
HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Welcome. I am replacing Alberto Soto. He is not on the call. So we will proceed with the agenda. We will proceed with the roll call. Terri, if you will, please.

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. This is the LACRALO monthly teleconference on Monday, the 23rd of February, 2015 at 23:00 UTC.

On the call today, on the Spanish channel, we Adrian Carballo, Carlos Aguirre, Aida Noblia, Vanda Scartezini, Ricardo Holmquist, Humberto Carrasco, Sergio Salinas Porto, Antonio Medina Gomez, Fatima Cambronero, and Raitme Citterio.

On the English channel, we have Roosevelt King.

Currently there is no one on the Portuguese channel.

We have apologies from Alberto Soto, Cristian Casas, Natalia Encisco, Juan Manuel Rojas, Sylvia Leite, Jose Arce, Rodrigo Saucedo, and Alyne Andrade.

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

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

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, Humberto.

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HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Terri. We will now proceed with item #3. That is the adoption of the agenda. We will review the action items that are still pending. There is one action item that has to do with Rodrigo Saucedo. He [will] Wiki some webpages with the progress of the regional projects for LACRALO. He is not on the call, so he has sent an e-mail with some information. Carlos Aguirre will be in charge then of providing a summary in terms of a training plan for LACRALO.

Then we will discuss the status of the three pending documents and we will discuss LACRALO elections. Then we will deal with the Buenos Aires Showcase Working Group for June. We will speak about participation of RALO leaders in ICANN meetings, and we will also deal with [a] first training webinar. Carlos Aguirre will be in charge of this. I will speak about the survey results to assess the professional expertise of the LACRALO members, and the risks in ICANN. Then we will speak about a proposal under the framework of FY16 to carry out an activity for LACRALO in [inaudible]. Then we will deal with other topics.

If there are no objections, I will adopt the agenda and I will start with item #4, review of action items. We will review the pending action items. Now I will ask Silvia to help me with this action item because I would like to know if Rodrigo was able to send the information regarding the Wikis and webpages with all the information that he had to send for LACRALO. I know that he had sent some information regarding the training plan, but I don't know if we have that information.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, that's right. If you can see on the AC room, there is a list of topics [researched] by Rodrigo Saucedo for the online webinars for Internet users. Can you see that information on the screen?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Yes, I see that information, and I will now give the floor to Carlos Aguirre because he is the one leading this topic. We will discuss this. I don't know if Carlos would like to take the floor right now, because he will have to speak for the second action item.

CARLOS AGUIRRE: Humberto, can you hear me?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Yes, I hear you. Go ahead, please.

CARLOS AGUIRRE: Okay, great. Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you very much for being here and thank you for your wishes for my birthday. I wanted to send my apologies because I have many people waiting for me at home to celebrate my birthday. But anyway, I would like to share some minutes with you to share this information and to work with you.

When it comes to these webinars we are planning to deliver in the future, we have different ideas. We were discussing about having the first webinar in early March to discuss different topics and the

GAC views regarding the new gTLDs, the IANA transition, regarding accountability and transparency within ICANN.

So this topic was not that popular because it was already delivered for the community. There was a webinar already provided to the community, so it was decided not to provide that information any longer and now what we are proposing for the future, for next week – and we need to confirm the date – but the idea is to have this webinar before the end of March.

This will be a webinar to build our capacities, especially for those working within At-Large in the region, and for those who are willing to learn and to increase and improve their participation based on knowledge. That is the underlying idea. So that's why we asked Rodrigo Saucedo – he was also speaking with Rodrigo de la Parra – and he gave us some ideas regarding the different topics that we could cover in our webinars.

And in order not to repeat topics, taking into account the topics provided by ALAC in the Capacity Building Working Group, I was reviewing those topics and I can express my opinion regarding this. I believe that the ALAC members in the Capacity Building Working Group went further away in terms of building the capacity for end users and for ALSes.

Sorry, can you hear me? I don't know if you can hear me well.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Yes. Go ahead, please.

CARLOS AGUIRRE:

So as I was saying, I was reading the concept of the Capacity Building Working Group in ALAC and somehow they kind of lost the connection with the end user, but that is my personal opinion. That is my very personal point of view. They're quite far away from those who are beginners or who are participating for the first time in the ALSes. So I think we need to lower the lever to be able to provide easier access to information, to knowledge, and to be able to provide information to those people – the newcomers – if [inaudible] to participate in ICANN.

So having said this, I have also analyzed – reviewed – the information circulated by Rodrigo Saucedo this afternoon. He had to discuss that information with Rodrigo de la Parra. That's why he sent that information today, and this is what you can see on the AC room.

