JOSÉ ARCE:

Okay, so let us start then with this conference call, the October conference call that has been postponed, but on a positive note because this means that several participants in our region attended a very important Internet governance event. So I would like to thank you all for being here on October 30th and I will kindly ask Staff to proceed with the roll call please.

JULIA CHARVOLEN:

Thank you. Welcome everyone to the LACRALO monthly meeting on Wednesday, 30th of October 2013 at 23:00 UTC. On the call today we have, on the Spanish channel, Alberto Soto, Juan Manuel Rojas, Sylvia Herlein, José Arce, Alejandro Pisanty, Fatima Cambronero and Johnny Laureano.

On the English channel we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, Carlton Samuels and Evan Leibovitch. We have apologies from Nathalie Enciso and Erik Huesca. From Staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco and myself, Julia Charvolen. Our interpreters today are Sabrina and David.

May I please remind all participants to please state their names before speaking for transcript purposes and also remind you to speak loudly and clearly for the interpreters. Thank you and over to you.

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JOSÉ ARCE: Thank you. First of all, thank you Evan for joining us on this call today. The person that is in charge of this new section on our calls is Juan Manuel Rojas. He is in charge of capacity building so I will give the floor to him so that he can introduce you, Evan.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Good afternoon. Thank you José for this introduction. I believe that a speaker like Evan Leibovitch requires no introduction, however I must say that he is one of ALAC's Vice Chairs at the moment and among other roles he chairs the Canada ISOC Chapter. So without further ado I would like to say that we have invited him as our speaker to speak about cross-constituency participation within ICANN.

                             He has been involved in these initiatives for six or seven years now. I believe he is a very highly valuable resource and speaker, so without further ado, Evan, you have the floor.

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: Well, thank you very much. I continue to try and connect on Adobe, but as I mentioned, this is not going to affect my conversation. I did not bring any slides and it appears that finally through my android tablet I'm now connected. So if there are any hands up I'm more than happy to answer any questions.

                             One thing – this is not designed as a lecture so please, if there are any questions about anything I say I invite anybody to raise their hand and

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I'm more than happy to address any questions or concerns. It is difficult to be an expert on the concept of cross-constituency activity within ICANN. This is still in fact something that is actually in its infancy within ICANN. That is the concept of the various constituencies working together at every level towards the execution of good policy.

I had the privilege of being involved, together with Carlton, on one of the first genuine attempts by ICANN to do cross-constituency work, and that was the Applicant Support Working Group. This was created to try to address the very high costs of creating a new top-level domain and to try and effective policy that would enable organizations outside of North America and Europe to be able to participate on an equal basis.

To that end this was an activity that brought together, for the very first time, Members of the gNSO, Members of the GAC, and Members of At-Large including myself, Carlton, Avri Doria and a number of others. We accomplished some very good things. It was the first time that the three groups got together from the very beginning to create policy as equals.

At-Large has had participation in gNSO Working Groups for quite some time. The ALAC Liaison to the gNSO, Alan Greenberg, has done an exemplary job of participating within gNSO processes of alerting At-Large when there are matters that we should be participating in within the gNSO. And in fact Alan and a number of other Members from At-Large, including a number of people from LACRALO, have been participating in some of the gNSO processes.

However, as you can be aware, the gNSO tends to operate in English. They almost never have any translation or interpretation services, so that of course impedes the ability of not only Latin America but also in any non-English speakers in the world to participate very easily.

We've been doing our best to participate within the gNSO policy procedures. We have accomplished some very good things, but that is only a partial step. It has been my position – and this is my personal position; it's not necessarily one that is widely endorsed – that I hold very strongly to the fact that for ICANN to realize its potential as a truly multi-stakeholder group it must in fact be able to bring together not only the industry components of its policy making but also governments and At-Large.

We need to become not just observers and participants in the gNSO industry process but we have to be equal partners that have the ability to vote on it, to create the parameters, to create the frames of reference and the standards. And that was done for the first time in the joint Applicant Support Working Group.

To be certain there were difficulties, there were frictions that happened, but the result was – in my opinion – a very good effort and one that proved that this kind of communications was possible. We had a number of participants from the gNSO, we had a number of participants from At-Large and for the first time we had a number of participants from the GAC because they also had a deep interest in this issue.

So I'm very happy with the way that particular group turned out and I'm very happy with the results of what it accomplished. As far as I'm concerned that provided the starting point, the template, to the creation of more and more attempts within ICANN to have this kind of collaboration between the different communities within it – that is the gNSO, the At-Large and governments, and in fact other components of At-Large such as the ccNSO, the Safety and Security Advisory Committee

There are a number of different groups within At-Large that should be collaborating far more closely together than they are. And so it's been my personal effort to try and make this happen. Far more recently another issue has happened within ICANN that I believe requires the attention not just with any one community but cross-community. That is the definitions of policy versus how the policy is implemented.

The terminology is policy versus implementation. That phrase has been used widely throughout ICANN to try and indicate a problem that exists, in that you have the community that is creating policy and that very often when we see that policy executed in the form of contracts, documents, written procedures and processes, we find very often that there are very wide differences between what was intended in the policy and how the implementation is carried out.

