
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It is 23:04 UTC, so we will start with our monthly meeting. This is our last meeting, our last monthly call for this year, so now we will proceed with the roll call. So Terri, please, could you proceed with the roll call?

TERRI AGNEW: Yes. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. This is the LACRALO monthly teleconference on Monday the 15th of December, 2014 at 23:00 UTC.

On the Spanish side, we have Ricardo Holmquist, Tatiana Toculescu, Juan Manuel Rojas, Johnny Laureano, Sergio Salinas Porto, Oscar Garcia, Antonio Medina Gomez, Alberto Soto, Aida Noblia, Adrian Carballo, Aislan Vargas Baslilio, Eduardo Diaz, Humberto Carrasco, and Fatima Cambroner.

On the English channel we have Dev Anand Teelucksingh and also Roosevelt King.

On the Portuguese channel, we have AylInne Andrade and Sylvia Herlein Leite.

We have apologies from Leon Sanchez, Christian Casas, Alan Greenberg, Adrian Carballo, and Alejandro Pisanty.

From staff we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Terri Agnew.

Our Spanish interpreters are Veronica and David. Our Portuguese interpreter is Esperanza.

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I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much and back over to you Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto Soto speaking. Thank you very much Terri for this. Now we will go to item number three, this is the adoption of the agenda. Humberto, please, go ahead.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: This is Humberto Carrasco speaking. So we will proceed with the adoption of the agenda. Can you hear me?

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto speaking. Yes, we hear you okay.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto Carrasco speaking. This is the adoption of the agenda, so we will start with our training course, by Eduardo Diaz. So I would like to thank him for his contribution, and he will speak about the IANA transition. Then we will discuss the review of public consultation, and there you will be able to find all of the information on the agenda. Therefore, I'm not going to repeat all the items. Then we will have to review the action items, this will be done by Alberto Soto.

And we will speak about topics that are the most important topics on our agenda. So I'm not going to read them all for the sake of time. And

then we will discuss item number seven, we will address public consultations open for comment. They are posted on the wiki. Again, I'm not going to repeat them, because I will read them on item number seven once we get there.

On item number eight, we will speak about the working group reports. We will read, we'll see the governance working group in charge, Sergio Salinas Porto. And then, the IANA transition working group, Alberto Soto will speak about that group. Then we have item number nine, Silvia Herlein will speak about a topic related to the NomCom.

And then we have item number 10, this will be done by Alberto Soto. This has to do with a webinar for the different levels of knowledge in terms of ICANN. And then we will speak about the elections of LACRALO's chair and secretariat for the year 2015. And then we have any other business, in case we have any other business to deal with. So with this, this is the adoption of our agenda. And now we will proceed with item number four, and this is the capacity building cycle.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto Soto speaking. Sorry for interrupting you. We have three things. Dev needs to speak about CROPP. Since Alan is not here, so we will have enough time to give Dev some minutes to speak about that, perhaps five or 10 minutes. And I would like to add two other items. That is, some reminders and regional or indigenous people, we would like to speak about that.

And now, I will give the floor to Eduardo Diaz, but before that, I would like to say that Eduardo Diaz is active, is working very actively on the ad-

hoc IANA transition working group, and he's also working in some other working group. So he will give us a very good overview regarding this so important topic. So Eduardo, you have the floor, go ahead please.

EDUARDO DIAZ:

This is Eduardo Diaz speaking. Thank you very much Alberto. You know, that you have a member who participates with me, that is the CWG, which is a cross-community working group, and so she will be able to help me in case I left something behind. Now I would like to speak about this working group in charge of the IANA transition.

And I would like to give you an overview and some background about this. You know we have the NTIA, which is the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, that is what we have. That is the NTIA. It belongs to the US Commerce, Department of Commerce. As you know, the NTIA is an organization having a contract with ICANN. ICANN operates the IANA function. You know IANA is in charge of keeping the database for protocols, and also is related the ETF.

And they also allocate the IPs around the world. One of the most important things here to take into account, is the domain names. As you know, there is a relationship among the different organizations managing protocols and IP addresses. They're related to ICANN by a MOU, they have a MOU with the IANA operator, which is ICANN. And there they have different responsibilities.

This operation being carried out by IANA in terms of IP addresses and protocols, is a function that could be split into a different organization,

and perhaps this might not cause any problem with Internet, and with Internet stability, because that has to do with [inaudible] and protocols, and with a better management of IP addresses. When it comes to domain names, that is something different because IANA as the operator is the one currently managing the root zone.

That is to say, there is a database managing and distributing domain names. And here we are talking about the top level domains, such as dot com, dot net, etc. The NTIA last year decided to perform transition of these functions. They decided that they wanted to give this management to a multistakeholder group. In other words, ICANN is in charge of carrying out that transition.

As you know, the US administration, by means of the NTIA, has control of the root zone, and they want a multistakeholder group to manage all of those functions. Do you have any questions? If that is the case, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to interrupt me.

Now when it comes to the transition for the domain names, or the naming functions, there is a group which is a [crop] working group, or the IANA [crop] working group, and I will post the link on the AC room for you to see, and there you will find all of the information related to this working group. This working group has about 27 members coming from different parts of the community.