These are interesting topics and they are closer to the needs of end users. These topics are closer to the necessities and the needs of this user to be able to understand the different topics and that is what I can see from my experience in ALAC, from my experience in different countries, and different meetings.

Many people that are part of the ALSes do not have a great amount knowledge, and sometimes when they're asked about basic topics – for example, what is IPv6? – well, they don't really know that. They answer things that show that they have no idea of that concept. So this is part of a transition. This is essential in our region. So we need to define first some basic concepts, and that is very important.

So that is the list of topics provided by Rodrigo Saucedo. These are good topics from my perspective. They can be provided. And according to the e-mail that I have received today, they already have the speakers who will be in charge of providing the information.

So as far as I know, we can start launching three or four webinars, and of course we need to decide upon the date for these webinars. Perhaps we can discuss with the regional leaders about this and see which of these webinars will be the first one. Or, if you will, if there is any ALS leader or any participant after this meeting who would like to send an e-mail proposing any other topic that might be of interest for the ALS or of interest for Internet users working within that ALS in the region, well that person is more than welcome to do that, so that we can include that topic in our list.

These webinars and the topics that are here on the list will provide the possibly of learning and they will be launched shortly. And we are ready to receive any other topic or we are looking forward as well to receiving further information from ALSes regarding other topics that are not being considered within this list. So perhaps we can agree with Silvia, with Rodrigo, Alberto and discuss and see the available date for the first webinar and commit all the ALS leaders to express [a word] regarding these webinars because these webinars are for everyone. The idea is that they have a basic level [for] Internet users, so that everyone can have access to the information and have the same level of knowledge [in order to] increase participation.

So this is my proposal. Humberto, let's talk about this later on to see the date. And of course I am open to receiving any other proposal from any ALS to discuss a proposal together with the staff and Rodrigo, and of course you, to include that topic in a future webinar.

This is my comment so far. Shortly we will be delivering the first webinar with basic information, because this is something necessary for us. That's it. Thank you very much, and I hope that all ALSes participate in these webinars and that we have [a greater] amount of people participating in this. Thank you very much, Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Carlos. I'm going to ask Silvia to add another action item which is following the next webinar for March. We will need to wait until we get in contact with Alberto, so that we can coordinate this issue as well.

Perhaps the first issue can be just continued as follows, and we will see the possibility to launch perhaps a new survey so that we can ask the community – our community – what are the possible issues dealt with here. I mean, issues that can call the attention of members and can be part of our training program.

Does anybody want to ask anything regarding this issue? The floor is now open. I see no hands up for the time being. Dev, you raised your hand. Now you have the floor. Please go ahead.

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

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: We can hear you fine, Dev. Please go ahead.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you very much, Humberto. Thanks, Carlos, for the presentation here. Two comments. One, I kind of disagree with your characterization of the ALAC. That's one thing. Second, these basic seminars, what do you anticipate to be the duration of such a webinar? And my third question, isn't it a lot of this basic material already available on the Internet in a form of YouTube videos and documentation? That's it.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you, Dev. I understand Rodrigo has just joined the call, so maybe Rodrigo can answer the question that Dev asked regarding the duration of these webinars. I understand there is a material that is already available or there is at least prepared, unless I'm wrong. Antonio, I will give you the floor if you can just bear with me a little while, please. Let me tell Rodrigo that we are talking about the issues that have just been discussed. Dev has just asked a few questions. The first question is [inaudible] have a pre-established duration, and if there is material available already on the Internet. Those were the questions. Rodrigo, do you think you could answer those questions now?

Right now, I have no answer, Dev, for this. We, for the time being, do not have this information available. We're not very sure. I hear someone. Hold on, please.

CARLOS AGUIRRE: Can I make a comment please?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Please go ahead.

CARLOS AGUIRRE: What Dev is asking is something that we have not defined yet. The webinars will have – the seminars will have – a duration that will be in accordance with what the new user can understand. That is, we're not going to [saturate] them. We do not want this to be a seminar longer than 40 minutes. At least, this is what I am going to propose.

On the other hand, according to the e-mail I received from Rodrigo, there are already speakers for these issues, but this doesn't really mean that the presentation is ready. But it will probably be ready when we define the date.

RODRIGO SAUCEDO: Can you hear me?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: We can hear you now, Rodrigo.

RODRIGO SAUCEDO: Good evening to you all. I did hear the last part of Dev's question. As you know, this is an open project that we are working on with the community. We have been working with Humberto, with Alberto as well. And there is a document that we have already shared, that we have already worked on, and this is a document for you to provide your input and for you to make [up the] project in a way.

