



LACRALO NEWSLETTER

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Information for our end user community

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WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



Sergio Salinas Porto, LACRALO Chair

Hello, friends, this is our first LACRALO newsletter dedicated to all Internet End Users in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Those of us working in the Internet community with an end user perspective understand that it is very important to spread the word about everything we do within ICANN, as well as to give visibility to the different activities developed by our organizations in each of our countries.

LACRALO is the Internet end user space for discussion and advice on Internet policies within the scope of ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers), bringing LAC Internet end users' view to the ICANN Board of Directors.

We invite you to join LACRALO from the organizations already operating in each of the countries of the region, or if you belong to an organization interested in Internet-related issues or in defending Internet users' rights or if you are an individual user, we encourage you to get involved, since you will also have a voice within LACRALO.

Warm greetings,

Sergio Salinas Porto
LACRALO Chair

WORDS FROM ICANN'S VICE-PRESIDENT FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, RODRIGO DE LA PARRA

It is with great pleasure that I am writing these lines for the LACRALO Newsletter first edition. I would like to congratulate you, with all my heart, on the individual and collective efforts undertaken to realize the projects and initiatives proposed in recent months. We know it has not been easy and that you have managed to overcome the difficulties that have arisen.

You should feel very proud of this achievement, including this newsletter, which will undoubtedly be a very important communication instrument both within and outside LACRALO to learn about the different activities that you carry out.

We would like to keep on working side by side to contribute to our organization's Mission and to the Internet development in our region. We thank you very much for having contributed to our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. I am confident that we will undertake many joint projects.



Thank you so much for the opportunity, and I wish you the best of success.

THE SECRETARY'S CORNER



LACRALO BOARD MEMBERS

The Board is a coordination space for LACRALO leaders who have the mandate to promote further strategic actions. It will be composed by those members who are elected to hold the positions of chair, vice chair, secretary, secretary elect, two LACRALO appointed representatives to ALAC, the NomCom appointed representative to ALAC and the LACRALO working group chairs.

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LACRALO ALAC Member: [Sylvia Herlein](#)

LACRALO ALAC Member: [Humberto Carrasco](#)

LACRALO ALAC member NomCom elected: [Carlos Raul Gutierrez](#)

WG Chairs /Presidentes de Grupos de trabajo

[Chair LACRALO WG Domains and its relationship with Users \(GNSO\) /](#)

[LACRALO Grupo de Trabajo Dominios y su relación con los Usuarios \(GNSO\) José Arce](#)

[LACRALO WG on WHOIS and GDPR / LACRALO Grupo de trabajo WHOIS y GDPR: Carlos Leal](#)

[LACRALO WG Multilingualism and IDNs/LACRALO Grupo de Trabajo Multilingüismo e](#)

[IDNs: Sylvia Herlein](#)

[LACRALO WG on Communications/LACRALO Grupo de Trabajo de Comunicaciones: Lilian De Luque Bruges](#)

[LACRALO WG on Capacity Building/LACRALO Grupo de trabajo de Capacitación: Adrian Carballo](#)

[LACRALO Governance WG/LACRALO Grupo de trabajo de Gobernanza Sergio Salinas Porto](#)

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



[AUGUSTO HO](#)

Vice Chair / Chair-elect. Term June 2020 - AGM 2021

Augusto is Panamanian, born in the city of Colon, and he is a professional in Law and Political Science, with several postgraduate and master's degrees. He has 27 years of experience as a university professor. Lecturer, attorney at law, founder and member of law and information technology organizations. He is a member of the LACRALO ALS, APANDETEC.

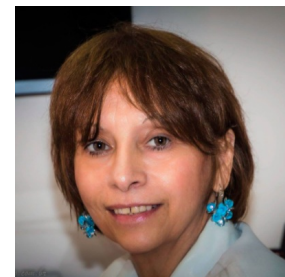
Augusto deeply believes in the hard and continuous work to make the voice of Internet end users heard and defended in our Latin American and Caribbean region. His leadership, conciliatory willingness, transparency, ethics and executive approach will ensure the achievement of great results for our region.

[VANDA SCARTEZINI](#)

ALAC delegate to the NomCom representing the LAC region. Term AGM 2020 – AGM 2021

She is a Brazilian Electronic Engineer, with many specializations and more than 40 years of experience in the ICT sector in managerial positions in both the public and private sectors.

She is the owner of 2 ICT and intellectual property consulting companies. She is vice president of a local IT women's association, representative of a LACRALO ALS, and leader of an international group for women empowerment, [DNS WOMEN](#).



She has been involved with ICANN since 2000, and has held important leadership positions within the organization at global and regional levels.



SINDY OBED

ALAC Member elect. Term AGM 2020 – AGM 2022

Born in Haiti Bachelor of Science in Education, Certificate in Parliamentary Studies, Candidate to a Master Degree in Public Communications and Lobbying. He is the chair of the Haiti ISOC chapter and co-founder of Digital Grassroots. He has been the organizer of the IGF Haiti during 2018, 2019 and 2020.