From different organizations within ICANN as well. For example, in ALAC we have representatives for each region of the world, when it comes to ccTLDs, there are five representatives. For the GNSO, I think, we have four representatives. This really is among different regions all

over the world. The CWG is a multistakeholder group. And they are the members of the group.

A part from that, we have around 90 participants and the participants are those who participate in the meetings. They can make comments, but at the time of making any decision or reaching consensus, well only the 27 members belonging to this working group can are the ones who have the responsibility of doing that. Participants are only observers. That is to say, they can comment on the different papers, but they have no voting rights.

We also have another group, which is the one in charge of assembling the proposal. That is to say, they will take the work or the proposal by the CWG, and the papers or the work coming from other organizations, such as the protocols organizations, names organizations, all of these organizations working in a different proposal, for the transition. Well, these transitions that are being created will be finished by January the 15th, and they will have to send those proposals to this other working group, which is an umbrella working group.

They will assemble all of the proposals, they will coordinate the three proposals and that will give a final proposal, which is the proposal that ICANN wills end to the NTIA, in time for the transition. That will be the final document. We define a proposal for the transition.

So, I can speak about the CWG. Basically this working group has been working very actively during these weeks and months. We had a meeting in Frankfurt not long ago, where we established, or we did a brain storming to work on the proposal. And as a result of this brain

storming, there is a proposal that is posted for public comment, and in this proposal, there are four organizations being proposed. One of them, it is a contract co.

That is to say, it's a contract company, or the company of the contract. That is one of the organizations being proposed. This organization, or this concept has been widely debated and analyzed. Because this company that will be created and we didn't know if it's going to a profit or a non-profit company, if it will have staff or not. So this is just a group being created to receive the contract, to be the recipient of the NTIA's contract, because now the NTIA has a contract with ICANN, but we need an entity who, which will receive that contract signed or entered into the NTIA, or ICANN, or whoever will be the recipient.

Then there is a proposal for creating another group, which is a multistakeholder group to review, that would be a review team. And as I said before, it is a multistakeholder group that will drive, that will provide orders or instructions to the contract co, or contract company, group or organization. This is a group that would create a second ICANN, because it would be a multistakeholder group, and this group will oversee the IANA contract.

This group is not defined yet, we don't know the composition of this group, we don't the origin, we don't know if this group will be inside ICANN or outside ICANN, or if it will have people external to ICANN, but this is, as we say in ALAC, this is a multistakeholder group, and we believe it is a very important and powerful group because they will be in charge of supervising or overseeing the IANA contract.

And that is, as I've said before, the one who will oversee the IANA contract. Then we have a third group, which is a customer standing committee, and here will have representatives from the registries and the registrars, and they will be in charge of overseeing all the IANA operations on a daily basis.

There will be in charge of overseeing daily activities. This customer standing committee, if something happened with the IANA operator with any issue, would be escalated by this group to the MRT, which a multistakeholder review team. So this group to act through the contract co company, so this group to establish or do whatever they need to do to hold any issue arising with the IANA operations, or the IANA contract.

And the fourth group is an independent panel, independent from all of these other groups. This will be a kind of last resort for the TLD operator, or registry, or the TLD or the registrar, may resort to, to solve any issue, in this case we are talking about an arbitration panel, a global arbitration panel. And the result of this independent panel, which is the independent [inaudible] panel, will be the final decision.

I would highly suggest that you read all of the information regarding this working group because there is plenty of information and plenty of detail about these four groups. This is important because it is now time for you to comment, to provide input or any concern that you may have regarding this proposal. And now I will change the topic, because in ALAC there is a group that was created, and this group is in charge of dealing with the IANA issue.

That is to say, this is a group I have been following up all these conversations, all of these debates that are being carried out. Well, they are also taking into account that this ALAC group. This group has posted a proposal, or a comment, to these CWG proposal. I will post a link on the AC room for you to see all of the information. You can access the link and see specifically the proposal presented by ALAC.

In general terms what I can say is this. ALAC believes that creating a company to receive, or be the recipient of a contract is something complex, and the responsibilities of these four groups are very complex and they're not well established.

And we as a group believe that this company should not exceed, that the contract should be given to ICANN, which is the current IANA operator. So the NTIA contract should go directly to ICANN. And once these companies transfer to ICANN, then the necessary mechanism should be created within ICANN so that if in any case, or the IANA functions happen to fail, or the ICANN Board, or someone within ICANN begins to manipulate these operations. The idea is that there might be some other operator who might be in charge of this function.

So, now ALAC is commenting the proposal, and the idea of the proposal is to create a group similar to this group within ICANN, similar to the MRT, getting input or sitting from the ICANN organization. But this should be an independent working group, by means of MOU, or any other paper. If it happens to be that ICANN fails to fulfill its obligation. This contract company was being suggested, but there was also a suggestion to create another organization to be an operator, something like the service operator, or the IANA service organization.

And this organization will receive input from all of the other organizations, and this should be created within the IANA operation organization. The idea of this new organization is to drive the policies within IANA. This is in general terms, but as you will see, everything is very well explained in detail in the link and the ALAC comment.

So please, I will encourage you to read all of the information, and if you have any questions, please let us know. What we are saying here is that creating all of these new organizations, in fact, might create a kind of unstable environment with the Internet, or within the Internet environment. And a very important issue now taking place is where the funds will come from to maintain and to keep all of this organizations as they are proposed right now.

