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>> TERRI AGNEW: We are showing right at scheduled start time. We are waiting for a few more folks to join before we begin. (pause).

>> Interpreters, this is Terri. Maritza is on the Spanish channel. If you could please verify with her if she would like to start now, since it's five minutes after scheduled start time.

>> This is Sylvia. I'll be speaking. Okay, Terri, if you can kindly go ahead with the roll call, please.

>> TERRI AGNEW: Thank you, Sylvia. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening. Welcome to the LACRALO monthly call held on Monday, the 18th of April, 2016, at 2300UTC.

On the call today we have ...

(roll call).

From staff we have Janice Douma Lange, Heidi Ullrich, Alberto Soto, Mike Brennan and myself, Terri Agnew. Our Spanish interpreters today are Sabrina and Veronica. Our Portuguese interpreter is Bettina, and our French interpreters are Isabelle and Claire. We are also conducting captioning on today's call, and our captioner today is Mary Kay.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking, not only for transcription purposes, but also for our interpreters. Thank you very much. I'll now turn it back over to Humberto who joined us at this time.

>> HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Good morning, good afternoon and good evening, and after the roll call I will give it to Maritza to

carry on with our agenda.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you, good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. This is Maritza Aguero speaking. I will now go over our proposed agenda for this call. First of all, we have the update on public consultations by Harold Arcos. Then we will have a presentation by Janice Douma Lange. She will give us a presentation on the fellowship and Newcomer and NextGen programs.

Then we have the report about the MAG IGF, after that a report about the LACRALO program and how to participate in that program. That will be given by Alberto Soto. After that, we have a member from the CCNSO Council that will give us an update on CCNSO working groups, and activities at the Morocco meeting and next project. After that, Alberto Soto will take the floor, and finally, give us a status of the progress of the MOU-LACNIC. Finally we will focus on other evaluations, regional selections, any other business and the captioning evaluation survey by Silvia Vivanco.

>> HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you, Maritza. Before we move on to the next item on our agenda, I have to apologize in advance, because due to my work schedule, I will not be able to join the entire call. So I will have to leave earlier, and Maritza will take over.

With that, I would like to know if Harold is ready to give us or to speak about the public consultation process. Harold, are you there?

If Harold is not on the call, or available, then can we move on to the next item on the agenda, please. Harold will take over once he joins.

So with that, I will give the floor to Janice then. Janice? Go ahead, please.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Yes, if Janice is on the call and ready for her presentation, she can take the floor now. Thank you.

>> JANICE DOUMA LANGE: Sure, I'd be more than happy to. Assume everyone can hear me and I'll just start going forward.

First of all, thank you very much for inviting me on to your call. I can see what a heavy agenda you have. So I appreciate the time. I'll go through quickly, so if there are any questions, you will have more time for questions than just listening to me.

A little commercial announcement. It's been almost two years since the development and public responsibility department was formed at ICANN. And the fellowship, Newcomer and NextGen at ICANN are all part of the DPRD, as we call ourselves. And actually hidden at the bottom of the ICANN website home page, you will find this link that will go directly to the DPRD page, and from there you can bounce to academic outreach, ICANN learn,

NextGen at ICANN, and the Fellowship Program, as well as to the Newcomer page. So it's a great one-stop shopping.

By introduction, just an overview of the programs, starting from the bottom up, the Newcomers are first-timers in the ICANN meeting, or first-timers to come into the ICANN website actually. You can be a newcomer and part of NextGen, a newcomer and part of fellowship, but someone who has not experienced the ICANN content or mission or an ICANN meeting, new to ICANN, we welcome them through various methods, which we will go into.

NextGen at ICANN is a starting place, if you were between the ages of 18 and 30, and you have not yet been engaged in ICANN as far as getting to an ICANN meeting. Something that we are changing right now with the NextGen is that we would like to see this as a steppingstone towards fellowship, and towards other participation. It should not be a place for additional funding. Though I love my fellows, it should not be that step to go from fellowship to NextGen, but always looking to be a newcomer and then coming in through the program that best suits you. So a customized and guided experience for someone who is in the region of the current ICANN meeting and hasn't been exposed to ICANN, especially through a meeting setting, is what we would call a NextGenner.

With fellowship are those who are 21 years of age or older, and I am very clear on the fact that I have, as the representative for the Fellowship Program, never put an age cap on the Fellowship Program. If you have interests and time, a passion to learn, and to become engaged in the ICANN community, then there is an open door into the Fellowship Program.

They are unique and we have had to spend time, even internally with our own staff, over the past two years, explaining the unique qualities of the three experiences.

So to explain the Newcomer, in the previous slide, we will jump back to NextGen again to reiterate, it is different. It is a very orchestrated interaction. I use that word specifically, because we do plan now very carefully for that experience. We are looking to educate and engage for future participation. So that makes it very unique against the Fellowship Program, which is a capacity-building program. It is meant to get the best of those who are out there from anywhere around the world, and bring them in with the intent of them quickly becoming a member of an ICANN community, learning about that community, and finding their niche there, finding their engagement. In NextGen, you have to create a ten-minute presentation. Again something new that we started this calendar year is that that presentation is not made on the fly at the ICANN meeting.

