
SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: This is the first call of the ccTLD Working Group. I welcome you all. I would like to ask Julia if she could be kind so as to proceed with the roll call. After that, we will start with our meeting today. Thank you.

JULIA CHARVOLEN: Thank you, Sergio. Julia speaking. On today's call on the Spanish channel, we have Aida Noblia, Sergio Salinas Porto, Aislan Vargas Basilio. On the English channel we have Dev Anand Teelucksingh. We have apologies from Oliver Crepin-Leblond. From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Julia Charvolen. Our interpreter today is Veronica. May I please remind all participants to please state their names not only for transcript purposes, but also for interpreters to identify you on the other language channel. Thank you. Over to you, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Julia. I am now as the chair. Between inverted commas, between quote-unquote, I am the chair of the ccTLD Working Group, this LACRALO Working Group. I hope today we can Devate and define who the chair and co-chair of this working group will be.

First of all, I would like to start by doing a brief introduction. In our last meeting, on our last call, we had a brainstorming looking for clear objectives. We have some proposals for the objectives. Some of them were quite close to our ideas and some of them were quite far away to our ideas. Dev have made certain comments reinforcing the idea of the

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meeting, which was to monitor and work on the different documents and activities of the ccNSO.

On the other hand, to have a more [inaudible] contact with the local ccTLD managers to be or to see the possibility of working together and of course to accompany the different process of LACTLD in our region. I think perhaps here we should start by [inaudible] As you know, we have certain countries in our region, which are not part of LACTLD, so perhaps we could see how they relate to their regional TLD.

On the other hand, there was the idea of drafting a document which [inaudible] tomorrow, regarding or related to the last report issued by the ccNSO, which has to do with the ccTLDs and the possibility of promoting ccTLDs.

All that were the topic or the issues discussed in our last call. We have many pending topics today and we will be discussing them right now. We have to take into account the election or the definition of the authorities and we need to define the different objectives of the working group. The idea would be to work on these today to define the topics for the tasks of this working group, a temporary metrics.

Are we going to be a permanent working group or an ad-hoc or temporary working group, working within LACRALO [inaudible] possibility to participate? We need to define the tasks and responsibilities for the future.

I don't know if Aislan is on the call, because I know he has dropped. Is Aislan on the call?

AISLAN VARGAS: Yes, Sergio, I am on the call.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Aislan. Welcome to the call. I was worried that you had dropped. After having said this, which is the background of our last call, I think we have some topics to discuss today. It would be good to start our Devate.

Dev, I know that you're posting. You say the goals and objectives need to be clarified before deciding on the nature of the working group. I don't know what comes first, but we will have to define this and I have no problems in altering the order of the topics. If anyone is against, please let me know, or else we can start with your suggestion, Dev. This is part of something that we have been doing in another working group – the Governance Working Group. This has to deal with the diversity and consensus. Based on consensus, I have no problem in changing the order of a debate so as to have a clear way to go and start debating as soon as possible.

Is there anyone against who does not agree with the fact of discussing or changing the order and taking into account Dev's point before talking about the metrics and the objectives, please raise your hand. Aislan, you have your hand up. You have to floor. Go ahead, please.

AISLAN VARGAS BASILIO: This is Aislan Basilio, for the record. I agree with Dev's idea because I particularly have been a bit lost on this. I think we can develop this in

our working group. I think we have a lot of topics to be developed within this working group, but I need some guides so as to start starting and researching and contributing to this working group. I think [Ida] posted something on the Wiki about possible guidelines. I also saw that Dev also posted some other information on the Wiki in the previous call.

I think we need to define our guidelines. What are the objectives, as Dev said before? Because based on that, we will be able to add other secondary objectives and of course we would have the certainty to have a working group. Then we will decide if we need to have a temporary working group or a permanent working group.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you very much, Aislan, for your contribution. Is there any other comment or any other question? Taking into account what Aislan has said, I think that this working group can cover quite a lot of topics. We can cover many topics, but we need to be able to manage all of those topics.

