within this pandemic situation. And having said that, I will give the floor to Harold Arcos.

HAROLD ARCOS:

We are going to read the agenda for this candidate presentation call. Based on the rotation we have for the LACRALO, they belong to the Caribbean. Number four is the presentation of each candidate. Each of them will have 10 minutes and we will follow the alphabetical order. And then, there will be a Q&A session. So, all of LACRALO members may write down or make questions and the candidate will answer. And then, point number six is election next steps. Silvia Vivanco will guide us on the next steps.

If some of you are willing to add another item on the agenda, please write it down in the chat or raise your hand in the Zoom Room. Otherwise, when we reach the final item, we may ask if there is anything else to be added. I don't read anything in the chat. I don't see any hand on the Room. So, the agenda is approved.

And now, I'm going to give the floor to Augusto Ho, our chair elect. Augusto, you have the floor.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you very much, Harold. My name is Augusto Ho. So, I say hi to all of you from Panama. I am really opening up myself in this first meeting for me. I welcome you all. And we will listen today to two candidates. Both of them are coming from Haiti, Sindy Obed and Derisma Queslin. Each of these candidates will have 10 minutes so as to present themselves or explain who they are, what is the association they're representing, what they do, what are their projects as ALAC members. And so, each of them will have 10 minutes to this effect.

I think Sindy Obed first and then Derisma Queslin will make a presentation. So, I will give the floor to Sindy Obed from Haiti. Sindy will introduce himself. And, Sindy, you will have 10 minutes to tell us about you, your projects, and your organization. So, Sindy, you have the floor.

SINDY OBED: Okay. Can you hear me speaking? Thank you.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: I think that his line was muted.

SINDY OBED: My name is Obed Sindy. I am from the Internet Society of Haiti. And it is a privilege for me to be a nominee. I am part of a network of internet users. I was born in Haiti—in the south of Haiti—and I was raised in Baradères, which is in another department in Haiti. I'm happy to be among people that want an open internet—an internet that is going to be very useful to everybody. And I'm very impatient to serve the community of users, which is [at] the center of the debate.

I was selected. And I am a member of NPOC and At-Large. And a short biography. I was among some of the best 10 students of Haiti. Received an award at the international level. I was one of the [awardees] of the people of Haiti. I was a trustee of Internet Organization. I was the leader of a program for young people in Haiti. And I did work for Haiti Tech [inaudible].

I was a fellow, as well, for Internet Society and the initiative to bring to marginalized areas the internet. I am the president of the Internet Society of Haiti now. And I am a moderator about internet governance. And for several years, I go to many meetings to talk about digital literacy and other important issues regarding the internet.

And thanks to the support of the trustees of ISOC Haiti, we were able to have a first forum, which welcomed more than 300 participants. We had even more than 400 participants. It was a success. We had a high quality of debate. And we are very interested in key topics. This forum had several partners at the international level. [inaudible].

I was a mentor of young people in the entire world. And in 2018, I was a trainer for young people before going to the Global Internet Forum. I have a BA in science of [inaudible]. I have several certificates in internet technology and communications. And I am trained to train trainers.

And I think it's very important that we all have access to the internet. I think society will be changed for the better with access to [the internet]. And in our Internet Society chapter, we're able to do quite a lot with the community networks, with initiatives for the young people of Haiti. And for our chapter of Internet Society, we are very active and we work at

the worldwide level, in order to promote the internet for all and for people to have the right tools to develop their country and to know about internet culture.

We have an association with universal services, regarding information technology, regarding the digital economy, in order to have an ecosystem that supports those initiatives and to develop our infrastructure in our country, to improve the education, so that we have the necessary knowledge, so that we can do technological surveillance to come up with the best practices and [ideas] that we can use [inaudible] in IT to reinforce the development of the internet society and knowledge. Those are my goals.

