
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to you all. Welcome to the LACRALO monthly call on Monday, the 28th of February 2022 at 23:00 UTC.

On the Spanish channel, we have Augusto Ho, Adrian Carballo, Alfredo Lopez, Amanda Baber, Andres Pavez, Antonio Medina, Carlos Aguirre, Hannah Frank, Harold Arcos, Lilian Ivette De Luque, Patricio Poblete.

On the English Channel we have Claire Craig.

And on behalf of the staff we have Silvia Vivanco, Kim Davies, Amy Creamer, Marilia Hirano.

Our interpreters today are Paula and David on Spanish, Esperanza and Bettina in Portuguese, and Isabelle and Jacques on French.

Before starting, let me remind you to say your name before taking the floor for the transcript and also for interpreters to be able to identify you in the proper language. Without further ado, I'm going to give the floor to Augusto.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you. Good afternoon. Good evening to you all. Today, we are pleased to announce that we have a very appealing presentation and outstanding speaker and a very rich agenda. So I want to welcome you all and thank you for participating today. I'm going to pass the floor to

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our secretary, Claire Craig so that she can go over the agenda for today.
Go ahead, Claire.

CLAIRE CRAIG:

Good evening. Good afternoon. Good morning, wherever you are. Our agenda for today, we just had a welcome from Augusto as you would have heard. The next item on the agenda would be a presentation by Kim Davies, who is the president of the PTI and VP of IANA. And we are all looking forward to understanding IANA and its post transition governance. Kim has 45 minutes of which 30 of those would be his presentation and then we have about 15 minutes for our questions and his answers.

Moving on, we hear from our own Lilian who will be talking to us about her position as a mentor for the fellowship program for ICANN 73. Then we have an update to the governance working group By Sergio, and he will then also be speaking about an update of the progress of the planning for the [inaudible] LAC Digital presentation that is happening.

We also then have regional updates. And then any other business. Is there anything else that anyone would like to add to the agenda or believes that should not be on the agenda? Yes, I'm seeing Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

I just wanted to raise the topic of the application for leadership positions that are vacant in ICANN and the deadline will be in March. So I just wanted to also add that topic to the agenda. Thank you.

CLAIRE CRAIG: Sure, thanks, Vanda. We have a very packed agenda, so we have [inaudible] really very tight, but we will take note of that. Is there anyone else or anything else? Okay, thank you. With no other comments, we would turn the floor over to—Augusto, I don't know if you want to introduce Kim Davies for his presentation.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Claire, for the introduction and for taking the task on of preparing this agenda. I'm going to make a very brief introduction. Kim Davies is the president and VP, as we have already said, and it is an honor for us to have him. I'm very anxious to listen to him. So I'm not going to take any more time. So go ahead, Kim.

KIM DAVIES: Thank you for the introduction. And thank you for the invite to speak to you today. I was asked to give a presentation to the Latin American and Caribbean audience about IANA's post transition governance. So what I'm going to do is just give you a brief bit of history about what the transition even was, and some information about the IANA operations and then talk about what's really fundamentally changed since the transition has happened. Next slide, please.

So now's a great time to tackle this topic, because we're just past the five-year anniversary of the IANA stewardship transition. For context, I can has operated the IANA function since it was created. And until 2016, it did that under the auspices of a contract with the US government. ICANN was formally a contractor and performed the IANA functions at the behest of the US government. It did so with some level of

accountability to the global stakeholder community, but fundamentally, it always did it under the terms of this particular contract.

Why the US government? Because I think we all know that the Internet really culminated from a research project conducted by the US government and prior to ICANN's existence, the US government had always had some level of responsibility in overseeing the Internet advancement in the first few decades.

However, the AI in a stewardship transition changed that. It ended this contractual oversight role directly held by the US government. Instead, there is now an accountability mechanism to the whole global Internet community. And that global community is evidence through the ICANN community more directly.

So the design of the system now is rather than ICANN being accountable to the US government specifically, ICANN is now accountable to the global multi stakeholder community directly.

The way this was structured, is that part of the transition involves creating a new not-for-profit organization known as public technical identifiers or PTI. PTI is a legal construct that houses the IANA functions. But fundamentally, the functions are still performed by ICANN staff. And PTI is closely related to ICANN. PTI is formally known as an affiliate and has a strong legal connection to ICANN. So it's not a wholly independent organization or anything like that. Next slide, please.

So just to recap, what are these IANA functions that we're even talking about? IANA's role is to be the formal record keeper of the unique names and numbers that are used on the Internet. This function really

predates ICANN as I mentioned. It dates back really to the earliest days of the Internet, and stems from a need that all unique identifiers need to be coordinated to a certain extent for the Internet to work. You can imagine that if everyone using the Internet had their own version of unique identifiers, then things wouldn't work very well. You could try sending an email or visit a website and if you couldn't reliably predict where you were going to end up, then the network wouldn't be very useful.

So IANA is really home to those global coordination functions that help ensure that unique identifiers work in the same way no matter where you are on the Internet. So my team, the IANA team maintains these records. And we do so in accordance to the global policies and those come out of different communities. There's the naming community, numbers community, protocols, standards communities, and so forth. So next slide.

