

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo de la Parra speaking now for the record. We are now formally initiating this call. Thank you, everyone, for joining us today. Before we start I really want to thank you all for your effort to join us in Montevideo. I thank you for the work that we did there. It was really fruitful for all of us.

I circulated an agenda. It has five items. First of all we will have the presentation of the results of what we did in the Retreat in the basis of a summary furnished by the moderators. Then we will focus on three aspects of the future: first of all projects, then indicators, and then open consultation. And finally Item #5 deals with any other business that anyone would be willing to raise.

Having said this I want to check whether you all agree on this agenda or if you have any comments or amendments to propose?

ANDRES PIAZZA: Andres speaking, I agree with the agenda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vanda here, pretty good – I think it's clear.

ANTONIO MEDINA GOMEZ: Tony, I agree with the agenda.

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RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking again. Okay, thank you. We will now move on to the first item, that is this presentation – the presentation of these results. I want to apologize to Dev and Tracy that is not here, but you know, we have translation issues and I apologize for that. I requested the translation of this document and it should be ready soon.

However, since we have simultaneous interpretation services on the call we can understand certain concepts that may require further clarification. Regarding Fatima's question, she wants to address the SWOT analysis in any other business – yes, of course. And Fatima, by the way, thank you very much for sending your comments, your observations.

So for those of you that do not have access to a computer I am presenting a file on ICANN's Strategic Planning for the Latin American Region as delivered by the moderators or facilitators. We have the SWOT matrix analysis that captures the comments presented in the Montevideo meeting.

As you can see there are very good suggestions presented by Fatima. They can be incorporated into this document and enrich it and at the end of this call we will deal with those suggestions in further detail. In general all the documents that we will be releasing or submitting to consultation will require or will have a prior consultation or comment session, so the group will be able to address them prior to that consultation after this meeting.

So as you can recall, an important part of our work in that session was to start with the vision idea, the vision for the group, which certainly for a multi-organizational effort was somehow difficult. But we focused on

what we are seeking or looking for as a region and why it is important for ICANN to consider our region's need in its strategic plan.

Well, the answer encompasses the vision that we have as a group. Here we can see some questions and I will read them out loud so that I can help Dev participate. Group One focused on having more legitimate interest topics, more participation in decision making, more attractive content from ICANN focused on the domain name industry, and capturing the interest of governments on ICANN-related topics. Then Group Three focused on seeking balanced participation in our region within ICANN's world. We want to be listened to, recognized for the (inaudible) in the Latin American and Caribbean communities.

Then why is it important for ICANN to consider the needs of our region in its strategic plan? Group One replied that ICANN has the obligation to be global. It needs us as a region and we need ICANN. Also to establish succinct policies for the region, to stimulate the creation of new interest groups in the region within ICANN to guarantee the allocation of resources and facilitate the region's participation; to guarantee ICANN's responsibility towards the community and the public in general.

Group Two said in order to fulfill the multi-stakeholder role of this organization – I apologize for the typos, they will be corrected before this is released for public consultation – promote the bottom-up system for policy development. We want to make an impact so that the impact of ICANN's policies is positive in the region, to achieve an adequate industry development in the region in terms of what ICANN does. We

want to define our expectations for the region against the backdrop of ICANN's strategy but with a bottom-up system.

Group Three said in order to guarantee the allocation of financial resources and staff in order to facilitate and guarantee ICANN's reply or response to the community considering the global public interests and the Affirmation of Commitments.

Then we focused on defining the key areas of interest that would then feed our matrix in a horizontal fashion. After a summary we identified our four aspects – first political aspects, then capacity building; three, operations; and four, economic or financial aspects. And for each of these areas we worked in groups and we defined a three-year period as a region in order to conceptualize and implement this strategy; and then we would revise follow-up mechanisms later on.

Then we have the objectives, indicators, and the matrix, the strategic matrix as we did it in the meeting. After that we have the key areas for the region, the work of the different groups. They included all the mind maps. This is an effort by the facilitators in order to capture all the work done during the retreat but it doesn't mean that it will be the document released for consultation. We will draft a clearer document and the group will agree on that document of course.

And now we have here a first summarized version of the objectives, first strategic area. Regarding the political aspects area we have these five objectives: that is, strengthen the link between ICANN and the Regional At-Large Organizations joined by annual agenda; create regional interest groups to strengthen the multi-stakeholder model in Latin America and the Caribbean; facilitate the mobilization of resources to guarantee the

stability, security and resiliency of ccTLDs; then the regional strategy for Latin America and the Caribbean has to focus on ICANN and the strategic resources management within internet; and finally, promote action by ICANN that will focus on the critical internet resources.

Then we have strategic objectives for capacity building from 1 to 7: 1.) strengthen the participation of all the countries in the region so that they get actively involved in the activities and groups of interest within ICANN promoting the multi-stakeholder coordination at a national and regional level to maximize capacity building initiatives; 2.) promote the DNS technical capabilities to promote the security, stability, and resiliency; 3.) educate end users for a better understanding of the internet ecosystem; 4.) strengthen capacity building of the governments in the region; 5.) incentivize the participation of regional companies in ICANN's multi-stakeholder model; 6.) strengthen and maximize the existing capacity building programs in the region; 7.) promote the participation of academia representatives in the region and create alliances with universities in order to promote research and education on topics related to ICANN's mission and vision.