I believe the main objective of this working group may be to work on the different topics being debated within ICANN. For example, the topics of the ccNSO, but we also have questions or issues related to our own region.

Sometimes when we participate in LACRALO I see that we lack or there are certain issues that are missing. These have to do with a strategic objective of the region. The region is not having a strategy. The region lacks [inaudible] points of view as a region. We have particular points of view. In that sense, it is where we need to settle working and see which

our objectives are. That's why I suggested the creation of this working group. We need to start looking for and seeing and start having a general overview with regional interest.

Generally, when we speak and when we have someone participating within ICANN providing statements, in fact that person provides a very narrow vision. They express their particular point of view. What we should see is how we can have or create a global, more embracing or comprehensive vision. I see Dev is asking for the floor. Dev, go ahead, please. You have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. Are you hearing me?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, Dev, go ahead, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. Sergio, I am a little bit confused as to when you say a regional strategy because for the past year there's been an ICANN Latin American and Caribbean strategy.

I've posted a link in the chat below, which you can read more about it. Currently five key projects already that are in play. In fact, work is still continuing to happen in those five projects. I believe there's something around 20 different projects, but we decided to focus on five of them. In fact, there was an update during the Buenos Aires meeting where each of the working groups presented its project.

I'm unclear as to what exactly you're referring to when you talk about a regional strategy or regional approach. I think the Latin American and Caribbean strategy is an effective form of strategy. Why would we want to duplicate effort in that? And of course I will welcome all of you to actually get involved in the Latin American and Caribbean strategy as such. That's my question. Thanks.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Dev. I will reply to your question. I am a bit confused because every time we speak, you post the link as if we didn't know the different activities of ICANN. I thank you for this because you're providing information to add.

Regarding the strategy, I am talking about the strategy of the users of Latin American and Caribbean working within ICANN. Surely we, as a region, do participate in ICANN regional strategy, but we are working without having clear of our minds how, as a group of users, we can express our points of view.

There we have a civil society represented by certain members of our region. We also have the government represented by means of the members of the GAC. We also have people linked to different discussion areas within ICANN.

What we do need is a strategy for the users regarding the ccTLDs. It is not the same, taking into account the interest of the companies managing the ccTLDs in our region than perhaps the point of view that users may have regarding ccTLDs.

We have many participants here. Today I don't see Diego Acosta Bastidas, but he had a lot to say about this because he manages the ccTLD in Ecuador. We have different points of view and different stakeholders of this model.

If you see my line, what I am saying is this. ICANN, as a global community – as a multi-stakeholder community – may have a regional strategy. At the same time users in our region, our input should be a global input – a collective input – regarding the regional strategy and not only based on a personal point of view when we talk about the ccTLD in the regional strategy of Latin America.

Do you understand what I mean, Dev? I open the floor for questions and discussion. Aida, you have the floor. Go ahead, please. Aida, can you hear me? You have the floor. Go ahead, please.

AIDA NOBILA: Can you hear me?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, go ahead, please, Aida.

AIDA NOBILA: Okay. I do understand that it is important to have a strategy for the region and Silvia Herlein has already mentioned that in our previous call, because she proposed an original vision of a ccTLD within LACRALO. That is to say, something based on the region to strengthen the region.

As Aislan said before, I saw some links and I studied some of the links. Because after the call, I was reviewing the material because we said that we had to review all the material to start working. So I saw information on LACTLD, I saw the material, and I see that some of that material is not visible for those who are not partners of a ccTLD.

But perhaps we can contact some people, as we have said in our call, because we had a brainstorm that was good but we said that we're going to see the different points of views of, for example, the ALAC liaison and other people for us to have that input.

And Silvia mentioned something about that, something about the mission. For example, there was something which was more a regional nature that was related to the current policies of the ccTLDs and to see if they contribute or not of strengthening [interment] for the development of a region. That is to say, if they contribute to strengthening the region, if they contribute to the stability and security on the region. That was my feeling about that information. So the idea would be to round up or sum up what we have already mentioned and see all the elements that we can have.

