[GISELLA GRUBER]:	Welcome to the LACRALO candidates call. Today is Wednesday, 19 February 2014, at 23:00 UTC.
	Participants are candidates for Chair Alberto Soto, Sergio Salinas Porto. Candidates for Secretary Humberto Carrasco, Juan Manuel Rojas.
	In the Spanish line, we have Antonio Medina Gomez, Sylvia Herlein, Jose Arce, Carlos Aguirre, Alberto Soto, Aida Noblia, Sergio Salinas Porto.
	On the English line, we have Heidi and then we have Dev Anand Teelucksingh, apologies.
	On the staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, and Susie Johnson.
	Our interpreters are Veronica and David.
	Over to you, Jose.
SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	I think Jose cannot speak.
SILVIA VIVANCO:	So while we start and we will wait for Jose, since I will be responsible of leading this call, we will start.
	First of all, I would like to thank all the candidates for being available for this call and for their participation in LACRALO.

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So after this introduction, I would like to explain to you the methodologies.

The questions are for the position of Chair as well as Secretary. So for each question, I will give the floor to each of you, and I will ask you to devote three minutes at the most for answering so as to make the most of our time. So I will be giving you the floor one by one. I will apply those questions to both positions, Secretary as well as Chair.

So the first question is from Jose Arce. What time can you allocate to this position? Where do you work and what your obligations are?

Now I will give the floor to the candidates. Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO: So I will start answering the question.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE: Sorry for interrupting you. Sorry for the interruption, Silvia, but I think there is a misunderstanding. According to our agenda on our right side, we have an introduction for the position of Chair where both candidates have at least ten minutes to express themselves in alphabetical order.
The first speaker will be Sergio Salinas Porto and then Alberto.

After those twenty minutes of introduction of these two candidates for the Chair, we will start with the questions. And the answers will be in a rotating mode. So Alberto will be the first, then Sergio, and then the second question will be answered first by Alberto and then by Sergio and so on and so on.

But the first part of this call is a part of the Secretaries where Humberto Carrasco will have ten minutes at the most to start with his pitch and then Juan Manuel.

And after that, we will have 20 minutes for questions only for the Secretaries. And then Juan Manuel will be the first one answering them, Humberto, and then Juan Manuel again, and then Humberto again.

And after that, we will discuss comments that Jose or I may have, just to clarify any technical issue or any other question. Okay?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. Thank you very much, Sylvia.

So having said this, we will start with Sergio Salinas Porto. Sergio, you have ten minutes.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Silvia. Good afternoon to you all. I will invert the question. I will start explain what I do and my current responsibilities.

Currently, I am a partner of a company devoted to the communication of design and development, especially related to software development.

I am a professor of the subject of new technologies in the journalism course at university.

I am also the Chair of Internauta Argentina and the Chair of the Latin American Association of Internet Users.

I do participate in a trade union of Argentina.

When it comes to the time that I will allocate to this position, well, I am willing to devoting all the necessary time to the region, with a minimum basis of 20 monthly hours that is the minimum amount of time required.

If I were elected the Chair, I will have to give up some of my current responsibilities, especially those relating to my volunteer participation in different organizations that I have already mentioned.

This was already discussed with my partners in a different organization, so everything is clear. LACRALO deserves and LACRALO does need special attention, particularly thinking about the region in a dynamic way. Because this is a region that it should be related and should be involved in policy issues and things related to ICANN.

I don't know if I can proceed with the second question, Silvia, or if I should continue with this.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. According to what Sylvia said, I mean this would be your introduction. And if you have finished, I will give the floor to Alberto Soto for him to proceed with his introduction.

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you very much, Silvia. I think ten minutes is more than enough. In my speech, I will give many answers to many of the questions.

The only clarification is my full name is René Alberto Soto. And since I was a child, they call me Alberto.

I am the writer of many papers. I am a professor of mathematics and physics. I'm also a lawyer, a professor.

When it comes to my professional life, well, I have been working for different telecommunications companies, such as [inaudible] and some companies developing software, this is Java and open-source.

Now, I coordinate the IT group for [seven] countries, and I work at home.

So with this, I can answer the question or the issue related to the time that I can allocate to this position. For example, when I am at home, I receive an e-mail at home. I stop my [inaudible]. So if this is an urgent e-mail, I stop moving [inaudible], I solve the issue that I have to solve after receiving that e-mail, and then I continue to move [inaudible] if it is necessary because I work at home.