As regards operations we have six strategic objectives: 1.) promote the participation of other internet industry stakeholders such as online service providers, internet exchanges, university networks, datacenters, cell phone operators – not the regulators but the people dealing with businesses and operations; 2.) join efforts so that IPv6 is implemented in our region; 4.) strengthen the operational capability of ccTLDs in the region; 5.) create enabling policies for registrars; and 6.) achieve the active engagement of ICANN, that is ourselves, in order to identify

opportunities aligned among all stakeholders so that this can be properly implemented in the region.

As far as the economic aspects are concerned we have seven objectives: 1.) reduce the barriers to participation for stakeholders, economic stakeholders in ICANN; 2.) seek further relevance of economic stakeholders locally through the design of meetings within ICANN; 3.) promote the registrars' and registries' accreditation in the region; 4.) favor the emergence of services related to companies in the region; 5.) create a UDRP provider base in the region and adequate to the regional needs; 6.) and then focus on the TLD and DNS or domain names commercialization.

We also received some initiatives by email. I think this is beneficial and it's related to what we will be dealing with later on. I will show now on the screen our work on the alignment on the matrix, and you have also received this by email. For each of these objectives on this matrix, well what we did was to improve on them and we aligned them to each of these four strategic areas in ICANN's strategic plan. As you can see, we have indicators that we have defined.

These results, if I may, are draft or raw results. Once this is translated I would like to draft an improved document if you agree that will not change the essence or substance but will improve the drafting or will avoid redundancy. So it will be a clean version of this document and of course I will present it to the group for validation and comment so that we can come up with a clean version of this report.

We received comments such as the ones sent by Fatima, and they are welcome of course. Before we address the projects I would like to open

the floor so that the group can comment on the results that we have presented and on the suggestion of drafting this clean version of the document.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: This is Vanda speaking.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Vanda, go ahead, you have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vanda speaking. I think this is perfect. I was working on Fatima's document, so I sent some contributions in agreement with her comments or adding information to her comments but I haven't finished it. I think we should all pay attention to these items and we should add or align our input with the suggestions that we have received so that we end up with a clean version of this document in order to avoid repetition, to use only one sentence to express the same concept.

This is important because it makes it clear what the objectives are. The objectives are more clearly stated so having a clean draft or a version of the document I believe is very important so that we can move on expediently. We you know, if we start working on content that is repeated then we will waste time so I think that it is a good idea to have a clean version of this document and work upon it. Thank you.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking, thank you, Vanda. I see now Andres requesting the floor, and after that Olga Cavalli, after Andres; and then we have Dev asking for the floor.

ANDRES PIAZZA: Andres speaking. I can wait, Rodrigo, I can wait.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Olga, you have the floor now.

OLGA CAVALLI: Olga speaking. Hello, are you hearing me? Olga Cavalli speaking. Thank you all for joining us. Thank you for this meeting in Montevideo – that was very beneficial. When can we send these documents to our respective stakeholder groups; for example, in my case to the countries in South America so that I can have their feedback? When would it be okay for us to send this material?

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking, thank you, Olga. The idea of sending this raw data is to share it with the group as I received it from the facilitators. As you can see it captures the evolution of our work. The objectives that we see initially are not the objectives as we had at the end of the Retreat. So my suggestion is to come up with a clean version of this document. This is something I will be doing in the next couple of days so that together with the English version we can have this material available within the group and then we can agree on distributing this material within your respective organizations.

This may be a first step. After that, and I would like to address this when we reach Item #4 of the agenda, that is “Public Consultation” – well, I would like to take onboard your ideas or initiatives. But I think that when it comes to sharing this material with your organizations or groups of interest we should be ready once the group has agreed on this clean version of the document that I will be submitting to you. I see Dev now and after Dev Eduardo will hold the floor. Dev, go ahead please, you have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you, this is Dev Anand Teelucksingh speaking. Are you hearing me?

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Yes, go ahead please, Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay, thank you very much, Dev Anand Teelucksingh speaking. First, thanks for going through the presentation of the document, Rodrigo. I think I will have some comments to make and I will make them via email but I’m already, just to say that I would strongly urge that we put all of this information on the Wiki and the reason why is so that everybody can see the latest version of the document. Otherwise you’re going to see people commenting on an older version. I see Fatima’s made contributions, I see Vanda’s also made contributions. So to make life easier so that everybody knows what the latest version is I suggest we have this information on the Wiki in both English and Spanish so that all of us can see clearly well, all the different aspects of the matrix and so

forth so we can then comment more effectively on it because I think that's important, because I think there's some tidying up that needs to be done first before it's ever released to the public. Thank you.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking, thank you Dev for your comments. I think it's a good idea to post this on the Wiki. Once I have both versions of this document and of the clean version of the document I will do so so that everybody can post comments on this material. I think that Eduardo was asking for the floor and then Fatima. I think Eduardo put down his hand...