But it's something that you actually present to the facilitators of NextGen, prior to the ICANN meeting. So that we

can already see what it is that you are thinking, and how you are looking at your university, Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD experience as it pertains to Internet governance, and we can help you with that presentation before it actually comes before the community at the ICANN meeting.

Whereas the Fellowship Program, you provide a report or a summary after the meeting, so that we can continue on, learn how a first-time, second-time or third-time fellow has become engaged, has learned how to participate at a higher level, and in preparation to go out into the community or to become engaged further in the community. So very three different qualities to each. From a funding perspective, of course, as a newcomer, there is no funding offered. If you are coming in through the website, you can ask for assistance through engagement at ICANN.org. That is actually myself, Jeanie Ellers and Deborah Escolara who are behind that E-mail address, and we will help to set you up with community mentors through the fellowship alumni. We hope to get you to staff members through which you can learn more about a particular part of ICANN, and if you come to an ICANN meeting, we welcome you into the Newcomer Day and into the Fellowship Program, which is open, but as a newcomer there is no funding attached.

From the NextGen perspective, since they are coming from the region that the ICANN meeting is in, it was determined that only travel and accommodations would be provided. If inter-regionally there are visa costs, those visa costs will be reimbursed according to the ICANN travel guidelines, because we do realize that traveling within Europe or traveling within Africa sometimes necessitates a visa. We do reimburse for that. But they do not receive a stipend, whereas as per the travel guidelines you are reimbursed up to 200 U.S. dollars for any cost towards obtaining a visa.

The long-term goals again of a newcomer is to help them become more understanding of what engagement and participation ICANN means. We want to continue to bring them in and to give them the knowledge that they need through ICANN learn, through collaborations with the community, and as we said before, matching them up with an alumni from their region who could be more helpful in getting them engaged faster.

From the NextGen, it is a connection with community members. We have seen our NextGen participants go into working with our regional, our representatives, such as Albert, such as Daniel, such as John Jack, and start to develop outreach events and conferences, and courses at ICANN learn. So this is a big part of the NextGen program, to capture that energy and passion that exists with that level of learning and bring them along in our community at a level that they can keep up with while

studying. And then the hope is of course that they can step forward either into Fellowship or directly into the community as members of the NextGen, such as Augustina has done on stepping from NextGen to a NextGen ambassador, and then into M POC. So you can go for that complete leap.

For a fellowship it's active participation at the meeting. We actively participate actually before the meeting with alumni coaches, to get better prepared. Your return on investment is required. It is not just an expectation. It's actually a requirement. We expect a long-term investment. But what we have learned through the years is, we have to invest first in the person, so that they want to take that investment we have made in them and put it back into ICANN. So it's a learning experience, we find with the fellowship alumni coaches, and also active participation at the ICANN booth. There is a feeling of that giving back, and you are more likely to remain within ICANN when you feel that bond and that need to give and to give back to keep engagement and participation alive.

We alluded to the alumni coaches. That program is about three years old now. I work very hard to match up the coaches with someone or individuals within their region. If we cannot make the match within the region, we focus next on sector of interest. We also focused on languages, because we realize that having a shared language helps with that learning process. Because the coaches come through the application, on-line application process, the same as any other fellow, sometimes we don't have the perfect match between the coaches that were selected and the applicants who were selected. But we work very hard to make a good match between them to establish good relationships and learning going forward.

There is a set schedule of mandatory morning and sometimes afternoon sessions. It is a very fast-paced process, which is why we know that it takes potentially three meetings for some individuals to really get into the complete learning and process of ICANN. There are network opportunities that we offer. We have seen the positive results of this constant networking that we do with the community leaders, interested members of the community, and alumni programs. And of course, the post-meeting experience with a Fellowship alumni mailing list and a Fellowship Facebook and a LinkedIn, which keeps everyone engaged going forward, sharing their challenges, sharing their learnings and helping everyone to know that you don't have one experience or two or three. You are part of a family.

Again the NextGen very much differs. It is a much younger, smaller group. The NextGen is typically 15 individuals per meeting. We had a larger group in Marrakesh, due to having had so many applications when we were coming to Morocco, a year

before. So we wanted to make that up by doubling the amount for our ICANN 55. But typically, around 15 individuals per meeting.

We did start the Ambassador Program, two meetings ago. So they would have the same experience as the incoming fellows with their coaches, the ambassadors have had to have at least one previous NextGen experience. Then they help the new NextGen through the pre-meeting and meeting experience. They also help the NextGen coordinator, Deb, to manage their presentations.

The Fellowship, we do focus and prioritize on developing a fellow nation. We are going to be able to bump up from 50 to 60 fellows in FY17, which we are happy for, because once we select coaches, that number of 50 goes down to potentially anywhere between 35 and 40 actual participants, because you have to allow for the coaches. So we ask that this additional number, so that we can continue bringing in new individuals while keeping hold of the coaching program.

