CLAUDIA RUIZ:	Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. Welcome to the LACRALO monthly call on Monday August 16 2021 at 23:00 UTC. Today, we have on the Spanish channel Harold Arcos, Carlos Dionisio, Gerardo Martinez Hernandez, Hannah Frank, Humberto Carrasco, Lilian Ivette De Luque, Lito Ibarra, [Herb Waye,] Marcelo Rodriguez, and Vanda Scartezini.
	We have on French, Sindy Obed, and Claire Craig on the English channel.
	We have received apologies from Dev Anand Teelucksingh.
	The interpreters today are Claudia and Paula on the Spanish channel, Esperanza and Bettina on the Portuguese channel and Claire and Jacques on the French channel.
	Before starting, I please ask all of you to state your name for the transcription purpose and for interpreters as well. So now, Harold, you have the floor.
HAROLD ARCOS:	Thank you very much, Claudia. Thanks, everyone, for being here. We are going to start with the agenda for today. We will receive updates from the working groups, those who have something to communicate. Then Sindy Obed will speak about the work in one of the ALAC committees. Then there would be an update by Vanda Scartezini regarding NomCom. And when dealing with regional updates, Lito Ibarra, our dearest friend, will speak about some comments of what is being discussed in the ICANN Board. We hope Sergio will be with us by that time.

And finally, our last point is AOB. So if anybody is willing to add something, modify something, you may do it right now, or wait until we reach number eight. So, whatever you have in mind will be included in the agenda. I'm checking the chat of the ALSes that are connected to this call. I don't see any comment, I don't see any hand up. So there will be no other business so far. So the agenda is considered approved, and we move on to our next topic.

So Marcelo, I think you are on the call, so you may start with the working group on communications. Marcelo, please go ahead.

MARCELO RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Harold. Good evening, all of you. I hope you're doing well at home or at work. And I want to tell you that tomorrow at 7:00 PM Argentinian time, the working group on communications will be meeting. At that meeting, we are going to discuss topics related to the comments of [the ATRT2] and to check what is being prepared for newsletter three. We have to get everything by the end of the month or early September. 22:00 UTC, Silvia is writing. Yes, you're right. 22:00 UTC, the working group on communications will meet tomorrow.

So when we talk about this newsletter three, most of those who participated in the newsletter two are sending their articles, but we are still receiving writings from ALSes or from any other groups. All of you willing, please send your reports, because we need sufficient time so as to include everything that we received in the newsletter. I please ask all of you to send image and the relevant authorization so that these images may be included at the relevant pages of this print. Even though

it is a PDF file and it's translated into English, there is possibility of having it translated into French and Portuguese as well.

There's also a show in radio, and we are receiving participation from some other participants. I understand that of course, it deals with [inaudible] from all of you, and the show is aired on Monday from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Today is a national holiday in Argentina so there was no radio show. But I urge all members of ALSes to participate in the working group on communications because we're constantly receiving new members, individuals want to participate in communication.

This is really very important for Latin America and the Caribbean, because we have to communicate what we are doing in all the corners of Latin America. Our work is really interesting from a communication point of view and of course, I know that Sergio or myself will make a report on this. And I know that Rodrigo Saucedo is celebrating his birthday, as Vanda is noting down in the chat pod. So, happy birthday. And thank you, Vanda.

This update is related in Argentina to the declaration of Internet as a public service. So a b ill is being discussed by the congress and will also be part of the next newsletter. So I thank all of you. The possibility of sharing with us the activities that each of you are developing. You may send them in your native language and we will translate it into Spanish and English as newsletter one. So thank you very much, Harold, thank you very much, team, for this time that was available to me to share our update.

HAROLD ARCOS:	Thank you, Marcelo. It's really very important, the call you've made, and the reminder so that all ALSes may make their contribution to the newsletter. I have to tell you that we have to change the order of the agenda. So Sindy, thank you very much for being here over the phone bridge. I know that is very difficult because of the recent earthquake in southern Haiti. But Sindy is here with us, and he will give a brief update on ALAC and we discuss it with Sylvia Herlein as well. So I certainly want to thank you for your effort today.
	So without further ado, Sindy, you have the floor.
SINDY OBED:	Thank you very much for giving me the floor. Thank you for your kind words as well. I thank you very much for that. The situation in Haiti is difficult. Not the entire country has been touched by the earthquake, but the southern part of the country, we had this terrible earthquake and we hope for a better situation soon, but many houses were hit and destroyed.
	Now I would like to talk about ALAC where we did vote and we did elaborate some working group. We did put them together. There's not much update today, but we did approve two working groups and we did make some comments and give our opinion and advice. We did vote for the ALAC advice to the ICANN Board regarding the access system, the SSAD, automated system. And we know that ALAC recognized that the PDP phase two was able to get to consensus, and we are totally involved into the ICANN process and the multi-stakeholder model. But we feel that it's very important to protect the interest of end users, and that's