Rodrigo speaking – Eduardo, are you there? Would you like to take the floor? Eduardo, would you like to take the floor? Rodrigo speaking again, well, we'll give the floor to Fatima in the meantime. Fatima, you have the floor.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking, thank you, Rodrigo. I do agree with having this clean version of the document and I volunteer to help you adjust or fine tune this document. Those of you that know me know that I am a frustrated editor so I volunteer to help in cleaning up the document and fine tuning it. Thank you, that's all.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking, thank you, Fatima, for offering your help. We will surely be counting on you to help us on this initiative. Thank you very

much, it is much appreciated. I don't know if Eduardo has worked out his technical issues?

EDUARDO: Eduardo speaking, are you hearing me now? Thank you. Speaking about the editing and fine tuning of the document, well, please take into account the chronology of the Montevideo meeting so that the review work already done there is taken into account. So we see that we have a matrix and that is more important than the mind map. This was my contribution, and also I want to thank all the efforts along this endeavor.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Eduardo, thank you very much. It's a good idea to bring that up. This is the way in which we will proceed. The focus and the latest versions are in the matrix. The matrix will be a last deliverable in Montevideo. The prior versions of objectives were done chronologically according to our discussions, hence the suggestion of coming up with this fine-tuned document. So I will work with Fatima in view of her kind offer and we will stay in touch with the rest of the group for the sake of transparency and clarity.

I see Dev asking for the floor, so Dev, go ahead please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you, this is Dev Anand Teelucksingh speaking – one question. Would there be audio recordings of the Montevideo retreat, would they be posted on the Wiki as well? Or more ideally would there be

transcripts of those meetings produced? The reason why I say that, I asked this because especially for those that weren't in the room at the retreat it would be good to read and understand the different perspectives of everyone when this document was produced. So that's my question – will there be transcripts from the Montevideo call or audio from the Montevideo call? Thank you.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA:

This is Rodrigo speaking, thank you very much, Dev, for your question. I saw some information on your email but I'm sure that we will have the audio file. It will be uploaded soon. I need to confirm if we will have transcripts but of course we will have this recording to help us and to help the remote participants to see how we worked out with different documents. So I will let you know and I will post that information on the Wiki for this group.

So if there is no further questions about this issue or topic, I would like to seize this opportunity since we are here with Dev – I would like Alex and Tracy would be able to participate. And this is a topic that was mentioned at the end of our session. So I would like to comment on that.

We were talking about the emphasis that should be put on the statements, well I cannot understand really where... Well, regarding the statements on the political aspects of these plans for certain Caribbean Islands. I read a comment, so it seems to be that this document, it's a practical document. This document as it was envisioned has not particularly approached any reality of any of our countries. So this

broad vision to embrace all the projects that are important for our objectives.

So I would like to say this: first, I particularly see with great interest that there is the intention to include approaches to help the Caribbean Islands, so that is a great idea. This is a very timely opportunity. Two, I don't think that we should mention or we should make any particular mention to this because I don't see where we should mention this information... Please, Andres, let me finish with my idea. And three – Rodrigo speaking – three, I think, and this is a question that we might discuss together, if the objectives that we are now having allowed us to include projects no matter where they come from they will help the stakeholders in the different regions. So this is my observation or comment.

So if we separate regions, well, we will have a very complex document and the strategy, well I think would be somehow stranger on. So initially I wanted to answer in reply to this comment because we discussed this at the end of our Retreat. So I see the importance of our project and the projects for certain Caribbean Islands, but I believe that the document as it is, well, we can work on this. We can work on projects and Tracy and Dev can help us and other members of the community may help us as well so that we can include all the ideas and all the projects.

And the same applies to other regions that would have different needs. The idea is that with this consultation we'll be able to capture all the realities of our Latin American and Caribbean Region. So if there is any other comment, please, you have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: This is Vanda speaking. I fully agree with you in terms of having general issues, not particular ones. Once we have our projects we can focus on particular conditions, A, B, or C conditions for example, so that the Caribbean Islands may participate in the project. So I think your idea is perfect.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Is there any other comment?

CAROLINA AGUERRE: This is Carolina speaking, Rodrigo. I would say that I fully support the idea of including projects that are related to geographical issues. We have diverse areas to deal with.

ANDRES PIAZZA: Andres Piazza speaking. Rodrigo?

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Andres Piazza has the floor.

ANDRES PIAZZA: This is Andres Piazza speaking. Rodrigo, I would like to say that I agree with you. From my experience, my personal experience in LACRALO and my current experience in LACNIC in terms of the vision of the Caribbean Region, well I think we need to emphasize the idea that we have only one region. We do not have different regions but just one region, and

the Caribbean Region has different characteristics. So since we have only one region we need to emphasize the fact that within that region there are different characteristics.

But in LACNIC we are not regions with different special needs, and well it's true. But LACNIC for example didn't know those needs, so in LACNIC we have a policy implemented for the Caribbean Region and the idea is to create or to engage participants. But the email that I read said we need to emphasize, focus on the Caribbean Region and of course we need to take into account those needs.