This took many forms in the case of the new TLD introduction, specifically in the case of trademarks and issues such as that, where there was a belief that the community wanted to go in one direction regarding policy, regarding trademarks. Then when we saw the

implementation of it in the documents and in the way it was being handled we saw something that we did not believe to follow the spirit of the policy.

So the issue between the distinction between what is policy and what is implementation has become an issue of growing interest. As of now there is a gNSO Working Group that is being established to deal specifically with this issue. A number of Members of At-Large are participating in that. In fact Holly Raiche, from Australia, was the Chair of the group that actually created the Working Group in the first place.

So there has been significant At-Large participation in that, however my concern about this is that now that the Working Group exists it is within the remit of the gNSO, within the industry component of the ICANN Community. In At-Large now we can participate, we can have observers.

But if we have significant differences with the way the industry wants to proceed within the gNSO we find that we don't have a vote, we don't have the ability to compel the Board to act in our direction, the way the gNSO does, and that we are definitely not equal citizens within this particular method of decision making.

So I have personally tried to press within At-Large and my hope is to engage further with the ICANN Board and with other communities when we meet in Argentina. My goal is to try and encourage this to not just be a gNSO process but one in which all of At-Large can participate. We still have a number of issues to deal with. As you know, we still have language issues that provide a barrier to full participation.

But at least as a start we need to have a full and equal engagement of ICANN's communities within these processes. This is essentially my introduction about this – a bit of history and now a bit of the issues that are demanding – in my opinion – full cross-community participation in ICANN. So this is something that I continue to work on, both within At-Large and within the rest of the ICANN Community.

And I'm hoping that LACRALO and its Members and its ALSes may be further engaged in this and that is really the core of my introduction to this. If there are questions or comments at this point I'm more than happy to address them. Before that happens though I want to emphasize that when I speak I do not speak on behalf of ALAC or any other body. Sometimes I don't even know if I speak on behalf of my own ALS. I can only guarantee to speak on behalf of myself.

So please understand that these are my personal opinions and they do not necessarily represent those of anybody else, but I obviously hope to be able to convince those around me that these issues are important and that they need attention and advocacy. Thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: José asked me to cover for him for a few minutes. Thank you very much Evan for this introduction. I believe you have given us a very nice outlook, a very interesting panorama of what is going on. Since the floor is open for questions I would like to ask everybody to ask questions either by raising your hand, as Carlton has done, or in writing here on the AC chat. Carlton, now you have the floor.

CARLTON SAMUELS: Thank you Sylvia. I wanted to add my voice in commending and thanking Evan for his very panoramic review of the cross-community Working Group efforts in the ICANN sphere. I just want to point out one other small thing about which to know. There was a report that was done recently; I think it was the ATRT, by Emily Taylor. You may remember Emily. She was the lady who managed the WHOIS Review Team.

And the report pointed out the extent to which people from our area of the world is directly involved in the policy making at ICANN. And part of this is because of the way the Working Groups that develop policy are developed, and this is why I support Evan in the drive to see more cross-community Working Group chartered, and chartered in such a way that our voices are significant and what we say has significance in the output.

For example, I am for cross-community groups that give the vote to Members, and not just to gNSO participants. You may wish to look at the report. I'm looking for the link in the chat because I think it's very instructive and I think it's one of the things that LACRALO needs to reflect on.

There are [certain? 00:17:42] barriers that we've known about for quite some time, whose participation in the Working Groups, one of which is of course that most of the Working Groups are done in English, so if you are not comfortable with English you are less inclined. I want to point out that in the African Support Working Group we had managed to get

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some interpretation happening and the reports were published in three languages – as I've put on the chat.

But I still think more needs to be done and this is now the time for you to add your voice. We need to get deeper into the policymaking structures. We have time now to understand how it works and I think it will also benefit a lot of us if we become more ingrained in the process. Thank you very much Sylvia.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you Carlton. Is there anybody else who would like to ask a question or make any comments on what Carlton has said? Fatima, go ahead.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Thank you Sylvia and thank you Evan for this presentation and for this explanation. In connection to what you said I would like to ask a question, being a devil's advocate a little bit. You are telling us that your personally trying to pressure more so that the At-Large Members within the gNSO can be on an equal footing to have a right to vote, and can have other powers that the gNSO Members have.

So my question is, if I would like to have the same equal footing that gNSO Members have, shouldn't we move directly to the gNSO and stop being an At-Large Member? Because in my understanding, in the ALAC or At-Large role, what we do is provide some advice on what the gNSO

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says or what the gNSO policy says. So if we want to be more involved in the heart of this policymaking, perhaps we need to be participating as a gNSO Member directly? That's my question. Thank you.

EVAN LEIBOVITCH: Thank you for the question Fatima.   This is definitely an issue that requires a lot of consideration.   You may be aware that there are constituencies within the gNSO that try to bring more of a non-commercial emphasis into what the gNSO does, specifically the non-commercial stakeholders' group and the non-commercial users' constituency.