But I have full availability for this, including my holidays. So I can devote exactly the same amount of time to LACRALO.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Silvia, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

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SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, so this introduction on your part has covered the first question, which is the time that you might allocate to the position and what you do nowadays.

Now we go to the second question by Jose, which is what experience do you have in issues of broad Internet governance and restricted Internet governance related to ICANN?

So I will give the floor to Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO: Although I have not participated in the IGF as a member, I have attended many of its meetings. And I think that you all know what the IGF is, so I'm not going to explain that. And you know the topics they cover. Well, they cover quite a lot of topics. And this is something important for our meeting in Brazil in 2014.

So the declaration we have done for that is based on the meeting in Bali and the ICANN meeting held in Buenos Aires.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Go ahead, please, Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, so same question for Sergio.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I only participate in the mailing list of the IGF. I will explain this a bit more. I mean, we're along the same line, because we also need to take into account not only the development of Internet but also the human rights that are not acknowledged or technology in general. And everything is related to certain debates that are broadly discussed.

So I only participate by following the e-mail list. But I know that we have some members who are actively participating, and they're always reporting about the activities. So I have a clear idea of what is being carried out when it comes to governance issues.

Now, when it comes to ICANN, well, I have been participating in ICANN since 2005. I am one of the founders of LACRALO, with some of the members that are still in the region. I have participated very actively in the region, and I have the possibility of representing the region in ALAC since 2010 until 2012.

Nowadays, I am participating in three working groups within the region. This is the Leveling Working Group, the Governance Working Group, and the gTLD Working Group. And I am also a liaison of the sub Metrics Working Group.

So this is my background when it comes to governance in the broad sense and restricted sense related to ICANN.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, thank you very much. Now let's go to the following question.

How do you see the region at the moment? What are the challenges of this region?

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Alberto, go ahead please.

ALBERTO SOTO: Silvia, I think Sergio should start.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. Sergio, you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Well, I particularly believe that LACRALO has many competences at the local and regional level. We have many leaders who are understanding now their importance of their engagement within the region and ICANN.

And we need to react more. We have low reaction. We also have some language barriers that are being fought. And this is thanks to the work that we have been do….

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Uh-oh. I've lost. I'm not hearing the interpreters.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, Dev, it's dropped. We're getting them back ASAP. Don't know what's going on.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Not a problem, sure. Well, it is a problem, but I understand.

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HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. So, Dev, I'm just hearing that the Spanish channel discussion is still going on. And they're just trying to figure out what's going on here, the interpreters. No adverse weather, so don't know what it is.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: …experiences of all the countries that are being represented by the ALSes of the region.

Some of the challenges is, for example, to have a basic knowledge that may allow us to work within ALAC, within LACRALO, within ICANN. And if we can do that, we can deal out the work within the region. And I'm not talking only about theoretical issues, but also I'm talking about engagement mechanisms.

If we take the map of our region, we will see that we have 35 countries. And they have possibilities of participating in our region. And we have moved forward along the line. And we have 42% of countries participating, but we still have a long way to go.

So we need to have representation in 100% of our region. And this is something that should be defined in a bigger or in a macro project, in a general project. This big project should encourage us to proceed with our work in the region.

In a general sense or from the political point of view, this would have to do with state policies. That is to say, seeing the region in a different way, going along the lines of our work.

I think this is the great challenge that we are facing right now. And our priority must be, undoubtedly, to work for other countries to come and be represented in our region.

So now I will give the floor to Alberto.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Now, I give the floor to Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO: I see there are two issues mixed, but I will speak anyway.

How do I see the region nowadays? First, I would correct and I would say not "the" region but "our" region. And why so? Because this gives us a feeling of belonging. And I see, "the region, the region, the region" everywhere, and I think we should start saying "our" region. This sense of belonging will also make us do whatever we have to do the way we have to do them.

And just to give you an opinion to give you a snapshot of LACRALO, I think it necessary to make some comparisons. Before and after Costa Rica, we had a lot of problems in our development. It was not only lack of participation but also the participation that sometimes made us to go back and sometimes it didn't even allow us to continue to go forward. This was just not appropriate.

In the past year, it has improved. And I think we need to continue along that path and to take some measures to do that. When there's a question of what are the measures I will take if I am elected, I will talk about that.