But we might arrive as an objective to identify potential needs and then we might focus on the Caribbean Region because otherwise this is somehow that we use to take advantage of situations. I'm not accusing anyone particularly but we need to take into account that we are friends. The Caribbean Region is part of our region and we need to show the substance of the essence of that statement.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA:

Rodrigo speaking. Andres, your approach is interesting but my approach is practical. That's why my suggestion is I will read two or three objectives very, very quickly. One is to strengthen the link between ICANN and the regional organizations. Well, in my mind I have two or three areas in the Caribbean Region and there are other objectives that have to do with the region, with the Caribbean Region and Latin American Region. But there will be one objective that will be specific for the Caribbean, the ITU for the Caribbean Region. Well, perhaps that group might be interested in working on a project that might be positive for the region.

We can have such a project to strengthen the link between ICANN and LACTLD or ICANN and LACNIC where there are Caribbean members participating. So the idea is that it is, or I would ask the Caribbean members and colleagues to make their best efforts to get projects for the region so that I can deal with different parts; for example, provide technical support or technical education about the DNS in terms of security, stability, and resiliency policies of TLDs. In this case we [label] a specific project to fulfill the Caribbean needs or the Caribbean Region's needs.

The suggestion is that we keep this document practical so that we can include all projects. I see Carolina Aguerre. Carolina, you have the floor.

CAROLINA AGUERRE:

This is Carolina speaking. Thank you, Rodrigo, for your statement. I like your point of view and in terms of what Andres was referring to, I think it is worth taking into account that in terms of global internet governance we are considering the needs of the Island regions; that is to say the countries and areas that are part of different or diverse, geographical diversity and this is already envisioned or considered in the governance aspect. So I would like to say that as a region we are presenting our strategies for the Latin American and Caribbean Region so we need to consider what our ecosystem is doing in order to analyze all the different realities. And we need to focus to see the Caribbean Region as well.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Now I have Fatima Cambroner. Fatima, you have the floor.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking. Just a brief comment. First of all I would like to clarify that I agree with you and as I said in the Retreat in Montevideo, I would like to say what I understood in terms of what Tracy said because they were participating remotely. And what I understood is that he meant that the particular needs of the islands should be taken into account in terms of capacity building and outreach. So this was not extended to other topics but to capacity building and outreach.

So I just wanted to say that I think that the way in which the objectives are drafted, well, they are general objectives but we need to include that information so that we can find concrete projects to better fulfill these needs.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Thank you very much, Fatima, and I have Dev. Now Dev, you have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you, Dev Anand Teelucksingh speaking. And thanks, Rodrigo, for looking at this issue that Tracy and myself have been speaking of. I think it does need, well to agree with the previous two speakers – Fatima and I'm not too sure who was the previous speaker before. I think that the Caribbean territory as very small island developing states do have special needs in terms of well, resources, population size, capacity and so forth. And I think it does need a space in the document

for outlining the various projects as Andres was kind of saying that will help bring up the capacity of the Caribbean in the Latin American Caribbean community.

Well, just an observation here is that given the small size of the islands, given the difficulties in recruiting persons to get involved in the ICANN domain name policies and in the other areas of ccTLDs and so forth; there is very few Caribbean representation in the LACNIC... Well, it can be improved in LACTLD and so forth. If you look at the composition of LACTLD for example you don't see any of the Caribbean territories there, and I think the strategy and ultimately any specific projects or ideas to address this imbalance needs to be included.

So and this also reiterates the importance of ensuring that these documents are translated to English so that we can try to put in the appropriate wording in the documents. Thank you.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA:

Rodrigo speaking. Thank you very much, Dev, for your comments. I think that we are on the same line because we want, we are concerned about including all these projects that might be very useful for the Caribbean Region. There is no doubt about this. This is something we share. Perhaps we need to see how we will include these projects. We need to devote our attention to this reality that is mentioned in the document.

So I would like to now go on with the agenda, the idea is to or was to highlight or mention that issue. Now, let's discuss the second point of the agenda.

ANDRES PIAZZA:

This is Andres Piazza speaking. Sorry for interrupting you. I think that the Caribbean Region in the community in LACNIC, LACTLD, in the region has difficulties. But particularly speaking in ICANN, well after attending eleven or twelve meetings I think that the Caribbean Region in terms of population, well I would say it is not so badly represented. I think that the region is not well represented in ICANN, that was described by Oscar Robles in Montevideo but I don't think that the Caribbean Region is inferiorly represented. It is represented under, or underrepresented.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA:

This is Rodrigo speaking. Thank you, Andres, for your comment. This is on the same line because we need to work and work and to capture from the Caribbean Region or the Caribbean stakeholders all their projects that might be included in our strategic plan.

The second part of our agenda or second point has to do with future steps. Something important is to define projects. In order to realize these strategic objectives we need to identify or the group needs to identify projects, projects that may contribute to achieving these objectives. So from my point of view this is a live question or issue, and when I say this I mean that we will have projects that are short-life projects that will be promptly and quickly executed, and we will also have some other permanent projects that we need a three-year review; for example, we will need to focus on the translation of materials because once we have a project, well, this might evolve into another

project. And we will have some other projects that will be long projects that might need to be reviewed on a regular basis.

