
SUSIE JOHNSON: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Welcome to the LACRALO monthly call on Monday, 20 July 2020 at 23:00 UTC.

On today's call in Spanish we have Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Lito Ibarra, Vanda Scartezini, Alberto Soto, Anahi Menéndez Sylvia Herlein-Leite, Adrian Carballo, Alfredo Lopez, Augusto Ho, Lilian Ivette, [inaudible].

We have received apologies from Dev Anand Teelucksingh.

From the staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, and myself, Susie Johnson managing today's call.

Our interpreters today are [inaudible] and Paula for Spanish, Bettina and Esperanza for Portuguese, Claire and Jacques for French.

Before we start, I'd like to remind us, please say your name when taking the floor for transcription purposes. And now I would give the floor to Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you so much, Susie. It is a pleasure to [inaudible] with us. [inaudible] being recorded. If so, it's okay, although there are some countries that do not celebrate today the day of [inaudible]. I want to say a few words for our friendship [inaudible] celebration. [inaudible] celebration for our Colombian friends. I will now give the floor to Harold Arcos [inaudible]

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HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Sergio. After the adoption of the agenda, we have a discussion and presentation by Sergio Salinas Porto and Vanda Scartezini. We have received apologies from Jacqueline Morris. She was unable to join us today in this call, and we have a discussion and a presentation on rules of procedure. After that, we will have Humberto Carrasco with the ALAC members comments letter. Adrian Carballo will talk about capacity building activities, and finally, we'll have some regional updates by Sergio Salinas. He's going to talk about the elections of ALAC members and the fiscal year [inaudible] remote strategic plan.

So if you have any other issues to add to the agenda, you can add them now or you can wait until the end. I don't see any hands raised, so I consider that the agenda is adopted, so I give you back the floor, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Harold. As Harold has just said, we are going to have a review of rules of procedure. As you know, shortly ago, we sent our draft [rules] document for translation both in English and in Spanish, and we also submitted this document to the region's consideration to go over some of the highlights and to make any necessary additions. And so now [inaudible] submit this to the region for approval.

Initially, we focused on the one hand on gender diversity and on the other hand, on regional diversity. So in the governance group, we decided to have two speakers, one from Latin America and another one from the Caribbean. Unfortunately, that could not happen. Jacqueline was unable to join us today. She had a serious headache. So somebody

came to our rescue. That was Vanda. And although we do not have regional diversity presented here because both of us come from the southern cone, Vanda meets all the requirements in terms of gender equality. So it is a pleasure for me to work hand in hand with Vanda to go over this presentation that we are going to have here on the screen.

So we have the rules of procedure here on the screen. There is a PDF document that we sent out. It is exactly the same one that David Plum used in his most recent presentation, because most of the items that we flagged during the discussion were noted down. I don't know whether, Silvia, you have the PDF document.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, we have them.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

In the meantime, let me share with you some information. As I said previously, we are going to ask the region to approve the [inaudible] rules of procedure. Once the approval has taken place or while we proceed to approve the document, we will start working within the working group again, we will resume our activities and we are going to focus our attention on metrics. [Have a] document, but it still needs some adjustment. We need some fine tuning in order to have a procedure that can work well for the region.

So we are going to do some fine tuning to the metrics document [that aims at] enabling us all not to work as a [police group] in LACRALO but to monitor and facilitate ALSes' participation in the region. The metrics

document will include a few adjustments that will enable us to put things into black and white as to ALSes' participation. I know that the document that we are going to discuss right now is going to be extremely helpful for the region. It will enable us to have a clear map of the work that is being done, and based on that, we can start moving ahead. I see that the PDF is now on the screen. I'll share the floor with Vanda because we're going to make a few comments about this.

First of all, we need to look at the draft rules of procedure document. Actually, this is already a document that we are submitting to the ALSes for consideration. And we are trying to use same language both in the rules of procedure and in the operating principles. This relates to a problem that we had in our previous version of our rules, and that was that there were a lot of discrepancies and we had to resort to our own interpretation. So we had to interpret each of the sections in order to be able to reach a conclusion.