Learning more, we have our links, again, if you go to the development and public responsibility link, you can get to all of our programs or go directly to the links that are provided.

And that is my information on those programs. The one thing that I do want to ask is that, I think some of you know that we have been undergoing an internal review of the Fellowship eligibility criteria. Due to starting that review process, we were able to open up the Fellowship, the ICANN 56 application to all previous alumnis programs from 2007 up to the present, no matter if your country was currently on the World Bank list or the small island developing nations list.

We are going to continue for ICANN 57, which launches this Friday, the 22nd. We will continue to accept all applications. Our criteria will be prioritizing those from known, developing or least developed nations, but not by the current World Bank list.

What this means is that our selection committee will look at each application on its own merit, and prioritize to make sure that we are looking at those countries that are globally understood as still developing nations.

So we are still in work with this eligibility criteria review. I've actually widened the review to be an all-encompassing of the entire Fellowship Program, as we move from our 9th to our 10th year, one decade of the program.

So we will be looking at the terms, the process, the selection committee, and overall criteria. This will come out to public comment. So what we are working on internally is going to be shared this week with members of an internal group of which Heidi, and Rodrigo are part of, we have Andrea, Mandy Carver, who started the fellowship project and member of our legal team. We had an outside researcher working with us

internally to look at a couple programs and how they use means testing or criteria that they use to evaluate applications. Once we go through this internally, members, all past plus current members of the Fellowship Selection Committee will be looking at these revised documents of our process and research and eligibility, serving as a subset to the ICANN community. That means as far back as 2007, with Vanda and Steve Hooper and other members.

Once that is done, and we are ready, we will go out for overall public comment on all of this. So I think this was a good chance to be able to share this with the LACRALO. We know that the changes in the Fellowship Program, because of the World Bank criteria, hit Latin America very hard these past 18 to 24 months.

We appreciate all of your support and understanding, as we have worked to this point. As soon as we hear we have more to share with you and we are ready, certainly we will let everybody know. So thank you very much for this opportunity. If there are any questions at all, I'll be more than happy. (pause).

>> On for a little while. We can eat while it's going on. I'm not actually participating. (pause).

>> This is Terri on the English channel. Maritza, if your line is open, Janice has finished. We do have one person with a question.

(voice in the background) (pause).

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Can you hear me right now?

>> Go ahead, please, we can hear you.

>> Go ahead.

>> This is Maritza speaking. Alberto Soto has his hand up. Please go ahead with your question.

>> ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto Soto for the record. Can you hear me?

>> SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, we can hear you.

>> ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you for this information and the great news, Janice. I have a question. Is it possible that taking into account these programs that you are managing, once they are over, there are participants that belong to the ALSs and some others are not member of ALSs, so would it be possible at the end of these programs, once the task is over, because they are not coming back to the Fellowship Program, is it possible that we may have the E-mail addresses of these people for us to invite them to our webinars and meetings, so that they can keep on participating and engaging? Thank you.

>> JANICE DOUMA LANGE: Thank you, Alberto. What I will do is, the answer is, yes, that should be the right thing. We send the E-mail addresses for all of us to the regional vice-presidents and stakeholder engagement managers, because we

do think that the regional approach to participation is the first stronghold of keeping everyone engaged, and engaged to understand the challenges of their region and have their voice there.

Just recently, with an upgrade that I'm working on, on the application system, I have added in the agreed upon terms when someone makes the application, at the end of the application, they have to check certain boxes, and we have never before had a box checked to say, I agree for the use of my E-mail address for ICANN work, or I can't remember the exact wording that I used. But I have just recently added that to an upgrade, so that I could freely give these E-mail addresses, because before that, did not feel at liberty to share addresses if people were uncomfortable with it. But I do respect and acknowledge the fact that the At-Large is trying to keep this engagement moving forward with individuals who are interested.

So it is a process we are working on. I think it's the right thing to do. But I want to make sure that we are targeting individuals who wish to be targeted, if you know what I mean, and that we are, from a legal perspective, that we are covering ourselves by sharing someone's E-mail address that way.

We do the same with at meeting registration. You have the ability to check for ICANN to use your E-mail address, or to not, and so that is just what I am trying to follow and make sure happens correctly, before opening up that gate.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you very much. Now we will give the floor to Alan. Go ahead, please.

>> No, I'm sorry, that was actually a mistake. I don't know how my hand got up. Sorry. (chuckles) (overlapping speakers).

>> I see your hand up. Go ahead, please.

>> Thank you, Janice, this is Dev speaking, thanks for the presentation. It was great, just that it is going to be open for public comment. My question to you is this, and it follows a little on what Alberto was saying. The outreach and engagement subcommittee has been tracking the persons that attend fellowships from past meetings, so that we can look to contact them, to see if for outreach purposes and for engagement purposes. One of the things I was wondering is that for those persons that applied, and for whatever reason, were not approved, is that information tracked? And would it be possible to have that information shared, so that even for those persons that applied but didn't get through, I'm improving, it's a potential that maybe we could still do outreach to those individuals, because they were interested enough to apply. So that is my question. Thanks.