So this issue of projects is something dynamic. Now, we'll start with the search for projects. So I would like to hear some suggestions on your part to see how we can look for or search for projects. So without further ado I would like to give you the floor so you might make your contributions. I have Olga, Sylvia, and Dev.

OLGA CAVALLI:

Olga speaking. Rodrigo, can you hear me? Somehow I cannot realize how to put my hand up in the AC room so I apologize for this. I believe that we have in the original documents prepared in the Montevideo Retreat we have several information about concrete projects. So the starting point should be that. And I repeat, we need to take the most of the opportunity or we need to make the most of the things that are already being developed. I don't know if this, if Fatima will do this as part of her editing task but we can create a new document or we need a clearer document taking into account that information that was trusted or considered in Montevideo.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA:

Thank you very much, Olga. Rodrigo speaking. Sylvia, you have the floor.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

Sylvia speaking. I think that the activities in Montevideo were very fruitful so we might take the information on the second page and then

we can make the comments for the whole document. The issues mentioned by Fatima and Vanda, well sometimes it seems that there is one communication channel but the idea is to work together because groups are good for that.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. I have Dev and then Vanda. Dev, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you, this is Dev speaking. Actually I just put my hand down. I think it was when I got disconnected, so my hand is down. Thank you.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Okay, Dev, thank you. Vanda?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vanda speaking. Well, I think we have worked on the indicators, and the indicators are a good tool to focus on projects because the way in which we identify indicators and the projects that we need apart from other general projects, well we need to have projects that may allow us to work with the indicators. So this might be a good start to think about the projects and to think how we can reply to these indicators. Thank you very much.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Thank you very much, Vanda. I agree with you in the fact that indicators give us a good outlook regarding projects. Carolina, you have the floor.

CAROLINA AGUERRE: Carolina speaking. Rodrigo, I would like to know about the mechanism, the working methodology to present ideas or projects. As Vanda said, we have the indicators, we have all the tools but I think that we need to see the methodology so that we can start working.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Thank you very much, Carolina. Well, that is the idea of this call or this section in the agenda. That is an important idea and another idea is that we need to have another mechanism to capture projects on their initial stage. But apart from that we need the capacity of accepting, prioritizing and assessing projects so that we can devote resources or to allot resources. So the idea is to have an initial approach.

The question to the group is how do you see that we should deal with this project list? That's why I open the floor for question and comments.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vanda speaking...

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking, I see all of you... Well, let's follow the order: Olga, Carolina, Oscar, Eduardo, Fatima and Vanda. Olga, you have the floor.

OLGA CAVALLI: This is Olga speaking. So now I know how to raise the hand, so thank you very much, Sylvia, for letting me know. I would like to propose this. According to the work in Montevideo we should draft a very preliminary list so that we can start working, because we already have a lot of information about projects and indicators but I think we should make the most of this work and we need to work on that material so that we can materialize projects. Perhaps we can divide ourselves into groups. I don't know how you would like to organize this.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking now. Oscar?

OSCAR ROBLES: Oscar Robles speaking, thank you very much, Rodrigo. I think that we have generated a great deal of information when we worked in teams in terms of the objectives so we need to articulate these descriptions as objectives. So perhaps we might meet again remotely in teams by using some collaboration tool so this would be very useful so that we can work on the projects. And once we have this list clean we can share the information and we might do some editing work on the document.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking, thank you very much, Oscar. I think your suggestion is very good. Now we have Eduardo, Fatima and Vanda. Eduardo, you have the floor.

EDUARDO: Eduardo speaking. Well, I would like to add a new topic that I think we need to consider in order to get to the project stage. We need to generate a detailed approach to the regional organizations; for example, with the Telecommunications Union of the Caribbean Region, LACTLD and so on in order to socialize the information that we have developed. And from then on we need to achieve diversification of projects.

We have the draft and they have information, very useful information to work with but we need to, before focusing on the approaches to work with we need to focus on the regional links and organizations for them to develop their proposal capacity or skills to improve collaboration and cooperation in the activities. So as I've said before I think we need to present our work with the regional organizations before proceeding.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Thank you very much, Eduardo. I see some differences but we can deal with this at the end of the call. Fatima, you have the floor and then Vanda.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking, thank you, Rodrigo. And I would like to say that I agree with what you said before especially with what Oscar said. We need to combine all the information that we gathered in Montevideo and I wonder who took notes of this because we don't have any of these points included in our draft. So I think it would be a good idea to divide ourselves into groups, I don't know if exactly the same groups or if we need to rearrange the groups so that we can concentrate on the projects.

And here I would like to say or state my concern in terms of the indicators, regarding some indicators that we were not able to find – I see them in red. So I was reviewing the documents and I wonder whether the fact that we haven't found the indicators is due to the fact that we do not have the right objective or if we need to fine tune the indicators so that we can find the right objective.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Thank you very much, Fatima. And now Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vanda speaking. I agree with Fatima. Now, my concern has to do with the agenda because we have as an objective a formal presentation for Beijing. So I think we should have a schedule or agenda to finish certain facts so that we can reach Beijing with a concrete document after consulting our group. So this takes time, people require clarification sometimes so I think we need to settle an agenda with deadlines. And we need to work on this project to be more focused on results, to have clear results and quicker results.