the role of ALAC. We are here to defend the end users of the Internet, and that is why we give those advice to the Board.

To sum up, this access system which is standardized with data registration and public registration, it might be a very complex and costly system, this SSAD system. It might be quite an interesting system, but we're concerned about the cost. And end users might not be able to deal with those costs.

ALAC believe that the SSAD system is necessary to deal with the registration data, but there is a need for strong justification to have access to those private data. I will not go through all the ALAC advice today, but we have an ALAC declaration regarding the transfer policies. There was work done on transfer policies and ALAC did participate with the working group. The end users community is very interested in the relationship between the registrar and the registrant. So this phase for At-Large, ALAC is very interested in that work phase and those transfer of information. What is needed for transfer policies is to have maybe a different model for the registrars. Registrars sometimes have to do more for the end users, and there is a need to have a better relationship between the registrar and the registrant.

I don't want to take too much time and I just wanted to talk about those two main points that ALAC worked on recently, advice that were given to the ICANN Board. So the transfer policies and also the SSAD system that can be used for domain names. Thank you very much for your attention, and we'll keep you abreast of those new developments. Thank you very much.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you very much. Thank you for your update, and of course, we want to send some words of strength and solidarity to the Haitian people. So we will move on in our agenda, because we changed the order so that Sindy may give the update and leave the call, because we know that they're not living in the best of the circumstances for a telephone call. So we'll continue with the other working groups.

The other working group is working group on multilingualism and IDNs. Sylvia Herlein has sent apologies. She cannot be in the call today. And she wants us to discuss one topic. We know in the region that there is a course on universal acceptance that is targeted at end users, and it is pending. So the idea was to hold it in September, but due to the recommendations of the speakers as well, it's been moved to October.

So in theory, there are some universities and some contacts made so as to have the opportunity that some of these universities may act as venue for groups of users receiving this course and training. So based on these recommendations, it has been moved to October. There's also regional coordination by a group of universities so that an activity may be held on August 30th so as to speak about universal acceptance to the technical community. Several members of the working group are participating and will participate.

So these are the two major topics, because the working group has been talking about the situation of this course. And also, Lilian De Luque that is part of the outreach of this universal acceptance—I don't know, Lilian, if you're in the call and if you can see that there is something else that

we should provide an update to. You have the floor whenever you're willing so as to give us an update.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: In our working group on universal acceptance, we have carried out different activities, and this week, we will have an interest in activity. Our third newsletter has already been released. We tried to gather in one single publication everything that is being discussed about universal acceptance.

So we are trying to promote this topic and discussion of this topic. We had Sylvia Herlein also involved and there was a training session carried out with Daniel, with people from Bolivia, and there was an article also published on that activity. So we are working jointly.

INTERPRETER: Interpreters apologize, Lilian's audio is breaking up.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: And I'm going also to make a proposal to the Universal Acceptance Steering Group.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Lilian, I apologize for interrupting you, but your audio is breaking up, so you're going to receive a call from the operator.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: The problem is that I'm not in Colombia. I'm in Mexico. So that is all that I had to add. I just wanted to note here that we are promoting universal acceptance activities.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Claudia, and thank you, Lilian. Yes, we lost you for a few minutes but we understood what you tried to convey. So thank you for this update. Okay, so let's move on with our agenda now. Let's move to agenda item six. Since Augusto already joined the call, he can take the floor. Sylvia Herlein's update was already completed, so perhaps I should give the floor now to Augusto for him to continue with the meeting. Go ahead, Augusto.

Is Augusto on the call, Claudia?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Augusto, could you please unmute your microphone? Thank you.

HAROLD ARCOS: I think that Augusto is having some problems with his mic. Can you hear us, Augusto?