And of course, the other option is, if this organization. So back to ICANN, well ICANN will be the background company. And the other important issue with this contract co, or with this contract company, is this. If there is a report or a legal issue, who will provide the funds to the organization to be legally protected. So that is one of the background issues, and it's a very important issue because some people say that ICANN will provide funds for this contract co, or contract company organization.

So it's the IANA operation will be outside ICANN, and ICANN reports this contract, or [inaudible] this contract company, but ICANN at the same time, provides money to this contract co, or this contract co organization, well, that is something which is not fully covered. That is to say, that's a kind of circle that needs to be solved. And basically this

is what we are working in right now. We have our weekly calls, there is a comment period for the proposal, for the CWG proposal.

So the end for this proposal, this comment period, is December the 21st. ALAC has opened for comment, and this call for comment ends today at 23:59 UTC. Taking into account all of the comments or based on all of the comments that we get, well we will take the comment into account and we will incorporate that into the proposal to keep on detailing and defining the proposal, so that we can finish with the proposal and send it as part of a public comment that is currently open in relation to the other proposal.

So I would like to encourage all of the ALSs to read the information and comment on that, because we are now focusing on how domain names will be managed. And by the way, I haven't spoken about the way of this, where this company will be if this company will be located in the US or somewhere else in the world. And as you can imagine, there is a heated debate on that, because we have Switzerland, we have so many other countries to take into account.

So please take your time to comment on that. There will be another round for comment, and that is what we will send as a further proposal to the CWG. The CWG, after December the 21st, will have a meeting to receive all of these comments, and to keep on working on the proposal. And as I said before, the deadline is January the 15th, and we hope to have something ready by that time.

And as you know, all this process should finish by September 2015. As you know, we also have the US elections, and some people believe that

is related to the US election. And that's all. Thank you very much. If you have any questions, please let me know.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto Soto for the record. Eduardo, thank you very much. It seems there is someone who has a question. Is that Fatima? Would you like to ask something Fatima?

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:

This is Fatima speaking. Why not? This is Fatima for the record. Actually there are two questions, they're not basically for Eduardo, we've already been discussing this in At-Large and we don't really have an answer for this. But actually a question for all of LACRALO, so that you can help and see where is it that we're heading. And one of them is regarding these multistakeholder review teams that Eduardo referred to.

It would actually be multistakeholder review team, within the CWG working group, this group would be formed by the multistakeholder community, but not only ICANN. It would actually be the global multistakeholder community outside of ICANN. And we have discussed this in an earlier call today. The risk is how to include this people, this part of the multistakeholder community, that is not participating within ICANN. I was saying today that some RALOs allow the participation, individual participation of end users, and other RALOs do not allow.

They only allow the participation of organizations that have a vote. So how would we represent individual users or organizational users? What

would the criteria be? So, these are some of the questions are asking, we still don't have answers for this. And with respect to the independent appeals panel, this is also a panel that will be available for the community upon, or facing the decisions of the IANA operator by the global multistakeholder community, and this will also be available for IANA customers.

And so, if this mechanism will be similar to the arbitration mechanisms, such as the International Chamber of Commerce mechanism, or the WIPO mechanisms, that is, these mechanisms are generally very costly, and they are in English. So my concerns is what happens with Internet end users if in practice, these opportunity for the final users, or the end users, is actually [inaudible] that is they don't really have the opportunity to file a complaint if they have been harmed.

That is all for the time being. Thank you very much Eduardo for your explanation.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto speaking. Thank you very much Fatima. What you have said is very important, everything that Eduardo has explained to us is very interesting. Is there anybody who would like to ask any other questions? I see no hands. But Eduardo, I do have a question here. I have read that there is a budget issue that would force IANA, I'm sorry, not IANA, but actually would force NTIA to postpone the September date for a few months, perhaps for six more months.

Have you discussed this?

EDUARDO DIAZ: This is Eduardo speaking. Thank you for this question Alberto. What I have read is what has been published in the media and the fact that the NTIA is willing to wait three or four years, if necessary, mainly because they believe that, you know, if there is no time for submitting a proposal that is properly submitted, well once the contract expires, we can wait three or four years, six months is six months.

And there are many conversations on this, many discussions on this. Without getting, that is if we get to September, and there is nothing on the table, and they haven't really been able to resolve their issues within the NTIA, there may be more time for this. At least, this is the impression I got.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto speaking. Thank you. If we, on our side, do not submit a proposal that meets all the requirements that has been raised by the NTIA from the very moment that they announced the transition, then they may reject this as well. Dev had raised his hand, Dev you now have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. This is Dev Anand speaking. Thanks Eduardo, and [inaudible] Fatima for being on the cross-community working group. I know that it has been doing a lot of work on this topic and issue. My question was, I guess my question is something along the lines of, where there actually any flowcharts like sort of like highlighting, okay,

here is what happened under the IANA function contract now, and here is how this new mechanism starts to propose, you know, what the contract company, the MRT, and so forth.

Was there sort of like a, okay, here is how the delegation and re-delegation of gTLDs are done? And here is how the process steps would work under this new proposed system? Has there been like, are there like flowcharts showing like, here is what it is now, and here is what the proposal, this is how it will change under this proposal? That's my question.