So I suggest dividing us into groups, the same groups because as Olga said before and Fatima, there are many details in the objectives that were excluded and that might be an important part of this project. Our group focused on the questions so we need to work in detail to propose, in order to propose something. So the idea of working with the same groups is something good for the sake of continuity so that we can achieve better and quicker results. Thank you very much.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA:

Rodrigo speaking. Thank you, Vanda. There are many good ideas coming up. The issue of this agenda and timeline, well, we had introduced one initially but maybe we can focus on more detailed tasks and have a better understanding of to what extent we will be able to work before Beijing. Of course we need to submit something as a group but our work will be ongoing. Certainly there will be work to be done after Beijing. Of course, the idea for Beijing is to have a plan with all this information and showing the work done so far. If further work is needed, well, we will continue working after Beijing. So let us keep April in mind as the date by which we will have our framework of action.

So I think there's a common denominator, and that is to take the work done in Montevideo – we all agree on that. There is a concern regarding where we can obtain that work or a point from which we can retrieve that work. We will have the audio recording; I don't know if we will have the transcript but we will have the audio so that can be a record from which we can retrieve the ideas that we need.

I think it's important for us to work in groups; that was another suggestion that was put forth and accepted on this call. And this is the

common denominator for our future work. And if I may, I think that apart from the projects we can deal with indicators. I have regarding Eduardo's comment, I can identify two phases regarding the inclusion of projects; and if we include indicators at this stage. We have defined the indicators per objectives so when we focus on projects as Vanda said, this will come in handy in order to fine tune the achievements thereof together with the indicators.

So internally we are doing a certain type of work, but Eduardo spoke about outreach or the external aspect of our work by reaching organizations that can help us attain these objectives. So that outreach or external side of our work was going to be subsequent to our internal or inside work, but I think, Eduardo, that your suggestion is to reach these organizations before that state. So Eduardo, could you please make that clear to me? Thank you.

EDUARDO:

Eduardo speaking. Of course, Rodrigo, certainly. We should consider the work done so far in order to identify projects as a draft and we have to take that draft to the regional organizations and see in which way they can supplement this draft and provide their feedback. There will be many elements that will be defined as specific activities to work on, and I think that reaching the grassroots levels, reaching the organizations that make up this project is a key factor before we address the projects. I don't know if I have made myself clear.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking, thank you. Yes, that is clear now to me, Eduardo, thank you. So we will focus on this internal effort or initiative and it'll not be set in stone, and then we will focus on projects and then we will obtain feedback through consultation. So I think we are on the same page; we are aligned in that we have to start internally.

There's a comment from Dev; he has posted that on the chat. So except for the translation and the fine tuning of this document, and the translation will be available soon, well, we already have the objectives. They were defined in Montevideo – that's part of the important work we did there; that is objectives. So objectives and indicators are defined. They can be fin-tuned, improved; we can fine tune them, improve them, clean them up if you will but I think we have them as a basis to start defining projects.

The development of projects and actions as you mentioned do have to be aligned in order to attain or achieve objectives. And that is a work that will come from the different groups. That's why I thought it was a good idea to keep the groups as organized in Montevideo especially in terms of the definition of objectives. So if I understood this correctly, then many of you on the call suggest the following: we should work in groups again. We should entrust each group with a project identification initiative. I will make sure that we have the audio records and the transcripts from Montevideo available for this review so that you can have it handy and you can generate these proposals for projects and indicators internally, within our groups. And after that we will have time for open consultation.

This is my understanding. So if somebody understood the opposite please kindly let me know.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vanda speaking. No, I think it seems very good. It seems good to me.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Okay, thank you, thank you very much. So this is what we will do after this call as agreed by consensus. So I will let you know the groups and the different groups and the participants in the different groups, and I will suggest deadlines. And of course I look forward to your comments so that we can come up with these projects and indicators draft.

I don't know if there is any further comment on these two items? So this is the task that I now take onboard. Let us now proceed with the next item on the agenda. I want to hear your views on the community consultation. After this conversation it is my view that we should fine tune this altogether; that is, we should have this clean version of the document supplemented by our group work and after that request input. Personally I think that we should at least devote a couple of weeks for the consultation release and let us hope this is feasible in the interest of timelines. Let us hope we can initiate this consultation in the first week of March.

This will give us some time after the consultation in order to put all this information in order and have a deliverable. Fatima, I see Fatima. You have the floor, go ahead please.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Thank you, this is Fatima speaking. I agree in that we should take our time so that we can all agree on the document because I think that perhaps in the interest of time we may work hastily and ruin all this very good work that we have been doing by focusing on details that may be corrected. So let us devote as much time as necessary in order to fine tune this document. That is my comment, thank you.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Thank you, Fatima, that's a very good comment. We need to devote time to this, definitely. So while groups are working we can at the same time focus on this edition task with the document. Clearly the method for the group is clear. We have an advantage and that is that we worked together previously and we have the objectives included in the matrix. So as I said before all the input will be available – audio recordings, transcripts. We do not have audio recordings of the group work but we count on your efficiency and good memory.

