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CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Welcome to the LAC digital call April 27 2022 at 20:00 UTC.

In today's call in Spanish, we have Augusto Ho, Sergio Salinas Porto, Vanda Scartezini, Carlos Aguirre, Laura Margolis, Harold Arcos, Sergio Salinas Porto.

In the English Channel we have Claire Craig.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Rob Hoggarth, Rodrigo De La Parra, and myself, Claudia Ruiz managing today's call.

Our interpreters today are Claudia and Marina. And before we start a kind reminder to please say your name before taking the floor for the purposes of the interpretation and so that our interpreters can identify you in the proper language channel. I will now give the floor to Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much, Claudia. I welcome you all. It's been a couple of weeks we haven't met. I'm going to go into the review of the action items just to refresh. And then I will give the floor to Sergio, Augusto and all.

First of all, Silvia and Harold will put the panel topics and proposed panelist on the wiki page. Actually. There is a wiki page. The format is not yet there. It requires some flesh. We have some ideas. I have some ideas, Harold, we can discuss. And I know this document is also in the Google Doc. We can see it later on perhaps. I'm going to show you later the names and details of potential panelists. So whenever my time

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comes, Harold, I can show a format which is very similar to yours. But we can do that later on.

The next one, all members of the organizing committee will contact possible panelists and moderators with the dates and times agreed. Now, each of you will let us know which panelists and moderators have confirmed or will possibly confirm.

Then Laura will send a link with a website to all members of the Organizing Committee. So Laura will probably give us an update on this.

These are all open action items. Sorry. Let me refer to the previous ones. There were a couple of action items pending for Robert Hoggarth who will assist us to connect this group with a GAC members from the region. And that is something that is still open. Perhaps Rob can later give us an update and let us know how things are going on that.

That is all on my part. So now following our agenda I will give the floor to Sergio who will give us an update on the next item which is the definition of panelists invited for each panel.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Silvia and again, good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. We have made progress on the panelists. Vanda will give us an update on universal acceptance panels for the 18th. I can tell you that on the 17th we're trying to close with these countries, Argentina, Colombia. Still some letters have to be sent to the ministry. Lilian is working very hard on this. So the submission letters will be submitted tomorrow. Both the invitation, the activities also on the 19th.

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The first is the panel of Internet as an essential public service, and then on the 19th, infrastructure. Now, at 9:30PM Argentina, I have a meeting with Bolivian ambassador in Argentina and the Argentine ambassador in Bolivia, the three of us actually, so that the Bolivian government could be attending the panel of the 19th.

Argentina might also send a speaker there to refer to a project that the country is already undertaking with over 160 communities already connected. This is an interesting experience.

Then we have a panelist, Sergio [inaudible] from Bolivia, who could be on the panel of the 17th on Internet as essential public service or universal acceptance and Bolivia. Also, there.

There is [inaudible] which is Caribbean. It was my intention to discuss this with Claire now taking the opportunity that we have interpretation. That is something that we still have to work out. We require some speakers from the Caribbean, Jamaica, Trinidad, Tobago.

I think, in the GAC, there was [Lansing], so perhaps he from the GAC, and someone else from civil society could be representing or presenting on any of the three panels. I think this would be interesting, this would be valuable for the Caribbean community, perhaps they could go to infrastructure and closeness to remote or areas with little population, how the state has the infrastructure and what are the challenges for civil society in this regard.

So this is the outlook. Now I'd like to give the floor to Vanda so that she can present on universal acceptance, which is quite advanced, and then we continue.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Okay. Hello, everyone. How are you? Silvia and myself, we have been already discussing. We already have from Bolivia for government from Roberto [inaudible] from [inaudible] from citizen society. I think it was you, Sergio, the person who's talking to them as Silvia said.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Okay. Then from Uruguay, we have Beatrice from [inaudible] also government in Uruguay. We had Laura but I think that Laura said to Silvia that she will not be available on 18th. Is that so, Laura?

LAURA MARGOLIS: Actually, Silvia sent me that message and I was so busy today and I couldn't reply. And that is right. I will be traveling. But please give me an additional day for confirmation.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: But perhaps you can give us a name. If not, we will go for Beatrice from [inaudible].

LAURA MARGOLIS: Yes, as soon as possible, I will try to confirm either yes or no.