There is a significant amount of overlap between those groups. There are a number of people that are members of both that and of At-Large. In terms of ALAC moving within gNSO, given the current structure of ICANN that isn't really possible.   There are benefits to being in the position that At-Large is. For instance, as an advisory body we are not constrained to advise simply on policy.

At-Large does not have the question of policy versus implementation that the gNSO does, because At-Large is capable of advising and providing commentary on everything ICANN does, whether it's in the operations of its processes, whether it's in the management of its budget, whether it's in the creation of its policies.

There is absolutely nothing that constrains At-Large in what it is able to comment on. That is established directly within the ICANN bylaws. The

gNSO simultaneously has more power and less power. It has less power in that it is far constrained in what it can speak about.

It is only constrained to be able to speak about issues regarding generic TLDs. It cannot speak about ccTLDs. It cannot speak about ICANN business models or procedures or budget allocations. It is often invited to participate in matters such as the strategic plan, but the gNSO does not have direct input into all facets of ICANN operations the way that At-Large does.

So while we do not have the ability to compel the ICANN Board to act as the gNSO can sometimes, we have a much broader range on which we can talk. And in fact we have never, within At-Large, had the issues of having to separate policy from implementation, because At-Large is capable of addressing all of that at once and has always been able to address all of that.

So I look at the issue of policy versus implementation. This is an issue in which there is a potential that the gNSO or people within the gNSO are using this as a reason to be able to extend the gNSO authority beyond peer policy. There is some sympathy to the positions within the gNSO, in that very often some of the things that they would want ICANN to do have not turned out the same way by the time the policy is turned into written procedures and policies.

So there is sympathy for the problem that the spirit of the policy is not being upheld within the actual documentation. However, I also have a concern that this may be a bit of a grab for power by certain

components of the gNSO, to extend their reach beyond policy and into implementation issues.

This is an area where I would like At-Large to be involved to make sure that the structures within ICANN are preserved and to ensure that the balance right now between the corporate interest and the public interest is maintained. In fact I constantly try to work to enhance and extend the interest component within ICANN.

I don't know if that totally answers your question Fatima but it is not so simple as to simply say that At-Large should become part of gNSO. I think personally if we were offered that I don't think it would actually be in our interest to accept, because in doing so we would actually be giving away some of our current capabilities in order to get some others, and I'm not sure the trade would be one that I would like. Thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you Evan. Is there anybody else who would like to make another comment to Evan? Nobody has raised their hand, so I would like to thank Evan very much for his participation. Fatima's answer has been very clear and also Carlton's comment has been very clear. Thank you very much to you both for clarifying this. I am now going to give the floor to José so we can go on with our Agenda. Thank you.

JOSÉ ARCE:

Thank you Evan and Carlton for your participation. Thank you for supporting these training instances that we have on a monthly basis in LACRALO. They're now in the hands of Juan Manuel. You of course have all our support so thank you very much Evan for being here today.

We are going to continue then with the next Item on our Agenda, which is an update of the Organizing Committee for the LACRALO showcase. Carlos Vera was supposed to take the floor but I don't see him in the AC room.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

Perhaps I can summarize his view? I would like to tell you that we are working a lot. I say "we" because I am now supporting the Committee. We have had some meetings and an exchange of emails, a very heavy exchange of emails. We have managed to obtain a few issues and we also had the help of Staff and now everything is organized.

We are now waiting for some sponsors that we have requested because we see that the cost to offer beverages and some food to the showcase guests was very expensive. The Sheraton Hotel has provided us with a budget that we have never seen so far. But I don't really want to tell you much because I want this to be a surprise for all of you, but I want to guarantee that we're going to have a very nice time.

You're going to be able to learn a little bit about the Argentinian culture, those of you that are going to be participating in the showcase. As many of you may have seen, I sent an email asking you to take a garment or

something green to pay tribute to the LACRALO color. So I want to say this again so that you can bring some green clothing item.

Those who are going to speak at the showcase, as Latino speakers, are Carlton and Natalia. They are now finishing their term. So we're also going to have the presence of the personalities of the ICANN world being part of our showcase. So we are working a lot and we would like to invite you all. We are sure we will have a very good time and this meeting will be very helpful for all of us.

Maybe Dev, as a Co-Chair, would like to add something? Maybe I have forgotten something? Otherwise that's all from my part. Thank you.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. I just want to note that… I've posted a note to the LACRALO showcase, which talks about the speakers, but I just want to emphasize for all the At-Large structures that the LACRALO Wiki – and I posted the link there and has information about each At-Large structure – that information from the Wiki is going to be put together to create a booklet.

So if you haven't updated your At-Large structure information please do so because otherwise… The deadline for including the information for publishing is fast approaching. So again, do check the Wiki and work with Sylvia to have the updated information put up if you haven't done so already. That's it.

JOSÉ ARCE: Thank you Sylvia and thank you Dev. Within Item #4 of the Agenda there are some Sub-Items regarding the actions of LACRALO and the organization of the showcase, that we will have a monthly teleconference for November during the meeting. The idea is to be able to take advantage of these calls so that we can update all of you on what is going on on a daily basis on issues related to the different meetings that we're going to have.