After analyzing all the material on the Wiki, which somehow summarized what we have been discussing before, that has to do with seeing the point of view of the users, but this is the users of the region. They [inaudible] strengthening the region and see if these ccTLD policies contribute to that, if they are aligned to all that.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, good. Any other comments? Aida? Okay. Thank you very much, Aida. Aislan, you have the floor. Go ahead, please. Aislan? You have the floor. Go ahead, please. Aislan, can you hear us? Are you there? Can you speak? You have the floor, go ahead, please.

So, if Aislan is not on the call, we'll give the floor to Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you.

AISLAN VARGAS BASILIO: Okay, taking into account what Aida has just said, I'm going back to Sergio's main point of view or main point, in fact.

I believe that the spirit that Sergio's looking for I think is based or is on the different – let me see how to put it. It's based or it's focused on the objective of the working group that Dev has posted and has to do with the LAC regional strategy.

I was reading and one of the points or objectives of this strategy would be to add interest topics for the region within ICANN. And of course, the strategy that Sergio's looking for, that Sergio is proposing, I think would be fine. It would be good, but limited to our function in LACRALO and for our region.

Perhaps we can discuss this at another level, perhaps in ALAC. I think this is very good, because we need to define this central strategy. I don't know if I can express myself clearly. We don't need to mix one strategy or the other. The idea would be to have a strategy to know where we

come from and where we will be growing for or heading for. That is my comment.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Aislan. Your comment was very clear. Thank you. Dev, you have the floor. Go ahead please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. Sergio, I have to say I still have to wonder precisely when you say the word “a regional view for ccTLDs,” I’m not seeing what [inaudible] feedback can be achievable.

The reason why I say that is because, again, ccTLDs are in a sense independent from ICANN. The ccTLDs are delegated according to the ISO 3166 country codes. They have various operators for these, and some of these operators are part of the ccNSO and likely part of LACTLD. They may collaborate in terms of how the ccTLDs could be marketed, like what LACTLD does. And again, I think we really have to take a closer look at studying, educating ourselves of what ccTLDs do and so forth.

You know, the way you describe it – and maybe I’m wrong – but you sound like what you want to do is to be able to come up with a statement or policy and a statement directed to a ccTLD to do something, and I don’t that’s really a feasible thing to do.

I mean, if it is that you want to be able to do better coordination with the ccTLDs in terms at the local level, with the At-Large Structures working together with the ccTLD to [affect] the local issues within that

ccTLD, that country or that territory, that's perhaps one thing. But to say that you'll come up with a regional view saying that we think the ccTLD should do something is not going to be effective because there's no binding thing for the ccTLD to agree to that, one. And even ICANN does not have that kind of authority. ccTLDs can do various things – they could sell domains at any price they wish to fix, etc.

So, again, I'm not very understanding what your views when you say you try to do a regional view on ccTLD matters. If it's input into the Latin American and Caribbean strategy, you're welcome to join. It is open to [inaudible] and I believe you are a member of some of these working groups and you can make a contribution there in line with the objections defined and so forth. Hopefully you could clarify this regional view, because as I hear it, I don't think it's feasible. Thanks.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Dev, for your input. Okay, let's see. I see that you are not understanding my point, so I will try to rephrase that so you that you can understand my point.

We all know that ccTLDs are important and we also know that ccTLDs were given to the governments, and those governments defined whether they were outsourced or if they were going to be managed by the government, as in the case of Argentina, where the ccTLD is managed by the Argentinian government.

What we are saying here – and this is the main topic, I believe – is that on many occasions, we are undergoing situations related to ccTLDs within ICANN where there is no regional vision regarding the objective

of the region, and perhaps [inaudible] is discussing this. There was a meeting in Cuba two days ago regarding this, and they're discussing also topics related to communications and their own TLDs or domain names.