And regarding the challenges that Sergio mentioned, I think the main challenge is to have an active participation. The measure that I will mention, I will include just how I will do this.

Now, the other challenges do not really depend on a President or a Chair but rather on the willing we have within our people to have more of our people in ICANN and to have more of our people within the ICANN senior staff.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Next question for Alberto. What are the plan of work that you have for the next year?

ALBERTO SOTO: If I am elected, my work plan will be the following. I said I need to have more active participation. This is the main thing, to have no confrontations, to have as much consensus as possible. And when there's no consensus, to try to apply the current procedures and to try to vote.

How will I do this? How will I achieve this? I will contact directly each of the ALSes' representatives as many times as necessary, whether to achieve their participation or to achieve order if we did not reach that.

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If we can manage to have consensus, we should also approve of metrics for a more active participation.

To try to cover to the largest extent possible those seven countries where there are no ALSes, there are two possibilities now by using the CROPP Program. One is Haiti, which has advanced quite a lot, and I am now waiting for Dev to respond. Dev, please respond to this. And the other country is Bolivia.

If we cannot renew this program, I will attempt to contact them as I did in the past without the program so that we can achieve these goals.

I want to improve the training program that we have had in the past meeting. If I am elected, I will generate a survey to see what are the topics that people are more interested in and to try to cover these issues as well.

I want to conduct a guide for the working groups, including really basic items, such as goals, definitions of scope, schedules, etc. I will also try to provide suggestions. One of them I will mention now is the fact that those who enroll as volunteers should do this because of the knowledge that the group requires, not for other reasons.

And for ALAC, another measure would be to collaborate with ALAC in whatever they are trying to implement and to create metrics and to have a schedule to spread out the activities of each of the ALSes within the community. And this actually comes from the previous item. That's all.

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SILVIA VIVANCO:	Thank you, Alberto. We now give the floor to Sergio Salinas Porto. What is the work plan for the next year?
SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	The work plan is very short. It is related, firstly, to determining a strategy for the region from the perspective of users. This will undoubtedly mark the policies in the region, and this will improve leadership within our region.

Secondly, implementing quantifiable metrics with the aim of having a progress metric for the different activities. This is part of management planning. Undoubtedly, this would be the rule for any organizational structure.

Thirdly, implementing work groups for general frameworks in the region according to the need and from the perspective of the users. We can create groups for gTLD, for IPv6, and this will allow us to have experts within LACRALO to give their input for ICANN from the perspective of the user. And we need to understand the idea that we need to make our region more important.

Also, increasing participation in LACRALO in policy issues, especially in work groups directly. And creating a group of teachers within LACRALO for the next participants in the group. Attempting to include new ALSes with special attention for those of us who cannot participate within our region. Improving and updating legal documents within LACRALO so that we can finally put our region in order in terms of rules and participation metrics.

And finally, working differently from our general assemblies. The Costa Rica experience has given us proof that we need to take another path and that we need to start having virtual general assemblies so that they are longer and that we can discuss for a longer time – sometimes this is necessary – and then to have a face-to-face assembly to approve all the work together with other issues that we need to approach together.

But we need to focus on the fact that our work needs to be worked that way. That's all. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you, Sergio. We're going to the next question. What is your knowledge of the wiki? Sergio, please.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I think it should be the same for all of us working in ICANN.

I was a bit reluctant at some point with the wiki because I didn't really understand the mechanics of the wiki. But throughout time, I started to understand. It's very interesting, and it allows us to do things. And it allows us to have an activity that allows us to find documentation that you can't really find in your computer. And it is interesting from that point of view.

I think, aside from this, for the new members in our region, we need to explain them how the wiki works. It is an excellent tool for participation

in ICANN, and it allows us to be updated very quickly on the fundamental participation issues in our region. That's my answer.

SILVIA VIVANCO: The same question for Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO: I think my level is normal. I have published. I have edited. I have corrected by editing. And usually, these kinds of procedures in ICANN are very similar. It would be just enough to be literate, to be able to read. I started to work on a cross-community group, and I was congratulated because they could complete a part of it. I think if you can just read, it is enough.

It is the main working tool for me, and it is essential. And why so? Because we have everything in one single place. And we need to get used to the fact that everything that we post has to have a link. We should not say, "This is on the wiki." We should just post a link because those who do not know how to find it need to be able to find it. Even if I'm not elected, let's do this.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Let's go to the next question.