>> JANICE DOUMA LANGE: The answer would be yes, going



forward. You know, once we were, just like the registration, legally okay that someone had checked the box to say, by applying, my E-mail address can be used, for the past applicants, it would have to be a backward path that I would do to ensure that anyone who previously applied, so that would take a little bit work and time. The answer is yes in theory. It would just take a little work and time to be able to do that.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: This is Maritza Aguero for the record. There is a question, a pending question. The question is this. The fellows of Latin America region accountability, we multiply the effect of the meetings to integrate more people, and this is the question posted by Raitme on the chat.

>> JANICE DOUMA LANGE: I did see that. But I didn't really understand the question part. I don't know exactly what the question is.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: This is Maritza Aguero. Perhaps, could you please explain further your question, so that Janice may give you an answer? Because we need to move on with our agenda.

So great, thank you very much, Raitme.

This is Maritza Aguero for the record. I will give the floor to Harold to speak. Are you on the call? If Harold is not connected on the call right now, we might move forward and give the floor to Renata Aquino, so she can proceed with the presentation, and we will give the floor to Harold to proceed with his presentation. You have the floor. Are you able to participate? Can you speak right now?

>> RENATA AQUINO: Yes. Hello. Hi. Thank you for this space. Thank you all for the year. I can see you are all listening to me, because I saw the live scribe already. I am in a very tricky Internet connection. I am in a conference far away from home right now. So it is very good to have this resource, and to be able to understand, and I can follow better LACRALO, which is always so rich in information, and with our linguistic diversity in Latin America.

I have sent to you the link to the IGF forum website. I would like to invite you all, Latin-American participants of Internet governance debate and LACRALO participants, to take a look at our call for workshops, which has just opened, and will be open until the 6th of June. The Internet Governance Forum will be a U.N. sponsored event in Mexico in December. And preparatory meeting for this event has just happened in the 4th to 6th of April, with the MAG members, and I am currently one of those MAG members representing civil society. I have a civil society coordination group which represents the different organizations, different groups, on the area such as communities like Internet Governance Forum.

It is very important to us to keep Latin America

participation in this event at a very high level as it has traditionally been. Also the last IGF forum was in Brazil, which is in my region which is in office of Brazil, and I would like to converge to Janice's comments about this approach, because the regional approach to Internet governance debate, this was a fantastic point that she raised.

I think we must go on trying to engage our region in Internet governance debates, because this is a very important way where we can have our voice heard in international arenas, and influence agreement in this area.

So you may see that the call has several other links that you can follow for guidelines, for proposing workshop. The many types of formats of workshops, such as cyber, group discussions, flash sessions, and also there will be a dynamic coalition agenda, of which I am a member. This is very important to increase also diverse participation in Internet governance debates.

So this is again a very important opportunity for Latin America. There is likely to be mechanisms for diverse participation encouragement, as the IGF proceeds in its organization. So I would encourage you all to send your proposals. And I hope that we get to see many LACRALO members there. And thank you for considering the Internet Governance Forum.

Thank you.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: This is Maritza Aguero speaking. Thank you very much, Renata Aquino, for your presentation.

Are there any question or any comments? If there are no questions or comments, we will now continue with Harold's presentation, if Harold is already on the call. And if Harold is not on the call, I will give the floor to Christelle Vaval, member of the CCNSO. Could you please confirm is Harold is connected, if Harold is on the call? Could you please confirm that? (overlapping speakers).

>> From staff.

>> Go ahead, please.

>> Maritza Aguero speaking, sorry, Sylvia.

>> SILVIA VIVANCO: I was just saying that Harold is not on the call yet. So you can continue with the agenda.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Okay. Thank you very much. This is Maritza Aguero for the record. So now, we will be introducing Christelle Vaval. So you have the floor, go ahead, please. Thank you, Renata Aquino for your presentation.

>> CHRISTELLE VAVAL: Hello, everyone, can you hear me?

>> Yes, I hear fine.

>> CHRISTELLE VAVAL: Okay. So I'm Christelle Vaval and I will do an update of the CCNSO work. CCNSO is one of 158

members, the members are the CC managers. The latest member is the bb, Barbados, someone from our region. The Council is formed by three people from each region. As you know, in ICANN we have five regions, so three people from each region, and three members are operated by the NonCom. I'm one of them. I've been appointed by the NonCom committee. My term started right after the Dublin meeting.

The CCNSO council from our region are Demi Getschko, Alejandra Reynoso, Margarita Valdes. The Secretariat of the CCNSO is formed by ICANN members, ICANN staff, sorry. We have Bart Boswinkel and Kimberly Carlson and Joke Braeken.

The accountability of the CCNSO counselors, the councillors are accountable to the community. We have here a table with the attendance of the members during the calls, and their participation during calls and meetings. This is quite interesting. So people can go on our website and see the updates of what they have been doing. Working group members are also accountable. The Guidelines Review Committee has proposed changes regarding attendance of the members, committee members and procedures for conflict resolution.