Thank you.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto speaking. I'm going to answer this question, and Fatima, please help me with this. There is a document, actually the answer is there is no flowchart for where this ends or where this begins. There are some flowcharts, however, on how these four groups being proposed by the visibility will interact. There is a flowchart on this, and this flowchart is included within the proposal of the CWG, which has what has been opened for public comment.

This CWG proposal is actually, has actually about five sections, and the most responsive section, which is the third section, dealt with these issues. Sections one and two deal only with the background, the contrast, and those IANA issues that need to be considered within the proposal. It's a sort of preparation for what we need, and then there is the proposal. And then sections four and five, in section four, we

include the issues that are used, that are bad, or what we call stress tests.

What happens if this happens? What happens if this proposal goes ahead? Or what would happen if there is a government that chooses one of these groups, and all of the members are from this same government and they change all of the aspects of the contract? What will happen in that case? This section four is still not ready, and it is part of reviewing this proposal, and checking that it can support this kind of stress.

Fatima, if you have something to add, please go ahead.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:

This is Fatima speaking. I would also like to mention that, in this link that Dev posted, the capacity building webinar, that on the presentation provided by Olivier, the results flow chart, and there is an interaction with a graph showing the interaction between these new entities. Probably as of today, these are already owed, because this is [inaudible] all of the time. That there is an important part there, and throughout our work, when we started this group, we decided to create sort of a flowchart or a list, I don't really remember, of the current functions of the IANA functions.

I can look for this and share this on the email list, because I can't really find it right now to share it with you through some quick link. But however, I can send it and share it with you. Thank you.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto speaking. This is an issue that we can discuss this during this meeting and five meetings more, of many of the IANA transition issues we are discussing. We're going to have to stop this issue now, but do remember that today we will have another opportunity to leave our comments. The deadline is today, but this working group will start working with all of the observations and remarks made, and we will have the possibility to go back to the public comment once this notification have been made.

Once again, Eduardo, thank you very much for your input, and if you would like to continue with that, that will be a real pleasure. Thank you very much.

EDUARDO DIAZ: This is Eduardo speaking. Thank you Alberto. Happy holidays to all of you, Merry Christmas, and I have another engagement right now, but thank you very much for this presentation and the possibility to share this presentation with all of you.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto Soto speaking. We will now continue with our agenda. Item number five, unfortunately, Alan Greenberg is not here, so we will go directly to item number six, which is the review of action items. If you remember, we provided a webinar on the Latin American strategy.

I can't really remember who was the person who was there. Can't really find the piece of paper with it. So this was the webinar that was attended by some of you, and I'm now going to raise, because we had

the meeting, so I'm going to read what were the issues discussed and decided in the meeting. We had the presence of Rodrigo [inaudible], and then from staff, there was Humberto and myself.

The call for this... The coordination group call will happen every two weeks, and we will also be joined by Albert Daniels. Albert Daniels is one of the individuals with whom we had been meeting in LA, and he was recommended by Fadi to be liaison for our region. Another issue that we coordinated there was the fact that the update call for LACRALO will actually be held every two months. I'm not sure if we will hold a specific call for this, but it is highly probable that because of its duration, we will have to introduce it within the monthly meeting every month.

We had agreed to provide the list of courses, we did it. We send it to the list, and we also saw all the courses that ICANN has ready. And so we're all still working on a list of issues so that we can have several webinars. Rodrigo [inaudible] was about to propose a calendar, this is still a work in progress. And some of us will also be in charge of the capacity building plan.

We will attempt to continue with two capacity building issues in each of the monthly LACRALO meeting. The staff was going to prepare some of this related to the implementation strategy, and this will include everything related to what we do within this coordination group.

Fatima had raised her hand. Go ahead Fatima please.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking. Thank you very much Alberto. I would like to refer to item number five, if you agree, maybe I would like for you to end with this issue, and then we can go back.

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto speaking. No, please go ahead.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking again. I actually wanted to stress this policy issues. I have insisted many times, probably you remember, that I sent many emails that we do not leave this for the end in teleconferences. For those of us who are in the role of being ALAC members representing a RALO, it is very difficult to make decisions or have an idea if we do not have the input from the region.

Now with this IANA issue, although I understand it's a very complex issue, and probably those of you who did not follow this in the very beginning, it is very hard for you to understand all of the changes that have occurred. But it is very, very necessary that you raise a statement being proposed, and to provide with some kind of input, so that we know how to bring all of the concerns in our regions, because, of course, there are different concerns in other regions. And in this case, there is one issue that I think is key for some members of our RALOs that have been dealing with this.

This is a notification that affects the regions, the geographic regions. And many of you who have been involved in this know that there are two issues in particular. I can't really remember which ones are. This is

[inaudible] and the dot BW, I think, and so there is also things related to the ISO 1061 that please do review this, do tell us what you want to bring to this statement being prepared now.

In this issue there is no one being drafting this already. You can email us and tell us that is relevant for you, because many times that, with all of the work that we have in ALAC, we skip some issues because we believe they are not very important for ALAC, but they actually are important at the regional level. So please review this. I am at your disposal all of the time to start studying and review the issues that I don't know, and to work with you, that I cannot do this on my own.