So in line with what I just mentioned, we tend to divide these functions into three areas when we talk about them. Not everything neatly folds into these three categories. But just for the purposes of summarization, I think these are good categories to focus on.

Firstly is number resources, most of you are more likely to be familiar with. These domain names in particular. Sorry, number resources are IP addresses and AS numbers. These are the unique identifiers that individual devices on the Internet use. And of course, there's domain names, which are .com, .net, .mx, .br and so forth.

And then there's protocol parameters. Protocol parameters is really more broadly everything else that is required to be coordinated for the Internet to function. Usually critical parameters and not visible to a typical end user like IP addresses or domain names might be. Critical parameters are usually much more of interest to software developers. And I'll give you a few examples on the next slide, please.

So, as I mentioned, IANA is responsible for coordinating critical parameters. And these identifiers, there's literally thousands of different categories of these identifiers. As I mentioned, limited to software implementers for the most part, they use it inside software programming, but not something you would ordinarily expect the typical Internet user to see.

But nonetheless, it is critical that these are centrally coordinated to make sure they work consistently. If software did not use the same assignments made by IANA, then the Internet wouldn't be interoperable, and it wouldn't work as we expect. Typically, these standards evolved from the IETF, the Internet Engineering Task Force, which is responsible for most Internet standards development. Next slide, please.

Number resources as I mentioned, IP addresses. These are the unique identifiers for individual devices that are connected to the Internet, and also autonomous system numbers or AS numbers. I like to think of these as postcodes. It's a way of grouping networks together on the Internet. It simplifies the way we coordinate networks and how traffic flows across the network. Instead of giving instructions for each individual IP address on the Internet, you instead aggregate them into big blocks,

and we call them autonomous systems. Here, IANA is responsible for coordinating the overall address space. But most of the work is actually done by regional Internet registries. We make large block allocations of these numbers to regional Internet registries, who in turn allocates smaller blocks of those to individual Internet service providers or network operators. Next slide, please.

Lastly, domain names, we have a key role here in terms of what the IANA function does to support this system. Now, the domain name system is a decentralized network. It's not that every domain name is in IANA's records. We're only responsible for a small piece of it. But nonetheless, it is a critical piece. And that is the DNS root zone.

DNS root zone is the official database of what top level domains exist and who they're allocated to and what technical infrastructure supports those top-level domains. So we're responsible for implementing top level domains, whether it's gTLDs that have been applied for through ICANN application rounds, or ccTLDs, which individual countries are allocated one or more representations of the country name and they can apply for them to be operated within the country and make those applications through the IANA function. Additionally, we operate a few other domain name related functions which I think are on the next slide, please.

So our role with respect to the root zone includes, as I mentioned, assignments and transfers of TLDs. And part of that is just simple routine maintenance of the technical function of TLDs. Maintaining the points of contact for TLDs. But also more substantial changes. So if a TLD ever needs to change hands, move from one organization to another,

we play a role in evaluating the circumstances and making sure it's compliant with policy.

Each change that we receive is vetted against the relevant policies, we make sure that changes are implemented in accordance with those. We are responsible for changes to the root servers. Root servers are the online servers that actually server its own data to the world. And we're responsible for managing that in coordination with the root server operators themselves.

We also operate a few other things that are related to the root zone. One is the dot int top level domain. This is a very small top-level domain, strictly limited to intergovernmental treaty organizations. Here for example, NATO.int. So that's a registry that we operate. And also, we operate a repository for what are known as label generation rulesets, so LGRs. You might know of them as IDN tables. This is basically for registries that support alternate character sets other than ASCII, for example Cyrillic, Arabic, Han, etc. They have additional processing requirements in terms of what labels are allowed to be registered within their registries, and IANA maintains a repository of what those rules are. Next slide, please.

Another interesting facet of root zone management is we maintain the trust anchor for the DNS. This is part of the security setup for the DNS known as DNSSEC. The trust anchor, which is more formally known as the root zone key signing key, is a cryptographic key that we need to maintain the security of at all times.

And the way we operationalize management of that key is through an interesting series of events known as key signing ceremonies. What happens is that we have trusted security experts spread around the world. And every three months or so we call them together to participate in a key signing ceremony at these ceremonies. We extract the key from a secure environment and we do operational tasks. And we do that under the oversight of those security experts.

But all of this is in aid of ensuring that we only use that key as intended and we make sure that when we do use the key that there is maximum oversight so that everyone trust that the key is being used properly, not being used in a way that is inappropriate or insecure. Next slide, please.

All right. So that's just a brief high-level summary of the IANA functions, what comprises them. Protocol parameters, number resources, and domain names. That together is what we know as the IANA functions.

But in addition to splitting the functions into those three categories, it's also a good way to split them because it actually represents the three different accountability mechanisms we have for those functions, which is the topic of today's presentation.

So if we go to the next slide, we'll talk a little bit about PTI. So I mentioned before that PTI was a product of the IANA stewardship transition, it's been around for about five years. What does PTI actually do formally? Well, PTI is the organization that performs the IANA function. It hires the IANA staff. So all the staff that worked for IANA are actually employed by PTI. It is a nonprofit organization, very similar to ICANN in terms of its legal status.