We have also said that the webinar will last 60 minutes at the most, and I believe this will depend on the content or the issue to be dealt with on that webinar on each session. There is no specific time defined.

These issues that we have suggested are precisely that: just a suggestion. Once you define, if you want to take these webinars or if you want to choose another one, once you have defined that, we will have speakers for each of them. You can propose others of course, if we can define them together and we will start working on that. We can start working on the calendar.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you, Rodrigo. So let me then tell you that we are still working on this issue. To give you a general answer, there are some comments from Antonio Medina Gomez. I'm going to read this. I want the webinars to be related to one of the relevant issues, not only for [inaudible], but actually these are global issues related to the IANA transition, NETmundial, and the Internet governance in different scenarios.

Dev also is saying that there is a lot of material on the links he posted. Fatima is also saying that we have the LACRALO call soon. So this is just to provide you an answer in general terms.

RODRIGO SAUCEDO: Undoubtedly, there is material already existing about many of these issues, but what we want to stress is that we want to prepare a webinar that is more tailored to what LACRALO is. You more than anybody know what your community needs and what your community wants. So once we have defined these issues, we can start working on the content of the webinar.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Rodrigo, for your clarification. I also see some comments from Fatima and from Dev that help us complement this issue.

Let me tell you that this is something that we are still working on. We have not defined anything really at the time, and obviously we will consider all the input coming from LACRALO and we will just schedule this with Rodrigo. We will do whatever is necessary so that we can provide the appropriate training for LACRALO members.

RODRIGO SAUCEDO: Our intention is not to duplicate efforts. On the contrary. What we want is to provide a suggestion based on what you have already worked on. We can relate whatever you do not have and go ahead in that sense. But from the very beginning, we have said

that we do not want to duplicate efforts. We are here to support and to provide new content for the LACRALO community.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Rodrigo. I insist we will take all the suggestions. We will take whatever is already existing. We do not want to duplicate the work. Whatever Fatima is saying is also very true. We will [inaudible]. And we know [inaudible] already taken in LACRALO. And actually, what we want is to try to simplify the system, to try to group the information already existing so that we can really achieve training in our [members]. That is all.

CARLOS AGUIRRE: I just wanted to close my comments by adding something else. This is just a summary of what I have just said. We are working on this. I have made some comments on what is my opinion in relation to the ALAC capacity building training group. And even though I do not agree with them, I consider the issues proposed by Rodrigo Saucedo and Rodrigo de la Parra and all these issues coincide with what Antonio Medina is stating.

So I think we can take all of these to begin. But the idea is we are all working on this and we will consider all the issues precisely to be more economic and not to overlap efforts. We will listen to everybody, and if there is an interesting proposal, it will of course be considered. Otherwise we will just go on because this is for all the community, and not only for those of us who are involved in this for a long time now. Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Carlos. Let's go now to the following item on the agenda. There are right now three documents pending. We are working on them so that we can send them for translation. This is the Declaration of Interest. The other one is related to recruiting new ALS members. And the last one is related to metrics.

So I wanted to say that by the end of this week, or in early next week, we will send this for translation. We will [inaudible] them so that we can see the comments. And this is just to put it in simple terms.

I now give the floor to Sergio, because I see he is raising his hand.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Let me first say hello to the LACRALO community. I haven't seen you or heard you for a long time and it's a pleasure to be in contact with you again.

Just to go on with some issues related to the governance group, if you allow me, I want to provide you with a brief summary of what has been done so far in the group and what we still need to do.

The idea is to—

INTERPRETER: We apologize, but we are hearing a very strong noise. There is a very strong noise on the line.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Now it seems that the noise is gone.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: So I want to mention a few issues to inform you. The working group is working on three documents. One has to do with metrics. The other one is related to the Rules of Procedure. And the other one has to do with the operating procedures.

Two of them have already been completed. They have been made available to the community, so that the community can give its input to show proposals and to broaden the work that the working group has done.

So in these conditions, there was a very active participation of some members, such as Roosevelt King. He progressed a lot and he has helped in the last [inaudible] to make it go further. It is always interesting to see someone's vision that is different, but that is always supporting the processes for the region to grow.

Both in the Metrics as well as in the Operating Principles Working Group there was very important input from the Caribbean. I am saying this because some time has gone by and we have put the metrics document to the consideration of the group. We have received different input from them. And right now the Metrics group has the view to close this work so that we can put it for comment in the region. This almost ready, so before this process is closed, we will need to send it for translation so that it can then be read in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

In this same process, we should also have the Operating Principles document. The Operating Principles document has

already been sent for translation. So with these two documents, we can start working on the Rules of Procedure, and of course this depends on the other two documents [that have] already been approved. This is so because we need to [rule] this parent document.