The council activities, the main activities we are pursuing right now, this is the same for other committee -- communities, with CCWG accountability and IANA stewardship transition, meeting B, since we will have our first meeting B right now, in Helsinki, so we will see how it goes, and see if we re-evaluate it after, CCNSO PDPs on retirement of ccTLD and on IRP. There are many working groups within the CCNSO. The CWG stewardship, we have a new member, Maarten. The Guideline Review Committee ... so they are mostly working on implementation of CWG proposals by ICANN staff, working on SRDs, service level expectations and arrangements and actively monitoring and providing feedback on inclusion of CWG requirement and CCWG accountability final proposal.

I am one of the new members of the Guideline Review Committee. We had our first call last week. We will have biweekly calls, because we will be working on recommendation of the position, we will have to put the new bylaws of the CCNSO in conformance with the recommendations.

There is also a Program Working Group. The Program Working Group is working on agendas for ICANN meetings (overlapping speakers).

>> Yes. What? (overlapping speakers).

>> CHRISTELLE VAVAL: The EPSRP working group chair is Giovanni Seppia. The working group is to review the guidelines for the process. Once this working group is done, all of our policy is ready for discussion and adoption by the board.

Then we have the UCTN working group. UCTN working group is

to develop harmonized framework on territory names as TLDs. The SOP working group is going to be working around update the five-year operation (background noise) for the finance, so what we did at ICANN 55.

>> Yes.

>> CHRISTELLE VAVAL: Work on CCWG accountability, and we discussed on (overlapping speakers) review mechanisms, CWG implementation update and discussion, the decision-making on the CCWG accountability, view of the ccTLDs present, and council decision-making. We were the last group for transition, by the way, and the CCNSO chair and at the end we elected the new chair of the CCNSO and Vice-Chairs also.

Now in Helsinki, what we will be doing, we will work on SO and AC accountability, transition again and ICANN accountability into transition of CCWG proposals including CCNSO specific items, implementation of CCWG workstream 1 and progress to date to workstream 2, including CCNSO accountability, cross-community topics focused on policy and cross-community outreach.

On this outreach item, we had our call last week, our monthly call last week. One of the members of the committee proposed to have a closed meeting. Regarding the closed meeting, we have decided, and for outreach also, we have decided to open the closed meeting, the C one, to observers. I just typed into the group, so you can see. So now all the C meetings for the closed meeting of the CCNSO are open to observers.

Background information, you can check the website. So if you have any questions, let me know. Thank you.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: This is Maritza Agüero, for the record. Thank you for the presentation. Dev, you are asking for the floor, go ahead, please, you have the floor.

>> Thanks, this is Dev Anand speaking. Thanks for the update. A question regarding the sessions at ICANN 56, that were formerly closed meetings that are now open, will there be remote, persons listening remotely for those now open sessions?

>> CHRISTELLE VAVAL: We haven't discussed this yet.

(dog barking).

But I think since it will be the first, the first community to do this, I'm not sure that there will be some possibility to have remote participation. But I prefer to ask, because we only discussed it last week, and what I did during the weekend, so I don't know if it will be open on-line for remote participation. But that would be great.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Now are there any further questions at this point? With that, if there are no further questions, then we will move on to Harold's presentation on public consultation period.

(audio breaking up.)

Harold, go ahead, please. You have the floor.

(audio breaking up).

Your audio is very faint. Can you speak up, please?

(silence).

Harold, you are coming out very choppy, your audio is very choppy right now. (pause).

Maritza speaking again. Harold, can you give it a last try? If not we need to give the floor to Alberto Soto.

>> HAROLD ARCOS: Can you hear me?

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Yes, your sound is great. Thank you.

>> HAROLD ARCOS: Great, thank you, Maritza.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Go ahead, please.

>> HAROLD ARCOS: We have five minutes allocated to this update. So I would like to share the slides, if we can show the slides, please on the screen.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Maritza speaking. Go ahead, please, Harold. Please let's move on with your presentation.

>> HAROLD ARCOS: I am trying to show the screen, to display the slides on the screen. Oh, I see that it is not possible to display those slides, to share them on the screen.

(audio breaking up).

>> TERRI AGNEW: Harold, this is Terri (overlapping speakers).

>> HAROLD ARCOS: I will share the slides on the meetings page of archives, for further review and further questions.

Let me tell you that we have a new meeting strategy in play. So we have meeting A, B and C, in Helsinki, ICANN 56 that will be meeting B, and it will be a four-day meeting only. There won't be any public forum. It is a policy focused meeting. It is centered on policy development work, ongoing work, in the different community groups.

As you can see, the goals are different, and so is the meeting duration. We go from 7 days, as is the case with the annual meeting, to four days devoted purely to policy development work.

We see that there are several consultations right now, ongoing right now. We see the FY17 operating budget and five-year operating plan update. We see that is a statement in process.

(audio is breaking up).