The difference is that ICANN is its sole member. So, effectively, ICANN does control PTI and has a very strong relationship to it. So there's no notion that PTI is wholly separate or independent from ICANN. ICANN through not only its bylaws but through its contracts is deeply involved in how PTI conducts the IANA functions operation. Next slide please.

So PTI has its own board. It's comprised of five members. Two of those members are NomCom appointees. They are Lise Fuhr and James Gannon. And then there are three board members that are appointed by ICANN, the first of which is myself in the role of president, and then we also have Xavier Calvez and Jia-Rong Low rounding out the composition of the board. Next slide please.

So ICANN envelops all this, as I mentioned, ICANN is deeply connected to PTI. ICANN is ultimately responsible for the IANA functions. Whilst ICANN contracts PTI formally to conduct them, ICANN performs all the oversight to make sure PTI does its job correctly. It contracts PTI to perform the functions, performs that oversight.

In addition to the direct IANA team that works for PTI, there are many resources we need to do our job that are provided by ICANN. So for example, we don't have any legal staff. We don't have any IT staff. All these support functions, HR, finance, etc. are supplied by ICANN to PTI and we utilize those. Importantly, all of the funding for PTI comes from ICANN. No one pays for PTI except for ICANN, so PTI is funded through ICANN's general budget. PTI does have its own independent budget that is separately arrived at but 100% of that funding does come from ICANN.

ICANN also operates the accountability mechanisms for PTI and for IANA. So things like the Customer Standing Committee, the IANA naming function reviews and so forth, these are not conducted by IANA or PTI directly. They're conducted by ICANN. Next slide, please.

So beyond that, how is accountability structured? Well, for each of those three areas, there's something specific in place. Protocol parameters, there exists a memorandum of understanding. This MOU has been in place for over 20 years now. And that MOU is between IETF and ICANN. So the MOU has IETF requisitioning, if you will, the IANA services as it pertains to protocol parameters from ICANN. ICANN agrees to provide those protocol parameter services. And in light of the transition, that in turn is subcontracted. So there is a separate contract from ICANN to PTI that contracts PTI to perform the protocol parameters function.

With respect to numbering resources, it's a similar arrangement. Again, the RIRs have an agreement with ICANN. In this instance, it's known as a service level agreement. But it is a formal document that describes the scope of responsibilities and associated expectations. And that is between ICANN and the RIRs. And that in turn, again, is subcontracted. So there is a separate agreement between ICANN and PTI for performing the number of resources.

For domain names, it's a little different. There's no separate oversight body. It's the domain name community as it's represented within ICANN itself here. So here we're talking about the SOs and ACs. So because [inaudible] domain name community has a much more direct relationship with ICANN in terms of policy setting, and so forth, the

relationship here is a little bit different. But there is a contract again between ICANN and PTI, the naming functions contract that governs how the naming functions are conducted. And there is a dedicated committee of ICANN that's responsible for oversight of that relationship known as the Customer Standing Committee. Next slide, please.

So for each of these areas, we have comprehensive performance reporting, we issue monthly reports, many of them dozens of pages in length. You can find them all on our website, we post them by the 15th of the subsequent month, and each one is thematically aligned to the services we provide to that community. It enumerates things like the SLAs that are in place, adherence to those SLAs, commentary on any issues and so forth, and there's many years' worth of reports available for you to peruse on those. Next slide please.

Important to us beyond merely meeting our SLAs and satisfying contractual deliverables is ensuring that we track our customer sentiment, we want to make sure that fundamentally, our customers are happy with the service that we provide. And when there's room for improvement, we get that actionable feedback that we can bring back to our team, prioritize and take into consideration and use it to inform our future evolution.

So we have a dashboard on our website, which not only tracks our SLA adherence, but things like customer satisfaction, and we track this by conducting surveys. One kind of survey that we do is each time a customer completes a request with IANA, we ask them to fill in a short survey. Were they satisfied with what we did? If not, what could we do to improve?

Separate to that we also have an annual survey that we conduct. Here, we reach out to key stakeholders, and we ask them questions about variety of strategic items so that we can do course corrections and make sure that were evolving the service in the right direction that meets the needs of all of our communities.

We also perform regular engagement. This very call as an example of that. But we meet regularly with different SOs and ACs. We attend regional meetings like the RIR meetings, but also regional TLD organizations like CENTR or APTLD, and other various community groups that the IANA function support.

Last but not least, we're always interacting directly with our customers. And that also helps inform how we engage with those customers and we take feedback on from those engagements to inform how we evolve as well. Next slide, please.

In terms of accountability, we have a variety of different oversight mechanisms in the forms of meetings with different community groups or other kinds of regimented engagement. I mentioned the CSC, the Customer Standing Committee, they meet monthly to overview how IANA is performing the naming function. The numbering community has an annual IANA review committee, we meet roughly quarterly with the IANA IETF leadership group where they discuss the evolution of the protocol parameter services and discussions are held about how we're adhering to that.