And what happened [inaudible] So, we have worked on the language to have some common language. You know that the [inaudible] working group had a variety of opinions on this, and we were able to reach some level of agreement. So that level of agreement is what enables us to have a look at this document from two different perspectives: that of the common law instead of the [inaudible] law.

We had our Latin point of view based on our own experience that allows us to understand all the rules in the [inaudible] law, and then the common law-based experience in the Caribbean. So we started working from those two perspectives, we tried to define what an ALS is, what the conflicts of interest were like, what was the schedule for rotation,

and the leadership decisions. So that's the starting point. And we came up with very interesting discussions. I don't know, Vanda, if you would like to make a comment about this.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Hello to all of you. I'm happy to see that all of you are healthy. Unfortunately, Jacqueline was not feeling well. I hope she can recover soon. I just wanted to remind you that one of the biggest problems that we had with language was the translation. When we translated the document from one language into the others, the versions were completely different. So this led to a lot of confusion, a lot of misunderstanding among ourselves. But I think now, we have come up with a document on the operating principles and on the rules of procedure that are very clear, both versions in English and in Spanish say exactly the same.

This is just to remind you that we had some problems because of the translation because we were using just automated translation. So the outcome of that automatic translation process was quite different from what we had on the original document. So I think that we are ready to move ahead and approve the document on the rules of procedure. But Sergio, if you want, we can change the slide now.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Yes. Next slide, please. Vanda, would you like to continue?

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Yes, I can do it. A candidate can be nominated by any member of LACRALO, but the nominated candidates must be members of the ALSes located in the corresponding sub region. So if you want to nominate someone, you can do that, because it may happen that there is no candidate available in one subregion. But in principle, the candidates nominated must belong to the corresponding subregion.

And it should be the candidate that is considered the [adequate] candidate by the ALSes in that subregion. So ALSes can nominate candidates in another subregion if there's no candidate available, but this will not change the rotation schedule, the rotation table. You may have the Andean region with a candidate [inaudible] They may nominate candidate from the Caribbean. It doesn't mean that next time they will continue in that position. The rotation schedule will not continue. They will not have another chance to present another candidate.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

It is very important to understand this because it may happen that there is no candidate proposed by one of the subregions, and we may have a candidate from another subregion. So the next time we rotate, we may end up having two candidates from the same subregion and the same rules of procedure perhaps will not allow us to do that. But that will only happen if we do not have a candidate from a given subregion.

In this case, we are going to end up having two candidates from the same subregion but in the next election's term, we will rotate back to the corresponding place. Now it is the Caribbean's term. Let's say that

there are no candidates in the Caribbean. If they choose not to nominate any candidate from Caribbean but somebody from the Caribbean puts forward a candidate from Brazil for instance—and Silvia is a [inaudible] member and she wants to put forward somebody from Mercosur or from Brazil, we will have in that case two candidates coming from the same subregion. That doesn't mean that if it is the Mercosur's turn in the next rotation, that we will go back to a candidate from the Caribbean. If it's Mercosur's term then we will have a candidate from the Mercosur subregion.

We need to [inaudible] because we might find ourselves in that situation where we will have an ALS now in that position and for the next term, we may end up having a candidate from the same subregion. I don't know if there are questions. Raise your hands if that is the case.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

In the event that there is only one candidate in any position, the candidate chosen by acclamation shall be considered elected without a need for voting. This is now clearly stated in the rules. All accredited ALSes can vote for all positions. The candidate [that gets] plurality of weighted votes wins and quorum for virtual voting, at least 50% of the active ALSes is a requirement there.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

[Look how] important it is for us to discuss the metrics document. the quorum [for virtual] voting, the system that we typically use needs to have [X ALSes.] Some LACRALO members in the past election proposed to implement the metrics, but we don't have them yet [adjusted.]