This is for comment, not only by the ICANN community, but by all the participants for their comments. There is a period, ongoing period, as I was saying, to present public comments. These operating plans for the FY2017 is bringing forward all the improvements.

(audio breaking up).

Colleagues in the region presented or made some

observations. My apologies if I didn't mention all of them. They made comments on these guidelines that are important within ICANN. So we see that principles not only for starting a working group, but also for their future work. We have the comment period on the review of geographic regions, the final report, recommendations, geographic regions review working group. The public comments period closed on April 15, and we expect to vote on April 26.

So clearly, many of the participants in our region reach the public comment period without having enough information in order to actively engage in these review processes, or even in the TCPs for policy development processes.

This public comment period closes on April 15. But we expect to proceed to a vote within ALAC on April 25. Maybe I can add further comments. This is really important, this topic is really important. Clearly, this review focuses on the new proposals that have to do with geographic distribution, and the community is really interested in this topic, because this is particular to what we do within ICANN. Therefore, the Board is interested in the community's feedback, and asks staff to open a 120-day period which closed on April 15. So it's very important to review these comments, and work towards the April 25 vote. I will be participating on behalf of LACRALO. We have a report on safeguards, and a draft report.

(audio is breaking up).

The objective is bilingual activities, and of course a review is in order given the program that opens at the market, and makes us consider any improvements in order to prevent instances of DNS abuse. Then we have P to P on subsequent measures regarding GTOCs, we have several At-Large members from the regions, myself amongst others, and after the initial phase, some working groups have been set up, working within the program in order to improve all the processes that were included in prior rounds, going from the applications submitted, and the different legal issues that applicants face. Their perception or their experiences throughout the application, we understand that we need to review all of these instances, because a new role will be launched and we need to focus on these initiatives.

Finally, before I bring my presentation to a close, I would like to remind you that these are not the only piece subject to consultation or to public comment period. But they are the most recently closed. And then I have the most prevalent ones of course. Then we have a new working group on next generation registration, directory services for gTLDs, gTLDs on the whole, nothing new but all gTLDs. This new would replace (audio breaking up) and would bring the discussion to a close. The discussions on how to handle information, this is of utmost

importance, and colleague in our region drafted the preliminary project, which is what we are studying or considering right now. This is a summary of different ongoing actions in terms of ongoing policy work, and also policy work related to public comment. We are more than happy to share information. Surely there are members in our region that have engaged actively in these initiatives. Before I bring my presentation to a close, I would like to say that all this collaboration will help us organize our activities within LACRALO, the regional approach to these policy initiatives with hard work and implementation so we can engage and participate more accurately.

This is what is being done in preparation for ICANN 56. Thank you, Maritza, for this opportunity and for your attention. I give the floor back to you now.

(audio is breaking up and clicking).

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Maritza Aguero speaking for the record. Is there any question about Harold's presentation?

If there are no further questions on Harold's presentation, then we will give the floor to Alberto Soto for his presentation now.

>> ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you. If you can please display my presentation on the screen, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

The idea of this presentation on the CROPP program, I know you are aware of the program and what the program is about. But I would like to focus on an overview of the program purpose and objective, and I would like to give you an overview in terms of how to apply for the spot in the program with emphasis on past experiences within LACRALO.

(overlapping speakers).

Can you please display my presentation on the screen? Would that be possible? (background noise).

>> TERRI AGNEW: Hi, this is Terri from staff. I apologize for the delay. I have lost my connection. As soon as I can bring it up, I will bring it up for you.

>> ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you. In the interest of time, I will continue, while Terri is working on displaying the presentation on the screen.

As I said, the objective today is to present an overview of the CROPP program, and to stress the basic requirements, and the objective of the program. The objectives of this program are to build local, regional awareness and recruitment of new community members, more effectively engage with current members and/or reactivate previously engaged ICANN members, communicate ICANN's mission and objectives to new participants or audiences, to newcomers, which is quite a lot of people.

So within the program we have travel allocations, allocated to the following charters.

(sorry, audio is breaking up, I'm only hearing pieces of words).

These are five individual -- I see that my presentation is now on the Adobe Connect screen. I don't know if I can control the slides. We have -- my apologies. We have five individual regional, but in CROPP we have 7 thanks to the team and Rodrigo. Keep in mind this is for fiscal year. It goes from mid, calendar year, to mid, calendar year so keep it in mind when you submit an application.

What is being funded? We have funds include transportation and lodging, and 50 U.S. dollar per diem. As you know, you can take care of your own travel reservation, when you travel within ICANN. But this is not the case with the CROPP program. In this case (audio breaking up).

Records, and of course keeping track of cost. The proposed program has to be in terms and conditions of the pilot program, so you cannot take care of your own booking, so booking is not permitted for this program. And then you have to provide an accurate and complete post-event trip assessment within three weeks of your return date. This is very important for future applications. My apologies. Bear with me for a second, please.