In 2019, he was awarded as an outstanding young man by the International Junior Chamber. He has been a junior fellow at the IGF

2017 in Geneva and at ICANN66.

Congratulations and welcome!

HIGHLIGHTS

The new LACRALO Rules of Procedure are now approved!

LACRALO has approved its new Rules of Procedures after approximately 3 years of work that began with the "LACRALO Roadmap and Mediation". The LACRALO Governance working group first drafted the Operating Principles passed in December 2018.

These "Rules of Procedures" extensively define the procedures to implement the new governance structure envisaged by the Operating Principles.

Both documents set forth a very sound basis for LACRALO to undertake its activities in a certain, transparent and fair manner.

Documents in EN and ES are published on [this wiki page](#).

IDN REGISTRATION IN THE LAC REGION



The LACRALO IDN -Multilingualism - Universal Acceptance WG began to work in June 2019 and has members from more than 12 Latin American countries. The WG did an important work on IDN registration in the LAC region.

Additionally, the WG is working on the creation of a Local Initiative to collaborate hand in hand with the Universal Acceptance Steering Group, UASG. The WG is currently working on two main projects: the first project is to verify the 100 most used sites in 23 countries in the region, following the guidelines of the UASG Ambassador for our region, Mark

Datysged, and the second project is to train LAC technicians and end users on universal acceptance.

For more information or to review and / or download documents in Spanish and English, please [visit our wiki page](#).

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE

**ALAC MEMBER
MULTILINGUALISM AND IDNs WORKING GROUP CHAIR**

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKING GROUP NEWS



ADRIAN CARVALLO
Chair



ANAHÍ MENÉNDEZ
Vice Chair

In 2020, the LACRALO Capacity Building Working Group has had a sustained work in the development of projects, organization of webinars and trainings, as well as in cross-community communications to integrate new capacities to enrich all members of the region.

Two webinars have already been held in 2020 by the CBWG in accordance with the Webinar Program. Both webinars were held during LACRALO monthly meetings.

Webinar **The DNS and the IoT: Opportunities, Risks, and Challenges**

[Patricio Carranza](#), IoT Technologies Advisor, and [his presentation](#) is available for download on the ICANN wiki.

Webinar: **Domain Name System (DNS) overall operations and resiliency**

Nicolas Antoniello, ICANN Technical Engagement Manager for LAC region. [His presentation](#) is available for download on the ICANN wiki.

Finally, the working group encourages community members willing to join the working group or to ask any questions to contact its members at the following email: capacitybuildingwg@gmail.com or [visit this link](#).

DNS WOMEN A POWERFUL NETWORK



Women engagement in technology areas has still been growing in recent decades, but we still have not achieved the desired progress. Some countries in our region show that there is a chance to change this reality: Argentina; Bolivia; Guatemala; Panama, Trinidad Tobago, among others have more than 50% of women trained in science and technology areas!

At ICANN, women presence is not yet what we expect, but it is more relevant when compared to other Boards of Directors around the world: we went from having 5 women on

the Board to having 7 now.

In LACRALO, particularly, there was a strong women presence since the beginning. They are in most ALSes, as well as in leadership positions. Faced with this scenario, in 2009, Vanda Scartezini, together with other women around the world, created the [DNS WOMEN](#), an organization which supports and trains women on DNS areas. Today we have around 400 participants, and an organization incorporated in Brazil that is going to apply to become an ALS.

We invite women related to science and technology areas in the region to join this important network.

Vanda Scartezini
Founding Member of DNS Women
LACRALO - BRAZIL

GET TO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY

ALS Asociación Panameña de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías ([APANDETEC](#))



The Asociación Panameña de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías (APANDETEC) is a non for-profit organization created in March 2003. For seventeen years, the association has contributed to the national and international advancement of the interaction between law and information technology, promoting research, study, development and the correct implementation of new technologies in public and private

processes and services, as well as data and related rights as essential tools for socioeconomic progress.

In addition to participating in legislative discussion processes and organizing cybersecurity and prevention of digital violence campaigns, they also deliver talks to children and young people and have a space in the program "Legal en Redes" on Next tv.

Since June 2016, we have been part of ICANN, as an ALS member of LACRALO.