[What's the] rationale behind that? We need to know which are the active ALSes and which are the inactive ones. the inactive ones do not lose their rights but they lose some participation. So [inaudible] so that in the next election, which is not this one, we will have—[before May, because in May we'll] have elections again, for May, we will have our metrics logic properly [operating] so that in May, that will be the rules we will be working with. We'll be working with active and inactive ALSes. Vanda, you can go on, perhaps the next page.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Something else that was discussed a lot in our group was the position of the vice chair that was vacant this year because of a resignation. So the following rules will apply. They will apply for this position. We've already elected one of the candidates. in the event of resignation or vacancy in [inaudible] it will be filled by another representative from the same region so that the rotation is not [enacted.] Through an election procedure.

The winner of the election can assume the role immediately after the election, and the resignation period will end. Once the term of the vice chair or vice secretary end, he will continue as chair or secretary respectively [inaudible] in normal process. [Sergio,] I think that we should talk about this, perhaps before the next election, we should explain it further in case someone [does not understand anymore.]

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Exactly. it is relevant for us to understand what happened last year and this year there was a resignation. The vice president resigned and there

was an election. [inaudible] winner of that election, and after that, or based on that, we must understand what will happen with this chair elect. It will not have two years of term but only one year. He started or took office right away after being elected with one year left, [inaudible] who started earlier, together with Carlos [Leal] [inaudible]. But now, he will have to [inaudible] this process until November 2021 when he will take office as the chair for the region.

The same situation [can happen in future,] in other context. So these rules are to be applied always. And this will apply until, if there is no candidate, we'll go back to the [rules of procedure] to discuss, which provides that any ALS from the subregion can send another representative because this is a responsibility and people cannot have such responsibility for many years.

So let's assume for example that nobody wants to take the position from some region. We will [pull another person] from another region to take the role. But we will be careful not to have a chair from the same subregion [one after the other.] Well, I think with this [discussion,] we are already complete, and [inaudible] I think we should continue with the next page, right? So Susie, if you're kind to go to the next slide.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Now we're going to discuss something that's very important to us, which is the ALSes of individual members. Sometime ago, we voted. We decided that we're going to accept individual members and how are we going to accept them. It is necessary to have a new ALS of individual members to pull them together, created by the LACRALO board, which

can operate independently and [inaudible] has its own rules and five members and elected leaders.

This was a point of significant discussion on how to start. So we decided that the rules should provide that the LACRALO board was going to set up a new ALS. So once these rules of procedure have been adopted, I think the LACRALO board should set up a new ALS. This would be an ALS for individual members.

So, once this is done, we can make a call for individual members to join this ALS. And this board probably with the governance working group will establish the Internal rules of procedure for the ALS. Why? What for? For those members, perhaps five members, those who will join this ALS, so that they can [make their own] internal elections. But they must follow rules.

So these rules would follow the creation of this new ALS. So the LACRALO board, perhaps with the assistance of the governance working group, should develop these rules to start this new ALS. A regular ALS—and by regular, I mean that the members meet and as in any ALS, [it starts] an organization. And this is an ALS [which has to follow] rules so that its members are able to elect their leaders, are able to decide to go into this, go into that, eventually work together.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Vanda, let me say something. It's very relevant to understand this [inaudible]. Neither the board, nor the governance working group will do anything that is not also done by the members in the region. There will be a call, we will work together [to have them assist.] And once it's

organized, it'll work—so what we are going to do is just establish an [ALS] in order to provide support in the best way possible. And I'm sure that the members will hold a vote and we are going to provide support throughout the process. and I'm sure as they start taking over leadership positions, they will have a greater involvement in our discussions in the region.