AUGUSTO HO: Yes, I can hear you. Can you hear me? I don't have a good connection where I am. Can you repeat, please?

HAROLD ARCOS:	I was just giving the floor to you so that you can run the rest of the meeting. So perhaps we can move to the next agenda item.
AUGUSTO HO:	You can continue, Harold. You are doing a great job. Thank you. Please continue.
HAROLD ARCOS:	Okay. So let's move on to the next agenda item. Now I will give the floor to Vanda. She's going to share an update on the NomCom. Vanda, go ahead. Please.
VANDA SCARTEZINI:	Hello everyone. I can tell you that in late July, we completed the selection of the new ICANN members for the different positions for ALAC, the regions. There were some disputes that were quite close. We had very strong candidates, very strong competitors for the same position.
	That was the case, for instance, in LACRALO as well as in AFRALO. We didn't have so much competition in Asia Pacific. It was quite strong within the GNSO. So now we have all the winners, but they haven't been released yet because we are completing the due diligence. We need to find out whether there are any conflicts that prevent them from taking their positions. So we want to make sure that we can confirm all that they have disclosed in writing. So we cannot publish the names of the candidates yet. So ICANN contracts out to specialized companies that

will be responsible for doing the due diligence for each of the candidates.

Now, we are doing some interesting work. We are carrying out interviews in order to find out what was the behavior of the NomCom members of the Board. So we started with some questions. I have already completed my interview, but there are other colleauges that still have to complete the interviews and they still have some time. And with that, we will finish our part.

In case there is any problem with the due diligence, then the group will meet again in order to find out another person for the relevant position. But that is not common. It is quite rare that we find any problems in the due diligence.

Let me say that this was an extremely interesting experience on the one hand, but at the same time, it was quite tiring. Especially over the last few months, we had many meetings we had to spend many hours. In the last week of July, we met even at the weekend, on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM my time in Brazil until 5:00 PM in the afternoon.

So we spent many hours in front of the computer looking at every candidate in order to come up with a final list. So we spent a whole week to ICANN and specifically lot the NomCom. When this is done in face-to-face meetings, usually, people spend Friday, Saturday and Sunday, three days in a closed room to do all this work. But when you are meeting in person, everything goes faster. But in this case, we had to make sure that we had a good Internet connection, we had to wait for

everyone to give their opinions. We had to have some one-on-one conversations.

So the climate was different. It was much more complex. But anyway, we succeeded in completing our job within the required time frame in late July. So in one or two weeks, we will have all the willing members announced by ICANN. There was strong competition within LACRALO, but in the end, we ended up with very special elections. All of you will be pleasantly surprised with the new candidates.

So the member that has been chosen is an excellent individual and can make significant contributions to ICANN in the next three years. So we are well positioned in our region. I think the same will happen in other regions. And I think that all the successful candidates will do a very good job and they will properly represent us all.

This is all that I had to share. We had some interesting comments or applications, but others were quite simple. Some friends of ours in the NomCom said that there was good participation, that those that were there have already held positions within the Board or the ALAC or other bodies. So perhaps they could speak more about the requirements, the difficulties, the challenges. So it is worthwhile having some training for future applicants, but I think that some of these training sessions were quite useful, especially those people who have been on the NomCom several times, had very positive contributions.

Some may have taken more advantage of the training sessions than me, but during these sessions, you can ask questions, [inaudible] ideas. That would be all of my thought. Thank you.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Vanda. This is a very comprehensive report. It's very nice to hear all the details about this activity. And if we have colleauges in the region who would like to ask any questions, please feel free to do so. And I would like to ask for your opinion about the implementation of the new methodology, precisely because you have a lot of experience in that regard. And I recall that there was a NomCom review, several observations were made. We looked at ICANN and—have you seen any advantages with the new methodology? What was your experience?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you, Harold, for your question. Let me say that I am still a member of the group that is working on the implementation of the suggestions coming out of the review on behalf of the ALAC. Now we are in the implementation phase for those recommendations and suggestions.

I think that in early September, we will have another report on that. the NomCom group, especially the official NomCom, not the review team, the NomCom has not implemented any of these review recommendations. Perhaps the training sessions, but there are still some differences in opinion.

And as I said, I find that the training sessions can be useful for those that have never been part of the NomCom, but of course, there were some questions about some current practices within the NomCom, but I don't think that they are related to the NomCom process itself. They have more to do with privacy-related issues.