Those who are aware of the remote participations that ICANN has, this would be very productive. We expect to implement… We actually started to implement a page on the Wiki and there we will include a summary of all of the activities of the LACRALO Members that have been involved. As you know, not all of them participate in the same meeting, so actually we have different groups.

The idea is to have a summary of what has happened during these meetings, to upload this to the Wiki, and to see what the latest news is from the meetings. As I said, this is to be implemented in the past meeting. We have the report on the Wiki and many of the LACRALO Members thought we had to provide some accountability of what this is. And this is good to progress on transparency and clarity and participation of the ICANN meetings.

Then there is another Item in the Agenda, 4.2.1. I don't know if Sylvia or Dev would like to talk about this? Dev, would you like to take the floor?

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DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you very much. I see Vanda's not on the call so perhaps I could try to summarize some of the events that would be happening at the ICANN Meeting in Buenos Aires. Starting on Friday, the 15th of November, before the Buenos Aires meeting, there is a Latin American DNS Forum and at that DNS Forum Rodrigo de la Parra, who is the Regional Vice President from ICANN, will be giving an overview of the Latin American and Caribbean strategy.

On Monday, the 18th of November 2013, right after the opening ceremony for the Buenos Aires Meeting, from 10:30 am until 12:00 noon there will be the Latin American and Caribbean Strategy Update Project Presentation. There are five [tracks? 00:34:55] that have been prioritized to show… At that presentation we'll be showing what progress has been made on those five [tracks?].

On Tuesday, the 19th of November 2013 there is going to be the Internet Security and Stability Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean. In that meeting you'll have representatives from ICANN, ISOC, LACNIC, lacTLD, collaborating to present this session on the security and stability challenges specific to the Latin American and Caribbean region.

There will also be a workshop on Thursday the 21st of November 2013 titled "Universities and ICANN and Building Academic Capacity". This workshop will review the teaching spaces where IP networking, Internet and Internet regulations are studied in Latin American universities, and

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how the academic programs can be enhanced by ICANN-related content and other relevant information.

So the panelists will review the academic inclusion of ICANN-related topics from perspectives such as IT regulation, cyber security, Internet governance, cybercrime, intellectual property and IP networking and the DNS. So those are some of the key Latin American and Caribbean events happening outside of LACRALO, of course. The LACRALO showcase is of course on Monday, the 18th from 18:30 to 20:00 local time. And as was mentioned there will also be a LACRALO meeting.

 I think I've summarized all of that. I think you can obviously go to the – I see Heidi has already put the link up – Buenos Aires At-Large workspace. I think that's it.

JOSÉ ARCE: Thank you Dev. This is a good summary of what is going to happen in Buenos Aires. The next Item on the Agenda is Item #5, which is a draft of the agreement with the RIR. This is something we have not defined and I think the mechanism to reach a consensus is not really clear. On the last teleconference – Carlos Vera chaired this teleconference and I would like to thank Carlos because he did a very good job. He's a very professional and capable person.

I passively participated in the meeting, I was listening in. And I see that no consensus was reached. So the idea today to close this issue is to see if you want us to have a specific call to discuss this or to take 10 to 15

minutes now to see how we can go on with this issue. I would like you or people to give their views and I think we should decide this or at least present some argument in favor or against, just to see how we can go on.

The decision needs to be made by the region, and perhaps we can set a deadline and propose a vote so that the decision is made by us. But following the comments that we saw on the past meeting, I don't think that we will have a unanimous vote here. I'm not really seeing the Adobe Connect. I can't see if there's anybody who has raised their hand.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you Silvia for posting the link on the AC room. I would just like to say that I agree with the proposals made my José. I think this is a very serious issue and there was a lot of discrepancy of disagreement in the comment every time we touched upon it. So this requires you have a teleconference, a specific meeting on this issue so that people can prepare a draft.

And even before they send the draft I would like to say that this has been commented on before – to send a specific draft for the LACNIC meeting, and based on this draft we could work on it and host a meeting only for this issue.

JOSÉ ARCE: Thank you Sylvia. Please let me know if anybody is raising their hand on the Adobe Connect chat room. No? Okay, so if everybody agrees…

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Excuse me? Alejandro Pisanty has raised his hand. Alejandro, you have the floor. We cannot hear you Alejandro. We can read what you are typing in the Adobe Connect.

JOHNNY LAUREANO: Why don't we review this during the Buenos Aires meeting? We're just some days away from the meeting so maybe we can review the scope of this document? First of all, regarding Johnny's comment, it would be interesting to host a meeting in which all ALSes can participate; both the ones attending the Buenos Aires event and the ones who will not be attending.

                    Also, in the interest of this tight schedule we have to meet and get together to draft the document that we haven't drafted yet. Now I will read Alejandro's comment: "since we do not have significant points for Buenos Aires this point has to be addressed after Buenos Aires." This is Alejandro Pisante's comment. José, go ahead please.

JOSÉ ARCE: Okay. So Sylvia and I take all your comments on board. We take note of them all. We will continue…

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ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Sorry for the interruption. I want to continue our comment regarding Johnny's comment. We have no substantive working meeting or work meeting planned for Buenos Aires. As far as you have informed us we have planned the showcase. The proposals to host a planning meeting or to hold a work session have been disregarded, so please be coherent and understand the price we are paying because we have not planned a substantive meeting.