PTI board meetings, the PTI board meets regularly and has an overall view of how PTI is performing the functions. And there's also another

committee known as the Root Zone Evolution Review Committee. It has a fairly narrow role, but a critical one, which is that if ever there was to be a significant change to how the root zone is operated, this committee is tasked with performing an overall analysis and review and advising on whether that change is appropriate, or any special considerations need to go into that change. That is a sort of an important mechanism to ensure that any sort of fundamental change is properly reviewed before being implemented.

Above and beyond those meetings, there's periodic reviews. So these are generally mandated in the bylaws. There is a periodic naming function review where every few years, the community reviews, overall, the whole naming function to make sure to identify if there's any changes needed in the setup. And there's also a CSC effectiveness review, which is making sure the CSC itself is performing in a way that is appropriate. Incidentally, the CSC effectiveness review is ongoing right now. They're conducting interviews and coming up with their assessment at this very moment.

And then lastly, on this slide, I did want to mention—and this is a big part of the work we do is third party audits. A big part of our culture is having third party auditors come in, look at how we do our work and provide an independent assessments that we're performing our role in an appropriate way and using the right security setup, if you will, to do so. So we have a number of controls ensuring that our systems are appropriately configured. But we've also tailored those audits to address some of the requests of the community to ensure that the policies are being applied correctly within our organization. Next slide please.

Okay, so moving on to strategy and execution. Overarching all of this is we have our own dedicated PTI strategic plan. So whilst ICANN have a strategic plan that covers all of the work that ICANN does, the PTI strategic plan is specially tailored just to the IAN A functions. This provides us with a platform to talk more specifically about things we want to do that are directly applicable to the IANA function.

It is a subset of the ICANN strategic plan. So they do align. But this document in particular gives us the opportunity to go into a greater level of depth and consult with the community about what our priorities should be for the IANA functions.

In addition, we have our annual operating plan and budget process. Again, this is slightly distinct from ICANN. There is an independent PTI and IANA operating plan and budget process. It is aligned with the ICANN budget, and the funding of PTI rolls up into the ICANN budget. But we consult with the community distinctly on this. So we have a separate public comment period and separate engagement to get those feedbacks into those documents. Next slide, please.

So this pretty much brings me back to a high-level summary. But I did want to give you time to answer questions. But what's happened and where are we today? So as I mentioned, since 2016, there's been a lot of changes. And these new constructs that I mentioned were created to not only operate the IANA functions but oversee the IANA function.

Importantly, I wanted to emphasize that day-to-day operations are unaltered. It's the same team doing the same work in the same office and the same policies and procedures. So that day-to-day operation, the

IANA functions really hasn't changed in any material way, before or after 2016. But the accountability mechanisms, the oversight, that's really what has changed.

We have many new different direct accountability mechanisms. This is an improvement over the past where the US government had ultimate accountability. Now it's the whole community. And this allows all of our customers to really have more direct oversight and more empowerment of how the IANA functions are conducted.

Today, the IANA functions continue to be operated with high levels of satisfaction. If you look into our reports, you'll find that our surveys and all of our other materials point in that direction, obviously something we wish to sustain. But as of today, the IANA functions are well regarded.

And incidentally, the PTI board is using this five-year anniversary as a good point to have a discussion with a broader community about where we can evolve this governance model. Whilst it's a huge improvement, there's undoubtedly areas to improve even more so into the future. So there will be a session during ICANN 73 where that will be discussed. And if you're interested in this, I encourage you to attend.

So that brings me to the end of the presentation. The next slide is just a few URLs that you can dig into for more information. But otherwise, thank you, and I'm happy to answer any questions that you might have. Thank you.

AUGUSTO HO: So we're going to ask that you can ask your questions on the chat so that we can then send them over. And then we also want to invite you to fill in a survey that will be automatically activated at the end of this meeting. So we will ask that you fill in that survey. I see there is a hand up. I believe it is Claire. Go ahead, Claire, please.

CLAIRE CRAIG: Very informative presentation, Kim. I have a question concerning the relationship between the PTI and the regional Internet registries. As you know, the registries, the Caribbean is unique in that there are two registries that operate within the Caribbean region, the LACNIC and ARIN, right. And so I wanted to find out what is the relationship between the PTI and those registries. Are the registries autonomous or are there specific rules from the PTI that govern how the registries operate?

KIM DAVIES: Thank you for the question. IANA is responsible for implementing global allocation policies for number resources. In that respect, the global policies are equally applicable to all five regional Internet registries. To my recollection, there's nothing specific in those that treat any one RIR different from another. It's worth noting that there's not actually a lot of IANA activity when it comes to number resources just due to the history of how they've been allocated.

As many of you are probably aware, IPv4 addresses have been exhausted. So that means that IANA has no more allocation activity on that front. When it comes to IPv6 address allocation, the allocation

blocks are so large that RIRs rarely need to use the IANA services directly because they have allocations that will frankly last them many years.