So, within that framework, what I say is this: users do also have possibilities of having our standpoint regarding certain points being discussed in ICANN regarding the ccTLDs. I am not saying – and nobody says that – that I want to, for example, intervene in a particular question or issue in a country regarding a ccTLD. What I am saying is that there are certain topics that are being discussed within ICANN. For example, documents being discussed within the ccTLDs, issues such as the Malina Island issue, for example. This is the fourth time that the organization I represent has expressed itself within ICANN.

So, what I am saying as an objective is to start discussing topics related to the ccTLDs within the universe and framework of ICANN. And, apart from that, if we can have any possibility of intervening by making suggestions on LACTLD topics or on topics within the working groups of ICANN or the regional LAC Strategy Working Group, and we can contribute with our opinion of that, okay we will do so. But this working group should focus on working on issues on ccTLDs related to documents or issues within ICANN related to this topic. I mean, this is not so difficult to understand. But perhaps it might be difficult to understand or to change the work methodology because we don't need to have a methodology focused on our own personal opinions.

But to have a general overview, a collective, a group overview, and this working group would have study – really, a lot – on the complex reality

of the ccTLDs in our region. And based on that, we may have our own point of view.

I see Aislan has his hand up, and I will give the floor to him right now. Thank you very much. Aislan, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

AISLAN VARGAS BASILIO:

Sergio, I work or I need examples, and for me, your point of view or your explanation was clear. Today I was reading the ISO standard 3161 regarding the different country codes that was considered by ICANN. And why do I say this? Because one of the examples that we need to take into account and the document that the working group discusses was this is one of the reasons why we have these issues to discuss.

So I think that I need to study this ISO rule because this was one of the base documents for that to enable or to facilitate ccTLDs to countries.

The first time I read that information, I think there is many conflicts. So, I tried to find an example and there was a very superficial overview. I saw a different conflict. And one of the examples was the conflict of Malina. This is a very typical conflict in our region. But since you are from Argentina, I come from Brazil – well, I see the point of our colleagues in the region and I think it is important to express our point of view on that, even if it is a statement, a study, or a brief development or a brief and quick overview about this issue for ICANN.

So, based on that study that I carried out, based on my reading – well, I could see that we have many countries, islands, and territories in the Caribbean which may have conflict. For example, I see that the [French

Guyana and Guyana], the three of them start with “Gu” in Spanish. Of course, they do not have their country code. Some of them may have, some others not. But, for example, how can we develop that?

It would be interesting to have our own point of view and to provide input on that. That would be a study that might be perhaps a solution for them, because it is a question of harmonizing, sometimes. So we need to deal with standard for them to be respected.

I mean, that is one idea that I developed taking into account the examples that I mentioned. So we can start from there to deal, for example, with the negative conflict and the issue of the ccTLDs. So perhaps we can – that would be our starting point. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Aislan. Thank you for your comment. And I think that could be a way to start. We need to keep on going deeper into the situation. Dev, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. I think there’s some, again, misconceptions regarding how the country codes work or how they got delegated.

First of all, the ISO 3166 was not specifically meant for country code top-level domain. ISO 3166 was a standard created by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). And it was meant to establish – as the webpage says – to establish internationally recognized codes for the representations of names of countries, territories, or areas of geographical interest and their subdivisions.

However, ISO 3166 was not established the names of countries, only the codes that represent them. The country names in ISO 3166 come from United Nations sources, and new names and codes are added automatically when the United Nations publishes new names and edited terminology, [inaudible] country names, or in the country and region codes for statistical use, which is maintained by United Nations Statistics Division. Names for subdivisions are taken from relevant official national information sources. This was established in 1974.

Now, so my point is is that how ISO works. ICANN does not really influence the two-letter codes that are being generated by ISO 3166. So, to involve ourselves, to try to say that this is a somehow a ccTLD issue that we should comment on I think is inappropriate.