I see that the pages are moving. My apologies again. My apologies. I am having issues with the slides. I will continue with my presentation. Then I will ask staff to then hold down the pages of my presentation as I continue. Thank you. I mentioned the report, and then the applications or requests. Just one second, please bear with me. Okay. The project must be preapproved within the participant's organization and then by LACRALO leadership. It has to be sent to the CROPP program for approval and then to the GSE team and at the end of the process. Bear in mind that the minimum time for submitting a project is eight weeks before the event date. There are further considerations. Bear in mind that you need to include this information when you submit an application: The number of travelers, one or two, if applicable, but bear in mind that we have 7 trips allocated, so if you have two travelers, then we have five trips left. Then the traveler contact information and the itinerary, the departure city, departure date, arrival date, return date. In fact, you need to report the dates of the events, and then ICANN travel agency takes care of checking the flights and getting the traveler to the event.

This has a down side. For example, I traveled to Cuba, and I had a day off before the event, due to flight scheduling. So I was able to attend the event or participate Monday, because I had to travel at Tuesday at 6:00 a.m. which meant that I spend only one day of the event on site. I explained and I'm awaiting a reply.



(audio breaking up).

Arrangements, explanations, and of course the event days, you need to include a link to the event website, so something must already be available on-line, the address, the physical address, this is important, because printed material will be sent out to that address, and you need to give that address well in advance. Then you need sponsors and proposed goals and outcomes.

We need to check that we have all the necessary visas ahead of the event. For instance, right now we are not able to travel to Montego Bay because we couldn't get the U.S. visa. But even in transit or passenger in transit visa (background noise) unfortunately did not qualify apparently for a visa or for U.S. visa. We need to double-check this, but this is the information I have received so far (background noise) so the participants were not able to travel. And Haiti and Montego Bay are 500 kilometers apart. Because there isn't a direct flight, passengers have to make a stopover in the United States. Then you need plenty of time in advance to make sure you have all the necessary visas. Focus on vaccination requirements. When I travel to Haiti, I check the necessary, or I made sure that I have all the necessary vaccine requirements. Then I was not able to travel to Haiti because I did not have one vaccine. I had to travel to the Dominican Republic first. At that time I got a reimbursement. Then I had to continue traveling to Haiti. Then you need to focus on health coverage requirements. In some places when you do arrive, you have to show proof of your health coverage or health insurance. Then you have to extensively coordinate with local organizers, internal transfers, etcetera. You have 50 U.S. dollar per diem. And I had to pay 40 U.S. dollars for a tax fee for instance, and you have an entrance tax, and a departure tax. So that practically took over all my per diem. And that is not included in the program. I emphasize, please take time with those into account, time frames into account to get your visas, to fulfill all the travel requirements, requested materials, etcetera.

Then you have to respect schedules in general. You have to make sure that you are representing your ALS, LACRALO and ICANN, and take note of everything you need to prepare your report after the event.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Maritza Aguero for the record. Thank you, Alberto. There is a question on the chat. Please be brief in the interest of time.

The question is this, is it the idea, in Brazil, is it eligible for the core program that would take place in July from the 11th to the 13th?

>> ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto Soto speaking. Taking

into account of the time period, it is not. It is only four weeks ahead.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: We have another question by Jason. This is whether there is any restriction in terms of visa, so why didn't any other candidate go there?

>> ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto Soto speaking. Because we got the reply from the visa two days ago.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Then we have a question from Raitme. She is asking does the IGF qualify, or it was already answered by you.

>> ALBERTO SOTO: Yes.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: So Alberto, thank you very much for your presentation. The presentations of all participants will be uploaded on the wiki page.

Now let's continue with our agenda, because we have already finished with our presentation. We will speak about the advancement that we have with the MOU LACNIC and all documentation that was sent for review. I'm working on the summary. I'm providing this summary on behalf of Humberto Carrasco. But before going on, I see Dev, do you have any question for Alberto, so that we can finish, we can close with this item on the agenda, so that we can continue with the next items on our agenda? Go ahead, Dev, please.

>> Thank you very much. Thank you for the presentation. Just to correct something, the leadership has to work with the CROPP review team members. Those review team members are Leon Sanchez and those are the persons that will actually make the application on the wiki, make the presentation to the CROPP review team and get the GLC approvals and take back any feedback on the proposals from the review team. That is one thing.

Another thing, just to correct, regarding a correction regarding the event in July. That event is part of FY17. And it is, within the past few days, it has been confirmed that persons can make application for FY17 event in early July, for events in July and August.

This is pending, of course, when the CROPP is approved by ICANN and its budget, obviously. One other thing is that this is also, CROPP trips are also contingent on how they apply to the outreach strategy, which is also published on the wiki, and for FY17, this strategy also needs to be updated for FY17.

We need to have that updated FY17 outreach strategic plan in place for proposals to be reviewed, once ICANN approves the CROPP FY17 program. (background noise).

Thank you. (background noise).

>> MARITZA AGUERO: This is Maritza Aguero for the record. Thank you very much, Dev, for your comment, and for your detail explanation.

