
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. Welcome to the LACRALO governance working group call on Thursday, October the 1st at 22:00 UTC.

On the Spanish line, we have Sergio Salinas Porto, Harold Arcos, Carlos Raul Gutierrez, Humberto Carrasco and Vanda Scartezini. On the English channel, we have Omir Kerry Kerr and Sindy Obed.

Our interpreters for this call are David and Veronica. From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Claudia Ruiz managing this call today. Before starting, I would like to remind you all to please state your name when taking the floor for interpreters to identify you on the other language channels. With that, I would like to give the floor to Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Claudia. We have today a meeting with some topics to discuss. I believe that we had a pretty good process in the development of two big rules that we had for our region. One is the operating principles and then the rules of procedure that have been passed recently after a huge work by our team.

What we have still pending is to finish some of the topics that are not finished. One of the topics is LACRALO individual members. Probably, we will have to make a review of the rules of procedure. And perhaps we will need to create an application form just to check the approval process for the ALS that is going to be created with individual users.

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On the other hand, the Emeritus Council, there was an effort being made. And for all of us who have been working, this Emeritus Council was in charge of accompanying new people in the process of ICANN LACRALO.

And thirdly, there is something that is quite urgent, and this is a metric issue. We have a document. This document was drafted in 2018, and it is a document that from my personal point of view cannot be implemented, because there is a gap and we have the rules of procedure that are showing a different reality in the region. So we have to take this document back and shape it, and we have to make it possible.

So when we wanted to start working with the metrics, to apply the metrics to the previous election, this was not possible. There was no possibility of implementing the metrics in the elections. After that, we also need to discuss when it comes to metrics, we need to discuss things, but things are not clear enough. We have many lawyers on the call, so perhaps they can make their contributions, because we have a rule. We're going to amend the metrics, the document, but that document is alive since 2018.

So what we have to do is to see if this is a retroactive document and whether this amendment or modification will include this year for the election process or for the participation process in the region.

Having said this, these are the two things that I have on my mind, and I have no clear definition, so that's why I hope that this joint effort may lead us to replace and solve these issues, because I have some doubts.

Probably, you may have other questions or doubts. And I see that Vanda already started with her active participation, so I'm going to give the floor to Vanda for her to start speaking. Vanda, please go ahead.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you, Sergio. Just to go quickly, Silvia and I have been involved in item number five, and this is the Emeritus Council. I'm going to make a clear proposal. I propose that we cancel this, that we stop with this, because there was no general agreement on this particular topic and there was a good evolution of the working group and the learning curve of the ALAC. So I believe that everything is ready for anyone to access documents.

The only thing that we might do in the governance working group is we could perhaps, jointly with Alfredo, Joanna from ALAC, perhaps we could create a sort of course so as to be able to understand LACRALO. Only that. And with that, all the activities will be up and running, and anyone starting in the region would start by taking this first course, and then that person can take the other course available for the At-Large members at ICANN. So I believe this is going to be clearer because this is almost ready, but perhaps there is no interest by the members to participate.

So we can say that everything is ready. However, I don't think it would be worth having a working group and have people involved. I believe that what we could do is we could create this course only for those being incorporated to LACRALO. For the rest, everything is ready. But this is just a proposal.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Vanda, if I may, I would say this: I remember that there was a sort of deviation in the project. And I remember that that's why the project was stopped. So my suggestion would be this: we're on the same page. We have a document that is already drafted. We don't have to create a new working group. So perhaps what we can do is to start working right now and to make the necessary modifications, and then we can start implementing the document. If you agree with that from an operational point of view, we can start working in a small subgroup and we can start working at once.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yes. Silvia and I, we could finish what we have started, because the things that we're missing, for example, the selection of people, but I have the impression that perhaps we should do a survey because there are many things that have changed in LACRALO. LACRALO has an operational nature, it is working much better. So perhaps if we do a survey, if you agree, we can finish the wording of the document and then we can circulate the document, and then we ask people if they're interested in going on or if we have to stop with this.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, Vanda. If I may, I would suggest reviewing the object of the document, because at one point, the object of the document was changed and it was modified, and that's why we stopped, because we didn't have any approval.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: No, we don't have an approved document.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, that's correct. So I would propose this. We can take that document, we can look for or revise the objective, and then we can move forward.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Okay. Silvia and I can continue with that.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. I agree with that. Is there any comment on this point?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Sergio, if I may, I have posted the Wiki page for the Emeritus Council where you will have documents available, the [recordings,] so the version of July 2018 is there, and you can see all the recordings and the records that would have been discussed so that you can work with Vanda and Silvia. And Vanda, whatever you need, please let me know, because I can support you with anything that you need for the survey.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you very much, Silvia.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay.