Therefore we will have to defer addressing these points.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you Alejandro for you comment. You had already requested this type of meeting and all your emails and all the material you sent was forwarded to the Organizing Committee.   It was the Organizing Committee that decided on the time to be allocated for this meeting, so evidently the Organizing Committee decided not to hold these meetings because as you very well said, no additional or extra meetings have been planned.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Therefore we cannot start making them up now and we have to face the consequences. I'm really sorry to say that the Chair and the Secretariat have their hands tied and they have hand-tied the rest of the community, in the sense that we cannot do any substantive work. Therefore we will have to postpone this, maybe even until January, and this has to do with substantive issues.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you Alejandro for you comment. José, I don't know if you would like to take the floor?

JOSÉ ARCE: Thank you.   Regarding Alejandro's comment, nobody says that the community cannot get together spontaneously and work on this. We don't need the Chair or the Secretariat to take care of this. We are not going to prevent the region's work. At one point in time we had a Working Group led by Alejandro. That Working Group is now concluded and they are taking a further step.

                         Maybe we can have Alejandro leading this initiative. Why not? Nobody is saying you cannot get together and work. We don't need a formal conference call for this. [interruption] Please do not interrupt me. Do not interrupt somebody that is taking the floor. You need to ask for the floor. I don't know if you agree with that Alejandro.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: I have already requested the floor.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: If I may? Before Alejandro takes the floor, as José very well said, we will be holding our November teleconference within ICANN 48 on November 19th. So we very well may include this topic on the Agenda and we can

address this topic during that teleconference with the people present and the remote participants. Thank you. Alejandro, go ahead please.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: I thank you, Chair, for reminding me of good manners. Now I will address the substantive issue at stake. Nobody of course expects to obtain permission to meet informally. If a meeting is going to be a formal meeting then there is going to be a formal call so as to reach an agreement or a decision; In this case to decide on an agreement with LACNIC. That deserves a degree of formality and we cannot resolve that on an informal teleconference.

The monthly teleconference lasts one hour. Maybe we can take it to one and a half hours on the November the 19th teleconference that Sylvia was mentioning.   But I repeat – I don't think that these substantive issues that we are mentioning now are going to be resolved in this way, and we are paying the price for this and we have to face the consequences.

JOSÉ ARCE: Thank you Alejandro for your comment. This informal work I was mentioning, well, ICANN and ICANN Staff give us a very interesting space. We have the Wiki, so maybe calling it "informal" was not the best way to refer to it. But if we post everything we do on the Wiki then we set those precedents you were mentioning. I believe that everybody can post their comments on that Wiki space.

Let me remind you that this Wiki page has the center, the core, of all our activities within LACRALO. We should concentrate all our activities there. So thank you very much. We will take everybody's comment on board. We will take notes of everybody's comments and we will see how to proceed.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Alberto and Fatima are asking for the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: I believe that although anything is formal, well, if you pay attention to this meeting today for example, there is seven of us maybe, and in some Committees there are ten of us but only two or three of us are really working. So we need some prior work, some previous discussion, on the email exchange list on the Wiki, to work on these substantive issues so that we resolve them or conclude their resolution on a conference call.

Maybe it should be along the lines of what we will be doing in Buenos Aires with participants on site and remote participants. We do not need to blame anyone. The issue here is the absolute absence or lack of participation when things of this nature arise. Then we are delayed and we never meet any deadlines.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: In general I always agree with Alejandro's comments in terms of doing substantive work, and I believe that here we do have substantive work

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ahead in LACRALO. I do not agree with holding a meeting in which we will be making important decisions, because not all ALSes will be present there. In the past we've had select groups making decisions on behalf of LACRALO. If all the ALSes will not be present, as was the case in Costa Rica, then this is not the way to proceed.

We can hold informal meetings but we cannot make decisions leaving people out that will not be able to participate. That's my view. Thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you Fatima. José, you have the floor.

JOSÉ ARCE: Thank you.   I remember some arguments for and against this agreement. Some people were in favor of signing this agreement. Maybe we can get connected or liaise with an organization that can give us financial support. This was mentioned in some of the articles or clauses of this agreement. It seems now that things are a little bit different.

We are asking for financial support for our showcase to these very same organizations. And then some people are against signing an agreement with these organizations. So while there are some that believe we shouldn't be connecting or linked to these organizations, there is an

Organizing Committee that is asking for financial support from these same organizations.

If we had had a signed agreement then this request would have been more formal and we would have received this financial support more formally. Google said that they'd want to support LACRALO financially. They wanted to give us financial support for our showcase and the members of the community that are against this agreement with LACNIC, well…

You should know that LACRALO is working towards these kinds of agreements in order to obtain financial support. We need to make all these decisions transparent. Go ahead Sylvia.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Silvia Vivanco, can you hear us?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Excuse me, I had muted our line. Heidi and myself have posted this in the chat room. We have one hour and a half to allocate to the discussion of substantive issues on Tuesday, November 19th. This is the time to include the hot topics, as Alejandro mentioned. Maybe we can address the issues of the Strategic Planning Working Group and any other issue related to LACNIC or any other topic of your choice.