So I think that it is important, when we have candidates, to focus on striking a good balance between gender, diversity, having people from different regions, looking at a variety of qualifications. We cannot say that candidate X is a woman. You cannot say that candidate Z is from a given region. So all this information is so restricted that I find that challenging, because if we work in closed sessions, we are not allowed to speak to other people, we cannot disclose any information. We cannot do anything with that information outside of this process.

So I don't see why we can't see that one is a woman, that another candidate is Chinese or from a given region, or that we don't have enough representation from a certain region. There are countries that have never presented any candidates. So within the NomCom, we found that this could be a good opportunity to do something in this regard.

Even in the other region, it is important to know whether we are talking about candidates who are women or if we are talking about candidates from countries that have never had any candidates, if they have been in the ALAC or [inaudible] representative is representing or has some background or experience in a certain CC or the country that that person comes from. We cannot say anything about that. We can only discuss on the basis of the personal qualifications of the candidate.

But to me and to somebody else, this was quite restrictive, because now we have been working online all the time. So it is not so easy to speak to other people, to exchange information with other people. We are quite a big team, so you also have a limited time to give your opinion. So I think that when we work online via the web, everything seems to be more difficult.

But let me also say that the formal recommendations of the NomCom review team have not yet been implemented. We have been working for some time. In fact, there was a call for members who would be interested in participating in that, because [inaudible] that there were only four or five of us left. One day, there was Cheryl, myself and somebody else. And that is not possible. We need to have more engagement, more participation. We cannot just go with opinions of one or two people.

So greetings to you all. That's all that I have to share with you. If you want to write to me, if you have any specific questions, you can contact me. Thank you, Harold.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you very much, Vanda. That's very interesting. And as a matter of fact, the observation about the training is really something interesting. And as a matter of fact, we will be paying attention to the final report. We know that then comes the implementation.

So now, Lito Ibarra will take the floor, and he will speak about the activities being carried out. And thank you, León, for being here as well. So welcome to this call. We know that you have quire a busy agenda, so thank you very much for being here. Lito, you have the floor.

LITO IBARRA: Thank you, Harold. Thank you all. So first of all, thank you for having us here, thank you for giving us the possibility of reporting something.

When you talked about busy agenda, as a matter of fact, for the first time in a long time, I would like to take a comment and tell you that the Board has taken three weeks off so as to put the volume at the lowest for all the activities that certainly overcrowd our date.

We are about to conclude that break. In several parts of the world, it's like a vacation time, a holiday time. So this is the third week of that break that I mentioned. So by next Monday, we will be working once again.

And as a matter of fact, that break would have been great for us. We should be relaxed next Monday. The feeling of not having meetings every day, working groups, caucus, full meetings. So we have been partially off, because you know that you keep updated, keep reading the news, some letters, because we've received communications, we've received a recommendation mentioned by Sylvia a while ago, but of course, nothing has been discussed in depth. But we have been checking our mail and the mailing list.

And as you said, Vanda, I remember some months ago that since the workload increase—and this is something that all of us have lived because of the pandemic, because of the lockdown, because of the second wave, the third wave, the vaccines, etc., so all this stress that comes to us on a personal level, on a family level and as an organization. It affects us all, and certainly, the Board made that decision. It was [inaudible] decision.

This is not something that is carved in stone. It was a one-time decision, but it might happen again. We do not know. We took this as an exercise so as to check whether we can be reloaded. So this is what has

happened. We have not heard or seen each other in these two weeks. But I want to mention some topics that are being discussed. And of course, we will start discussing them as soon as possible.

One of these topics is that the Board decided to create a caucus group for DNS abuse. We know that this is a hot topic. It has been discussed and it is known by many constituencies, many groups within ICANN starting by the definition of what is meant when you say abuse. So there would be a caucus within the Board to discuss specifically DNS abuse.

The Board also approved the recommendations of [ATRT3] and the SSR2, and now there is a classification of the resolution to these 63 recommendations. They have been classified and divided into six categories from approved to rejected. In-between, we have require more information, check whether some other constituencies should discuss this in ICANN of course. And so this classification is something new. This is a new way—and I'm not saying that this will happen in the future, but after several discussions within the Board, within ICANN Org, with the staff, we decided that this was the best answer from our perspective.