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VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you. Well, from the Caribbean, we have a Nigel Casimir from Trinidad Tobago government and he also belongs to the international group of Caribbean telecommunication. So we thought that that is representing a larger number of countries than just Trinidad and Tobago. I sent an email to Claire to check whether she on behalf of the civil society could participate. I'm also inviting Carlton to check if he has any chance to participate, as there will be simultaneous interpretation for French, English and Spanish, I think we can also invite him.

So we are discussing or talking about possibilities for civil society, but we already have someone for government. From Brazil, for government, we are talking to our GAC member, and the Secretariat of Information Technology. But we haven't actually agreed with anyone because they need to have a date and time and how long they should present.

But the time is confirmed, how long each person will have to speak. Well, this is something that when you talk to government here in Brazil, it's not that simple. So we need to have this piece of information a little bit more closed.

For civil society, I myself can present on the status contacted on [inaudible] the software Brazilian organization. And we also had some partnership with ICANN for a more comprehensive study. The first one was only for Brazil. And last year, we had a very well attended panel with [inaudible] from Brazil a very interesting discussion on universal acceptance.

So we are mostly there. We need only this information to close our agenda. The time. So as soon as we have the time, we will have

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certainty on whom of these two people can be present on that date and time. Thank you very much. I think that is basically all.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Vanda. Comment on Carlton. I had already invited him some time ago. He referred to Natalie or Natalia from Jamaica. Actually, I do not know her. But he also gave me her email to invite.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Perhaps you can give me the address, email address and I will write to her.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. As soon as we close this, I will be working on this. I will now give the floor first to Lilian and then to Claire. I'd like Claire to be one of the speakers. Mostly if there is someone from Trinidad Tobago, I think that she would be the perfect counterpart. But first I will give the floor to Lilian and then to Claire. Lilian, you have the floor.

LILIAN IVETTE DE LUQUE: Thank you. Good evening, everybody. I just wanted to say something based on what I was talking with Sergio and Harold a couple of days ago, I approached the Columbia ministry. It is not easy at all. And with the [CIO] group, or through them, they redirected me or forwarded me to our regional coordinator who contacted the infrastructure, the staff responsible for the Internet, etc. with a formal letter explaining what we

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need from them. And today Harold sent me all the materials and that was already submitted and I'm awaiting a reply.

As soon as I have a reply, I have asked them to present not only as speakers in the panel on Internet as essential public service, but also in the Internet in rural areas. Either they could participate in one or both. So we should also send the invitation through the [CIO] group and check whether they can attend the event. So as soon as I have a reply, I will be updating my report. That is all. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much. So now Claire, you have the floor.

CLAIRE CRAIG: Hi, good evening, good day. Thank you for the invitation, Vanda. But as in my reply, we have a CaribNOG event on the 18th. So I would not be able to accept that invitation to speak on that day. I'm really very sorry.

I have been working with Jacqueline, and we have identified three people, but we have not really heard anything back from them. So we are still trying to see if they are available to speak on any one of the panels, not necessarily the UA panel, but any of the other two panels. So I will see if I can get an answer for you by Friday.

With respect to Natalie, I didn't realize that Carlton sent her name, I know Natalie, so I could reach out to her and see if I can get an answer from her for you, if you would like me to do that. Thank you.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Claire. I'm really sorry that you can't be there. I would have loved to hear you in that panel. But apart from that, I think it's important that we should have the vision of the users, because please remember that this event has to be a bridge between the civil society and the national state. So this is the skills we have so as to have a stronger bond.

Lilian somehow said that it is complicated to interact with the state, perhaps in some other countries is easier. But the point is that the civil society should leave this event much stronger. And the idea is that all decision makers, when we talk about universal accept and DNS abuse, they should understand what we mean and ICANN should be part of their agenda as well. So we take these topics that are not alien to them. So that then we may introduce some other topics that perhaps they do not see in their everyday work.

Now Silvia is asking, and I think it's important, that we start populating the fields in the Excel matrix prepared by Harold. If we are kind of lazy, let's send it. Some of us should submit it. So we're saying we have this, this and that, and some of us will populate the Google Doc.

Then the point of the time. The time schedule, I think that Claire asked, and perhaps Augusto wrote that down, but I think it was 18:00 or 19:00 UTC.