Is there any further comment or suggestion regarding the time for the consultation?

ANDRES PIAZZA: This is Andres Piazza speaking. So our final deadline is Beijing. Does this mean that we are not going to present this to the region? And if so, maybe we should have or it should be difficult to have a face-to-face meeting to that effect, but perhaps maybe we can have one day with a virtual announcement at a regional level and that would be more

convenient. It's more convenient to do that than to do it from another region. I don't know what the rest think about this.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Personally I think that's a good idea. I give the floor to Oscar now. Oscar, you have the floor.

OSCAR ROBLES: This is Oscar speaking. Thank you, Rodrigo, I think this is a very good idea in the interest of efficiency. Maybe we can make the most of the event in Medellin that focuses on LACNIC and LACTLD so maybe we can seek a space in order to make this presentation.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking, thank you, Oscar. Olga, you have the floor now.

OLGA CAVALLI: This is Olga speaking, thank you Rodrigo. I said this repeatedly; I said that Beijing seemed a faraway place to present our regional strategy. I worked on the Information Society Ministerial Meeting in Montevideo – it will overlap with the Beijing meeting and well, this will not work because both meetings overlap. So maybe we can focus on a regional meeting before April in order to have contact with the community.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Thank you, Olga. Carolina, you have the floor now.

CAROLINA AGUERRE: This is Carolina speaking. I cannot reply to Olga because I cannot think of an event in March but we have to make the most of the synergy of the LACNIC/LACTLD event and invite organizations willing to join our meeting in Medellin. Well, that may be useful but that is May 6th.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking, thank you Carolina. Carolina, you want to hold the floor again? Oh no, okay, still Rodrigo speaking. It's very interesting to see why we should launch this or present this before April. If we had time available for a regional presentation from the region and it makes sense to do so in Medellin where we will have several regional organizations meeting, well, that may very well be a place from which to do so.

I believe that Beijing is an opportunity and I have booked a special session in Beijing. Maybe we can get together before that to fine tune our work because most of us or several of us will be there, and also we can share our work with the community. We will have the objectives; we will have this document; we will have the indicators so our work will be nearly finished. Maybe after Beijing we need a couple more conference calls and to keep working online. But if all of you agree with the event in Medellin for the presentation of this strategy, well, I do not think it's a bad idea if you think it makes sense. So Carolina, you have the floor now.

CAROLINA AGUERRE: Carolina speaking. I agree. I think that Beijing, well although it's in April and it seems close in time, we need to keep our focus on the following

horizon. We need to have at least a draft because I think that the global community is interested in this project. The ccTLDs in the four other regions of the world are closely following our strategic work in Latin America and in the Caribbean, so we as a group need to share what we have done so far in Beijing regardless of the fact that we can do something in Medellin.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Thank you, Carolina. I think that having a close deadline helps us in our work, it gives us orientation, but I think it's also important to have a presentation on a regional level within our region. So I think that the even in Medellin is interesting. I see Dev, Olga... Oh Dev, I think you put down your hand?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: This is Dev, my hand is down.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Oh, that was a comment posted by Dev so Olga, Vanda, and Fatima have the floor.

OLGA CAVALLI: This is Olga speaking. What is the exact date of the Medellin meeting because it almost overlaps with the May meetings in Geneva, and some of us need to be there so maybe Andres can give us the exact dates.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. I think May 5 to May 10. Okay, so May 6 through May 9th.

ANDRES PIAZZA: Andres speaking. Yes, I think May 6th through May 9th.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vanda speaking. I did not get the exact dates. Could you please repeat them?

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking now. Okay, Vanda, there's going to be a meeting in Medellin and LACTLD and LACNIC will be holding meetings. That will take place in May, May 6th through May 9th because May 5th is a Sunday and Eduardo has clearly posted that on the AC room.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vanda speaking. Well, I thought this meeting was in March. So it would be, I was thinking it would be very complex to have that meeting but if it is in May after Beijing, well that is an interesting date because we will have most of our work finished. So I think it is very interesting to have that meeting to share the information. That is very interesting.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Thank you very much, Vanda. Fatima, you have the floor.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Fatima speaking. Thank you very much, Rodrigo. I would like to clarify my question regarding why we should present that before or in Beijing. It was because I understood the meeting was in March so it was my mistake – sorry for that. And I was worried about hurrying up and having a document but as Carolina said, it is important to know that several organizations are expecting the results of our work. So even though we do not have or may not have a final document we may show them our status in Beijing; and once we have our work finished we can present it to them.

ANDRES PIAZZA: Andres speaking. So I would like to understand. Medellin is another working session and there would be a partial presentation? It will just be a single presentation? I need to know that in order to justify my trip. I have other meetings so I need to know if it is worth going to the meeting.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Well, let me see... I am organizing for Beijing a session for the group. Of course it will be very difficult to see or to know the status of the strategy at that time but of course we can work there. Even we can work on the presentation. Another session that we might have is the presentation in a session on the agenda in the Beijing meeting where the group will present ideally the strategic plan. I said “ideally” because there is a 90%, or because 90% of the strategic plan will be finished. I hope we might finish the strategic plan by Beijing but as it was said before, we should focus on quality.