For further information about the ALS APANDETEC, please visit: www.apandetec.org

ALAC HIGHLIGHTS



ICANN69 Online Annual General Meeting (AGM)

At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Update

ALAC held its monthly meetings during the summer in the Northern Hemisphere. The most recent ALAC monthly meeting was held on August 25 and was chaired by ALAC chair, Maureen Hilyard. The meeting focused on:

- Monthly ALAC Policy Development Activities
- Review of ALS Membership Applications from Organizations and Individuals
- Reports and Discussions with the At-Large Plus Group leaders
- Discussion with Leon Sanchez - ICANN Board Vice-Chair
- Post-ATLAS III / At-Large Priority Activities 2020: Review and Development of Recommendations for ALAC.
- Initial discussion of At-Large at ICANN69 and At-Large Planning Committee for ICANN69
- ALS mobilization update

In addition, ALAC ratified the 2020 ALAC Representatives to the Nominating Committee. The following individuals will serve as 2020 ALAC Delegates to the Nominating Committee from their regions for a period of one year, beginning at the end of ICANN69:

- Hadia Elminiawi -ALAC Representative for Africa
- Amrita Choudhury - ALAC Representative for Asia, Australasia and the Pacific Islands
- Bastiaan Goslings - ALAC Representative for Europe
- Vanda Scartezini - ALAC Representative for Latin America and Caribbean
- Glenn McKnight - ALAC Representative for North America

During the ICANN68 At-Large Leadership Wrap-up session on June 25, Maureen Hilyard, ALAC chair, requested ALAC endorsement for the Final Implementation Report for the Second At-Large Review (ARI) to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC). The ALAC strongly endorsed the Final Report. ARI's final report was presented to the OEC on June 30, 2020.

ICANN UPDATE

In August, ICANN:

- Announced that ICANN75, the Annual General Meeting will be held on September 17-22, 2022 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC).
- An instance of the ICANN-Managed Root Server (IMRS) was successfully installed in Monterrey Mexico, jointly with Transtelco.
- ICANN staff Baher Esmat was appointed Managing Director for the Middle East and Africa Regional Office (MEA).
- The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) hosted a webinar on the "Universal Acceptance (UA) Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021" on August 20th.
- PTI and IANA hosted a webinar on the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget on August 27-28.
- ICANN has launched the ICANN69 Internet Access Reimbursement Program Pilot. Application deadline is October 2.

POLICY UPDATE

All LACRALO and the At-Large community members are invited to contribute to ICANN's public comment processes. For more information, visit the [At-Large Policy Advice Development](#) page or contact At-Large staff.

Give us your feedback! To contribute to the ALAC's public comment, please comment on the wiki space or volunteer as a pen holder and join the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) weekly meetings.

- [Addendum to the ALAC Statement on the EPDP \(August 2020\)](#)
- [Improving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model Effectiveness: Next Steps](#)
- [Final Report of the Cross-Community Working Group \(CCWG\) on New gTLD Auction Proceeds](#)
- [Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team \(ATRT3\) Final Report](#) . [ALAC Statement on the EPDP \(July 2020\)](#)
- [LACRALO Statement on the Regional Strategic Plan FY2021-2025](#) LACRALO statement was in response to ICANN's Regional Strategic Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) - Fiscal Year 2021-2025. Since all LACRALO countries are under the LAC Regional Plan, a diverse drafting team from the region provided comments on strategic topics such as security, ICANN governance, unique identifier system, geopolitics and finance. Note: The Statement was ratified by the LACRALO Leadership Team and ALAC.
- [ccNSO PDP3: Initial Proposals for the ccTLD Retirement Process: Initial Proposals for the ccTLD Retirement Process](#)

See: [At-Large Website on Public Comments and Policy Advice](#)

See: [Executive Summaries: ALAC Public Comments and Advice](#)

See: [Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#)

See: [At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group \(OFB-WG\)](#)

NEWS ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE IN LAC



[South School of Internet Governance 2020](#)

The 12th consecutive edition of the **South School of Internet Governance**, which has trained many of the stakeholders who are today active ICANN members, and the 4th edition of the **Argentine School of Internet Governance** (ARGENSIC) will be jointly held online during October 5 to 9, and it will be also available via streaming. The internship application period is now open. For more information, please visit www.gobernanzainternet.org or check their social media @SSIGLAC

The book [Internet Governance and Regulations in Latin America](#) is already available in a digital format. In this important document, infrastructure, privacy, cybersecurity and technological advancements are analyzed. The English, Spanish and Portuguese versions can be downloaded.



[LACNIC 34 - LACNOG 2020](#)

This event will take place from October 2 to 9 in an online format.

Some of the contents of the event are tutorials such as DNS, Peering and security in routing, IPv6 and Resource Management, among others. Likewise, there will be different presentations on technical issues, a Public Policy Forum and other activities in coordination with LACNOG.

For further information, agenda and registration, please visit: <https://www.lacnic.net/lacnic34>

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ABOUT LACRALO

The Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO) is one of the five Regional At-Large Organizations (RALO) that make up the At-Large community in ICANN. LACRALO provides news, resources and information to groups of Internet end users and individuals in the Latin American and Caribbean region. As a result, Internet end users in the region are ready to engage in ICANN-organized activities and to provide their views to the policy development process.

LACRALO members actively participate in many working groups. They provide the perspectives of Internet end users and contribute to the development of important policies that affect Internet users around the world.

The Latin American and Caribbean Islands Region, LACRALO, is currently made up of 61 ALSes located in 22 countries and territories and 12 observer members.

The Guadalupe Island ALS became an EURALO ALS after the LACRALO commitment agreement.

To learn more about LACRALO, we encourage you to visit our [workspace](#).



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