SILVIA VIVANCO: 19:00 UTC. It's in the calendar.



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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: How long will each speaker have to make their presentation? 15 minutes, because we have like a roadmap in some panels instead of having four countries [and eight] because we're going to have three countries, so it will be six speakers. And in that case, each speaker will have more time. But please take this into account when we—

VANDA SCARTEZINI: What are we talking about? Two hours?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Two hours.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yeah, two hours. So we're going to have a does a 15-20-minute exchange. There is any speaker missing, there will be five more minutes for other speakers. But let's stick to them and say 15 minutes because there should be some kind of introduction by ICANN [inaudible] so as to explain what are the specific topics that will be discussed in that panel so as to set the stage.

There will be kind of a brief summary. And the moderator will have to explain what they're going to discuss and give the floor to each speaker. So there are some minutes there to be spent as well.

And we also know that each speaker will have 15 minutes to speak and Harold. And Harold, he's speaking to Venezuela so that they may be here as well so that we may have the presence of Venezuela in our panels. So Harold, your hand is up.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you very much Sergio. I want to stress this. All of us in this committee, we are receiving the emails and by the staff as well as the letters sent and the letters sent to several ALSes. So I asked Rob and Rodrigo that you may make any comments that you would like. And if you need to use this link, this link gives you access to an editable document. So you would give us the contact of each country, Augusto will sign it digitally, and then we will send those letters.

So all of us in this group, please send the names of the people that are confirmed. Topic [inaudible] Ruben Hilari who was an ambassador of indigenous peoples within the ICANN program confirm his presence from the civil society, so we hope that we may move forward using the other avenue that Sergio is talking with the government as Silvia said.

The table that you have there on top of Confluence gives us an idea, but as Silvia was writing down in the chat, I think that perhaps is a bit less than 15 minutes, because 15 minutes you have certainly time enough to explain the current situation. And so, we should have this two minutes so that the moderator may put the ideas on the table and trigger kind of interaction among the panelists.

This was done in 2012. And it was interesting because at that time, the civil society may ask the institutions present whether they are willing to attend the meeting after the event, so as to evaluate several alternatives that the civil society have planned or is undergoing or something like that. It may be related to infrastructure, or universal acceptance to find allies, so that some participants might have taken

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our courses and so they may say something about why it is important and it's important for the states to be part of this topic, universal acceptance, for instance, and we need time for that. We know that that activity certainly would take a bit longer. This is why we are targeting a bit less than 15 minutes.

I don't remember any other update that something comes to my mind, I will speak out loud, but this is the two things that we have from Colombia, from topic one and three. Topic two has no confirmation, Vanda. Thank you very much, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Harold.

HAROLD ARCOS: Sorry to interrupt, but I sent an email to Dr. Vint Cerf. You know that it's the Internet day, so Vint Cerf will have his schedule complete, but he's quite accessible. And perhaps he may send a video with greetings to event or saying something about this event. So the idea is that perhaps we receive a confirmation and a video from him. And of course, we will notify you. This is the idea. I forgot to tell you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Harold. And that would be really great. This is a great initiative from you. So fingers crossed. So I will give you the floor right now, Silvia. Perhaps reducing the time one or two minutes. If we take one minute from each speaker, perhaps we will have five or because we should take two minutes. Instead of 15, each speaker

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should have 13 minutes. It would not be that much of a change. And there will be no big modification in the presentation. But perhaps this two minutes from each speaker may be used for all what Harold have spoke about. So we may consider that this is a possibility. And Silvia, you have the floor now.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much, Sergio. I would like to share with you some ideas, some contribution from Heidi and myself. We have been checking Harold's table. Can you put that on screen, Claudia, please? This is it.

So we have prepared this draft brainstorming, Heidi and I, and thinking about the best way the workshops work at ICANN and based on other worksheets in ICANN. So we'll give a brief presentation if you allow me.

First of all, Claudia, this is not the table. Sorry, it's in English, I have had no time to translate it because it was a brainstorming. So at the very beginning, there will be the first workshop, welcome from Augusto as chair, then a presentation of what lac digital means in commemoration of the Internet day and the Vint Cerf videos will be a general video.