There are some efforts related to the Operational Design Phase for the SubPro by the next round, the next stage of gTLD. This is quite a complex issue. And we are using this new tool, this tool, as you remember, has been created by the ICANN Org, has been suggested by ICANN Org and approved by the Board. And the idea is to use these Operational Design Phases that, as I said, would be used for SubPro and SSAD, mentioned by Sindy as well.

The idea is to have this standardized system for access and disclosure related to WHOIS and data protection that will also use this tool, the ODP, Operational Design Phase.

[Two more] things. We have the AGM, the annual general meeting, and one of the things that will happen as it happens every year, there would be some changes which some turnover—you know that some people come in, some other goes out. So you pass the torch, like in the Olympic games. We do the same at ICANN in an orderly fashion, and depending on what each constituency or group decides on the appointment of Board members.

I'm not referring to them as representatives because you know that once you are in the Board, you're not representing—or directly representing—a constituency. But once in there, you have to adjust and comply with all the principles relating to your duty as a Board member.

And finally—and I don't know if León wants to add something. I note that he's on his break time as well. But the Board has established its own priorities. And I'm mentioning León because León is in charge of that process. Even though we have different shepherds, as we call it in English, for each priority, each person and/or volunteering for these Board priorities. As I said, this is something that we monitor together. But to coordinate this monitor, León is in charge of all that. This is why I left this to the very end. So León, I don't know if you have something else to say, to add, to make a comment, particularly regarding this last topic, the priorities of the Board. So, thank you very much and I'm here to answer your questions.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you very much, Lito. Certainly, it's a very good summary. So it's good to know and understand the internal processes. This is good for ALSes that are active or have just joined us. So thank you very much, and thanks to León as well, because we received this information firsthand. In terms of working, in terms of procedure. So, León, I don't know if you would like to take the floor to say something.

LEÓN SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Harold. Thank you, Lito, for your update. Certainly, it was a very good and comprehensive one. I don't have many things to add, but with respect to what Lito mentioned regarding the definition of operational priorities of the Board, at each public meeting, we provide an update. So we have an open session—generally a 30-minute session—and we provide an update to the whole of the community regarding the status of each of these priorities, the priorities we defined at the Board.

So as a kind of reminder, we divided our activity in five blocks, and each block has a leader or shepherd, and each block has different priorities. And of course, we have these shepherds that Lito mentioned. These shepherds are supported by staff from the ICANN Org so as to monitor each priority, and there may be a deliverable under each priority. This is all documented and we monitor this.

Since these are operational priorities of the Board, they are focused on improving the way we work at the Board. So they are not directly related to operational issues at ICANN Org but operational issues of the Board.

So some of them, of course, are related to the operational dealings of the ICANN Org and the relationship between the Board and the various parts that compose the ICANN community.

But we will provide regular updates on each operational priority and we will share them with you, particularly now that we have the annual general meeting coming. There will be a new document and you will be able to see how priorities that are now over have evolved. And of course, as a result of this exercise, we will have new priorities and we will start reporting on them so that you may know how everything evolves, develops and moves forwards. This is just one of the things we do within the Board.

Additionally, of course, we send our support to Heidi and the Dominican Republic because we know that they in the Caribbean have suffered an earthquake. We have been following the news and certainly, this is a tragedy. And of course, we are mentioning even offering our moral support at a distance, and I've seen some messages where some information has been provided so that certain commodities or foods may be sent. The idea is to replicate all this through the ALSes so as to help the community in Haiti, because certainly, they are having a very difficult time.

And Lito provided quite an update, so I don't have many other things to add. And as Lito said, our break is about to conclude. But certainly taking advantage of this break, we have the possibility of being with you at this regular meeting. So thank you very much, Harold. And of course, I am here in case of questions or comments to me. Thank you very much.

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HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, León. Thank you, Lito. I have a question, but I see that Alejandro Pisanty has his hands up. So Alejandro, you have the floor.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Thank you very much. Good afternoon. It's very important, the last thing León mentioned, the earthquake in Haiti. As LACRALO, we have insisted we have to discuss everything related to Internet specifically, because if you can send, I don't know, food or contribute money to the ALSes there. But the idea is that we have to focus on the Internet community, to check all the efforts that have to be done to reestablish the Internet.