We need to organize many activities at the national level and the worldwide level. We've got those internet technologies. We have partnerships established in many areas at the national level that we can develop, with our association, internet technologies. We have the second forum of internet governance. We're a regulator. And we have the private sector working with us as well. And we have other institutions collaborating with us. Many [petitions] were [presented].

And to finish, I would like to say that the internet users in Haiti are made of technical people but not only [them]. And I am very interested in that position. I have a good knowledge of internet technologies. I am not an expert in DNS security but I am a user who wants to work for the rights of all the internet users and I want them to be well-represented in the area. We have a large population and we need to be sure—

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you very much for your intervention, Sindy. We thank you for your participation. And we're going to ask Derisma Queslin. And we're going to remind him that he has 10 minutes to intervene because we want to give the opportunity so that they can say who he is, what his organization does, who he's representing, and what are the projects as an ALAC member? What are the things that are expected from him as an ALAC member? So, we're going to give Derisma Queslin the time—the same time allocated. It's going to be 10 minutes. Derisma, please go ahead. You have the floor.

DERISMA QUESLIN: Ladies and gentlemen ...

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Derisma, sorry to interrupt. But you have to speak in French into the phone line. I will mute you in the Zoom Room. Just wait a second, please.

DERISMA QUESLIN: Thank you. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Thanks for the representatives of ICANN. Thanks for the representatives of LACRALO and the Latin American and Caribbean organization. Thanks for the representatives of At-Large and for the ISO, Mr. Chair over Internet Society Haiti. Hello. I am very honored to introduce myself and talk about the Haitian Association of Internet Users.

My name is Derisma Queslin. I was born in Marmelade in Haiti. I have a diploma in theology. I have BA in internet science. And [inaudible] at the

Internet Society 2007 to [inaudible]. Now, I do study English at the University of Haiti. I am an internet specialist and technician at the [inaudible] in IT. And I am the secretary of the Haitian Association of internet users.

I would like to introduce my Association of Internet Users. We are a not-for-profit organization. Our goal is to train and educate about new technologies, about information technology, and to help young people to work with those new technologies so that it becomes a platform for social [inaudible] activity and reinforcement of the economy. Those new technologies of information and communication, our mission of our Haitian Association of Internet Users is to help end users in Haiti and to support them.

Ladies and gentlemen, inside the Association, we work in a democratic fashion, not a political fashion, to improve our society in our country—in Haiti. We did organize training all over the country and in [inaudible], we trained several people regarding new technologies. Our association of internet end users is well-known and recognized in Haiti. We did participate to many meetings every month and did communicate and work with LACRALO.

Our committee members is very interested. And that is why I am a candidate for that position. We did observe that we were able to update the regulations regarding the internet. And we are very interested in the way ALAC functions. We are very interested in policy work, with the consideration. We are very [inaudible] our members participate in the work done in the region and we are quite active on the mailing list. Our members are active participants. We have 59

[members], 53 active during meetings. And we can always improve our participation and do a lot in the groups of ALAC.

Our strategic plan, as a member of ALAC, is extremely important. And it would be very important for me to represent this Haitian Association of Internet End Users so that we work on [inaudible]. I would work tirelessly to participate actively, in [order to reach] our goals, to improve the situation of our region, and to defend the interest of the end users. Thank you very much for your attention.

AUGUSTO HO:

Thank you very much, Derisma Queslin. I will invite all of you participating in the call and willing to make a question. I will ask you to please write them down on the chat so that Kerry will read the questions for the candidates. And then, of course, you candidates will have the floor to answer. So, Kerry, you have the floor now.

Kerry, can you hear me? Can you read the question, please?

KERRY KERR:

Yes. I will read the questions twice. So, I'll go them over slowly. What is your perspective of representation as you represent us in ALAC, and "us" being LACRALO? Secondly, do you plan to consult the region on the topics that are being discussed in ALAC? Thirdly, do you plan to work at ALAC on your own point of view? And lastly, do you have any opinion about working together with LACRALO's working groups?