We do have one hour and a half to that end. Thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you. Jose, go ahead please.

JOSÉ ARCE: Thank you Sylvia and Silvia. Since we have this hour and a half, let us use it. Normally we would draft an Agenda and we would circulate it among out list. So on Monday we can circulate a draft Agenda so that the community can give their comments on that.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Sorry for the interruption. José, please can you send that before next Monday because this Friday we will have all the Agendas translated. Ideally we should have the Agenda defined by this Friday. At least the main points or items on the Agenda. You can send it later than that but take into account that it will not be translated. You will not have an official translation of the document.

JOSÉ ARCE: Well, I don't know if two days will be enough for the whole region to reach an agreement but we will try of course. No problem. Thank you Sylvia for your comment. Well, if we have no further comments on this point we can proceed to Item #6 on the Agenda. Item #6 deals with comments on the IGF held in Bali. Fatima was actively involved in that meeting. Fatima is a Member of the MAG.

Fatima, would you like to take the floor and give us a briefing of the IGF held in Bali? Go ahead please.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: Thank you José. Personally I did not follow ICANN's Agenda during the IGF so I cannot give you a lot of information about ICANN and the workshop organized by ICANN and the open forum organized by ICANN. Maybe somebody else that was actively involved can comment on this.

I cannot give you a lot of information other than telling you that on a personal note this was a very important meeting for me because it was the first meeting I have attended in my capacity as a Member of the MAG.   I focused on capacity building sessions.   I focused on the orientation sessions held from 8:00 until 9:30 every morning.

I also focused on the capacity building roundtables on the very last day. Some very good ideas were presented with a focus on next year and the newcomers to an IGF, so that they can have both theoretical and practical information in order to participate; where to find the spaces where they can participate, etc.

So if other people participated remotely or attended the result, I wonder if they are willing to make a comment, not only in terms of capacity building but in terms of the IGF and in terms of improvement. I would gladly receive your comments and proposals, to forward them to the MAG on behalf of the entire region. Thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Alejandro, you have the floor. Go ahead please.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Can you hear me? Okay. First of all I presented a paper that is already published. It's a paper on the dynamic coalition on the network. Secondly there was a very interesting workshop chaired by one of ICANN's founders. It was a workshop on cyberspace governance. That is broader than Internet governance and I will deal with that later.

I also attended a session on fundamental values that is very relevant to our immediate destiny. First of all, regarding ICANN specifically, it's very important to follow the activities proposed or put forth by Fadi Chehadé. I don't know if you have read about a meeting in Brazil where we will have representation participation. It's very important to follow up on that. It will be very important for multi stakeholder engagement.

Also the impact of the revelations regarding espionage and communications surveillance has been really significant. I believe the highlight is that a general review of Internet governance is required, when in fact we could go back to the historic problem-solving model in order to create Internet governance mechanisms.

This is not possible with only changes in Internet governance. It is not enough to curtail governments' activities in terms of surveillance, in terms of surveilling other governments and surveilling their own citizens.

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There will be some positions made public and they will not be very useful. We have to focus on this from the outside; from the point of view of the Internet governance and regulations, and we have to pay a lot of attention to this.

In the coming months we will see IETF standards in terms of surveillance, in terms of domain name abuse, that could include ccTLDs or could include the national level. So there will be systemic and overall systemic impact. So we need to focus on another aspect that will maybe entail modifications or amendments to ALAC statements. Thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you Alejandro. I don't know if Olivier is on the English channel? I would like to congratulate him because he is the ALAC Chair for one more year. He will be our Chair for one more year, so congratulations. I don't know if Olivier would like to make a comment on the IGF?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. Comment on the IGF? Well, there is just so much that has taken place during this week. Certainly with regards to the main sessions and the main discussions that took place, a couple of discussions that stood out were certainly the discussions on the security, where during the session there was some very strong exchanges between several countries that were on the panel and several of the panelists.

And it was interesting to see how at some point there was a denunciation of the fact that anyone that encrypts their emails is a potential terrorist. So that was a very interesting session indeed. A point to note is the follow-up to the Montevideo announcement, and in that follow-up Fadi Chehadé, ICANN's Chair, explained to the community that he had been in a meeting with President Dilma Rousseff in Brazil.

He explained that there would be a potential possibility of a summit or some kind of conference taking place in Brazil. Initially it was said to be in March, and then in April and then in May. So we're not exactly sure when. What is understood is that this would not be an ICANN-led conference and this would not be a Brazil-led conference. This would be a conference that would be a multi stakeholder conference and would involve civil society, the private sector as well as governments.

But the details of this are still very, very rough at the moment. They are not finalized and so it's probably going to be within the next few weeks that we will obtain information. It might well be that the situation will be clarified when we all meet in Buenos Aires.