So there are two frameworks for our process. one has to do with internal [regulations or rules] that aim at our own internal procedures, and then the second framework is to strengthen our ALSes so that they can have an active engagement. So the ALS doesn't continue working well. The members will have to [inaudible]. I don't know if there is anything else to add, Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

No, I think that I need to talk about the elections and how we apply for a leadership position. This must be a clearly stated [role.] In order to apply for leadership positions, candidates must be nominated by a regular ALS in the subregion that is the one that [responds to] that position. So perhaps we may end up having a position to a country that has fewer ALSes, and then induction to LACRALO for new members must be organized by the board even during normal operations.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

We only have one more item to discuss here, and this has to do with the procedures. Because we're running out of time, I'm being conscious of the time. Now I'm going to give the floor to Silvia Vivanco who's going to explain to us what are the next steps for us now that we have both

documents in English and what are the next steps for discussion of these documents and their approval. So I'm going to give the floor to Silvia Vivanco. Go ahead, please.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you, Sergio. As we discussed with LACRALO leaders, we are going to have a call for consensus. As Vanda has explained to you, these documents were posted on the Wiki page and they're the result of a thorough, detailed analysis carried out by the interpretation and translation services department and by myself and David Plum. So we have two versions that are exactly the same in both languages so all members of LACRALO should be able now to review those documents.

So we are going to issue a call for consensus tomorrow, July the 21st and Monday, July the 27th at [18:00] UTC. During this period, all LACRALO members can make comments and raise objections if there are any, and also, they can ask questions or raise their concerns. But if we have too many questions or concerns, then [the comments] would have to go back to the governance working group for review. If that is not the case, on Monday, the 27th, the document would be considered adopted by LACRALO. So those are the steps that we should follow in order to proceed to the approval of the document.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Silvia. This has been a very clear explanation. Let me make a comment about the wonderful work done by David Plum during the process. It was extremely helpful. He helped us with the mediation process to solve our internal problems and he was providing support to

us throughout the entire process until we were able to draft this document and now have them ready for your adoption here. So I would like to publicly acknowledge David Plum's collaboration and I'm going to write an e-mail tomorrow about this because I would like David to receive congratulations from all of us through a formal e-mail because he has been instrumental in allowing us to come up with this document. David did a lot of background work in order to allow us to get to this point.

Now I would like to ask whether any of our colleagues would like to make a comment or a question about this. If that is the case, I will give you the floor. Otherwise, we can move on to the next item on the agenda because we are already running late. I'm just giving you a couple of seconds to react in case you want to take the floor.

I don't see anyone asking for the floor. We see some messages of congratulations to David in the chat. So let's go back to our agenda. Can we see the agenda on the screen, Susie, please?

Right. Now it is time for our ALAC members to make some comments. It is Humberto's turn now. I'm very pleased to have Humberto with us today. So Humberto, I missed you, I know you're working hard because you are not speaking to me so often now.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO:

So greetings to all the LACRALO members, to all participants on this call, greetings to the interpreters, to the staff members. Before starting my brief report, let me say that it has been quite difficult for me to take care of all fronts of work, because during the pandemic, now I see an

increased workload. I must admit that everything has been affected by this. In particular in my case, I am not able to devote as much time as before to LACRALO, but I'm trying to make up for that.

Nevertheless, let me share with you a few comments about some of the issues voted for comments in LACRALO in the ALAC. There is one with a deadline for July the 31st. We reviewed the ALAC policy page and work is being done on a statement on the final report of the ATRT3 group. The report has been established for comments and the deadline for posting comments is July the 31st.

And as you know, they are asking for input from the community. In particular, given the recommendation of section 8 in that report, there are significant changes being proposed for organizational reviews and specific reviews. And they are also suggesting having an extension period for certain decisions. That is one of the main changes in that report. There is another one [that] refers to the enhancing the effectiveness of the ICANN model. The deadline for comments is August the 2nd. The proposal is being [inaudible] now. There are several penholders working on that statement, and I'm sure that there is a better explanation [inaudible] that the ICANN board took into account the operating and financial plan for fiscal years 21-25. So they took into account the comments from the community. Now they are going over those comments and they are trying to put together an updated document on that.

The deadline for comments is August the 2nd 2020. I apologize because you know that I'm at home and my son is playing, he's shouting, he's

being carried away. He's playing online with another friend so you can hear him in the background.