I cannot just bring my very own opinion. So I will insist again, and I thank you. I will thank you if you give me more input to bring to this list, and we will continue working on this issue.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto speaking. Thank you very much Fatima. These issues are very important. It's a pity that Alan is not here, because there are some issues that our people can have opinion on some of those issues, and others where our people cannot. This is precisely why we're asking for training sessions so that we have sufficient time to be able to provide comments and also help our representatives, they are the ones who need to issue an opinion.

Dev, you have raised your hand. Please go ahead.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. This is Dev Anand speaking. Just to mention that one of the statements, or one of the policies that are up for public comment, is ICANN draft five year operating plan. For those who are following, typically ICANN established a five year strategic plan, which has been recently approved after comments, and now a draft five year operating plan to implement the strategic plan has been posted for public comment.

I should mention that the links to this document is available in the six UN languages, which includes, well, including Spanish and Portuguese. So I will invite persons to please review the document and submit comments to the At-Large wiki. Currently there is a draft ALAC statement that's open for comments, and I've posted the link in the chat.

So that's what, I think, is something that is quite important to us. Thank you.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto speaking. Thank you Dev. This is very important because we need to participate by asking that they give us issues or things within the ICANN budget. If it does not manage to do this, during this year, then we can do this for next year.

I'm now going to go to item six. There was a survey for the LACRALO members, as to accept these [inaudible] for the professional members in LACRALO. So this is the idea. Each ALS, not each member but actually each ALS, could have their members fill this survey so that we can determine what is it that they can provide for training. Actually

during the Los Angeles meeting, it was decided that this survey would be prepared jointly by all of the RALOs.

I was in charge of sending our proposal. I sent on the following week, after Humberto finished it, I sent it to the staff. I also sent it to the APRALO chair, to Siranush, and now that time has gone by and we will now create an action item, because we are independent, and we will send our surveys to LACRALO. If you can please write this down, that we will send an action item to LACRALO.

We will try to complete it as is because this is delaying our training plan. The other action item is the recent [inaudible] of events. Let me remind me that the visit for us to be able to cross the events has with events that we have, so that people in our events can also attend the other events that are supported by ICANN. It's a way of interrelating to.

The other item is the report of the results of the governance working group. This will be dealt by Sergio Salinas Porto in his report today. The other item is a cc on the transition process, with those of us who have been within the transition group within LACRALO. I am going to mention this in a few minutes.

We have an initial meeting and we have already prepared part of this PowerPoint presentation, and when it is ready, we will show it to you. Are there any other questions?

Fatima, please go ahead.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO: This is Fatima speaking. I have two questions. I would like to apologize because I missed one of the calls, and there are a few issues that I'm not really following. With respect to the regional map of events that you're referring to, I understand that we are dealing with ICANN strategy for Latin American and the Caribbean, and also, I don't really understand how is it that ICANN will finance, will fund, these events. Usually, in order to have this included within the budget, you need to do it with a certain time, and if we don't know which events will be, I don't really know how is it we're going to ask for funds ahead of time.

I don't really know which are events that are included. I suppose there is some information on this, so that you can help us to complete and finalize this map. That I am concerned about the funding, and I don't really understand what is the aim of this survey, with respect to the professional capacities in the region. I'm sorry but I don't really understand what is the aim of this, what is it that we're going to do with this, etc. Thank you.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto speaking. There are two different issues. The survey is, in order for us to know who in our region can cover the training capacity building areas that we need, and we also need to know which are these training issues, so that we can resort to external trainers, not people within ICANN, but other, actually, internal people.

In the last meeting, with Mr. [inaudible] and with the staff, we said there are some issues that the CROPP, because of its characteristics and, cannot support, and we require an anticipation of at least eight

weeks. So there would be a possibility that some of these events that are listed within the map, map list that ICANN has, or in some others that someone can contribute as a possible event, then have ICANN can fund the trip. That was the issue. Dev, please go ahead.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. This is Dev Anand speaking. Well first going back to the regional map of events. I know this one of aspect of the Latin America, Caribbean strategy where this item has been mentioned. I should also mention that this is going to be discussed by the outreach subcommittee, regarding the external event calendar. Currently there is an existing external events calendar. One of the challenges has been that the RALO haven't been submitting updates in a timely manner. And I think one of the outreach subcommittee is going to be looking at this, the [inaudible] of which full potential outreach events, because to help also the RALOs in their planning exercises, for applying for CROPP.

Now in regards to the... I should mention, and I think we're going to have to go back to Rodrigo, because I don't think the funding is actually available for events directly. I notice there are some preliminary discussion, but I don't think any firm decisions have been made on that. So I think what was in the Latin American Caribbean strategy was a type of funding to attend all future events, very similar to the CROPP program.

So not to fund such events directly. I know, like I said, it's a very preliminary discussions to try to see if that can be done, but I don't think any decision has been made by ICANN on this, by Rodrigo de la

Parra, or the global stakeholder engagement team, I should say, for Latin America and the Caribbean. So, also, finally, sorry, now I remember what I was going to say.

This is regarding the survey to map the expertise. As I understood it, this is one of the ATLAS 2 recommendations, and I believe that this probably should be coordinated at the secretariat level, because I believe this is where the action item was directed to, as part of the ATLAS 2 recommendations, in terms of mapping subject matter expertise.