So, based on this, now we will wait some time until our colleagues from the Metrics group send the document to the working group and it can be discussed, see if we agree with all this or if we need to add something more. Then I understand the procedure will be sending this for translation, and undoubtedly it will be put for the consideration of our colleague who will have sufficient time to provide their input, analyze it, and discuss it. They have already seen this. It's been on the Wiki.

All these processes that have been [inaudible] that way will also be included in the final document, which will be put to the consideration of the region. I think I am also answering Dev who is asking that precisely, and I [inaudible] when I started. I said that the input that can really make the group progress were [taken] and they were considered and they will be reflected on the final document.

So aside from this, the only thing missing now is the Rules of Procedure, and we need to have the Operating Principles translated so that we can put it to the consideration of the group.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Sergio. I see Dev is asking some questions, but let me clarify something. Dev needs to consider

that the sub-group, at least – the Metrics sub-group – will meet again to discuss this.

What we understand is that there will be a webinar on these issues so that we can continue discussing as much as necessary, but also to progress – even if it's a slow progress, but still to progress – because the idea is to continue opening the debate as appropriate and then to go for a vote.

I understand that this is in general what is going to happen, and there have already been a few suggestions with respect to transparency. I insist on what I have said many times. After a webinar, that is why we will have it translated to the three languages, all the document sand all the policies that we are discussing. We will do this to close each page and to continue [on] the discussion of each document. This is what we have been asking. We have asked for a summary of what the situation is like, and very soon the group will continue with this as we receive the comments that are necessary.

Dev, for each document – I personally believe that it should be one webinar for each document. What Dev is asking is correct. There will be a webinar for each document. This is something that we have discussed in the past meetings, the past monthly meetings, and this is the agreement that we have reached with the leaders in the region. But right now we need to have the final document – “final.” Let me correct myself. We need to have a document with the observations and the remarks incorporated so that we can go on with the webinar.

Then before having the webinars or making them, we need to have the document translated into the three languages. This is all just to make everything clear.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Just to close this topic, Humberto, if I may, I would like to make a comment. This working group and subgroup were often the members in the region. They were people who left the group because they didn't want to work in the group. Some others couldn't work.

We have already spread the word among the people, among the members, just to see and discuss among this group of people new ideas. We have already presented a basic document for the region. It was presented, submitted, to the region for discussion for the region to provide input regarding their views and opinions. Many of those comments were taking into account – we will have one webinar per each document.

And of course we need to take into account that demographic process are carried out within the framework, but we also need to take into account times for those processes. So this will have a beginning and it will have an end. The beginning would be the beginning of the working group when the working group started to work, and then we have all the elements to be taking into account. And of course we will have a document. We might all agree with that document, or some of us might agree with the document. Nothing is perfect. The idea here is to have a document [inaudible] which we can agree, and a document good for our region.

We have been working in good faith and with good intentions, and the idea is to achieve results. So that's all I have to say. Thank you, Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you, Sergio. We are running out of time, so we cannot continue with a debate on this topic. I think we are clear on this topic. All documents will be translated and they will have a webinar for discussion. This is to solve any transparency issues that may come up.

Just to sum up, last month – I don't know if we can call it elections, but there was a vote regarding . . . Or votes were made regarding the regional officers and [inaudible] according to the bylaws. Sorry, but I would need to go back to the document – the [inaudible] document. We are working based on the document and based on the input already received, and this is what takes [inaudible] time. At least this is my experience, because we need time for comments. We have a document and many comments regarding that document and all those comments need to be added to the document. That's why we need time.

That would be sent for translation, and after documents are being translated, there will be a webinar and a discussion, period, if you will. Thank you.

Now let's move forward with item #5, and that is the creation of a working group to prepare the Buenos Aires showcase for the ICANN meeting in June.

Sorry, Antonio, you told me you have a question. Would you like to ask your question now or would you like to type that question through the AC room?

Okay, you will type the question. So once you have your question ready, I will read the question and I will answer that question.

Vanda?

[VANDA SCARTEZINI]: Thank you very much. She is interested in participating in this working group. Humberto will be the regional leader, so he started with all the activities. The idea here is to create a working group with five or six people in order to have a good quality or a high-quality event. We don't have that much time, in fact. And I don't know if there is anyone else who is interested in participating in this working group.