So let me continue. And the last comment relates to the label generation rules for root zone 4. This is a highly technical issue. This is being analyzed by the CPWG and a statement is also being drafted. The aim here is to determine the valid labels for top-level domains, IDNs and their variants, looking at the label generation rules, and the procedures also require the proposal of specific roles. It is a highly technical issue. Sergio, in a nutshell, that is a summary of the policy-related issues being discussed within ALAC. I'll open the floor for any comments from the participants on this call.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Humberto. I don't know whether the other ALAC members or any participants from the region would like to make any comment. Perhaps any of you that are working on one of those working groups. If there are no contributions from participants, we can move ahead with the agenda. Humberto, I think there are no comments. Thank you for this report. And now let's start with a report from working group [inaudible] in our region. First we will have Adrian Carballo and I don't know whether we have any more reports from any other working groups, perhaps the one led by Silvia or Lilian. I don't see on the agenda. Adrian, go ahead please.

ADRIAN CARBALLO: Hello everyone. Wanted to tell you about the strategic plan 2021-2025 that was [accepted] last month. With regards to capacity building, we

want to have a space to gather information on ICANN's activities. So in the future, these spaces will be created to address the topics of interest for our ALSes. Then DNS security is another area. Our group will be paying attention to provide support for this initiative.

With regards to the LACRALO academy, we are working on the [final] process and we will soon send it to the staff and [Harold] for final review, and then work on future actions. Before formal submission, [inaudible] in ICANN meeting in March next year.

Then all these topics are very much related to the capacity building group in addition to the webinars. This is all I wanted to say, but also, the Internet governance southern school, there will be a session in Buenos Aires, but it was postponed for October. It was going to be held in September. It will be held online. In a few days, we will be opening the application for [inaudible] so if you're interested in getting a grant, I'm here for any questions.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Adrian. It has been a pleasure to work together. The group is working very well. I have to say it publicly. [When group work and mobile and progress,] it's great because it means that the region is advancing. So congratulations to you and the other members of the group. I don't know if there's anyone who wants to make a comment or a contribution to what Adrian has just presented. I see no one. I know that Sylvia Herlein, our dear ALAC member but also chair of the IDN multilingualism working group wants to take the floor. Sylvia. It's a pleasure for us to have you here.

SYLVIA HERLEIN-LEITE:

Good evening. Thank you very much. I just wanted to say that although I anticipated it being impossible for me to participate, here I am. So let me tell you what the LACRALO LACTLD project is about. I want to tell you that we have received a reply from LACTLD I want to share with you. First, they expressed their gratitude for this initiative of ours, and then this report that we sent to them, they found it very interesting. But actually, the group—myself included—were rather surprised by their [inaudible] because they said it was very interesting, they thank us for the information, but we should not implement the project through LACTLD but should contact individual [ccTLDs] of the region.

[inaudible] Ignacio Estrada and I said to him that since Kobe, ALAC and the other organizations in the ICANN ecosystem for the Latin American and Caribbean region, since Kobe, they have [said] to create [basis for] cooperation to perform joint activities. At least that was what we understood. So the reply I have forwarded—and I'm going to ask you for your [contribution], for example, Rodrigo de la Parra, so that you can help us reach LACTLD so that perhaps [because the reply they sent to us,] they might have not understood what our proposal is about.

So summing up, the proposal we submitted from our group was an invitation for a joint meeting to [set out] measures to truly understand and create [a space of] cooperation between LACRALO and all ccTLDs of the region. On the other hand, we are [inaudible] contacting those ccTLDs that are not members of LACTLD so that we can have comprehensive [understanding of all TLDs with regards to IDNs.] That's basically it. I've invited them to have a meeting. I hope they will say yes,

because in our working group, we are really enthusiastic about this, that LACRALO could become a bridge, a link between the ccTLDs and the end users of our region. So that's basically all. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Silvia, for these words. Actually, this reply was rather surprising. [I don't know if they did not understand or what. Perhaps we should expand on the information on your e-mail [inaudible] to ask them for the meeting. The Latin American region had a meeting [inaudible] to adopt joint action [more,] but it seems that what we say with words has been flew away by the wind. Well, [could this just have been a misunderstanding and we would need to] channel our words? Because it's very important, not only for end users but also for those of us who want to have a more stable Internet.