So I believe there is a secretariat's meeting this Thursday. So I would think that instead of trying to come up, do our own thing, and to, it should be coordinated at the At-Large RALO level. So that the survey is uniform across all of At-Large, because it's not just about mapping persons just within the Latin America Caribbean. It's mapping the expertise across At-Large.

So I think that, you know, just regarding the survey, I would strongly suggest that this be discussed at the secretariat level, and ensure that there is some sort of coordination as to the contents of the survey. Because I think the worst thing to happen would be, for LACRALO to issue a survey, and it's considered incomplete, and they are going to have to do like follow-up questions. It will be a waste of time and energy. So thank you.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto Soto speaking. Thank you very much Dev for your input. We will have a meeting with RALO chairs and secretariats, and I will post

this issue. The thing is that we had a deadline, and LACRALO sees what it has to do during the week previous, after sorry, the LA meeting. But then, apart from that, the mapping also came up, so perhaps we are doubling the effort that might be true. But we need to work, we cannot stay and wait for other people to finish, because otherwise we need to advance, we need to plan our capacity training cycle for next year.

Maybe ideas that people say, I would like to have this training cycle, this training topic, or this capacity building topic. Then if there is something different, okay, we can adapt, we can adjust our agenda to that, but the idea that we need to keep on moving, keep on advancing with our capacity building program.

The more we wait, the more delay we will have. So we need to keep on moving. Now, the next item on the agenda is item number seven, and I will give the floor to Humberto. Humberto, go ahead please.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Humberto speaking. Alberto, can you hear me?

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Yes, go ahead please.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: This is Humberto Carrasco for the record. We have some things open for public comment. And there you see the link posted on the agenda. We have some proposal for the [inaudible] for preparation, issue of the publication of statement, and also for new ALS [inaudible] program, and

the metric proposal. When it comes to the first and the second point well, let me tell you that this was an open proposal.

But due to certain concerns, coming from people from the Caribbean region, we decided to postpone this. We had some comments in Spanish on the list, and the comments were translated into English, but the text is not clear enough. So perhaps we need a better translation for that. Alberto and I were reviewing the comments, but we decided to disregard all of the comments, and we have a new period now, a new comment period, now for this topic.

And we also are discussing and talking about the ALS recruitment program. I know there were some members who have been very active, for example [inaudible], and there is a deadline which is this December the 27th for this topic. And that's all for this item on the agenda is concerned.

VERONICA: Interpreters apologize, but Humberto's audio is not clear, and no clear interpretation is possible.

ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto Soto speaking. Okay, thank you very much Humberto. You mentioned a webinar, and we know there are enough comments on the wiki page, so I would like to kindly ask the staff to organize a webinar so that we can have enough time for comments regarding metrics.

And I would like to ask those members who would like to express their opinions on the wiki page, that they take the paragraph with which they disagree, and that they provide a drafting or a new wording for that paragraph. Why? Because otherwise this is an everlasting or a never ending discussion. So they say, or you may say that you disagree with a certain sentence in the paragraph, but please provide the wording for that, because otherwise, we would have some other comment reading or saying that that paragraph is wrong.

So the idea is that people take or members take the paragraph with which they disagree, and that they provide the wording that they believe is right. We have a very good comments, and I would like to thank [inaudible] for his comments, but I would like him to take the paragraph and provide the right wording so that we can have the better understanding, and we save time, that is for the sake of time.

Now, let's proceed with the agenda. Sorry Dev, you have your hand up, go ahead please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. This is Dev Anand speaking. Regarding this metrics proposal, I would say that it's poorly worded. And this is something, again, I feel like this is déjà vu, because I made the input at the governance working group meeting that, before you draft metrics and try to post the actual rules for this, I think it's very critical that the, what should happen is that the current secretariat actually do the math, and actually do the metrics themselves, and see how what would be the appropriate threshold.

The wording of the metrics, it actually borders onto, I would say, almost useless, because under these proposed metrics, every single At-Large structure qualifies. And maybe I stand to be corrected, but I think had this exercise been done to actually do the metrics, compare the attendance statistics and so forth, and then present it to the governance working group, so that we can look at it and evaluate the threshold, and then we could come up with a better drafted proposal. And then this comes back again to the lack of transparency of the governance working group, because there was no real discussion of these proposals.

So that's my comment. Thank you.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto Soto speaking. I'm really sorry to hear that you keep on talking about the lack of transparency. We have done our best. We have put down voting. We have tried to show transparency. The thing is that lack of participation makes people unaware of the topics, and then working group does something, well that is very easy to criticize. Now we have a webinar on this, and now we cannot say, or we cannot waste our time because we don't have enough time on our agenda, and the idea is to have a webinar to debate all the necessary topics.

If we need to go back with the metrics and review things, okay let's do that. But please, let's stop wasting time and talking about lack of transparency because this is the kind of an insult, and from your point of view, you're always talking about that. And I would kindly like to invite you to participate in this working group and work with us in the working group, so that you can achieve what you really want, and not

just criticizing all our work when we're about to finish, or what we're about to define concepts.

If we can work in the way that you propose, we will never end any of the topics of this working group. Fatima, go ahead please.

FATIMA CAMBRONERO:

This is Fatima for the record. I would like to say that I have reviewed all the comments on the metrics, and I would like to say that I do agree with something that Roosevelt says, which is the fact of promoting participation and well, you know, that there are metrics that are open to comments, but a part from our comments, we are not achieving, or we are not having people getting involved with a topic.