First of all, how should I put it? ISO is not going to listen to outsiders. When I say outsiders, I mean only standard organizations within countries can really be a part of ISO and can take part in the deliberations of ISO. It's not really through ICANN.

I'm hearing the issues regarding Falkland Islands, Malvinas. The thing is, though, is that by saying getting ICANN to – I don't know what the word is – to somehow arbitrate or to treat specific countries differently I think is not the way to go. This is not within ICANN's limit.

And that's why it does not try to decide what is a country, what is a ccTLD and so forth. It just takes its cue from the ISO 3166. So, Sergio, I think what you probably need to do is really – if you want to – you need to write down some examples here and post it for comment. I posted some things on the Wiki and that which is being shown there, but is it

that you want to expand from this, or take away from this? I guess that'll be my question. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Dev. Aida, we'll give the floor to you shortly. Now, I will want to reply to Dev. First of all, we are not saying that we are going to modify the ISO. And secondly, when it comes to the Malvinas topic, well, we don't want to debate or to have this item or topic debated within ICANN. That was not the issue in Buenos Aires. But the thing is that ICANN has made a very serious mistake in following the ISO guidelines, because ICANN didn't know other guidelines, other UN guidelines. For example, the ones related to conflicting territories. And ICANN made a mistake in that regard.

And this mistake was not made in 1999. It was made much before in 1965, because our country's not within the ISO structure but Great Britain – is England – is within that structure. So this was the issue that was promoted and it was explained in the Buenos Aires meeting. Aida, you have the floor.

AIDA NOBILA: Okay, I mean, the reference to the ISO rule, I think it was not Aislan's objective to analyze and modify that ISO rule because you know it is impossible.

INTERPRETER: Interpreters apologize, but we are not receiving Aida's audio.

AIDA NOBILA: Sorry, I am receiving some other voices. I am listening to other voices. I mean, there is background noise.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Silvia, can you hear me?

SILVIA VIVANCO: I hear many voices laughing in English and in Spanish. We are hearing someone speaking in English. Could you please speak to Adigo?

AIDA NOBILA: I hear many people laughing. Perhaps they are very happy. I don't know why.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Well, I also hear many people laughing. I know they are having fun, perhaps. So I will ask to be patient, to bear with me a second because we need to solve this technical issue, Aida, please.

I think that now it's already solved. So, Aida, please. Go ahead, you have the floor.

AIDA NOBILA: Okay. The idea would be – and as we said before and Sylvia Herlein said before and perhaps Dev – the idea would be to take or to discuss general topics. I mean, I remember that Sylvia said to have a regional

overview of the ccTLDs within LACRALO. That is to say, to see how we could articulate that and see how they work and what we can do.

That's why I said that ccTLDs may be useful for an analysis and as an instrument to help the region to strengthen. The idea would be to analyze, in terms of ICANN, what is the use of ccTLDs for LACRALO – for the stability and security in the region. And for that, we need to carry out a kind of study and read the ICANN document where ccTLDs are mentioned.

I can hear voices.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Please, for those who are on the Spanish channel, please mute your lines because we are receiving interaction.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: So that would be *7 or *6, Silvia, to mute the line?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, that would be *7 to mute the mics, please.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I hear an English voice, Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO: I think it is. There is a female voice. There is a female voice getting into and out of the call. Okay, I think the issue is solved so let's see if we can continue with the call.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, Aida, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

AIDA NOBILA: So, what I was saying is this: we were mentioning, according to our last call, to have a regional vision on the ccTLDs in LACRALO but this doesn't mean that we are going to be outside the ICANN overview, ICANN remit.

We have certain ccTLDs elements, that are referred in or mentioned in ICANN documents and there is a policy for ccTLDs. And we need to see how they work and how they leave impact on LACRALO and how useful they are for LACRALO. And Dev also mentioned how this impacts on end-users.