The objective of lac digital, speaking a few words about that. And then a general overview of what's coming next. This will take some 10 minutes. And we put moderator, Augusto, the panelists Vint Cerf, and we may also think that Leün may be there. So for the future.

But let's say that Vint Cerf will accept. So, he will be there 10 minutes. The next 10 minutes, there will be an overview of the session, an introduction, what is the importance of this topic for Latin America and

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the Caribbean, and the methodology to be used in this session, that this will be moderated by Sergio and then we will introduce all speakers and their bios.

And then we'll have 10 more minutes, 20 minutes in all. And then this is a draft version, please bear that in mind. So we have populated with names. Just to put some names. Panelist number one, 10 minutes, the moderator and the bio. Panelist two, 10 more minutes.

So if we add we have reached with four panelists one hour because we had the two sessions, the welcoming session and the overview session that set the context because it's important for the audience.

And then in order to have some lessons learned, we have a summary and next steps. The idea is to repeat this year after year. So at the end of each panel, there will be a kind of a summary or wrap up, maybe go so or you may decide who says, well, the panelist has spoken about A, B and C, the main topics were this and the conclusions are this and that.

So the idea was to consider these three topics as a general again, that they are intertwined. And this is something that we wanted [inaudible] and me wanted to present to you based on what Harold have prepared and including the experience gained at ICANN. This is it for your consideration. Thank you very much, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you. Based on what you show us, what I see is that we should reduce to 10 minutes.

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SILVIA VIVANCO: Based on our experience, past experience, 10 minutes seems to be short, but actually it's a lot.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: A lot?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Because after 10 minutes, the attention is lost, people lose focus.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yes, when the topic is complex, you can get lost. It's too long to stay for.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, I do not mind if it's 10 minutes when you are watching for example a news bulletin. An article could be three minutes and it a lot. So this is a longer presentation actually.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Correct.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: And that is good. Then what I'd like to see—and that is on a different thing, is I'd like to see the public participate. I have no experience at all in events like this. So I'm going to ask you to apply collective intelligence and let me know how you think we can manage and time for people to participate as well. Is it every once a country is done with a presentation open for questions, or go to the end?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Sorry, I forgot to say something. Claudia, can you scroll down? There you see after the fourth panelist, there is a roundtable discussion, 10 minutes.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, I see.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes. Each panelist presents for 10 minutes, and then there is 10 minutes, all of them together. And then they open up to questions and answers. So each panelist first and then the roundtable where the panelists have a joint exchange, as you see on TV, and then they open up to the public with questions and answers.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I think it's okay. I agree. But I have another question to make on this. One we are going to speak, each panelist will have 10 minutes, we should think they will be at least six panelists per meeting. At least there's six. In some cases, eight. Then we have the roundtable and then we have Q&A.

Now, at some point in time when we're holding meetings on this—and I do not remember who but I think it was Adrian who said it would be wonderful if we were to make questions and send those questions so the conversation can be started by each of the panelists. Are we going to implement that?

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I have been several times a speaker of the Internet governance school. And what they do there is they send you an email, and they say, look, there will be three questions addressed to you. And you have so many minutes to answer. So let's assume we were going to talk about, I don't know, infrastructure. First question, what is restructure works are being conducted in the country? Second, what is your planning to add more communities to the digital system? Third question, etc.

So each speaker will answer those questions. That is one approach. The other one is to leave it open and free, and let anyone speak at leisure.

So my question is, will that help to put some order with the questions? It would be helpful, and the same for users. Three questions for users that they would have to answer, what the user's proposal, what is their view, their analysis of their country's realities? What are the possibilities to improve? I'm thinking out loud. I'm thinking about everyday issues, not just universal acceptance.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I want to read Heidi's comment. I think it is great to have questions in advance. And actually, we can write it down in the overview of the session, we can post the questions, they will not be secret, the panel will discuss this topics A to Z and the questions will be these ones.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Okay, do you think it's okay?