Certainly the reason for such a conference has been one which was triggered by the fact that until recently the Brazilian leadership was speaking of multi-lateralism and President Dilma Rousseff used the words "multi stakeholderism". And that signifies a real shift in policy. So the multi stakeholder model, having at the moment an opponent in the multi-lateral model…

Just to let you know: multi-lateral is where governments speak to governments private sectors speak to private sector, and civil society speaks to civil society. And I guess technical community speaks to technical community. It's a very segregated model. It's a model where the ultimate decisions are made by governments, while the multi stakeholder model effectively puts everyone on the same level.

There is a threat to the multi stakeholder model in that many governments – I'm not saying some, I'm saying many governments – from the world are in favor of a multi-lateral model. So Fadi Chehadé has announced the so-called "call to arms" and that has happened in close collaboration with the Internet Society, with the Worldwide Web Consortium and with the technical community.

So it's an ongoing story but that was probably the biggest story that took place in IGF. Aside from this I was very pleased to see that the workshops that had been set up by AFRALO and by APRALO were very well attended, and there were also other workshops that were set up by our community members – some of whom were from the LACRALO region – and these were very well attended as well.

Overall our community as a whole can be proud of having been able to carry the ICANN flag and be able to really fight for its ideals in IGF, and I think that we've done very well in representing a very strong community. I would certainly say that At-Large as a whole has very much benefited from being able to go to Bali.

That's really what I can say about the IGF in Bali. For me it was probably the most successful IGF so far. The level of discussion and the maturity of the discussion was extremely good and I hope that this IGF will continue in the future. I understand that next year it's likely to take place in Turkey and mainly now are also thinking about IGF 2017, 2018. We're not just looking at the next year.

That's all I can say. Thank you very much for letting me explain this.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you Olivier. You have provided us with a great summary. Is there anybody who would like to ask a question about what Olivier has said?

JOSÉ ARCE: Thank you Sylvia and thank you Olivier. I would like to make a comment because in other lists we have seen that meetings are being organized within the Buenos Aires meeting to discuss this Brazilian Summit issue. The [NTRT/ATRT? 01:08:28] has a day called the Constituency Day and if I'm not mistaken they want to discuss this specific Brazilian Summit issue with ALAC.

So it would be nice, Olivier, if you could confirm if we are going to have, within the ALAC session, something specific to discuss this issue in particular and to see what's going on and what's going to happen in Brazil next year. Because as you said, other constituencies have already

planned specific days to discuss this and I don't know if they want to do this with ALAC. So could you please confirm this?

Olivier is saying he has just dropped so he should call back. Now Alejandro Pisanty has raised his hand. He has a question for Olivier. We will need to wait for Olivier anyway.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: This actually is a supplementary comment. I repeat the need to avoid some items of confusion. I am sorry to say I would recommend the reading of somebody that I usually disagree with, and that's Milton Mueller. In the last two entries of the IGF blog he has clarified some of the superficial issues or some issues that create confusion and make us deal with issues that are not background issues.

Regarding the need to discuss this, this would be a good time to learn something of our discussion, and I would like to ask our representative in ALAC to promote this discussion and perhaps we can put this item on the Agenda of the meeting that we're going to have on the 19th. These issues will require us to go deeper on the concept of the strategy for the ICANN governance in a broad fashion, and I am very interested in knowing the point of view that this community has.

I have been included in one of the strategic panels created by ICANN, especially the one directed by Vincent that refers to the roll of ICANN in the Internet governance ecosystem. So we will listen to a very specific point of view, and I would like to listen to that.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Olivier, you have the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Sylvia. I apologize. It's always when speaking that suddenly I get cut off and I don't know why. Anyway, just in response to you question, I am currently in discussions with Robin Gross, who is the Chair of the NCSG, with regards to a joint meeting that we will hold with the NCSG. And I have actually, on my side, asked that we discuss the Brazil and Montevideo discussions.

I think that it's important for this community to be able to discuss things together. One thing I'm concerned about is discussing things in silos. Obviously we are going to see Fadi Chehadé on the Sunday and I guess that this will obviously be one of the questions we are going to ask him; about the Brazil Agenda and the proposals for Brazil.

But one thing that Fadi Chehadé has said is that ICANN has somehow kick-started this, but really it is now for the civil society, for the technical community and for all of us to pick up the ball, carry it and prepare that conference. "If there is no interest for a conference to take place in Brazil about the multi stakeholder model then so be it," said Fadi Chehadé. "If there is no interest for it then let's not have it."

It really is down to the civil society to choose and the private sector to choose and to the multiple stakeholders that make up the community to

choose. I know that the initial response of civil society to Fadi Chehadé proposal was very suspicious, thinking that effectively ICANN had taken over Internet governance. That it had captured the Internet governance forum.

And I think from having discussed it with Fadi and having heard the response that Fadi Chehadé and some of his colleagues have provided, *that* cannot be farther from the truth. The whole idea was to start the discussion and then get the community to carry this forward and move forward. I think it is important for us to be able to discuss it. We will definitely discuss it with the NCSG.

I have also had a conference call earlier today with the other Chairs of SOs and ACs, with regards to choosing the Agenda for the new session that will take place on the Monday, right after the opening ceremony. Right after the ceremony there will be a session that will be the same sort of session that used to happen in Cairo a few years ago, where the whole community would be discussion one or two issues in 90 minutes. And the topics were discussed.