HAROLD ARCOS: Sergio, I would like to take the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Please go ahead, Harold.

HAROLD ARCOS: Okay. Just to sum up, we are going to review this in order to verify or review the objective, and we need to set the deadline. What is the time that we have available for this in order to just finish with the review of the document?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I'm sorry, I couldn't really hear you, Harold.

HAROLD ARCOS: I am taking a few notes of this first proposal and action, and I wanted to confirm that what you propose is reviewing the purpose, and as Vanda is saying, this would be maintained. And this is to review the basic document we have. What we need still is some more time to progress. So we need the next meeting or five or seven days, and I want to know what's your opinion about this.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I think it was really good that Silvia provided us a link to review the document, but what I remember is this is years ago, a long time ago, so probably, there is something wrong. For example, the governance working group is the one interpreting the rules of procedure, and also the operating principals, which are the laws governing LACRALO. So it is the governance working group, not the metrics working group. And I do remember very clearly that this was the aim of the document.

I remember that we agreed to create a group to continue with the processes. Now, this group change into something that we did not agree in Los Angeles. That's why it was frozen and we need to review the document to provide the form it needs to have and progress. I think a couple of people in about three meetings can make good progress.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I just need to speak with Silvia. We will review this, because we would probably make reference to documents that are no longer existing, that were changed, issues or items that have been changed completely. So I think we do need to review this. And then we will see if we can just continue or not.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. So, we have just closed this issue and we can go into the next issue. So the council issue is now going on, so we would need to review the individual members issue, how to make up an ALS. We will need to consider the individual members issues and to make rules to govern the creation of this virtual ALS. What you wrote here is to create an application form and approval procedure, and also to detail the process

for the individuals. So we have 11 people and we need to make these 11 people individual members. So there have to be some formalities in the region that we don't really have.

So, we need some hands that can help us put some order in this. It would probably be just copying what people are doing in other regions. Europe has it, North America has it. Not sure about Africa.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Well, we can think about a comparison between Europe and North America, and see what we can copy and paste and what we are not interested in.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Okay, so I need two volunteers in this group. And these two volunteers need to consider the individual members in LACRALO. There are a few hands.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

I am available. David and I discussed this, and we also discussed a solution. So if you can meet, then ... I'm sure this is not so complex. There are other colleagues who meet and we can make a comparison. Perhaps this task can help us by telling us what Europe says, what North America is saying, and it will then be easy to reach a conclusion.

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: I can gladly volunteer in this work. I am also representing LACRALO in the individual members working group anyway. So there have been a few questions on where we are or why we don't have this. So of course, I can be a volunteer for this work. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, so we can think then that Vanda and Carlos Raul can make up a mini group to work with individual users.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Of course. I will choose Carlos Raul as a chair because he is representing LACRALO in the group.

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: Okay. Thank you, Vanda. You should be my boss, as I will gladly be in the group.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Vanda has more time in the group. So, we have a hyper volunteer like Vanda that is in so many groups, and now we need to be on the third group which is the metrics group. This is the third group again. My suggestion is to have at least one volunteer. Perhaps Augusto or Humberto can help us with this. Maybe Sindy and Cassandra. Oh, no, Cassandra is the operator, actually. So maybe Sindy would like to join the team and maybe we need to work on the metrics group. And this is what we need to think about, this is my warning to you.

This team, made up by Harold and myself, in November 2021, we will no longer be in the leadership. And what we need is those members who will continue to be here after 2021, they need to know very clearly what the metrics will be about, because they will need to apply it. So we can just not go unnoticed, and this document needs to be released. This is a one-page document, so the degree of work has to do with reading the rules of procedure and thinking that this is not a punishment structure. A document needs to provide the possibility for the ALSes to be able to reactivate their participation.

Many ALSes have just a few seconds to continue living, so we need to reactivate them, or otherwise, they will continue being inactive in our region, and we need to provide ALAC with the report so that they do what they have to do. I don't really know what the decertification process for an ALS is like, but this would not be the desired goal. It is preferable to maintain those ALSes working in the region, and those that have no interest then probably ... maybe it's not that they don't have an interest, but they don't have enough members to consider the different issues discussed in LACRALO.

So perhaps you would be providing them the possibility to be, to continue being there, but being inactive. So maybe they can impact on the forum when we have to make a decision. But this would not impact on the electoral issues. They would not be able to run for candidates and they would have no impact on a general assembly.