What is your English language knowledge? And in case that this is not good, how are you going to handle the meetings when there is no interpretation?

I now give the floor to Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO: My current English level is not very good, but I have had a good English level. And with just a little bit of time – and I am doing this right now because I believe of the result of the election – I have sufficient time to recover my English language level. So I will not have problems with that sense.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Silvia. I am now studying English. I am progressing. There is no doubt that I have the same optimism as Alberto has. I started with very intensive classes right now, so I hope that when I Chair the region, I will have no problems with the language.

And it is a good question, but this is not a requirement for the region, and this needs to be stated for the record. So this means that if there is some other colleague of ours who wants to be a candidate for Chair, they still can be Chair for the region even if they do not speak English.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Let's go to the next question.

What are the responsibilities of the position to which you are applying?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: We can define this based on our bylaws. Rule #4 of the Rules of Procedure, the operational procedure, we can go even to item #8.5.9, that is the functions of the ALAC Chair.

I think it is related to basic issues in the sense of encouraging debate within our region in ALAC, to work with the rest of the leaders in the region to be able to have full participation with as much documentation as possible, to create a cordial environment so that this can work….

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Oh, dear. Lost the interpreters.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Indeed.

Okay, reconnecting.

They're working on it, Dev, so bear with us.

Dev, there seems to be some sort of technical issue. [inaudible] is saying they're still connected.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay, well…

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, they're connected on Spanish, but they're not connected on the English side.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKINGH: Okay. Well, at least that means that there's going to be an English transcript of this out there, so…

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. It's strange. Why is the Spanish line working but the English isn't? Anyway, they're frantically working on it, so bear with us.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Sure.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I am being told that there is no interpretation on the English channel right now, so we will wait one minute just to see what is happening with interpretation.

Now they are telling me that interpretation is back again, so go ahead, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: That is true. I'm hearing it.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Alberto, could you please, in one minute, say why you want to be the Chair of LACRALO?

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ALBERTO SOTO: Well, although in the regions we had many problems – and, as I said before, they were being fought throughout time – I believe that we need to improve. And I know and I believe that I have those skills to work because I know how to work in groups, how to work in teams, to keep on moving.

But also we need to take into account professionalism, collaboration experience of each of us in the fields that we know. And this is the only way to achieve active participation, like the one we need in our region.

So I repeat, we need to say "our" region and not "the" region. This is our region. We need to have this sense of belonging, in fact.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

Hello?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Hello? Hello, Silvia? Can you hear me?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes. I hear you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: You can hear me? Okay.

SILVIA VIVANCO:	So I have other question from Natalia Enciso.
	How will you increase participation in the creation of policies and working groups of all ALSes, especially of the ones which are not so active? How do you think you will work to speed up this process or reinforce this process?
	Alberto, please. You have the floor. Go ahead.
ALBERTO SOTO:	I think I have already answered that question when I mentioned my plan.
	I was working with IT Bolivia, and I said that they are using the CROPP Program. And please, Dev, answer me regarding this issue and this has to do with that. I mean, if the program does not continue, I will continue to be in touch with colleagues and friends to be able to achieve the greater amount of ALSes possible and to talk to those who are not participating. I mean, constant dialogue to be able to work. We all need to work in the definition of [policy]. That is the most important thing. That's all.
SILVIA VIVANCO:	Okay. Same question for Sergio.
SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:	Thank you very much, Silvia.

I think that we need to sit down and dialogue and speak with the actors and members of our region who are actively working. We need to start analyzing the issues, why people are not participating, they're not engaging. Perhaps, if we all contribute all together, we can help to solve these engagement or participation issues that we have.

But any member applying to be part of LACRALO, perhaps that person who is applying sees that it's a problem and that's why that person applied.

So the idea is to identify the problems that we have and discuss with the different members – the English-speaking members, the Spanish-speaking members – all together, we need to speak, discuss, debate, to see how to solve the problem and to start creating and participating within the different ICANN policies.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Sergio.

So with these, we finished the Q & A session for the LACRALO Chair position. We have taken plenty of time for [inaudible].

I will give the floor to Jose Arce. Jose, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

Jose it typing on the chat. So while Jose's typing on the chat, I will mention the Secretary candidates, Humberto Carrasco and Juan Manuel Rojas.

I will repeat exactly the same questions that I asked for the candidates for the LACRALO Chair.

So this is a question for Sergio, I see. Jose Arce has an extra question for Sergio.