As I said before, the idea is to get ready for the showcase because we have a host in our region. So we are LACRALO and we are hosting our showcase. We are also looking for sponsors, and we are looking for help in order to organize our showcase.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Okay, I see Antonio Medina. He is also volunteering for participating in the working group. I will also participate, so we have Antonio, Vanda, Alberto, and I. If there is anyone else who is interested in participating, please let me know. Don't hesitate to ask or propose a volunteer to participate because we're open to work with you.

Is there any comment or any question regarding – Raitme, of course you can join the group. Of course you can. You are all welcome. So please let's take note Raitme is also a participant of this working group.

So now the sub-working group is created. Sergio, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Humberto. Just a question. Sylvia Herlein spoke about the possibility of having people or local countries participating with a kind of financial help to participate in ICANN. We know that not all of us live in the capital of Argentina. Many people come from – the [inaudible] come from the provinces. So I supported Sylvia's idea. That is to have certain financial support to participate in ICANN. Perhaps by means of a [grant-ship] or at least to be able to have transportation or accommodation, in order to be able to participate in the meeting.

I know that Alberto was working on that in Singapore, so perhaps he can share with us some feedback and see if there is any answer or not.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Sergio. We have spoke with Alberto. I know that that question was put forth, was already made.

INTERPRETERS: Interpreters apologize, but Humberto's audio is choppy and no clear interpretation is possible.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: So we need to keep on working with this topic. I don't know if I have answered your question, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Yes. Thank you very much, Humberto.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Silvia, thank you very much. Because she [had] created a Wiki page for ideas for the showcase, and of course we will have feedback there.

Now let's move forward. Let's talk about item #6. As you know, Fadi said that regional leaders need to participate in strategic ICANN meetings, and this is because they need to know the opinion of civil society. So this is good news because we are not adding RALO leaders in this type of meetings. This is something important that we need to take into account. I tell you this because Alberto specifically asked me to tell you this. It is very important to hear the voice of civil society, and of course we need to pay attention to that, and of course to let the ICANN leaders know about it.

Now let's speak about item #7. That is the [inaudible] training webinar. Carlos Aguirre has already spoken about that, and he's not on the call, so let's proceed with item #8 and that is the survey

response. I would like to ask Silvia Vivanco, if I may. I would like to ask her if it is possible for us to publish the result, to publish the link with the survey result so that I can speak about that and comment on that.

[SILVIA VIVANCO]:

Thank you very much. I see the information. There is a [inaudible] link posted with the survey on [capabilities]. Before making my comment, I would like to thank you all for your help and support because you took the time to reply to the questions, and as you can see, there were 22 responders to this survey and I have all the information available. We ask about profession – 40% or 36% of the people who replied to the survey had a profession different to the one [published], so as you can see there, we have many people who are lawyers, we have 18.8% who are engineers, then we have teachers and [journalists].

When it comes to the areas of [inaudible], the majority come from Internet governance with [inaudible] then have domain names with 40.91% in the third place, we have intellectual property and some other options as well from the survey. This is in general terms regarding the areas of expertise or areas of specialization regarding this survey.

Now I would like to speak about the next survey, and that is the [inaudible] related to risk in ICANN. This information will be posted in the AC room. As you can see, Terri is posting that information in the AC room.

This was a pretty complicated survey because [technical] information is required in this survey, but I am really happy to have all the information and to have this survey because we have a good reply from people. We have 24 people who answered the survey, and I would like to thank Alejandro Pisanty, Alberto Soto, Fatima Cambroner, Aida Noblia because they worked very hard on this survey. And I would like to thank Aida Noblia especially because she prepared a very interesting summary with the results of the survey.

So when it comes to financial risk and accountability risk in ICANN, we can say that approximately we have a similar percentages when it comes to risk. Now when it comes to [inaudible] of income, that is the most significant risk for the significant reduction of income. Well, that is the most important risk according to the respondents of the survey.

What I can see here is that we have 4.76% – that is the figure we can see there. The second risk, the second highest risk, is to have lower income than the [ones] that are being projected.

But in general terms, we can say that most of the risks are already or have the same percentage. We also need to take into account legal risks and the same percentage – or the same [comment] applies for this type of risk. There is no significant difference [among percentages].

When it comes to operation risks, the question was divided into two [big] groups. As in the previous case, in this case, we have as the most relevant risk the perception that ICANN has – the

perception of ICANN is not that clear when it comes to transparency. And then we have the contractual ineffectiveness.

And when it comes to the rest of the operational risk, that is the second group. The idea here is that there is a certain degree of importance in this risk. There are some other risks that have to do with operational objectives with the evaluation of the risk.

Aida, you have the floor and then I go back. Go ahead, Aida, please.