I think it is my turn now. If I'm not mistaken, there is no other [inaudible] who wants to make a report. Let me check if there are any hands.

HAROLD ARCOS: Sergio, if I may.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Go ahead, Harold.

HAROLD ARCOS: Well, before the last ICANN meeting, all the other directors have [made] their updates, and the only pending one was Adrian Carballo.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Nevertheless, we had a bonus with Sylvia, and again, let me say what I said before, groups are working and that makes me happy. So congratulations to Sylvia for your work. I should say that. Now, a quick update on where we are in LACRALO. You all know that there is a process of election and the 24th is [inaudible] nomination period for those of you who want to apply for positions. We have received three proposals. One from Sindy Obed from ISOC Haiti, Claire Craig from Internet Society of Trinidad and Tobago, and Derisma Queslin from Haiti.

Three people who we have not seen working in the region with us before, and this is interesting because this will happen probably in the future too, we will have to consider the region rotation and this possibility [to have dual] candidacy, we will see new members come in who want to be representatives or leaders of their region and then we have to [check them against reality.]

In Argentina we have a saying that racehorses are seen on the track. Well, we have to see how [they work in our] regional reality.

HAROLD ARCOS: Silvia, we cannot hear Sergio.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Perhaps we have lost Sergio. He dropped. Susie, can you help us? We are not hearing him in Spanish.

HAROLD ARCOS: He's trying to reconnect.

SUSIE JOHNSON: There are many people trying to connect. Just a minute, if you're so kind.

HAROLD ARCOS: Sergio is rebooting his computer. He has some issues and he's rebooting the system.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. He will be dialed in. if you want to take the floor, Harold, to speak about the elections.

HAROLD ARCOS: Well, as Sergio was saying, you can see the date on the calendar. We have shared it on the Zoom page. [inaudible] participation of this subregion in this process. We will see that up until the 24th, the nomination's open. After that comes the process of acceptance of nominations and we ask the candidates to submit the details according to the requirements provided by our rules. Statements of interest, expressions of interest, of each. And after that, there will be the

election call, and after the election, the results will be disclosed. That is the [calendar.]

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I'm back.

HAROLD ARCOS: I was speaking about the election.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Harold. We have submitted our budget for fiscal year 2021-25 and we're very happy because we had 15 votes out of 15. That means that the ALAC has approved our budget and that makes us extremely happy. On the other hand, let me check my list of points of discussion, I'm not sure if I have anything else to discuss. I don't remember off the top of my head and I can't find the list.

HAROLD ARCOS: Raitme may want to take the floor.

RAITME CITTERIO: Something about the project of IDNs and universal acceptance. I want to propose the following. Is it possible, with [inaudible] support, and also based on ICANN's comments, ICANN Learn, perhaps to have a call focused on the development working group and capacity building on universal acceptance for Latin America could be supported by

ICANN Learn so that [inaudible]. Just an idea. I'd like you to consider it. And we will work it on e-mail. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I have two suggestions. Please look at that within the IDN working group in order to come up with a written proposal, and then work together with the capacity building group. I know that you are part of that group, so at least I recall seeing your name there. So try to get organized with the two groups, and once you have that ready, we can issue a formal request. I think that those platforms may be available. I think that we need to ask staff whether that is possible.

I think it would be very useful for us to have that available, to have content in two languages there in order to have an impact in terms of the region's vision. So go ahead. I think this is a great idea. But try to get yourselves organized with a working group and get together also with the Capacity Building Working Group for this specific task. And I think that there are already some bridges established between the two capacity building groups. And try to move ahead as fast as possible. I think that that can give a lot of momentum to the work of the region. So congratulations to Sylvia, Raitme and all of you in those groups. You're thinking hard, so that's very good.

I think we don't have any more agenda items to go over. We have looked at the most urgent issues, elections, the work that the governance working group is going to start next week, and there is also a plan to work along the lines described by Raitme.