Jose, if I may, I will keep that question for the end of the call, because I will now like to give the floor to the candidates for the Secretary position because, otherwise, we will run out of time.

So I will keep that question for the end of this call.

So next, I will ask two minutes to Humberto Carrasco for him to make his personal introduction and two minutes to Juan Manuel Rojas.

So, Humberto, you have the floor. Go ahead.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Good evening. I'm a lawyer. I studied in the Universidad Austral de Chile. I have a Master's in business administration. I also have a Masters in Internet law and telecommunications.

I am a professor of the Catholic University, and I am currently under a leave from the university because I am doing a Ph.D. at another university in telecommunications. So this is general terms, regulations of telecommunications and issues related to the competition.

So in very simple terms, this is just my introduction. I don't if this is enough.

SILVIA VIVANCO: That is enough.

So now I give the floor to Juan Manuel Rojas.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Good evening to you all.

So again, good evening to you all. I am a journalist and a social communicator. I currently am taking a Master's on technology at the Technology Institute of Monterey.

And I have a lot of experience in everything relating to the Internet and websites. And I am currently working as an associate teacher two universities for a social communications program in Colombia.

I have some studies in Internet governance. And this is the just the end of my presentation. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Juan Manuel.

I now start to ask the questions to the candidates.

First question is: how much time can you devote to this time? What do you work on right now, and what are your obligations?

So I now give the floor to Juan Manuel and then to Humberto. Juan Manuel, please proceed.

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JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: I didn't really understand the question. Can you please repeat that?

SILVIA VIVANCO: How much time can you devote to this position, and what do you work on currently, and what are your obligations?

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: I was saying I currently work as a teacher full-time at a university. And the time I can devote to these obligations is the time I have been devoting to ICANN from the very beginning, which is quite a lot of time – three to five hours a week - because you do just a little bit every day.

Every day, I am reviewing ICANN news, e-mails, e-mail lists from ICANN, and the news related to the Internet governance in general. So I cannot really quantify. Perhaps two to three hours a day. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Now, the same question goes to Humberto. How much time can you devote, and what are your obligations, and what do you work on currently?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: My current obligation is I am taking a Ph.D. at the Edinburgh university. I am halfway through my Ph.D. and that's my work. That has allowed me to manage my time.

If I am elected as LACRALO Secretary, I could devote one or two hours a day and perhaps a little bit more. By now, I know what my rate of time

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is. I know what my workload is. So I think I have enough time to devote to this obligation. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you, Humberto.

This is a next question. What is your experience in the broad Internet governance, IGF, and the restricted Internet governance, ICANN?

So, Humberto, please go ahead.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: In broad terms, just in academic terms actually, I started to work on this in the year 2006. And from this point of view, I have only theoretical knowledge. I don't really have active participation.

However, in terms of ICANN, I have a lot more experience. I have received a degree since 1999. There was a dissertation I did on e-commerce. And I wrote various articles in terms of domain. That was approximately in 2009 and 2005. And I also participated in an ICANN meeting in 1999 and also in Montevideo. That probably was in 2001.

And I resumed my ICANN activities before the Costa Rica assembly in LACRALO. And since then, I participated mainly in the translation group. I just submitted a report. And that was, in general terms, my experience in Internet governance issues within ICANN.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you, Humberto.

Same question goes out to Juan Manuel. What is your experience in the broad Internet governance and the restricted Internet governance? Juan Manuel, please?

INTERPRETER: We cannot hear Juan Manuel.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Can you hear me now?

INTERPRETER: Please repeat.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: My experience in the broad Internet governance is related to training, mainly to the trainings in which I have been able to participate.

And also, I received a scholarship in Internet governance courses. I received a scholarship for the basic level, the advanced level, and the [project] level. And I have participated remotely in the governance Internet issues.

Specifically, lifelong with ICANN, I have been involved in various jobs. Officially, in ALAC, I work with a GNSO group developing policies. I have been a communications head of LACRALO. And now, I am trying to work on the communications group for the ATLAS Meeting and on the public relations group. And I have participated in several ICANN meetings.

So this is all. I think I'm just missing some names.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Juan Manuel.

Question #3: how do you see the region at the moment? What are the challenges of this region?

Juan Manuel, please, go ahead.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: I think that the challenges of the region, well, as Alberto said before, they have to do with the theme that we need to achieve the regions to be seen as a region.