AIDA NOBILA:

Can you hear me? Well, what I wanted to say is this. I created kind of a [scale] for this risk to measure the risks, and as you can see, economic risks are the most important one. But I believe that this case might be useful and surveys might be useful as well for further work or for other types of work.

For example, we have risks and we need to ace those risks. We need to take into account the higher risks. So I believe that this type of work is interesting for further activities or for further activities and to keep on working on that in order to prevent any other problem or any other risk. Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Aida. You are right, and this is very good work indeed.

I wanted to make a comment and I wanted to reply to Silvia, because [inaudible] if we can publish that on the Wiki. The answer

is, yes, we can apply the same type of [inaudible] for the survey. I think it would be easier in that way.

There is also the possibility of discussing and of having this same survey that we have now, or to share this survey with other RALOs in different levels or in other parts of ICANN. So we would be very happy to do that. Alberto told me something about this, that there is this possibility of sharing this information with other parts of ICANN and we will be very happy because we will be contributing to other parts of the organization.

[inaudible] Humberto have already shared this survey with APRALO. So the idea is to contribute and to help other RALOs and other parts of ICANN, and of course we will be more than happy with that.

I would also like to say that this was a pretty good experience when it comes to participation in terms of a survey, and that this type of survey reflects your opinions and ideas. So thank you very much for your efforts and thank you very much for replying to this survey, and of course thank you to all the ones who have created and worked on the survey.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Umberto, if I may, I would like to make a brief comment. This survey is a very good survey and APRALO asked me to do something very similar to comply with recommendation 28 of [ATLAS II] that has to do with mapping the [expertise] of ALSes.

So I have already shared this survey with APRALO and I would like to repeat this is a very good survey because it [complies] with [ATLAS II] Recommendation #28. Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: You are right, Silvia. I forgot to mention that. This is excellent, actually. It is a lot better. We are very happy with it and we want to meet the recommendations that we have been requested to meet.

Let me now go to item #9. This is related to a proposal that Alyne Andrade made. He is not here today. And I have been working on this [inaudible] on the budget requirement, a specific requirement for the budget. There is the possibility then to include a project, so that we can include it within the budget.

Alyne Andrade was very interested in this because it was a proposal to have a meeting within a conference which is the eighth Brazilian teleconference. The information is being posted now on the AC room. It's the eighth teleconference Brazil FY16. We had only one-week period for the proposal, so there was half a day within this conference which was aimed at dealing with ICANN issues. The idea was also to have people from the region participate.

So we needed some budget to finance trips on maybe speakers for this. So we still need to fine-tune our figures. We hope to be successful on this, and I think all the rest of the RALOs did submit some projects, but what we want to try and do is to attempt something different this time. We hope to be successful.

So this is in general terms. In the future, we will tell you more about how we are going and how we are progressing with this. Is there any question before we go on to item #10? Or maybe some comments? I see none. Maybe Raitme wanted to say something. I think he said he wanted to say something. Now Sergio is raising his hand, so Sergio, you now have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: I want to make reference to an e-mail sent today by our colleague, Fatima Cambroner, on the issue of coordination between LACRALO and LANIC. Unfortunately, Fatima has already left. I wanted to ask her a few questions about this, but I am concerned about this because this isn't clear for me, the idea of generating some kind of meeting for the region somewhere for our annual assembly. I am concerned about the fact that only some of them will be there and some others will not be there. At least this is what infer from the e-mails.

So I want to flag these concerns and I will raise this by e-mail probably in the next few days because I am concerned about the fact that we may go into a [inaudible] where only some of our colleagues could go to some of the activities related to meetings and discuss issues related to ICANN and not all of them. We may also be taking some weight from the participation that some ICANN participants may have, and we may be starting to discuss [inaudible] in another organization that is not ICANN.

ICANN is also always stating that it is a multi-stakeholder organization, and indeed multi-stakeholder relationship. We are the weakest part of the chain. So ICANN has the obligation to at

least [finance] the users because a large part of the money that ICANN receives comes from economic issues where we buy those domains, we purchase the new gTLDs being sold; and in this economic process, we at least want to have the participation of users guaranteed in these kinds of activities.

So I wanted to flag this. I am concerned about the e-mail because it is not clear. I am going to send an e-mail to the list that this is the tone that I want to put in this. This is not a confrontational issue. It's actually a question of rights. We, the users of Internet, have [acquired] rights and part of that right is to be able to discuss face-to-face in ICANN meetings. And we cannot distract this with anything else. That's all. Thank you very much.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Sergio. I think we need to talk to Fatima and to continue with this issue. Right now [inaudible] personally.