I'll go over the questions and we can probably start with Sindy first. What is your perspective of representation that you have while

representing us in ALAC? Secondly, do you plan to consult the region on the topics that are being discussed in ALAC? Thirdly, do you plan to work at ALAC on your own point of view? Fourthly, do you have any opinion about working together with LACRALO's working group? Sindy, we'll take you first.

SINDY OBED:

Thank you very much. I hope you can hear me well. Thank you. Regarding those perspectives, it's to enable Haitians in my community. We do [have] more than 400 members. And we are very active in communication technologies. We want to make sure that Haiti is [represented] in the [region].

Knowledge is not enough. We want to participate. We want to have new members and we want to defend the users—the end users of the internet. We want to create a power—a force—in the community. My other goal would be, among leaders, to be able to train myself even better to stand, better how to act, and to make sure that ALAC is a shining star. So, that would be my answer to the first question.

I want to contribute strongly and collaborate with ALAC. Since 2017, I became president of the Association. So, we did get results for the entire organization. We proved ourselves. And we're going to see more [for] At-Large, and debate the issues [inaudible] ALAC, and contribute with the [inaudible] of policies and At-Large policies. I hope I answered all your questions. I do not know if I answered all the questions. So, this is my turn, now?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I have a question. Maybe somebody can read it. I think it's on the chatroom.

KERRY KERR: Yes, Vanda. We have everyone's—all the questions—

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Vanda, I think they are answered in the order that was established because there was a question for the first two speakers. And then, we need to listen to the rest. Thank you.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you.

KERRY KERR: We've just heard from Sindy and we would now like to open up and give Derisma an opportunity to share. Derisma?

DERISMA QUESLIN: Thank you. What we want to do is to work with all the ALSs, and all the associations in the region, and all the representatives, so that the LACRALO policies are well-known in the [region]. We want to bring more elements of knowledge to our region and our country, which is not developed enough, so that the countries of our region do know policies much better. I believe that LACRALO will be better-represented in the region.

As a representative of an association of end users, I'm not going to work alone. I want to bring together all the members of the Association and if possible, all the members of LACRALO, in order to bring my contribution to our region and to contribute to the development of the region.

As a member, I was able to work with ALAC. But first of all, I am a member of LACRALO. And I want to bring my contribution and first work with LACRALO and then go to ALAC and not work alone. I will bring my contribution and work with others.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: I think the interpreter is having some audio issues. Silvia, can you read the next questions, please?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Do we have an interpreter now, to be able to continue?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Our interpreter from French to English is having some issues. But we can translate from English to French properly so I think the candidates can hear us. But we don't really have the interpreter to translate for us. One moment please.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Give us a few moments and see if we can have all the interpreters online.

KERRY KERR: If the issue is French to English, then perhaps I can read the questions, considering time, so that at least the candidates can hear the questions and prepare their answers.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Kerry, please go ahead and do this.

KERRY KERR: Okay. Before I continue, I'd like to just say that Carlos Raúl, he sends his greetings to Haiti, then to LACRALO. He says he is pleased with the participation in this process. And he says regardless of the election, we hope that both organizations participate actively in LACRALO. And he wishes them best of luck to the candidates. Carlos Raúl, ISOC Puerto Rico.

Now, the next question. Please listen, both Sindy and Derisma. What do you see as the main topics in LACRALO to face as a priority? What do you see as the main topics in LACRALO to face as a priority? And then, we another question. As candidates—this is for Sindy—how will you spend your time with NPOC and LACRALO for effective representation in ALAC for us. So, Sindy, this is for you specifically. How will you spend your time with NPOC and LACRALO for effective representation in ALAC for us?

Those are the questions. So, the first one, we will take both candidates. Sindy, you can have a stab at it first, after which we will take Derisma. And of course, the second question is for you alone, Sindy.