In terms of direct accountability between the two parties. As I mentioned during the presentation, the RIRs are actually formally accountable to ICANN, not PTI. But that relationship is transitive in that because ICANN PTI ICANN contracts PTI to do the work. PTI is responsible for providing service to the RIRs. And in that context, I think we have a very collaborative operational relationship with all five RIRs. We meet with them regularly. We attend their meetings. Obviously, that's been a little hampered by COVID-19. But I'm hopeful that soon that will resume. But no, I think to the core of your question, there's no significant or notable difference between our relationship with, say, LACNIC and with ARIN. We see all five RIRs as equal and peers in our operations. Thank you.

AUGUSTO HO:

Thank you, Claire, for your question and Kim for your reply. The floor is open if you have any questions for Kim. Anyway. Let me thank Rodrigo Saucedo because he was not only interested in putting together the webinar, but also to work on the schedule for the entire year for 2022. So thank you, Rodrigo, for your help and your contributions to plan for the different activities. Silvia, perhaps you can help me. Let me know whether there are any questions. I don't see any hands raised.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I see Clarice raising her hand again.

AUGUSTO HO: Go ahead, Claire.

CLAIRE CRAIG: Thank you. I had a couple of questions. But I wanted to give other persons that opportunity to ask. You spoke about the key signing ceremony and that that takes place usually every three months or so. What I wanted to find out though, is how often do you change the persons who hold the key? What is that relationship? And how is that managed?

KIM DAVIES: Thank you. That's a very good question. So the summary is we don't have a fixed schedule to replacing those individuals. For the first 5 to 10 years of operation of this this security system, we were basically limited to when people resigned from their roles, we sought to fill them with new candidates. However, we recognize the need over time to bring in new blood and new participants into this process. So we actually devised a procedure by which we would replace them all and for lack of a better word, have term limits for those volunteers so we could bring in new volunteers.

However, just as we were ready to execute on this and start meaningfully rotating through those volunteers, that's when the pandemic started. So that initiative is somewhat on hold. But I will point this team to our website and this URL in particular [IANA.org/tcr](https://iana.org/tcr). We're always looking for volunteers to submit their statement of interest so

that when the time comes soon enough, when we're looking for selecting new volunteers, that we have those statements of interest on file.

And this will be particularly useful because one of the objectives we have in selecting those volunteers is diversity. And that includes all manner of diversity. It includes diversity in terms of skill set, but it also means geographical diversity. If you look at the list of participants, you'll see that they're sourced from literally all around the world. That's part of the security model that we have. And so we're looking to perpetuate that diversity in our future selection. So the more interest we have from different parties, different regions, different skill sets, different backgrounds, the better it is for the composition of that group. So if you are someone you know you think would be a good fit for this, I encourage you to take a look and submit a statement of interest. Thank you.

AUGUSTO HO:

Thank you for that question, Claire. And thanks, Kim, for your answer. If we have no further questions—I don't see any more hands raised. Unless somebody tells me that there is a pending question, it seems that there are no more questions. So once again, thank you, Kim, for your participation, for your time, for your commitment and for raising this topic that is of interest to us all. I'm sure we will learn more about it during ICANN 73 where you will talk about this. Thank you, Kim.

Now we will continue with our agenda for today's meeting. The next item on the agenda is Lilian's intervention. Lilian is a mentor of the ICANN 73 fellowship program. So Lilian, you have the floor.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE:

Good evening. I hope you can hear me. let me say that my term as an ALAC mentor for the fellowship program [inaudible] start at ICANN 75 in Malaysia. The meeting that is scheduled for or planned for Malaysia. I have already participated in this role before and I was lucky because I was chosen and I hope I can be a good representative of the region in this mentors position. Considering that I have already been on that side. I was a fellow myself. So that will help me understand what fellows' expectations are in the process.

As many of you may know, I was a fellow for the global indigenous ambassadors program that does no longer exist. I also in ICANN in Barcelona, in ICANN 65 in Marrakesh, ICANN 66 in Montreal and I was a chair of the LACRALO Communications Group. I have just completed my second term as vice chair of the UA working group. I had to decline my participation in the third term because I have no more time. I'm also the regional chair of the social media working group and I'm the liaison for the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee.

So as a mentor, I would like to make a significant contribution to fellows so that they can find their own place within ICANN and they can gain experience, they can know where they can sit. And I hope that they find it interesting to join the At-Large community. And hopefully, we will

have some fellows from Latin America because perhaps they can join the LACRALO community.

So I'm planning to [inaudible] moment of that meeting, before the meeting, during the meeting and after the meeting, because I think that efforts need to be made at all times to attract them into our community. Many of them join REALOs, but only a few of them stay. Some of them now are [inaudible]. They participate in other constituencies. But I think that it is important for them to stay in that space within ICANN, they need to be inspired, guided, taught.

And many of you may think that English is a problem. I have improved my level of English and in a few weeks, I will resume my lessons again just to fine tune my English level, I can read English, I can understand English. Perhaps I still have difficulties in dealing with different accents that are present in all ICANN meetings. But I have been there before and I will be in the meetings during 2023. So I hope I can count on your support when I perform as mentor in this program. This is a great opportunity that I was given. I wanted to share this information with you.