Vanda, you asked for the floor. You raised your hand, so please go ahead.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Can you hear me? I wanted to clarify something with respect to what Sergio said, this issue of group participation in LACNIC and LACTLD. This emerged in Singapore and it's related to what happened with APRALO, the Asia-Pacific region and APNIC. They signed an agreement during the ALAC meeting.

Since we have already had this in the past but it didn't really go on, it didn't really progress, because there were unclear issues in this relation with LACNIC.

So we now go back to talk – Fatima talked and I talked with someone from Mexico, with Andreas from LACNIC. Fatima also talked and we had an open discussion in the meeting and we said that we can continue with this idea if we have a common interest. So the idea is that the General Assembly for the region – I mean, we want the General Assembly to be supported by ICANN. It's not very clear when is it that we're going to do this.

I sent an e-mail today in response to what Fatima circulated. We could leverage some opportunities to hold meetings not on the General Assembly, because for this we need to have a budget request probably for the fiscal year that begins in June 2015 in the Buenos Aires meeting. Buenos Aires is already in the 2015 budget, so for 2015-2016, we will need to request a budget for our General Assembly.

So we are going to have the IGF in Brazil in November. This can be a place for us to have an assembly together with other groups that will be present there that support each other – that is LACTLD or LACNIC – that will be present.

This could be an important opportunity for us to make a request, so that we can have the necessary budget for our LACRALO GA and we want to do this this year. This is just a clarification on this position, because I don't see Fatima here. It seems she has left. She wasn't really participating here.

The idea here was to tell all of you what happened during the Singapore meeting. So what we are thinking is what Fatima was saying, so that everybody can start thinking how is it that we are going to deal with this issue if we're going to leverage the opportunity given to us in Buenos Aires – for example, to sign some kind of document with LACNIC.

This is what is related to what Fatima was saying earlier.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Hello, Alberto. Welcome.

ALBERTO SOTO: Good evening to you all. I have just arrived in the [inaudible] airport and I wanted to – I just called you to be on this call for a while. I ask for the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: You have the floor, Alberto. Go ahead.

ALBERTO SOTO: I want to confirm what Vanda is saying. I personally spoke to LACNIC people and to people from ALAC and we are only two RALOs that do not have any agreement signed with their respective NIC. The other ones are already taken advantage of this, and in particular we need to see what is convenient for each of the parties. We will do this in the next two days. I have already talked with the [inaudible] people and also with people from LACNIC and they see this as a very favorable thing.

We need to draft an MoU, and hopefully we will be able to sign this in Buenos Aires. The idea is that we will be interested in having some people from our region supported by LACNIC in some of their meetings, as Vanda said, to generate some kind of GA. I do have very specific examples for advantages for LACRALO more than for their respective RIRs. I am here available for a few more minutes if you want to ask some questions.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Alberto. This is an interesting issue. We will continue working on this. Alberto, we now go to the next item on the agenda. We apologize, we do not hear Alberto properly. Reitme, you now have the floor. Do you want to write this down in the chat room or do you want to speak on the phone? You're going to write it, okay. So I'm going to wait until you write it down. We see a few participants typing now on the AC room. This has been a very fruitful meeting, as our meetings usually are. I thought it would be more quiet because it's February, but it has actually been very hectic.

ALBERTO SOTO: There is a lot to do yet. We have a lot of things still pending.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Yes, this is very clear to me. It is very interesting to see how people in the region are still concerned and they still are interested in what is going on. [inaudible] working.

ALBERTO SOTO: I cannot open my agenda on my cell phone. The only thing I have is my cell phone, so if you want to ask something, I am open, so that we can take advantage of this few minutes.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I am going to read something very quickly. I mean, we need to coordinate the meeting for March. Rodrigo Saucedo was here for a few minutes and we still need to set the date for our webinar and to prepare the final document. We created the working group for the showcase. We will have Vanda, Antonio, Humberto, and Raitme. Silvia Vivanco will also post the survey results on the Wiki page. And those are the general [inaudible] to have an idea of what's going on.

ALBERTO SOTO: Let me say something about the Buenos Aires showcase. I would like to ask those of you who are present here – and we will also send an e-mail – we want to have a video of traditional dance from each of your countries. Just take something that has [already been filmed] and send this to Humberto and to me. In this showcase, we want precisely to showcase all the countries, all the LACRALO countries, with some traditional dance. In Buenos Aires, I will attempt to do this live, but for the rest of the countries, we want to try and have a video of a traditional dance.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much for these suggestions. Silvia will create a Wiki page so that ideas can be posted.