And this is something difficult to achieve. We need to active participation and this is difficult. And I agree, or I understand, I mean, your comment, Alberto, please don't get me wrong, but if a topic is included on the agenda, well that topic should be debated. In any case, perhaps we may have a shorter, or a longer, or more time devoted to the agenda in order to have time to debate. But, you know, there are some parts of some working in the metrics that should have a different wording, some paragraphs need a different wording because they give rise to confusion.

And as you know, Sergio has already participated in this working group, and we have been working on a consensus. And I said that before, and I will repeat that. If we cannot reach consensus regarding the rules that we need, well, we cannot impose them by means of voting. So I think it is very good that you have to go back with a metrics, but we do not

have agreement on the background it would be very difficult to move forward, because otherwise we will be approving something on which we do not agree.

I would like to thank all of the participants, all the members that have participated and worked on that group, but I would like this to be taken into account. We have a long history here, and we need to take all of this into account for a better performance in the future.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto Soto speaking. Thank you very much Fatima. That's why we're creating and delivering a webinar, in order to foster or promote participation, we are doing our very best effort to promote participation. We have had webinars on different topics. We are 44 ALSs, and we have six and five or eight, at the most, participants.

Some people say we have lack of transparency, but in fact, those people say that this lack of transparency are the ones who do not participate, and then they criticize our work. But I would like to see all of the comments on the wiki page, and to see all suggestions that members may have to promote participation. I am phoning people, I am sending emails, people from Brazil know very well what I'm talking about.

And I'm also contacting people personally, but I would like each of you, each of the members of this call, and each of the members, to suggest the best way to promote and increase participation. And all suggestions will be very well welcome. I would like to give the floor to the next two speakers, but please, for the sake of time, be very brief.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: This is Sergio Salinas Porto speaking. Can you hear me?

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto speaking. Yes, Sergio, go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: This is Sergio speaking. I will, I would like to the time that I had allotted from the governance working group...

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto Soto speaking. Sorry Sergio for interrupting, but that's a topic that comes later in the agenda. Would you like to speak about the governance working group? Okay, go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Sergio Salinas Porto speaking. Yes, because I would like to keep on with the discussion. This is Sergio Salinas Porto for the record. It's my pleasure to be able to speak to you know. We have been, as you know, working on the governance working group with this topic, but I keep on hearing the topic of the lack of transparency, and that is something that deeply concerns me, because this has not been so.

We had an ALS, a group of ALSs have sent their representatives to the working group to work with us, we have been working, we had the first document which was the operating principles document, that was, everything that was provided, or every comment that was provided was

contemplated or was taking into account in the document, and there was a proposal being presented, and since we have that proposal, we were able to include that proposal in the document.

The problem comes when people do not participate. And here I see Dev Anand Teelucksingh saying that it is lack of transparency, but he was not able to participate in the working group, and he was not even able to send an email. And then he keeps on saying this thing. When it comes to the metrics working group, or the metrics proposal in fact, there are many comments made by [inaudible], perhaps if we can all of those comments in a single and concrete proposal, we might be able to work in an easier way.

And I would also like to take Fatima's comment, because what she says is something important. We have 30 days to provide our input, we have a webinar, so we have concrete and real possibilities to work on something concrete, something that is written on a paper, on a document. The problem is when we get into discussions that have no concrete basis.

We can have a document, we can debate on the document, but we have the document, and we have a document to work on. We have something concrete. Perhaps if we believe that there is a meeting section, or we need to amend a section that is already worded, well, let's do that. We can modify the document. As you know, it's very difficult to work on documents, but we need to work on concrete document.

So the governance working group has a metrics document, has a metrics document and an operating principles document. As you know, they have been posted for comments for everybody to participate and provide input. I would like to thank [inaudible] participation, and of course, I would like to see the participation of those who are criticizing our work.

Thank you very much.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto speaking. Thank you Sergio. Juan Manuel, please go ahead, we don't really have a lot of time.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS:

Good evening to you all, this is Juan Manuel speaking. I agree with what has been said, the document that we are discussing, I mean the metrics document. Well, I was a part of the work. I worked with the group, I'm sorry, I work with the subgroup within the governance working group. And something Fatima says, we should all agree, and this is very complicated.

Sergio and Fatima herself said they have spent a long time trying to agree. And these people, if they are not participating, then we need to see what we can do, maybe through the wiki that many people are not using for X or Y reason, then we should open a new period for public comment, because as far as I know, the document that was ready to make decisions. And there is also a webinar.

Well, you know, a webinar would clarify the metrics issue and everything that has been raised on the group. So what we could discuss that day is that it is very important to have all the representatives, all the representatives present, because as Alberto was saying, they are not all present, and we cannot make decisions for them. But it is important that inside of their being absent, then we can just go ahead in the process, because we have started to work on this and we need to continue.

I think the observations [Roosevelt] wrote on the wiki need to be considered, because we need to work on this, and if there are observations or remarks made, then they should be raised, but there should be a maximum time, there should be a deadline because otherwise, we keep on discussing and discussing, and we never really progress.

So, I think the webinar could be a good option as far as we deal with specific items on the document, and we make decisions on whether we are going to accept working on these metrics that we have already prepared, or if we're going to talk about new ALAC metrics, or if we're going to continue discussing and arguing so that we never agree on X, Y, or Z.