SINDY OBED:

Okay. Thank you. I hope you can hear me well. Thank you very much for the questions. Very interesting questions for a candidate. Regarding the first question about the two of us, it is true that my priority ... Among all of those that defend the end users. We see that, around the world, the users need to have priority. Sometimes, that's a very difficult issue. And in general, my priority is [the vision] of ICANN, considering protecting and reinforcing capacity building and helping key end users to participate in defending the internet. This is our struggle.

And I do believe that organizations like ICANN and other organizations, they do want to prioritize, sometimes, other issues. It depends on the organizations. They do meet several times a year. The priority will be to support and defend the end users. I am end user of the internet. And I want to defend the other users. That's a very wide answer. But this is the key issue regarding the internet and regarding the vision of the Association.

Regarding the other question, how will I be available for those activities, the NPOC and At-Large? Even if you are not available [inaudible], I will make myself available as much as possible. And I will be involved in the ALAC At-Large work and the NPOC. I am the chair—the president—of an association. And I think it's very important to give time to all the institutions and organizations [inaudible] work well. And if I am not present, I will be [inaudible] during those meetings. Thank you.

KERRY KERR:

Okay, Derisma. Please go ahead.

DERISMA QUESLIN: Thank you. For the first question, the priority of LACRALO is an active participation of all the ALSs for the development of the region and to act as a defender of the interest of end users. Yes. I'm finished. Thank you.

KERRY KERR: Thank you very much, Derisma. Sindy, we would like to remind you that there is question that was asked specifically to you. I do not know if you can remember. If you'd like me to repeat it quickly because of time, please let me know.

SINDY OBED: Yes, please. I already answered [inaudible]. I don't know if I should answer the question again as well. The use of my time ... We work as a team. Given this, it's not the Association of Internet End Users. We all work on new technologies. And I did participate actively to the ALAC and to the [End User Association]. Hello?

KERRY KERR: Sindy, we would like to thank you very much for that submission. We would like to say that we see no more questions in the chat and no hands are up. So, I believe that number five on the agenda has been complete. Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. Sergio?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sergio, we have Vanda with her hand up.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you very much but Sindy answered my question. That was it. Thank you very much.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you very much, those candidates, Sindy and Derisma. Thank you very much for your explanation so that we may better get to know you as a person but also the organizations you work at and how you have thought about working in the At-Large team. So, now I'm going to give the floor to Silvia. Silvia has something to say—some guidelines for us all.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much. I am from ICANN staff. Thanks to both candidates for your presentations. The next step for the ALAC members for 2020 is on Monday, August 10th, the elections begin. They will be virtual and remote elections. So, you will receive the credentials. Each representative from ALS will receive the credentials. From Monday, August 10th, up to Friday, August 13th, 23:00 UTC, you will have time to vote. So, please check your incoming email so that it not goes to spam. And please vote.

Then, there will be an announcement—the announcement of the results. This will be done on Monday, August 17th. This decision will be renewed after the annual general assembly of ICANN that will take place in October 2020 so that the new candidate will take over after October 2020. This is all. And so, to close this call, I will give the floor to

Augusto. And I noted that Alberto Soto has raised his hand. So, Augusto, you have the floor.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you very much. I think I can give Alberto the floor. So, Alberto, your hand is up. You may take the floor.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: I think, Alberto, that your line is muted. Alberto, are you hearing us? Unfortunately, Alberto, we are not able to hear you. Augusto, can you take the floor, please.

AUGUSTO HO: Unfortunately, we were not able to hear Alberto. So, I hope that somehow, we may learn about what he was willing to say. Since we are over the scheduled time, I don't know if there is anybody willing to take the floor. Otherwise, we are going to come to a close. It's 7:07 in my time zone, in Panama City. So, I would like to thank you all, especially to the candidates who have made a statement today. Thank you very much, all of you.

HAROLD ARCOS: Harold speaking. Thank you, Augusto. Thank you, everyone.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good evening, good afternoon to all of you.

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