I'm now going to read Raitme's question: "In connection with the working group, I'm starting the [visibility upgrade] and a mechanism to establish the links to boost human resources issues in the region and [inaudible] so that civil society can feel really represented."

Is that a question? Because it says with respect to the working group, the work of the working group. I'm not really sure what is it that you mean. Do you want to create a working group for this, Raitme?

Raitme is only typing, so I am waiting until he finishes typing. Okay, so not necessarily.

ALBERTO SOTO: In the meeting we had with Fadi Chehadé, I tried – or actually, I raised an issue that is the human rights and technology issue, and this is to start working with aboriginal peoples in all of the Latin-American and Caribbean regions. We have communities that are organized, such as the Mapuches in Argentina and Chile, in the Patagonia-involved countries. They even have professionals within their communities, and they still maintain their customs, their traditions.

The idea is to continue working with people from ICANN and the local government in one or several ALSes from the country to train leaders in each of the organized communities, and then to

transplant those leaders into non-organized communities so that we can start supporting those communities.

Those communities are organized and they even have professionals. They have lawyers, engineers, physicians. The other non-organized communities do not have water, do not have housing, and the only way to work with them is to start with our ALSes locally and to transplant those leaders from organized communities to the non-organized communities. [inaudible] can provide us with some kind of support for this. Thank you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Alberto, for your comment. I would like to tell [inaudible] that his comments will be taken into account when it comes to the agreement with LACNIC. And to Raitme, please send us an e-mail to Alberto and I so that we can see, discuss, and analyze your proposal together with what Alberto has said before, because perhaps we may find different answers to these topics in relation to human rights.

I see Dev. Dev, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. Just a quick response to [Raitme] in that the At-Large Capacity Building Working Group is going to be having a webinar on – well, titled ICANN and Human Rights. It was to discuss the Council of Europe's position paper on ICANN and human rights.

It was originally scheduled to be late December, but it got postponed. And given the timing of the Singapore meeting, it didn't happen in January. But I suspect it will probably happen sometime soon.

I suggest that – this sounds like something you'll be very interested in. And the webinar will be [without] interpretation. So look out for the announcement for that. I'm sure you'll be very interested in that seminar.

I do have one final point to mention if you're finished with this issue.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Go ahead, Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay. I'll post the notes in the chat as well. This is not to dispute the outcomes of the ALAC RALO election, but the [inaudible] for the LACRALO chair and secretariat. There's a listing in the [inaudible] link, and I put the link in the chat. That says that [inaudible] anonymous vote. This anonymous vote contributes as a weight of 174. So while the [inaudible] 6,923 in that column, by my calculations the weight is 6,749.

So [inaudible], everyone, I can help draft a letter to contact staff to investigate the discrepancy to ensure that it won't happen in the future. That's it.

ALBERTO SOTO: If I may.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Alberto, go ahead.

ALBERTO SOTO: Dev, there are several members who did not receive the credentials to vote. Among them, we have Vanda Scartezini. So in the last [meeting], Vanda told us that she didn't receive the credentials, and the unanimous vote was for Vanda Scartezini introduced or presented by staff.

That was already explained in an e-mail. There were some e-mails that had circulated before the [vote] and some others that circulated after [inaudible]. So this question will not [proceed], and the difference in the percentage due to an anonymous vote, as it was explained before, it [doesn't make] any difference.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: So Alberto is saying that's right. Vanda was not able to receive credentials for a certain reason, and that was already explained in one of the e-mails that was circulated.

Dev, would you like to take the floor or that is from your previous intervention? Dev, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. [inaudible] Vanda's vote being circulated in an e-mail. My point is that there is still a discrepancy. If you take

Vanda's vote, it doesn't add up to what the [inaudible] is saying and then there's this anonymous vote.

So there's some discrepancy there, and [inaudible] try and find the discrepancy. That's it. I'm not disputing the outcomes or anything, but it's to ensure that it doesn't happen. That's all. For the future. That's it.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Dev. I will ask staff to see the discrepancy so that we can see what happened and avoid this in the future.

SILVIA VIVANCO: That's right, Humberto. I will take note of this. I will create an action item for me and for staff so that we can analyze this and to avoid this in the future.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much, Silvia Vivanco, for your comment. I see that Vanda has typed that she didn't receive the credentials and asked [staff to do so]. I don't know if there is any other question or comment, because we have already spoken and discussed all the topics in the agenda.

I see that Dev is posting another link regarding human rights. Silvia, you have your hand up. Would you like to make a comment or was it from your previous intervention?

SILVIA VIVANCO: No, that was from my previous intervention. Sorry for that.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: So [inaudible], thank you very much for your participation and have a good week.

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