So based on that, I would work on that group, but I would need just a number of members to work with me. So Lilian, those who do want to participate in this mini working group, you're all welcome. We're going

to wait of the rest to hear what their condition are. So open your microphones and say if you will be able to participate, if you will be able to give a few hours of your time to disentangle this issue. Anyone would like to speak? No volunteers to speak, or no people volunteering to work. Do I have to push you?

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

I'm going to make a proposal. In the next meeting, we will look for members, or once we consider the merit, once we know what the merit is, we could just go back to the group. But I'm not going to volunteer, because I have no time. So once these topics are completed, we can just go on, because if we do everything at the same time, we probably will not have enough people.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you. Harold, you have the floor.

HAROLD ARCOS:

On this metrics issue, because of its characteristics, we know—this is something we can discuss at the secretariat, and this would be a part of the group that will be made up to have different levels. One is to operationalize it, to have a real feasibility of operationalizing it, and then second, we need to encourage participation.

Then there's the middle level, and it's the fact that this should not clash with the other regulations provided for in the governance document, in the rules of procedure document. So there are these three levels that

we do need to consider, but especially, we need to consider the operation.

This implies challenges, even for the format in which we will be receiving the information, for example, coming from ... Just checking with the ICANN staff that there's a way to collect all these forms. The metrics document says a person can participate in any ICANN area. So if a review is narrow, we will not know if we're participating in a mailing list or if there is a working group that is not very well known within ALAC that may be having interesting discussions related to the GNSO, but they are participating. And the person giving the name of an ALS, that ALS is already considered active.

So it is actually very important to be able to have the full picture of possible participation areas within ICANN. So this is one of the challenges. Thank you, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Harold. So along these lines, I believe that we have to work orderly. We have to count participation. And let me say something. When we had to start accounting for active participation by the ALSes, we were not able to say the exact number of people attending or participating in different activities. And there are some places where we're not able to count participation. So I don't really know how we can account for this participation, how we can determine participation. So I believe metrics have to be defined and we have to say if the people participating in LACRALO meetings, working groups, or in ALAC working

groups. And this is a question for Silvia. These are the things that we could have, right?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes. Regarding attendance, the meetings, we always do a roll call and that information is available. But when it comes to At-Large, within our community. When it comes to participation in other working groups in ICANN, there are other technical secretariat working on that particular piece of information. So this might be a different project, a very ambitious task. However, I believe that metrics, apart from being quantitative analysis, they may also provide a qualitative piece of information in terms of engagement and participation. It is a quite complex topic, and you should be reviewing this and you should also be reviewing your expectations in the framework of this health crisis as well particularly when it comes to participation.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Yes, of course. What I propose is this. Based on this objective view that we have for our starting point, I believe that our metrics document should have this framework, and this is a tangible or possible framework. For example, we have to be able to define if there is an ALS complying with the metrics or not.

Having said this, and taking into account this referential framework, I'm going to ask you again, Augusto, Humberto, can you please help me with this?

AUGUSTO HO: For the metrics?

HAROLD ARCOS: Let me check. As of November, but before November, it will be impossible for me to help you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, so we will have to wait for a month.

HAROLD ARCOS: Yes, because in October, perhaps I could work during the last week of October.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Good. Augusto.

AUGUSTO HO: I am in a similar situation. I have eight events during the month of October, and I need to coordinate those events at the university. And of course, I have to participate. So there are eight events going for me. So I won't have enough time to help you. However, in November, we have more time because there are holidays here, and this could be easier for me. November is much easier for me..

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Thank you. Vanda, please go ahead.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Two things, let me say. First of all is that from a concrete point of view, October is going to be a difficult month because we have two weeks ahead when it's the pre-ICANN week, then we have the week of the 22nd and we have the ICANN meeting. So as you may imagine, October is BC month, so from a realistic point of view, we might start thinking about working with the metrics working group in November.

The second comment, and this is to help you, what we could also propose when it comes to metrics is just to see if we can get a report or have a report. Let's say we can have a form for people to report what they're doing. For example, I am applying to be a candidate or I am working in such and such working group. So this would be a sort of statement for each of us, and each of the members is going to report over there. For example, I am a member of an ALS and I am doing these things.