So, the plan for fiscal year 21 has been approved. As Harold said, this places us in a very interesting position. So we just need to look at the consensus call in order to get approval for the rules of procedure, starting tomorrow until Monday the 27th, and then we need to start planning for our meeting in Cancun if we are able to have a face-to-face meeting in Cancun with all the necessary protection measures in place. And on the other hand, the LACRALO board will start in 15 days working on the regional strategy for the LACRALO board.

So once we have completed that task, we are going to start first with the strategy for the board, and then we are going to work on the regional strategy for LACRALO. So you are going to have the chance to get much more involved. We are no longer going to talk about how we govern ourselves, but rather, what should be our strategy to address policy-related issues in order to link our work with that of ICANN.

I think that it is essential for us to come up with a strategy to be clear on how we are going to work in the next five years. It doesn't matter who is the chair, who the ALAC members are. What matters is to have some consistency between our discussions and the policy-related issues and the discussion in ICANN. Only through a regional strategy will we be able to look at the large things. Perhaps we're not going to be able to go into too much detail because in five years' time, topics and priorities may change.

But we need to come up with some general guidance to understand how we are going to work, what strategy we are going to pursue in order to discuss policy-related issues for our users that are in line with ICANN's discussions in order to get to the meeting in Cancun with

something different. We need to get to that meeting with a greater level of involvement in policy-related issues. We need to be clear on what we are going to discuss, why we are going to get together, what we can do in order to be better representatives for the ICANN ecosystem. Otherwise, our level of involvement will just be more [loose] and perhaps we cannot establish such a robust relationship with ICANN.

But if we have clear goals for the region, and these are clearly understood by us all, we will be able to have an impact on the path taken within ICANN on Internet-related issues, or perhaps we can have more weight with our position. So we need to have a clear strategy.

Okay, we still have 15 minutes left. We ran out of topics according to our agenda. Let me check once again just in case. We have the strategic remote plan because we are going to work remotely. That is why it says remote there. We will have to work remotely. That is why we speak about remote strategic plan.

And let me also bring up here another point. I see León and Lito with us, so I would like to know whether they want to take the floor. I know that León has a great recipe, so I want him to give me that recipe and help me find the ingredients, but I don't know if they want to comment on the work currently being done by the board, if they have any comments to share with us. So if you want to take the floor, just let us know. The mic is open for you. Hello Lito.

LITO IBARRA:

How are you? Congratulations to Colombia and Argentina. You said that today is friends day, so I embrace you all. Just let me make a brief

comment. In the organizational effectiveness committee, not at the board level yet. We have been looking at At-Large implementation report. It is very comprehensive. But we still need to escalate it to the board in full in order to adopt a formal position on that report. We are still working on that, and I'm trying to think what are the tasks we are working on that may be related to At-Large. But I think it's just that implementation report. We are starting to look into that report by the organizational effectiveness committee.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Lito. I also see that León is writing in the chat saying that his kids are very noisy, so just like Humberto's children. Okay, so we will finish earlier than expected, but let me remind you of the importance of all these topics that we have mentioned, what Lito has shared with us, and let me say also that we will probably have a meeting this week with [inaudible] Harold, staff and myself. We've already had a meeting a few days ago after the chair elect or vice chair elections and we will hold another meeting with the staff in order to organize our activities and the work to be done in the region.

I see a comment by Alejandro in the chat saying that he's following up on us. I know that all of you are actively engaged and it is very good to see you all here. We really appreciate all your contributions. So we're 20 past 9:00 here. I don't see any more hands raised. If you want to speak now, just go ahead, or remain silent forever. And I think that we have concluded all the agenda items. We didn't speak too much on each topic. So I think that we can finish early.

Before we leave, let me say that the secretary and the chair are going to have a meeting and probably we will leave that meeting for sometime after the ALAC member elections. Soon we will also have a board meeting, and those are the latest news. So have a happy friends day if you're celebrating it. If you're not celebrating it, anyway, just use it as an excuse to celebrate. We celebrate our friends every day. So thank you all, and this is the end. Bye.

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