So I think this could be our topic. I mean, a regional vision of ccTLDs in LACRALO, a strategic vision of the region regarding the ccTLDs. I think that would be the topic. That should be an analysis, as Aislan said.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sorry, Aida, for interrupting you because of the technical issues. Is there any other comment that you would like to make?

AIDA NOBILA: No, just that. I think we can start by reading all the documents that we have and exploring the link posted by Dev so that we can have the material – the necessary material – to make our research and that would be our stopping point.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, thank you very much Aida for your input. I don't want to miss the opportunity to greet Jose. He has entered the call not long ago. So, Jose, on behalf of all the participants, I would like to welcome you to the call.

Is there any other comment about this? I see Jose. And could we have a document? Jose's asking a question: "Is there any document where the object of the group is written or settled?" So, let me ask a question: do we have a question, can we draft a document? Do we have a document or can we draft it?

Hello, can you hear me? Can you hear me?

SILVIA VIVANCO: I think we have certain interference with external voices in our channel. We are trying to solve this issue. We are trying to mute those voices that are interrupting our call.

Sergio, go ahead, please.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Silvia. Thank you for your effort. So, the question is: can we develop a document where we could settle or express what

we have discussed today and have a document with the objectives of the group, at least the goal on which we have agreed?

Jose, I don't understand your question regarding the Caribbean area. The Caribbean is here, Dev is here. Now I will give the floor to Dev. Dev, go ahead, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. Jose has said exactly what I wanted to say. I've heard some of the objectives of the group on the Wiki, and if there is any possible additions to possible objectives for the group, then let's please put it in writing, because once we put it in writing then we can all understand it better.

I would second all of us, if you want to create a separate Wiki page as to goals, objectives for this working group, let's do that and let's put it in writing so that we can see it, we can then comment on it. Because possibly what is happening is that when we're saying it, it doesn't come out the right way and we have been having misunderstandings. So that is what the action item should be. That's it.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you, Dev. I think Sergio has dropped, so we are dialing back to him. But I would like to propose, if you all agree, for us to get organized, because I see there are many statements, many ideas that are being posted. So I think it would be good to have a secretary for this working group who would be able to list all these ideas and take notes and have a record of all these ideas so that we can reach to a conclusion. That is,

my proposal would be to have a secretary to get all the work and ideas organized. I don't know if you agree with it.

I have Jose on the Spanish channel. Jose? Are you on the Spanish channel? Can you hear me? Can you all hear me? I don't know if you can hear me on the Spanish channel. I just wanted to repeat what I had proposed, because I think that are many ideas that were discussed in the call and we still need to define the objective of this working group.

So, if I may, I would like to propose to have a secretary for this working group to record or take notes of all the ideas so that we can organize the work of this working group on the ideas and the steps to follow.

Sergio, you're back. Go ahead, please.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, I'm back. Okay. I don't know what you have said, but I was talking about Dev and Jose's comment. And, well, I was saying that I think it would be good to have all that information on the Wiki. Perhaps that would pave the way to have clearer objectives. Perhaps we need to write down, with words, our ideas. So, I propose that each of us write on the Wiki page our ideas.

And on the other hand, I understand now Jose your question regarding the Caribbean region. You are right. I was not paying attention to what was written on the action item, and so it is okay what you said, Jose. The problem is that we still do not have a chair and co-chair in the working group, so this is one of the topics we still need to define.

And then there's the secretary of whatever we need. But this is not defined yet. That's why Silvia is asking to have a secretary to take down notes. So, is there anyone who would like to volunteer as a secretary of this working group?

I see there are many people volunteering to be the secretary of this working group. I mean, to be the one who would take down notes.

Okay. Can you hear me? Do you all hear me?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, we do hear you, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, because I was not seeing any feedback from the other side. Perhaps you were not listening to me – were not hearing, in fact. Jose, can you speak or are you only going to type? Do you have the possibility of speaking?