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SILVIA VIVANCO: I think that as some of these topics are complex—as my case—I think this idea of—it'd be good to let each panelist speak on whatever they want, but all of them answer the same question. That is easier for example for us to government, because before the meeting, there could be a rehearsal or we could provide some training to them on the topic, because several of them do not know the topic in depth. So that if they have questions, they can check beforehand and do not feel embarrassed afterwards. So I think that could be very good at least for universal acceptance, because it's not an easy topic.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Okay. Harold.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Sergio. Now that we're talking about the skeleton of the meeting, that is the key point. With the same intention, we are inviting governments and civil society is the [lay motif] of our promotion, because we say it's one day, one topic per day, and each day has a specific discussion. As Vanda said, there are some topics that are more difficult. So that governments do not feel question, though we are actually creating a space for questioning, but we'd rather have them [inaudible] meeting prior questions could basically be that central idea.

Internet as essential public service. We could certainly talk about the need for this discussion, what the panel will reply in general. And then each moderator will also have the couple of questions ready so that he's ready or she's ready when the time comes.

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The Moderator we should remember is not a static figure. There are trigger questions available that will promote, will foster this exchange. So prior question is like a formal considering consideration we should have with the speakers so that they know our expectations.

And at the beginning of each day, in these instructions on how the meeting will go, all participants who are connected as we're not going to interrupt speakers, invite them to make questions in the chat. And later on, we need the support from someone to collect the questions and send them to the moderator.

Certainly he or she will not be receiving 50 questions. Someone has to pick the three main ones, and say that the entire meeting will be recorded and posted on the wiki page. But the three main questions of the topic discussed will be forwarded to the moderator so that the moderator in addition to what is presented with the speak said we will be presenting on the questions. Otherwise, those who will be attending, the participants will be extremely passive.

And the public is very important. But because the key questions are required to move forward. And certainly time is finite. And this is just an eye opener to open the discussion. Which lines will be continued later on. So prior questions to be sent to our guest speakers.

And with regard to the time slot, I think 10 minutes is extremely generous. It's a long time. And the speakers have abundant experience on presenting what the government or institutions or organizations are doing.

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So this would be the very good. So prior questions with the moderators. And with that, the moderator will be opening up the exchange.

The roundtable I think is wonderful. In the European school, it was wonderful. I attended and others as well. I think this is the way forward.

So I see Silvia, you are posting you are writing down the three key questions. The three key issues. We have the questions and that's it. And then it will be shared in this on our email list on ALAC digital, so any remarks we posted on—

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Perhaps if you can send them already I will post it on our wiki.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Yes. As soon as we have them, it should have identification of each topic, Internet as public service, universal acceptance, etc. So what is the question for? What the purpose of each topic is so that they can actually know what to answer. Go ahead, Carlos.

CARLOS AGUIRRE:

Thank you. I think this is not rocket science. I think the easy way is the best way. It is easier to process. I think Heidi has nailed it. Heidi has a significant experience on this. And when she referred to prior questions, I thought this is wonderful. Because with that, we have a limit on what the speaker can talk, which are obviously the topics that we are interested in.

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And I also agree with Heidi, the moderator is a key figure in each panel, the moderator must be nimble, must be experienced, must be able to manage, because he or she will be the one who will achieve the success and have the panel flow, that no uncomfortable questions are made. And he or she will manage the times.

And if there is time available, perhaps panelists can continue with the topic. I think this is easy. And if we also say to the public, what questions will be made, the public will know what we're going to talk about, and they will be open to listen to specific or to receive specific replies. And the moderator is gatekeeper, and he or she must have experience with common sense, someone who has fulfilled this role beforehand. That is all.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you very much, Carlos. We talk about facilitating or moderating a panel. I think this is really very important that first of all, I would like to know who the speakers will be, and then I will use the strategy. And I think there should be some gender balance. I'm not saying this because I think it's something nice, but because I think we should have gender balance in terms of speakers and moderators. Because in the table in general, we used to have all men panels, and this is not the case, because there's lots of women here fighting for gender equality, Vanda and some others. And certainly, they have mentioned this within ICANN.

So we would have to have moderators of both genders. So first of all, this week, we should conclude everything because we cannot finish the

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week and we cannot post this week because we do not know the names and we need pictures of each of them, their resume, some bio, if they have social media, their social media. So I cannot do it alone.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I will write to someone. So please, I need one of you to prepare a short email to be sent to this because I need your picture, bio, social media so as to get in touch with people after and after the event. We don't need the personal addresses, their institutional ones.