So those of you who do want to do that, do go ahead and work on this, and otherwise we can just provide a new deadline and continue working. What's important is for us to progress. I agree with you Fatima, that we need to go ahead. It's not imposing, we need to progress, we need to go ahead. That's all. Thank you very much.

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto speaking. Thank you Juan Manuel. With respect to this, we have been having discussions with Humberto. We dealt with all of the criticisms and comments we've received, and we want to show you that we work concurrently, so we have taken other measures. The webinar will be held at the beginning of the working group being created, because otherwise, we will never end this.

With this webinar, we can all agree as the working group will start working with those of you who have been involved, with those of you who have participated in the group. And I insist on this. This will be the manner of working with any group working group within LACRALO. So let's go ahead, because otherwise we will have no time to finish.

We'll now refer to item number eight, the IANA transition. I need to say that the working group was made with Marissa [inaudible] and myself. We will hold a Skype meeting this week, and we will continue working. We will now go to the next item. I would like to ask Sylvia Herlein Leite to talk about the NomCom report. Please go ahead Sylvia.

Sylvia, please go ahead.

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

Now I'm in Portuguese channel. I'm speaking Portuguese so you'll hear Esperanza who is translating into English. I sent a presentation, please I ask the people from the staff to show the presentation. I might repeat some of the items. I'm going to repeat some information, but I just wanted to show you, I don't know if you can see the presentation, but I

would like to comment on the NomCom structure for you to have an idea, although you've been in LACRALO for many years, not like me.

There is always something new to learn about the committee. So, here you see the committee, the way it's formed. Above we see three presidents in fact, the current chair, the one for next year who has already been elected by the Board, and the associate chair who was last year's president. The voting member in the committee are here in purple candle, I don't know you if you can manage to see this, on the left.

We have five representatives from ALAC. You know them very well. [Inaudible] Louis, me, and the name of LACRALO. Then we have representatives of GNSO, people from different stakeholders. We have people from the ccNSO as well. Representatives where the voting, the voting representative. Then we have a representative from the ASO and the other one, from the engineering group, IETF. They are voting members. They vote for the applicants for next year.

And as I commented on my emails, we are in the first stage of the program, working in the NomCom program. This is a moment of recruiting candidates or applicants, which begun on December 8th, and this will go until March 15th, during the [inaudible] all candidates should have those to go through a selection process, a screening process.

And we need this to happen because they will start working in 2016. We can see them here on this screen. Three directors on the council, and it's really interesting to mention that in each one of the regions, we have a maximum of three persons, three members, three directors, who

may form part of the Board of Directors. In case, this is especially we're [inaudible] who ended his term. And with all the [inaudible] we have a vacancy here for the Latin American and Caribbean region.

So it's important. We have a great sense here of being able to select two persons from a region, or at least one to fill this vacancy. And of course, we have three members from ALAC, the At-Large, somebody who will replace Leon. And we don't need too much explanation on this about the qualifications of the applicants from ALAC. And we have two persons of the GNSO to fill these vacancies.

And we would like to place a candidate from a region and we have a vacancy for the ccNSO, and although last year this was filled by one candidate from a region, it will be very important to try and have a second applicant in filling out one vacancy here. The qualifications required for each one of these candidates, for each one of these constituencies, is to enter, to contact and find out what qualifications are requested.

I am going to include here a link through the Adobe Connect for you to see exactly, for you to be able to see the qualifications, the features of the applicant for this year. On the other hand, on December 8th, the opening of the application process for 2015 was open. We always speak about the wiki, but in NomCom we have a wiki based system, which is extremely safe, and this is something new this year, where applicants will be filling out.

And this will be absolutely confidential, nobody will be able to see this information except for the members. And besides the self-application,

where candidates will present themselves as candidates, we will from the community proposing or suggesting applicants who might fill these vacancies, we may suggest here we have a last link here on the screen. Where anyone can or may suggest a potential candidate.

And this is anonymous. You don't need to fill out your own information, you may enter a name, and an email, so that we know who is suggesting who, but the candidates, the potential candidates, will not be informed on who proposed them. And the last link here we have all the links of the different NomCom capacities or capabilities. You may send me an email and I or any other member of the committee, will get into contact and explain how the process goes.

So now we are just receiving the applications until December 15th....

ALBERTO SOTO:

This is Alberto Soto speaking. I'm sorry to interrupt you. We have a lot of discussion, but if you have something, I suggest that we deal with this in another meeting or we will have another meeting...

SYLVIA HERLEIN LEITE:

...like you to select... An applicant selected will be announced in August. Thanks Alberto for offering this time for me, and I'm at your disposal for any further information or any concerns. Thank you very much.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Thank you very much Sylvia. This is Alberto speaking. I think we will deal with this again, we will have this webinar again, because there are

many things to cover within our regions, there are many vacancies in our region. We have no more time. So the next issues will be dealt with. We will send them to you by email, they're all informational.

Humberto would you like to say something else? I just want to greet you to wish you a very happy holiday. I would like to thank our staff, to thank all of our interpreters [inaudible]. Humberto, please go ahead.

Humberto says he has nothing else to say so I would like to thank you again, have a very, very happy holidays and thank you all. This call is now adjourned. Thank you.

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