Well, it's a pity that we cannot hear you, Jose. I would like to say that in our first call, our first meeting, we did the best we did. And we are not running any race. We are just getting organized to work for the future. So it will take us time, perhaps, to find the chair and co-chair.

And in the meantime, we are having this debate or discussion which are very fruitful for us and for the region. So I think it's important to have this discussion, even though we do not have a chair or co-chair.

Okay, when it comes to the election of authorities that would be our next item on the agenda. I don't know if it would be appropriate to do this right now.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I think it would be good to define the authorities for us to be able to define the work of the working group. I will ask the interpreters a little more time.

Dev, do you agree to define the authorities of the working group now?
Dev, you have the floor, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH:

Sure. I think we do need to just clarify the objectives. We don't need to define a chair and co-chair now, personally. Because, again, it's kind of like somebody's being asked to chair a working group and they don't understand what they're chairing it for or the ultimate goals are. So I think we just need to clarify the objectives.

Let's get it in writing, because then [inaudible] can understand what exactly we want to do. I put some other Wiki there, so Sergio – and Sergio, you've given us some ideas, I suggest you write some things in writing on the as to what you think the objectives of the working group is and so forth. I don't think we should consider the chair and secretary out of this working group at this point.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Okay, Aida, what's your opinion about this? Aida, can you speak?

AIDA NOBILA: Hello? Hello? Can you hear me?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes, go ahead, Aida, please.

AIDA NOBILA: Okay. I mean, I don't understand why we cannot choose or define the secretary or the chair right now. Why? Because we have already mentioned the names Dev and Sergio and many people agree on that, so I don't see why or I don't understand why it is important to deal with the objective first, because I think we need to have things defined. So I don't understand Dev's point. That's it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. I agree with you, Aida, but I want to listen to all the voices. I want to hear all the voices. Diego, would you like to make any comment? Diego, are you there?

Okay, Aislan, you have the floor.

AISLAN VARGAS BASILIO: Hi, Sergio. What is the topic we are discussing?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. We need to say if it is convenient to define the chair and co-chair [inaudible] right now.

AISLAN VARGAS BASILIO: I think we need to define the objective, but anyway – I mean, I agree with what the working group have said last call, to have Dev and you, if nobody opposes that. But I think it is important to have clear on our minds the objective.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Thank you very much, Aislan. Okay, let's see the pending topics.

So as to bring this call to a close, I think we should continue with a discussion of descending topics in our next call. So let's express our views and objectives on the Wiki. And I believe that until no consensus is reached on the objectives of the call, do not invite anyone. First we need to discuss this among ourselves and then we will share this or we need to share this with other members in the community.

So let's work on this during this week. I propose we meet again in February. Today is January the 30th so I propose to have a Doodle poll within 20 days' time so that we can meet again. We have 20 days to make our comments and express our comments on the Wiki so that we can move forward with concrete things. We have a long way to go.

This is a new working group. This was a group that didn't exist before. And as anything new, well, this will take time. And the time that it will take, it will be the necessary time or the time that we need. So we are not in a hurry, and the time we need to take into account is our time, in fact.

So, is there any other one who would like to make a comment? Or otherwise I will bring this meeting to a close. I see many people typing. I would like to read all the comments.

Okay, I see no further comments so I would like to thank you all for your participation. And let's meet in a few days.

Silvia Vivanco, I have a question for you. When are we going to have the audio – the MP3 file – and the transcription of these two calls? Do you have any idea?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

They tell me that when we have interpretation, three or four days are necessary to post the transcription and the recording. Why? Because we have interpretation. So this is done into two languages. But it will take maximum four days.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

I couldn't find the transcripts of our previous call. That's why I was asking you.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I think the transcripts of the previous call are already posted.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

No, they are not posted, not even in English or in the Spanish. So could you please check that so that we can have this information available for us so that we can start working?

So, once again, I thank you all for your participation. I thank the interpreter for their effort, because they make the most to help us. And the staff who is always working with us, so thank you very much. And now I bring this call to an end.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, good-bye.

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