So there are some points in the country where fuel is really needed, and we have to coordinate that with the people in there so that they may have connectivity and once they have connectivity, try and resolve all other issues.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Alejandro. I would like to go deeper into that, because the community of [inaudible] Libre put itself at the disposal because they have a certain experience about how to get connected in isolated communities. So this work, there had been contacts done after the earthquake in Haiti. The idea is to provide you an update in this regard in the future. Thank you very much, León. Thank you very much, Lito.

I have a question related to the topics that are important, not only in the region but all around the world. The DNS abuse issue. Perhaps we might change it in the future and not to call it that word, try and talk about

DNS security instead of DNS abuse. Some groups have discussed that—check the—which will be the perspective from the Board.

I understand there are some limitations when you have to talk about this, particularly when you have a given role in the Board, but I would like to know your personal opinions. Which would be the focus on that? Which might be the path ahead? Because the region is paying attention to this topic, and we have included within a fiscal year, we have been working on the idea of having ambassadors. Our region certainly has quite a comprehensive technical community with lots of experience with technical topics, and so the DNS security, DNS abuse is certainly something very important. So, which do you think should be our focus?

Our idea is also to have some ambassadors for DNS security, and perhaps listening to you, listening to your perspective will be useful for us as guidelines. You have the floor, either of you.

LITO IBARRA: Thank you, Harold. I will take the floor first and then perhaps León can follow up on that. I said that within the Board, a call for volunteers has already been launched. For a focus group on DNS abuse. We have already come up with a definition. There was much discussion, and this was one of the Board priorities.

So first of all, we would hold a discussion on—perhaps the name is not that important, but the concept is. We are trying to address the matrix of the DNS abuse ecosystem. We all know that ICANN has a certain remit, a certain scope of action, and of course, it cannot address all forms of DNS abuse.

So, so far, we have had some discussion. Later on, the At-Large can come up with their own views. But we are trying to apply the same approach that we used for the Internet governance issue. It is a similar approach. It is about creating some categories ... We have three areas for Internet governance: the areas where ICANN must be involved, because these are very important issues. The second category in Internet governance is areas where ICANN can be present but not be a leader because it is not part of its role. And the third area is to have ICANN more as an observer to keep track, to follow up on different events and developments that take place in that area.

Something similar is what we are envisaging within the Board for the topic of DNS abuse. We are considering that we could follow a similar approach with all issues related to DNS abuse. There's so much discussion about this, and there's not even an explicit or widespread agreement on the DNS abuse definition.

Therefore, this is part of what is going to be discussed in some days or weeks within the Board. We are going to see whether we can apply that kind approach in order to better deal with all the contributions and all the inputs that are being developed by the constituencies and also by external organizations to see what is relevant for ICANN. So I'll stop now. I see León and Alejandra asking for the floor.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Lito. Yes, let e me give the floor to Alejandro because I think he wants to follow up on what you said.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Thank you so much, Lito, for your comments. In particular, in the security, stability and resiliency review in 2010, we realized that ICANN preferably should operate in three areas. Those areas where ICANN can have some control, ICANN Org, and those organizations that have a direct contract or a direct relationship with ICANN but are not part of ICANN. And the third aspect has to do with the external organizations. In that case, it needs to seek for collaboration with other organizations, so [either W3C] and others.

And of course, ICANN should also focus on capacity building so that the user communities and experts can arrive at some kind of DNS abuse definitions so that this is not left within ICANN.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Alejandro. León?

LEÓN SANCHEZ: Thank you, Harold. I think that my comments are in line with Alejandro's. This is also related to what Lito was saying. This matrix or the mapping exercise that we are planning to do is one of the operational priorities for the Board for the fiscal year. And this is related to what Lito described and what Alejandro described.

We are trying to map out the different stakeholders, potential allies and partners and actions that could be adopted. All these are part of this matrix that we are planning to do within the Board.

Harold, I would also like to note that we as a community work in a bottom-up approach, so I urge you to participate in this DNS abuse

discussion. I think that all the different parts of the community should take the lead. We shouldn't expect the Board to give its opinion first, because if that were the case, if we had to wait for the Board's decision, then that may run the risk of being a top-down decision. And on the contrary, the Board needs feedback and input from the community in order to move ahead with its own work.