We need to take into account the Caribbean regions and their participation and all those issues because we need to work together. And sometimes we cannot work together due to sometimes, for example, language barriers. And when we can work together, for example, when we can work with different people, such as Alejandro, Fatima, Carlton, well, we need to start working and share just to see the region as a whole.

I mean, this is a very [inaudible] moment for us. The key point here is to work in groups, to work all together, and of course, to have more ALSes to join us. We need to have policies to participate within ICANN.

So I believe that these are the most important topics.

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INTERPRETER:	Interpreters apologize, but Juan Manuel's audio is very choppy and very difficult to understand.
SILVIA VIVANCO:	Okay. Thank you very much, Juan Manuel.
	Same question for Humberto. What do you see the region at the moment, and what are the challenges of this region?
HUMBERTO CARRASCO:	Okay. I fully agree with what my colleague, Juan Manuel, said.
	If I may, there seems to be three types of groups [inaudible] somehow with different levels of knowledge of ICANN. Of course, you have groups who do not participate.
	And when it comes to the challenges, well, I think we need to change the paradigm that we have. We need to see ourselves as a group. We need to find or we need to try to achieve inclusion.
	I mean, I think that we need to improve the way in which we work. We need to create more working groups so as to deal with the different topics, I mean, not only among the members that we know but also including other ALSes. Because sometimes we need to work in groups separately, and in this way we deepen our differences. So the idea is to narrow the gap that we have.
	Once we are aware of this problem, well, we can start working and moving forward. And we also need to achieve balance. Balance leads to

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consensus. And I believe that with some effort, we will be able to have a better inclusion within our region. Thank you very much.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Humberto.

Now we'll go to the following question, question #4. What is your work plan for next year?

Humberto, go ahead, please.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you for the question. Well, when I hear some of the proposals of the candidate for the Chair position – Sergio Salinas Porto, for example – well, I cannot stop thinking and saying that many of the ideas he has are similar.

So if I had to make a summary, I could say that one of the main topics that we would be covering would be the issue of the inclusion within the region to eliminate the barriers and differences that we have within the region because I think that is the core of the matter, the root of our problem.

And also, we need to create mechanisms to include those who do not feel that they are being represented. I also believe that we need to see the priorities of those working groups which were not able to finish the work and to implement different mechanisms to produce results.

And so as candidate for the Secretary position, I should say that it would be difficult to achieve something better than the work done by our current Secretary. But I think that we need to improve our communication among ourselves.

This is related to what Alberto Soto said before. We need to go to each representative and talk to each of them. I share that view with him.

But I'm also focused on the research perspective. We need to give relevance, to pay attention, to focus on [inaudible]. This is on the general perspective or in general terms. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay.

Juan Manuel, same question for you. What is your work plan for next year?

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Okay. Well, I think we need to start working and to start with our work in teams. Because we know that in ICANN we have working groups, but these are not working groups, in fact.

This is something we need to address because the working group should be related. I mean, we should work with the working group and be able to use their work.

For example, we have the work done by Silvia, the work of the ALSes and the representatives. And of course, we need to keep that

continuous communication between the ICANN meetings by means of posting comments on the wiki or just to see what is happening.

So communication, as Alberto said before, is a pertinent issue within our region, taking into account ICANN and the ALSes that are participating. So the idea is to work all together.

And of course, the other thing would be to strengthen the training process that we are having. And this would help us, I think, quite a lot to work and to improve. We have Fatima and Natalia working on that. And this would help us a lot.

And perhaps we can create a kind of schedule for the region because we know that we have some new ALSes, and they perhaps do not know certain topics of the region.

So we need to resume with the training cycle for the training courses to offer to these ALSes. I think this is one of the most important things to achieve teamwork and to increase and improve our training.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. Thank you very much, Juan Manuel.

Next question: what is your knowledge about the wiki page?

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Okay. For me, the wiki tool is simple. But if you don't know to use it, sometimes at times you may get lost somehow. So this is an easy tool to use, but at the very beginning, we need to improve. Or if we create a

communications plan, well, that communications plan should be on the wiki. And, well, the wiki page is something simple, in fact.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. Next question. Same question for Humberto. What is your knowledge of the wiki?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much.

First of all, I would like to say two things. When it comes to the wiki tool, I used to have a website, and I used the wiki tool on that website. So I was able to handle the wiki tool with no problem.