I don't know whether anyone in LACRALO or from At-Large, but more specifically from LACRALO has served as a mentor. So, if that is the case, perhaps I can have that person's support. So, I will do my best to make sure that the region is properly represented by me and that I can accomplish the objectives that I have set for myself as a mentor. As I told you, I was a fellow before and now I'm on the other side of the line.

There is a question in the chat how we can support you. Well, perhaps you can give me some advice. You have so much experience. You have been part of ICANN, other organizations within ICANN. So, perhaps if you find that fellows are interested in a specific sector, you can give me some guidance so that I can guide them through that process.

So basically, that is what I wanted to share with you. I just wanted to say that I am waiting for the next meeting, ICANN 74, to start working with Alfredo, and do all that is needed in order to engage in this new experience. I don't know if you have any questions, any piece of advice, any guidance that you can share with me. I will be willing to take that into account.

LAURA MARGOLIS:

Good evening to you all. I was listening to you carefully, Lilian, and you say that you were lucky because you were chosen. But I don't I agree, I think that you were chosen because you met all the requirements. The path within ICANN is not easy. And I'm sure that you will do a great job because you know the organization quite well. I'm sure that you will be an excellent mentor for our region. So I wish you a lot of success.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE:

Thank you, Laura.

LAURA MARGOLIS:

Vanda, go ahead.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Lilian, I really like the fact that you have been chosen to serve in this position. As you may know, I was able to create the 2007 fellowship group when I worked on the Board. It was not an easy task but we succeeded. Later on came [Janice] and somebody else, and they are doing a great job now. And now I'm very happy.

When we started with the fellowship program, I served as a mentor, although that was not the name that position was given. We were people who just gave guidance to new fellows, we would spend time with them. We have a list of fellows, former fellows or alumni that have been participating in these activities for more than 10 years. So I think that we need to [inaudible] even more [inaudible] some people who were part of the fellowship organizing team together with the fellows and they offered the opportunity to ask questions. So we can take that opportunity to give some guidance. So I'm very happy to hear this news. I wish you all the best and a lot of success. And of course, I will be at your disposal if you need to exchange some ideas or to have a chat with someone. I will be more than willing. So thanks for applying for this position because I think you are going to be very [inaudible]. Harold is raising his hand.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE:

Thank you, Vanda. Harold.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Let me join my colleagues in congratulating you, Lilian, for the work that you are doing. I think that this is extraordinary. And I agree with Laura, I'm sure that you have all the conditions to be chosen as the

representative for the region. I recall when there was a discussion within ALAC about tutorships and I think that you have excellent experiences to fill in this role.

So I recall your expectations and your interest. So I think that all that was a very good starting point for you now to play this role for the fellows. In the region, we are very proud of having you committed to the fellowship program. That is what I wanted to say. And of course, as Lito said in the chat about the fellows, that is a very good idea, because for ICANN 74 you will be activated from ICANN 75 that it is good for the region to know that we have two members of the region. Mexico is present today and it was present in [inaudible] represented with a former indigenous ambassador in [inaudible]. These two representatives have also been selected for ICANN 74. So I think that this continues to be a good experience for newcomers. So thank you so much, Lilian, for this commitment. And I'm sure that you will be very successful.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: Thank you, Harold, I'm moved by your words. And this moves me to do things even better. So Augusto, I will give you back the floor.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Lilian, for taking up this challenge. As my colleagues have said, I don't only want to thank you, I just want to reaffirm that you have our support. There have been different people here who have already stated this. We know that you have a lot of experience. And that will help you a lot. But of course, we are all willing to provide you with

support, because we know that this requires a lot of courage, that you can have a great role there.

Lito Ibarra made an interesting comment in the chat, he recommended that after ICANN, we should extend an invitation to the fellows so that they will feel not only welcome but also supported so that we don't have that situation that you described, Lilian, happening again that they leave, so that they can feel welcome and they can feel part of the group. So let's move on with our agenda.

Now we have an item on governance. I would like to confirm whether Sergio Salinas is here in the call. I don't see him among the participants. It seems that he is not. So we haven't received any comment from Sergio. So I just wanted to mention the specific activity, to mention the Internet International Day. If I'm not wrong, that is going to happen on May 17. We've been discussing this. We mentioned something about LAC Digital. There will be some virtual panels. This is what I can say for now. And I'm going to ask that you keep us updated. I think Harold is requesting the floor. Maybe Harold would like to add something. Go ahead please.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Augusto. If you would like an update on this, maybe I can provide this to you so that all the region can know what is happening. There are several members here present who were part of the Governance Working Group and I think any of them could provide a brief summary of our work on the metrics area. That was a pending issue.

And so we needed to update the most recent processes in terms of our organization documents. These metrics documents is reviewing their criteria to define the processes for activation, deactivation, certification, decertification and access procedures within the regional organizations in connection with ICANN.

So, we'd like to invite you all again to participate in this Governance Working Group. You can send an email to the governance email list, you will find this on the LACRALO Wiki, on the Confluence Wiki. And this is how you will receive the invitations to participate. So, this is what we have done in terms of governance.