So we want Beijing to be the presentation date. But having a presentation in the region? That's a great idea. May it something good because it is close to the Beijing meeting, and March may not be convenient because we don't have time or we will not have time. So even if we can finish or conclude the work in Beijing of course we will have some issues to deal with in fine tuning as a group; and we also need to do the follow-up and we need to settle the frequency to see how often we can review the document and so on.

Here I see a suggestion by Dev to have a webinar – well, that would be an interesting suggestion. My suggestion would be to leave it as it is, to be focused on Beijing – that is our main focus and objective, and we need to think about a regional meeting or the regional meeting which is important that will be held in Medellin. And there we can take the opportunity of presenting our work.

Let's not disregard the idea of the webinar – that is something interesting and we might have that webinar before Beijing. So we need to draft the agenda for that webinar but that would be a very interesting idea. I think these are the items and issues I wanted to discuss with you. If there is any other comment we have a few minutes to deal with them...

I see Fatima. Fatima, you have the floor.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:

This is Fatima speaking. Thank you, Rodrigo. At the very beginning of the call I mentioned the SWOT analysis. I would like to ask a question. This SWOT analysis, is it going to be published as part of the strategy?

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Yes.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Fatima speaking. Okay. Perhaps we will not have the time to review all the comments, and I saw that Vanda sent some comments for the SWOT analysis. So I think it is important to review the comments and input. I have them in Spanish but I can send them in English for Dev and Tracy. I think that after reviewing the global work there are certain sentences that are not well drafted, so those were my comments and now I am waiting for your comments so that we can have a clear sentence.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Thank you very much, Fatima – Rodrigo speaking. This will be included as part of our work and once we have done this fine tuning of the document we can discuss this. I have Oscar Robles and then [Raymundo] (Inaudible). Oscar, you have the floor.

OSCAR ROBLES: Oscar speaking. Regarding the SWOT analysis I think we should devote some time to fine tuning but this is not a working document, but it is a document to help us to develop the strategy. So it is important to devote time to it because we cannot publish the document as it is. But I don't know if it is worth spending time in doing so because this is not a document that we will be using or that will be posted for the final

document. So it would be good to publish or to post this SWOT analysis but once we have finished with our main activities.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. I see a comment by Fatima. Well, the idea is to fine tune the document in order to post the document and to have a clear document at the end. That's why I suggested, Fatima, fine tuning the document for the presentation but we will discuss this later with the group but nothing will change. Raymundo, you have the floor now.

RAYMUNDO: Raymundo speaking, thank you very much, Rodrigo. Well regarding Oscar's comments I don't agree with him. I think the analysis is important but I would also like to comment about the text. We have certain things that are important. There are certain actions that we should carry out. One of them is to discuss the fact of having a meeting, a regional meeting. We need to have, the fact of having one meeting every two years is not positive or clever.

INTERPRETER: I apologize but Raymundo's audio is not clear so we cannot interpret.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Very well, thank you.

ANDRES PIEAZZA: Raymundo – Andres speaking. I do agree with what you say, I fully agree with you. We have the CITELE committee, we're members of the CITELE committee but of course CITELE is just a forum.

RAYMUNDO: Raymundo speaking again. I can have an MOU assigned so one of the main or the main witness of ICANN is the fact that it has only an agreement with one government.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Ray, would you like to finish your statement?

RAYMUNDO: Raymundo speaking. Something that was not done for the African strategy is that it was to have an official meeting within the ICANN meeting, within the framework of an ICANN meeting to have a meeting with the governments as part of an agreement with the OAS for example.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Thank you very much for your comment. This is something interesting. Well, we have objectives that might help us to do this. We have discussed this in Montevideo. We might post these objectives and work on them. We need to focus and your comment is really interesting, so we might later discuss about the intergovernmental organizations that might contribute to this. Now I have Olga?

OLGA CAVALLI: Olga speaking. Thank you, Rodrigo. I think Raymundo's comment is good. I would like to tell you that if we need to confirm anything with the OAS or a signed agreement, well, that takes time. In the case of Argentina for example we need to discuss with the Legal Department, Legal Affairs Department of the Foreign Trade Ministry. So this is not impossible but it is not something simple. It takes time; it requires internal consultations, formalities. Those of us who are representing governments, well, we know how it works and we represent the national administrations. That's my comment.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking, thank you, Olga. Then we will discuss this issue. I think Raymundo's proposal is if ICANN signs that, but we will leave it as a project to work on later. These are relevant projects for the actions and objectives that we are now developing. Is there any other comments or questions? We are reaching the top of the hour.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vanda speaking. Rodrigo, I cannot raise my hand but I would like to remind you that not all of the participants or members were participating in the groups, so now, once we divide the groups again we should include those members who were not able to participate before.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Rodrigo speaking. Thank you, Vanda, that's a good suggestion. You're right – we had remote participation. Of course I will include those who

were not able to attend the meeting or who were participating remotely. Is there any other comment? Well, having no further comment I would like to thank you all for your time and for attending this call. Have a good week.

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