Now, when it comes to the wiki itself, I think it's a very useful tool. We can use it and if you're a normal or everyday user, you will have no problem to use the wiki tool.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Next question, question #6. What is your English language knowledge, and in case it is not good, how are you going to handle the meetings when there is no interpretation?

Humberto?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Well, as for my English level, I have no problem. I have taken exams. I got interesting marks. I have lived two years in England. I lived two years

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in Scotland. And I can write and make text in English. I should have no problem from that point of view. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much.

Same question for Juan Manuel. What is your English level, and in case it's not good, how are you going to handle the meetings when there is no interpretation?

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: I believe my English level is good. I don't have any English certificate, but I can speak English. And I have participated in some working groups that only work in English. And I was even able to give my input in certain issues. So I have no problem with the language.

In case I have an issue with the language—I don't even know if I will have a problem, actually. You know, I understand the language and can speak it, so I don't think I will have an issue with that.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Juan Manuel.

Now, question 7. What are the responsibilities of the position for which you are applying?

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Can you please repeat?

SILVIA VIVANCO: What are the responsibilities to which are you applying?

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Okay. Now I understand. Well, the responsibilities of the Secretary and the LACRALO Secretariat is to maintain communications between the different ALSes and to collaborate in [initiative] issues for the Chair in the region.

I think this is, in general, what it is. I think this is the most important part of it.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you.

Same question goes now for Humberto. What are the responsibilities of the position to which you are applying?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Well, what Juan Manuel was saying is correct. But aside from that, I understand the Secretary needs to send a monthly report and participate in the RALO Meeting and any other tasks that the general assembly will task him with.   In general, the work done by the staff has facilitated the work of the Secretary.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Now, question #8. Why do you want to be a LACRALO Secretary?

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Humberto, you have one minute.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Well, the reason is when a candidate wants to hold a position, they can contribute further change, and it can be they have something to contribute.

In my case, I have the belief that as a Secretary, I could increase the different policies. And this is actually not a very speedy growth; it actually grows step-by-step. And I think I do have all the conditions to do this. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much.

Now the same question goes to Juan Manuel. Why do you want to be a LACRALO Secretary?

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: This is a typical question to any position to which you apply, so I hope this is not a standard answer.

I want to improve communication. I hold a professional degree, so I have experience doing this because I have worked in areas related to this. I, of course, have the knowledge to do this, and I have the conceptual element to achieve this.

And I believe that, while we're all volunteers, that in this case I want to be able to work to be more committed to the region than what I usually

do. I actually am doing this, now, voluntarily. But I believe this would allow me to show more the commitment I have with the region. This position will allow me to do this.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Juan Manuel.

Question #9, this is a question by Alejandro Pisantry. What are the commitments that can limit your freedom to represent LACRALO?

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Can you please repeat the question? I have some audio issues.

SILVIA VIVANCO: What are the commitments and interests that can limit your freedom when representing LACRALO?

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Well, as for the commitments, I don't really have any personal commitments that could be affected. And for third-party commitments, I don't really have any.

This wouldn't be an obstacle, actually, to represent LACRALO. Perhaps, some work engagements can prevent some participation in a meeting or something. Still, this is something that can be scheduled.

But right now, I don't have any commitments with anybody. I am not attached to any political interests anywhere, I mean, nothing like this.

And I have a pure interest to participate more actively, and I don't think there is any obstacle to represent the region at this time right now.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Juan Manuel.

Now the same question to Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I have no commitment or interest in terms of time that can affect my participation in LACRALO. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Now I'm going to Natalia's question. How will you increase participation in policy creation and in work groups for all the ALSes, especially those that are the least active? What do you think you would do to speed up the process or to reinforce it?

Juan Manuel, you have the floor.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Well, initially – and just going on what we were saying before – I think we will increase capacity-building. We will try to include new ALSes or those who are not really very active and want to participate.

Just referring to what Alberto was saying, I think this could be a good way to go, that is to be able to communicate with the other ALSes and

to improve communication with them so that they can get involved with ICANN. And I think this really depends on us.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much.

Now the same question to Humberto. Humberto, I repeat the question. How will you increase participation in policy making and in work groups for all the ALSes, especially the least active ones? What do you think you will do to speed up the process or to reinforce it?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: First thing we need to do is go and ask. Ask why they are not participating, what is the problem, and then to try to see what the solution could be. Because with the tools we have, we can provide them a solution, and that way we to try to make the best decision.