There is also a document owned by the working group, and we are reading it so that we can then present it to the region. As you know, we always prepare a preface, we prepare a sort of a draft to present it, polish it and then fixed the different criteria. And what's most important is then we need to apply it within this process to update the documents of the organization.

As for LAC Digital, as many of you know, for two years, LAC Digital is the name of a project now whose goal is to be a framework for regional events. This proposal, as Augusto was saying, has a proposal of activities in the four subregions. The idea is we will connect virtually. I am now posting the link on the chat room. So you can see where this is located.

And this project has been included in all the projects for each [FIE.] This is going to happen on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd because it will be a regional framework so that when an organization in the Caribbean, in

Central America, in South America needs to conduct an activity, they will have a space to do this.

When this was proposed in 2020, or even before, it could not be applied, because we couldn't really meet face to face. However, in Cancun, this was used as a framework for action when we were hosts there, and when there was presentation of the cultural groups in each region. Well, this is a spirit of LAC Digital. Our region has a specific color to recognize our culture. And that's why we want to contribute with these activities.

We want to do this every year. And we are structuring this to activate it on the 17th of May, which is the Internet Day. That's why with this regional list, we can express our wish and just mention the initiatives that we can develop in each region.

There are also some good news. In Colombia, there is a point where these academic networks can be activated. Ruben Hilare from Bolivia also has expressed his will to create a point of contact in South America and in Bolivia. Because the Aymara community has already prepared a program for outreach and engagement in the Indigenous University in Bolivia. So this is really interesting. It's interesting that we can be in contact with them.

This is a summary that we can provide for the community. And we'd like to invite you to coordinate the different links in the different regions. So this is part of the summary, Augusto. If there are any questions now, then we are open to answer them. Thank you.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Harold. Thank you for updating us. So are there any questions about what Harold has just presented? The floor is open now for questions. Alfredo Lopez.

ALFREDO LOPEZ I want to say something about the Internet Day. So we are conducting some international meetings. One of them happens on the Internet Day. So we would like to join what you are doing from the RALO. In Colombia, there has been an Internet Governance Forum and a security forum. This has been on for six years now. This is going to be the seventh version. And that's why we would like to join forces with the RALO.

Another issue is the International event of March 8, which is Women's Day here in Colombia. We will have women forum and we'd like the RALO to join us with some women who have been conducting very good work within the region.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Alfredo. In fact, I have witnessed the organization Alfredo has in Colombia a few weeks ago. We have joined them. Harold was also there. He had some time to talk to everybody. I only had 15 minutes to talk to the audience because I had an academic engagement. But Harold made all this collaboration very effective. And he updated all the speakers. So you can count on us then for your next activities. And we will be very happy to join you. Vanda, go ahead.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Alfredo just mentioned Women's Day, and I would like to invite you all, now at 7:00 PM for us here, at 23:30 UTC until 21:00 UTC, from 20:30 UTC to 21:30 UTC actually, we will have the DNS women's slot. Alfredo, please, women in Colombia need to participate. This is DNS women. We have some 400 women around the world.

And this is not only for women. The women are an initiative actually or they have an initiative to attract more women. And this has been on from 2009 and we want them to engage in ICANN. But this is open to everyone. Laura is going to show a project we are working on and I would really like all of you to participate. Thank you very much. It's on the agenda. It is a space on the ICANN formal agenda. So on Monday the 7th, you will find the link on the schedule and you can participate in the meeting. Thank you very much and I count on you for our region. Thank you.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Vanda. Claire, please go ahead.

CLAIRE CRAIG: I wanted to speak a little bit on the governance project that is taking place right now with the Governance Working Group. I know a document was circulated which speaks to some metrics for functions for people who do not attend meetings. I was just wondering whether we would want to not first do some type of survey to find out what are the reasons why people may not be participating, see if there are things that can be done to facilitate and help persons to participate rather than barring persons from continuing to [serve.]

I have spoken to a number of people and I know that volunteering is not an easy thing, and especially if you're working full time and trying to do this. So we really need to recognize that things people may sign up to volunteer and things happen. And so we need to be able to give people the benefit of the doubt. So I just want to suggest that we do a survey of our members to see if we could find out what are the reasons why persons may not be participating before we take them off the list or bar them from functioning. Thank you.

AUGUSTO HO:

Thank you, Claire, for this input. If you allow me a few words, as the lawyer that I am, I humbly think that one first needs to notify and if there is an extreme case, you need to apply an action. Remember these are meetings that are being held now, but this is not the direct target. Let me also now give the floor to Harold Arcos so that he can speak about this. Go ahead, Harold.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Augusto. Thank you for the question, Claire. this is an important point. And it is part of the criteria that we are having. This has been so even from the first metrics proposal that is from the document that is now being reviewed. And it is timely to remind the community that these metrics issue is included within our rules and procedures document and in our operating procedures.

And, of course, this survey proposals is very adequate. And I think we need to somehow polish this, shape this. And this step that you're thinking about, Claire, is included within the procedures that the active

authorities in this case, the chair and secretary and vice secretary, what they have included, but especially the chair and vice chair are the ones who agree on this document through a natural process of contact with the ALSes.

