

Dear All

I hereby submit my expression of interest in serving as the Chair Elect for LACRALO effective 2023-25. As many of you know, I am a founding member of the Latin America & Caribbean At=Large Organisation (LACRALO)

I bring to the position over 25 years' experience in the provision of professional services for the design, development and implementation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) solutions either via policy or infrastructure for public and private sector agencies. In terms of qualifications I possess a MSc. In Computer Science.

I specialize in ICT strategic planning and implementation at the national level and also specifically for rural community and hinterland development. Professional services have been commissioned by such organisations as the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), The Inter- American Development Bank (IDB), The World Bank, The U.S. Departments of Commerce and Treasury.

Over the years I have served in the following capacities:

- Former member of the .gy domain steering committee for the redelegation of the domain from the University of Puerto Rico to Guyana.
- Former Representative (2016-2021) on the Government Advisory Committee (GAC) the constituency within ICANN that reflects the policy views of Government as it pertains to the overall management of the internet. I served in the Underserved regions working group because of my interest in the advanced engagement of the citizens of the South in the ICANN process.
- Served as country representative (2017-2018) to the Amazonian Treaty Cooperation Organisation (ACTO) in the negotiations pertaining to the use of the .amazon as a top level domain by the Amazon Cooperation.
- A Technical representative on the Caribbean Community Council on Trade and Economic Development (COTED) for the implementation of ICT policy for the region's overall development and economic advancement.
- Former board member of the National Telecommunication Agency (2016-2021)
- Alternative representative (2017-2021) to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- Member of the Private Sector Advisory Group of Caribbean Export (2013-2015), the regional trade and investment promotion agency focused on building a resilient Caribbean by providing cutting-edge and high-impact support to the private sector.
- I am the Director of the BrainStreet Group, a technology solutions company that offers a complete range of management information and business system consulting services. It is an organisation of computer systems consultants

dedicated to providing a wide of range of professional services for the planning, development, implementation and operation of information systems and related peripherals. Services now include online learning and offshore cartoon animation production.

- Creator and Chief Technical Officer of BrainCentral (www.BrainCentral.online), An online academic project that helps students prepare for examinations with over 150,000 questions generating hundreds of online quizzes and practice workbooks. This platform has also supported learning offerings from regional tertiary institutions since 2004.
- Member of the CARICOM ICT Steering Committee (CISC), whose primary function is to develop policy initiatives and action plans for the Caribbean Information Society initiative.

I have spent the last 5 years developing initiatives in the hinterland areas to facilitate access to the internet (or variations of it) to indigenous citizens. It is these varied experiences that helped me understand the challenges and needs of the individual user and how he/she must evolve to become a better user of the internet.

In 2022, and certainly in the LAC region the ICANN process is still like rarefied earth. There is still a minority of people who are engaged in the ICANN process, albeit at varying levels. Many of our users are primary consumer users of the internet. My primary interest therefore, as it has always been is to seek ways in which our citizens can further participate not just as end user but also in the policy based process and deliberations of ICANN.

All for your consideration