Of course, in everything related to training, this is essential. And these are good decisions that we made. And we continue to do this.

I also think it is important that people rotate and that they go through the different training so that they can get involved more and more and so that they don't [inaudible] very far away.

[inaudible] there were certain groups that are excluded from the everyday issues and others that participate a lot. And this is because when someone holds the position, they are obliged to start learning.

So this is how I will focus on this. Thank you.

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SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Humberto.

Now, I want to ask one more question. This is actually the end of the written questions – the questions that were written on the wiki page and that were posted on the chat.

However, I have one more question from Jose Arce that was directed to the candidate for the Chair position. We only have ten minutes, so I ask that you speak two minutes, each of you. I think we can also apply this question to the position of Secretary. But this is especially for the Chair candidates, for Sergio and Alberto Soto.

What do you think of the document Anex 4 of the ALAC role, and what do you think of the 1net and the Brazil meetings?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I'm going to be brief.

I think that Jose is referring not to attachment four but to item #4.

I apologize that I can't really remember exactly what it is. It's actually section #4 of item #4 of the ALAC Rules of Procedure dealing to the Certification and Recertification of ALSes.

And with respect to this, at some point we were very critical. Many of us who held the position of ALAC members – or Jose was also the Chair – many of us opposed to this rule, even though we understood it was an established rule. But we didn't think it was specific, and we believed it

had to be reviewed by the community with respect to what the certification of the ALSes was.

If this is so, that was my response. And with respect to 1net, we have a meeting on April in Sao Paulo that was proposed by Dilma Rousseff, the President of Brazil.

And we have hope that we can start working on the governance issue on the region. And this creates certain issues with the multistakeholder model and other issues related to how civil society will get involved in the multilateralism. And the multistakeholder model seem a little antagonic, and we will meet to discuss this very strongly in this area.

This is something we need to say, and I'm not going in too deep and a little bit more on this, but this is what I have to say right now. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Sergio.

Now the same question goes to Alberto Soto.

ALBERTO SOTO: I agree with what Sergio is saying, with respect to the document #4 or Anex #4. But this is what we have right now, and we need to work on this. But in the future, we can improve this and if so, we will.

But with respect to the Brazil meeting, I agree with what we have said in the region, which is we need to know exactly what is 1net and what is

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the aim of 1net and in which capacity is ICANN participating? And we need to have webinar meetings before the Brazil meeting, having the highest participation from us.

And this should be so because we are the representatives of the final users of the Internet. And ICANN cannot really take the opinion of a final user if we do not include the respective ALSes and the respective RALOs. Thank you. That's all.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much. If you want to respond to this, our candidates for Secretary, Juan Manuel or Humberto?

Juan Manuel, please go ahead.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: I have nothing else to add. But I think enough has been said by my colleagues, Sergio and Alberto.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Well, Humberto will not answer this question, so this is the end of the question for all the candidates.

I thank you all for your commitment and involvement. And I now give the floor to Sylvia Herlein Leite, who will explain what are the next steps in the calendar.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:	We cannot hear Sylvia. She's typing. Apparently, she cannot be heard.
SILVIA VIVANCO:	Well, Sylvia Herlein, if you are on mute, please unmute yourself.
	Sylvia, are you there?
	Sylvia, are you there?
	Sylvia, sorry, we are not hearing you.
	Okay. Unfortunately, we will not be able to hear Sylvia, so I will describe the next steps for the online voting. We have seven days to vote. We will start on March the 8th and we will finish on March the 15th.
	But two weeks before that period, that is to say, next week, we will start sending the online voting credentials to all the participants in LACRALO.
	After the voting – it will be on March 15, 23:59 UTC, that will be the end – we will have the elected authorities at the end of the ICANN 49 meeting in Singapore. So this will be at the end of the Singapore meeting. And these candidates will hold your positions until 2015.
	So please, be ready to receive the credentials that will be sent by the staff. And please, I ask the ALAC representatives to be ready to say if the credentials are alright or if there is any type of mistake. This is for the legal representative of the ALSes, so please pay attention to that.
	If you are not receiving the credentials within the next [inaudible], please let us know. Ariel Liang will be in charge of online voting.

And with this, I will bring this call to an end. I thank you for your active participation, and I encourage you to keep on answering these questions online on the wiki page and to continue with the discussion in the LACRALO mailing list.

Thank you very much and good-bye.

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