So at the end of the year, we will be able to have information about all the people participating because there are people that are actively participating, and you can check that. There is no need to perhaps prove or to have statistics, but we need to have a statement. So this could be something additional to what we're saying because it will prove a good intention on the part of people, ALS, to contribute, or who are part of other working groups. And they could report those activities in a form of the Wiki page. So this is something very simple and it would be a sort of statement. And this could be—at the election state, we can resort to this information. This information is going to be sent to the ALS, and

there, you can see who is working or contributing and who is not. So this would be a sort of, as I said before, statement.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, let's do something. We know that October is going to be a busy month, and in addition to our personal agenda, we have the ICANN meeting, and the last 15 days are going to be really hard, so let's do something. Let's work on metrics in November, and when it comes to the other two topics, we can start holding brief meetings at our convenience. Let's use the governance working group to arrange those meetings. And Sindy, I don't know if you would like to participate in any of these groups. We have the individual users working group, and on the other hand, please let me help with that because I don't remember exactly the name.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: It is the Emeritus council.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Thank you. So the Emeritus working group. So we have those two working groups, and if you would like to volunteer to participate, you will be more than welcome. And we also need to check Jacqueline's choice. She's not able to join us today. And there are some other members who have filled in the survey, but they were not available at that time block. So perhaps we can define these things. I don't know if there is Any Other Business or any other topic that we would like to

address for this meeting. What do you think? Is there anything that we should discuss today?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: No, I don't think so, because everything is well organized so far. We have been working very hard, and I believe that we have advanced quite a lot.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. if you agree, by next week—and please, let's indicate when the Emeritus working group is going to meet and the individual users working group is going to meet. Please indicate the date and time, and probably Harold and I will join those meetings so that we can make our contributions. But please indicate your availability if you would like to participate, and please let me know and we can join.

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: Sergio, if I may, the next meeting for individual users at ALAC is on Monday, and I'm going to ask Vanda if we can perhaps talk before or after that meeting, the ALAC meeting, the individual users at ALAC. So perhaps we can work on Monday and be updated.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Carlos, your partner In that group is Laura Margolis from Uruguay.

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: That's correct.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: She's in the group.

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: Yeah, and we also have [Pisanty] as a volunteer. He's an observer.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Alejandro Pisanty is participating?

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: I didn't see him in the last session, but I'm going to send an e-mail to Laura, Alejandro, to meet on Monday.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. We have to perform a very technical task, because we need to see, and please take notes of what we are discussing right now, because this is what we are missing. There isn't much to debate. Perhaps you can get some support by the staff, because we have experienced from other regions, so I believe it's going to be very easy to copy and paste information. And of course, we know that we can be created, but there are many things that have been already invented, so we have to make the most of the experience that ALAC has and let's bring it to the region. Harold, would you like to take the floor?

HAROLD ARCOS: Yes, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Please go ahead.

HAROLD ARCOS: I would like to get some details about the topic you've mentioned before. I was going to speak about the individual membership. This is already established in the rules of procedure, so there are some outputs that we need to create in order to pave the way for that transition, and we have to take into account specific conditions. And I believe this is a good framework.

However, and on a separate note, Carlos is referring to the agenda, and the agenda being discussed by the individual users working group in ALAC. So it would be good to see how this agenda is being developed and the criteria that are being used. But this is at the level of the five RALOs, and we have to create or deliver our output, our response, based on our rules in order to be able to add individual members to LACRALO.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Harold.

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ: Harold, this topic has been already discussed, but I believe it is really important to understand that ALAC is looking for participation, not rules or regulation. So we'll keep you posted on the ALAC's side, and we will see the conditions that they're setting forth, but I believe there is a very

basic difference. The intention of the ALAC discussion so far, even though it is in its early stages, is that we need people to get involved.

We need less rules, because ICANN bylaws are already setting forth the participation of individuals, so there is no background discussion. They are accepted, they are part of ALAC. And we also need to see how we can make the most of this opportunity instead of focusing on the conditions that we are going to set in order to make this formal.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Carlos. Let's see how we can move forward. Let's ask Laura to participate, because she will be involved, and she was also our first individual member in the region, so we will have to welcome her with work to do. And I don't think we have Any Other Business to discuss. We are 12 minutes ahead of the top of the hour. We have been very efficient in managing the time today.

So let me say that we need to be on the alert. We need to close the issue of the document processes that we have opened. This thing has to be finished by the end of the year so that the region may have the basic things and the legal issues already finished in order to avoid any disruption in the regional participation.

If there are no further comments, we can bring this call to an end.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I just wanted to say that interpretation services will not be available next week and they will resume on October 29. So any call you may want to organize for next week, you need to consider that you will have

no simultaneous interpretation. But then of course, you can continue meeting individually or via WhatsApp or e-mail, and we will be at your disposal to contact me with any information that you may need.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Silvia. So we know we can just arrange it to work with our colleagues from the Caribbean and have a meeting. Having said this, I think it is now time to say goodbye, send you a big hug, and to thank you for having participated in this meeting. This meeting is now adjourned. Goodbye.

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