Right now, there are different aspects on the table. We have been discussing about them for years. What is DNS abuse, what is not DNS abuse, what is the remit or what is the scope of action of ICANN in terms of DNS abuse? So there are some endless discussions around that topic. But obviously, this is top priority not only for the Board but also for the community as a whole. It has been discussed at length in several ICANN meetings and different plenary sessions. So we see good acceptance not only in the At-Large community but also in other groups to continue this discussion.

And the Board of course is going to join this effort and once again, we need to reflect on whether the generally accepted definition is still valid, whether we need to refresh it, we need to update it. Of course, we need to be careful because ICANN cannot go outside its remit. But we need to educate on DNS abuse and try to prevent it. But within the Board, we think that this matrix that Lito has described and with the priorities established by the Board, we can move ahead with the community's contributions in order to improve the discussion in every part of the community.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, León. I also wanted to point in that direction. I want to thank you for your comments. We wanted to have on our agenda this topic. We have been insisting on universal acceptance, DNS abuse for years, and these are topics that are quite controversial, so we need to conceptualize them and see how we can deal with them within our diverse ecosystem. Thank you, León, for your comments. Thank you, Lito, for your contributions.

I think it is important also for the organization or carry out this kind of internal review. For some meetings now, we have also included geopolitical aspects as clear elements on the agenda, because we move within a global space affected by geopolitical aspects. And as Alejandro said, there are some organizations that want to participate within the At-Large community, within ICANN, but perhaps according to their expectations, they should be working better within other spaces such as the IGF talking about human rights, digital rights, or perhaps in other fora.

And oftentimes, there is some discussion or some conflict with regards to what ICANN can or can't do. I think that this has been a bottom-up process within the ALSes. We have been discussing for years all the effects of DNS abuse at the global level, [what] social organizations, individuals and governments can do together. So now, part of organizations and At-Large and as ICANN, we are trying to move ahead with this discussion.

Okay, so the invitation is open to all ALSes represented here on this call. We have the recordings, and we have put on record that we need to continue this discussion. I think that these topics should be part of our

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agenda for our next meeting. So we agreed that they will take place on the third Monday of each month. So if you want to add any points to the agenda with regards to this, please let us know and we can continue the discussion over the mailing list.

I see Alejandro has raised his hand. Go ahead, Alejandro.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Thank you. I apologize for joining the call late. It took a long time for Zoom to open up, and I wasn't present when you talked about the working group updates. With regards to multilingualism and IDNs, it is not only about building capacity around IDNs but I think that it will be important also to gather relevant information to inform policies in order to contribute not to the expansion of already approved policies but also to the formulation of new policies. Thank you.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Alejandro. Your comment was quite timely because we are now in the other business agenda item. We are starting a new cycle, and IDNs represent a very important topic. So if you want to be actively involved in discussions around IDNs, please get in touch.

Now let me ask whether you have Any Other Business to discuss here under agenda item nine. If there are no other topics, let me say that for ICANN 72, both Claire and myself are part of the planning committee. The next annual general meeting will take place online again, virtually.

We were planning for five days of meetings. The process was quite long because it would imply more than one week. and we know that all of us

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are volunteers and we are not working in the same conditions. So the most widely accepted position was to hold a four-day meeting.

We still need some more definitions about the plenary sessions. And the plenary sessions will be discussed on Thursday. If you didn't know about this, the ICANN 72 planning meetings are taking place on Thursdays. Both myself and Claire participate in those meetings. If you have any comments or any input, please let us know.

Now I would like to give the floor to Augusto to see if he has any final comments before we conclude this call.

AUGUSTO HO: I just wanted to thank everyone for your participation, Vanda, Lito, Alejandro and ... who else? For your comments, contributions. I apologize because I was not technically ready to lead today's meeting. I have new headphones but I couldn't properly connect them. But Harold has done a great job leading this meeting, and he wanted to give me the floor but I thought it was better for him to continue running the meeting because he was doing a great job.

and of course, I also add my support to our colleagues in Haiti. If we can help you in any way, just let us know. And of course, we extend our solidarity to the people of Haiti. Thank you, Harold. I give it back to you.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Augusto. Thank you for your remarks. And thanks to all the colleauges from users organizations that have joined this call. With this, we adjourn this call. I thank you for your time and your attention. We

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will continue working. So have a good evening and good night to you all, and have a very fruitful week. We'll continue over the mailing list. Thank you.

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