

ALAC Statement of Interest
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I would like to express interest in the position as NARALO representative to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC). Thank you to Eduardo Diaz for the nomination. My goal in running is to ensure that regional leadership is representative of the values and interests of end-users and that the multistakeholder model is upheld and improved.

I began my ICANN journey through the North American School of Internet Governance. I collaborated with members of the NARALO community and learned about the policymaking processes in ICANN, attending several meetings (ICANN79 and 80 Fellow) and eventually joining NARALO and the CPWG. In the NASIG planning committee, I helped ensure inclusivity in the program and a seamless experience for students.

This work came off the back of several years of experience with the International Telecommunication Union, the Internet Society, and various Internet Governance research organizations. My work within these initiatives has shifted the shepherd a path of change with the onset of emerging technologies. I drafted language in the Generation Connect 2022 Communiqué for inclusion of LGBTQ+ individuals in policymaking. This language was accepted by all member states, the first of its kind in the history of the organization. Additionally, my work as a [Youth Ambassador with the Internet Society](#) has allowed me to work on a certificate program increasing datasets for low-resource languages to ultimately train generative AI models. This form of grassroots organizing working with indigenous and minority communities is a model I hope to bring to the ALAC.

I believe a key responsibility of the ALAC is also to educate about and represent ICANN to the broader community. With a background in international development and education, I have a keen understanding of how to explain ICANN's work in a concise and accessible manner. I also have a large academic network through my current role as the Coordinator for the Tech, Law, and Security Program at American University Washington College of Law and plan to continue to host internet governance events, such as the recent [Universal Acceptance Event at AU](#), with various educational institutions to bring youth into the ICANN space.

If elected, I will also work to synthesize the diverse opinions and recommendations of the at-large community in a manner that not only effectively and efficiently conveys the message but also stands up to legal and ethical scrutiny. This is no easy task, and I am cognizant that I have much left to learn. Yet, I believe my expertise in research and community-building, along with an open mindset, give me the skills necessary to work well in the ALAC. Overall, I would welcome the opportunity to represent the interests of end-users and I am confident that the new ideas and perspectives I have would be an asset to the ALAC.

Thank you,

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