I suggested that we would need to look at Internet governance in general as a topic. The Internet governance in general being, of course, directly related to the Montevideo declaration as well as the Brazil conference. So the whole community will be able to discuss this.

I've also asked that in order for the everyone in the room to be able to take part there should be the ability to conduct polls with a green sheet, a red sheet and a white sheet of paper that people can wave in the air if

they agree or don't agree with the points being made. I think it's a very democratic way of being able to sense the temperature in the room and I really hope that the recommendations I made earlier today are going to be taken up.

Unfortunately, not all of the Chairs of the SOs and ACs were present on the call so it was decided that the questions would be sent to the other Chairs of SOs and ACs to find out whether they agree or not. I really hope that they will agree to this type of format and also to this subject as being one of the two subjects to discuss.

The other subject to be discussed there is no understanding of yet. There are several proposals. One of them was about policy versus implementation. One of them was about new gTLDs. One of them was about looking specifically at flashing top-level domains. And I guess that the new gTLDs would not be of interest to the whole community, since this is really primarily to the gNSO.

I don't imagine the ccNSO would be interested on this. But as I said, Staff is going to poll the other SO and AC Chairs and hopefully we will have some response that will agree to have this discussion about Internet governance; about the follow-up from the IGF, so that it can be discussed by not only the silos but among all of ICANN. Thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you Olivier. I would like to remind you that we only have six minutes of interpretation left. Is there anybody else who would like to

make a comment on this? Okay, then very quickly I would like us to continue with Item #7 – ICANN policies. I am now going to give the floor to Alejandro Pisanty. Please be brief.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: Thank you. I want to make a brief reference to the proposal I made to the list on having a discussion on the protection of names of international organizations, whether they're governmental or inter-governmental, IGOs or INGOs. And we've arrived to a [terva pacium? 01:18:16] of the decision because there was no decision by the community.

So I recommended that the ALAC representatives abstain in their vote. At least two of them have expressed their intention to vote and I'm not going to suspend my objection because they have been doing the work. We need to say that these substantive proposals are there and the participation of Mr. [March 01:18:43] showed that there are some consequences that need to be reached after the decisions we make.

If we decide not to discuss an issue and not to deepen on it and if we accept that our representatives before ALAC will vote with no consultations, and they will understandably vote with no consultations, when no successful consultations have happened, then we need to assume this responsibility.

And I believe that in the following meeting we'll have on November 19th – that is, if we decide to act on the strategic planning process or any

other process so that this can tell us what we're going to do in the future – we need to consider the election of strategic lines and we need to consider a work method so that we do not leave these in the middle as has happened this time. Thank you.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you Alejandro. I'm now going to give the floor to José for a final comment and to close this teleconference.

JOSÉ ARCE: Thank you Syvlia. We have two minutes left and another important issue is that a few weeks ago the third process was open to select the 15th Chair on the ICANN Board. There will be an Assessment Committee for this 15th seat in the LACRALO Meeting. This Assessment Committee proposed Carlos Aguirre and Carlos Vera and the Process Committee proposed Dev Anand Teelucksingh and myself, José Arce.

Then after that we had to send the names of the people to ALAC and the support that they got from the community. Then yesterday the list was final and it included those who were going to participate. The four candidates for the Committees have been selected. That is LACRALO Staff have now represented [01:21:00] Committees to select the Member of the Board and the meetings are about to start now; in the first days of November.

We will shortly be notified but we know that that is going to be very intense work. So the representatives for the Assessment Committee is Carlos Vera and Carlos Aguirre, and on the Process Committee there would be Dev Anand Teelucksingh and myself. So this is also an important issue on the 15th seat on the Board.

It is 9:30 in Argentina. If there is anybody else who would like to make a comment please do so now. Otherwise we are going to adjourn this meeting. Alejandro Pisanty is asking for the floor. Go ahead Alejandro.

ALEJANDRO PISANTY: I asked the participants of this Committee to make a very quick consultation to the community, but to try to obtain participation on the criteria we need to apply the [interlecting? 01:22:21] candidate for the 15th seat on the Board. The situation with the person who is now holding that position is very complicated in terms of a very complicated conflict of interest.

I think we need to be very clear regarding representation, regarding transparency, regarding the quality and the deepness of the contributions that are going to be made. Thank you.

JOSÉ ARCE: Thank you for your comment Alejandro. We're now going to adjourn this meeting for the month of October. I would like to thank the interpreters and the people from Staff who joined this participation

program that was started after the meeting in Costa Rica. All the participants on the English and Spanish channel… Olivier, thank you very much for giving us your point of view of what happened on the IGF, and thanks everybody for being on this October call.

We will continue these discussions on the mailing list and perhaps on the chat room. We are at your disposal, with Silvia, for whatever you may need. Two other issues: please do comment on the Wiki regarding the agreement with LACNIC, and two: I think we still have time until tomorrow to update the Wiki.

We will also be sending the draft Agenda to see if we can comply with the deadline that Silvia Vivanco asked for, in order for it to be translated. Thank you very much and goodnight.

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