Then we will decide on the moderators and we have to be strategic in this sense. So who could we consider will be more convenient? No problem to talk about Internet as a public essential service, but I need to know whether I'm good as a speaker or I'm good as a moderator, because perhaps there may be some other from my country or I may make a presentation.

So Internet is a public essential service. I was much involved with the enactment of that law in Argentina. But there may be some other digital fighters talking about this. The point is how we best fit into this panel and if this is okay, everything will be okay because next year we will have some other topics. And Silvia, you have the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, we are running out of time as a matter of fact. And I would like to give you some kind of idea of the calendar and critical dates. I was thinking about the social media campaign. So that together with

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ICANN's communication department we thought that that would launch it. There has been a tweet in that respect.

So this week, as you said, Sergio, we have to have the speakers, the name of the speakers for each panel. I may make some contributions to include some content about the overview of each session in the table we'll prepare with Heidi.

[inaudible] may start with the names of the speakers, and launch a campaign. We may ask to communication team to help us in the first week of May to communicate the panelists' names. And from the At-Large staff, we should send calendar invites to each speaker. And I was considering that as a deadline, Friday, May 6, [so there are May 9 on the week started and may need] to do some resources of the panel.

So bearing, in those days in mind, I think that we should hurry up. We should move fast so as to close this panel and the speaker of this panel. I think that eight speakers is a lot. Between four and six, I think it will be okay. But let's see about the panel. Perhaps we should move one speaker to another panel. It would depend on the confirmations we will receive.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sorry to interrupt, but so far I was preparing a list. And I have seven countries that may intervene. Argentina, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Brazil, Venezuela and Colombia. We did not have [anybody who will speak in] Bolivia.

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So I think that we are quite a few with that. [inaudible] posted something. I couldn't read it. But I don't know. What about a relationship with the GAC? I don't know if they may strengthen some of these countries and [inaudible] the list of countries I've just mentioned. And I will repeat them. Argentina, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia and Colombia.

I don't know about the representation if these countries at the GAC, but if they help us, we will work closely there, the GAC will help us interact with the government and these will be the countries, the seven countries I mentioned distributed among the panelists as we can see.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yeah, Rob is saying that Heidi is saying we will continue to promote event to get members. Next steps, communication to the confirm agenda to the GAC [USRWG.]

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Okay, I'm going to write down in the chat so that Rob may read. Perhaps he may target at this countries because these are the countries we are talking about. So perhaps Rob may target—oh, Rob, there you are.

So we have one minute left, and I will give the floor, but perhaps Rob may target specifically these countries. So Silvia, would you allow me to give Rob the floor? Rob, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

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ROB HOGGARTH:

This is Rob speaking. Thank you very much, Sergio. I was hiding down the list of speakers I think. What I wanted to reinforce was your comment about us reaching out to those GAC representatives from countries that you've identified.

What I had in mind—and we can adjust over the course of the next couple of days chatting with Silvia—was that when you do have identified speakers or particular people that you are targeting, we could reach out to the GAC representatives from those governments primarily as an initial courtesy, just to let them know that their government is being approached because as many of you know, a GAC representative may not be from the department or ministry that your invitee could be from.

So it will be important as a professional courtesy and to potentially reinforce the work to let them know that they have a colleague being invited. So we'll definitely coordinate with Silvia on that once you all have confirmed with Silvia those precise individuals. I think that'll be important not only for preparations, but for attendance as well. And that's probably a very good networking/relationship building strategy or tactic to employ. So thanks very much for reinforcing that thought, Sergio. Appreciate it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Silvia, you have the floor.



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SILVIA VIVANCO: Yeah. There's a lot of things moving at the same time. So, I would suggest the meeting from May 2nd at 23:00 UTC. Checking hands, objections. Monday, May the 2nd. Harold is saying yes. Let me see. I don't see any objections. Augusto is saying okay. So Monday May the 2nd so as to keep up to speed and continue contributing to this event.

Claire will not be available. So sorry. But we're going to have two calls. And let's see what happens and on Monday, May the 2nd and then we will see when the next call will be held. But the idea is to keep the ball rolling.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. So it was quite a busy hour today. Three minutes past the hour. So thank you very much to the interpreters that are always with us at each meeting we hold, and the staff, because certainly they make us bigger and stronger. Any other common? We have a lot of work to do. Okay. Goodbye, everyone.

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