So this is part not of a process of decertification and it is good that this is being recorded, because this is what our documents say. So, we need to have a natural contact with the ALSes or with the associations of users in the regions. And so we have the responsibility of knowing because as you say, Claire, there may have been less participation. Participation may have been reduced. So this is very clear in our rules. And this is going to help us improve our procedures and make things easier.

Dev Anand mentioned some criteria, such as the time for each of the meetings, and this is valid of course, the ALSes can say that some times may be changed. This is included in our rules. And we have constant contact with the associations, especially with those that have had less participation in the last 12 months. This is how we can boost participation and increase our mechanisms, improve our mechanisms and make the metrics document more tangible and say to what extent are we going to consider that an ALS is active or inactive.

As of today, these are the current rules. And what you have said then is very important and the suggestion that Dev Anand made at the time on reviewing the times, making surveys and making open consultations, this consultation is also part of the process. It is current, it is in force. And this is what we need to apply to those ALSes that had a lesser participation in the past 12 months. Thank you for the question because

it makes things clearer and remind what is active and what we are working on. That's all. Thank you, Augusto.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Harold. Carlos, please go ahead.

CARLOS AGUIRRE: Thank you, Augusto. With respect to what Claire said, and to reassure her, as Augusto said, this is not about punishing anyone, but actually, this is a work being done by a working group to reformulate and to improve the metrics related to participation.

Once the document or the draft document is written, and this is what we are doing now, as Harold was saying, we will be ready to submit this for public comment in the region and we will be able to improve our work a lot more. But there is nothing defined. We have been discussing this. We have been saying the possibility of reformulating it or polishing it and seeing how we're going to treat it, how we're going to address it.

We have not been studying any punishment or any sanctions. This is what I understood that Claire was saying and that's not the case, really. I think this needs this latest clarification, because we are just analyzing an improvement of these metrics rules in terms of participation and eventually once the draft document is ready, we will put it to the consideration of the region so that they can provide their input as well. That's all, Augusto. Thank you very much.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Carlos. We have a few minutes left. But I think that it is clear not only for Claire, but for the rest of us what the situation is like. We don't need to be alarmed. We don't need to panic, but we need to keep up to date with the details.

We have two more items on our agenda. In the interest of time, I'm going to ask the chairs of working groups that need to take the floor to report on any news or updates of your groups to let me know. I don't know if there are any hands raised. Go ahead, Marcelo.

MARCELO RODRIGUEZ: I just wanted to ask you to make sure that ALSes send information about their activities. We need information in order to put that into our newsletter and also to disseminate information through social media. Of course, you talk here during the meeting about our own activities or your own activities and what we should expect for ICANN 73. But we need ALSes also to send their information [through you] because we need content for our newsletter and we also need to be updated on the activities they are carrying out. Thank you.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Marcelo. You're right. It is very important to keep up to date, we know that all of us are responsible for conveying this information to you so that you can do your own work. We only have a few minutes left for the any other business item. I don't know if there are any comments that you would like to make. Vanda, go ahead, please.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you. As I indicated at the beginning of the meeting, I would like to remind you all that there is an open call for applications for NomCom leadership positions. This is still open, but they will close one day after ICANN has concluded. So you don't have much time. We don't have much time to reply to the applications. We still see a lot of open applications that haven't been closed, that is not useful.

So if you intend to submit an application or if you have already started filing an application, please make sure you close them, you complete them so that we can take that application into consideration as a candidacy or as an opportunity. So please don't forget to complete and close your applications if you have already started. Thank you, Augusto, for giving me the floor.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Vanda. You always keep us up to date. I don't know if there are any more hands for the any other business agenda item.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes. I see Gerardo from Mexico and Harold who have raised their hands. We only have four minutes left, so please be brief.

AUGUSTO HO: Go ahead, please. We are all ears.

SILVIA VIVANCO: I think that one hand went down. We still have Harold with a hand up. Would you like to take the floor?

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you. Silvia. If Gerardo comes back, of course, he can take the floor because he is going to be a fellow for ICANN 74. I just wanted to make a comment about the ICANN 73. Thank you, Silvia, for posting that in the chat.

I just want to make two requests. Please pay attention to what Vanda is saying. the communications group need to report this information at least twice or three times before the deadline ends. For people who are following us on social media, not part of LACRALO, perhaps they can also convey this information.

And my other request is for all of you who are going to participate in ICANN 73, if you find any interesting points about the meetings you are attending, please share that through our regional mailing list, LAC Discuss so that we can start with conversation threads, because probably, these will be part of the agenda topics that we will have to discuss eventually.

So let's put the mailing list to good use. It's not just a WhatsApp message. Let's use our own space in the most natural way possible. That is my request. Thank you, Augusto.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Harold. Okay, we will conclude with today's meeting, but let me remind you that we you are going to receive a survey after this

meeting. Please fill it out because we need your answers. [I would like to thank] our speaker for all the information that [inaudible] the replies to the questions raised and I want to thank you all for your participation and I wish you a very good rest of the day. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you. Please fill out the surveys. Good evening. Bye.

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