Now we will continue with our last part of the agenda. The last part of the meeting as I was saying before has to do with the proposal of the MOU-LACNIC, and the documentation being reviewed.

This, as Humberto Carrasco is telling me, the MOU has been rejected by LACNIC, and they are going to make some comments, so Humberto Carrasco will provide the information later on. I was just updating you on that item on the agenda.

Next item on the agenda has to do with the activities in terms of the activities by Alberto Soto. We know that there is an equipment process. We are working on that with Eileen. And we will continue with all the pending items that were left in Marrakesh.

Then from Colombia, the University of Colombia, we will be having an event in that country, and of course we have to coordinate that event. And we will review that information. While there is a proposal to hold an event for the 10th anniversary of LACRALO, this event will be celebrated in May, but it's still pending. We need to coordinate with Nicaragua. LACRALO was dealing with the issue for connection during call, the same applies for Haiti and Telemarken and we will be offering a service free of charge. So we will continue with the follow-up of these activities to see what we are doing.

Then we have another item on the agenda to report to you, and this is that the association against the civil crime, and its application is already posted on the Web Page. This is posted for public comment. Comments will be received up until April 23, at 23UTC.

Finally, in April there will be a review, in Jamaica and Barbados, there will be remote streaming of events, in Lima, on April 21, there will be Peruvian Internet Governance Forum, and as Renata Aquino said before, this is open for public comment. And the IGF will be held in Guadalajara, Mexico, is also open for comment.

Then we will have the 6th Internet Governance Forum in Brazil. We will be posting information on the LACRALO wiki page for you to access that information and for you to have information on those events, and we will have remote participation as well.

Finally, when it comes to item number 12, any other business, we will have to do a follow-up, this is for Janice, in terms of the program that she is leading, and when it comes to the other information that will be posted on the LACRALO web page.

Now I would like to know whether there is any question or comment, so that we can bring this call to an end.

>> ALBERTO SOTO: This is Alberto Soto speaking. I don't

have my computer here, but I'm on the phone. I would like to take the floor.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Go ahead, please.

>> ALBERTO SOTO: When it comes to Haiti and Jamaica, there is an E-mail by Renata Aquino, she sent it two days ago. And I would like you to forward that E-mail to the list, because she is mentioning the adigo issue and the communication issue for people to be able to participate. Thank you.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you very much, Alberto. It would be good to have that information, so that we can be on the same page regarding these issues, and of course, to be able to be able to follow up.

Maritza Aguero speaking. We have a question by Aida. Go ahead, please. You have the floor.

Aida, go ahead, you have the floor, please. (pause).

Maritza Aguero speaking. Aida, we are not hearing you. You have the floor. Go ahead, please.

>> SILVIA VIVANCO: It seems Aida has no audio.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: So is there any other question or comment? Because we will have to bring this call to an end. Aida, are you connected, are you on the call?

>> SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia Vivanco speaking. If I may.

(sound of airplane).

I would like to take the floor to make some comments.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Yes, Sylvia. Go ahead.

>> SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia Vivanco speaking. I would like to tell you that next week on April 26, as you can see on the screen, we will begin with the selection for ALAC members that are pending for renewal at the end of the general assembly in October, 2016 this year. As you can see on the screen, we have two members that will be, or whose terms will be finishing at the end of the general assembly, and they are Vanda, and if you scroll down, you will see the name of Sylvia. We have scheduled for the selection. We will be announcing this information by E-mail, formally by E-mail, and we will also have a teleconference, so as to provide everybody with the opportunity to ask questions to the candidates.

So quickly, we have on April 26 the announcement for the nominations. Then we will have a period for nominations. And nominations will be accepted for a period of ten days. In May, there will be, May 16, that will be the deadline for nomination acceptances. And on May 25, we will have the elections. These positions will be renewed, as I said before, at the end of the annual general meeting, during the ICANN 57 meeting in October. You can see this. You will see this information on the wiki page as well.

We have the candidates who are now holding that position, and we will provide all details when it comes to the rules that will be applicable to these elections. And for the sake of time, this is all I wanted to say. Thank you very much, Maritza. If we are ready, we can now continue with our survey, our evaluation survey. Maritza, if you agree with that, can we continue with the survey?

>> MARITZA AGUERO: Yes, Sylvia. Before that, Aida is telling me that they are planning the event, that is no set time. So this is what I wanted to say, and we can proceed with the survey.

So Sylvia --

>> SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia Vivanco speaking. Thank you very much, Maritza. I want to thank you all. This captioning feature has been a pilot today. We had a simultaneous transcription of this text of this call. This is only in English, so far. And I hope this has been useful for you.

So Terri, you have the floor. Terri, you can proceed to read the questions, and, please let's answer those questions. Terri, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

>> TERRI AGNEW: Thank you, Maritza. We have six survey questions total. They now appear in the bottom right-hand corner. The first survey question, the captioning feature of the Adobe Connect room is part of a pilot. Please choose the suitable term: Very helpful, helpful, less relevant, or not helpful. Please select your choice now.

>> Hello, sorry, this is Rich again in English.

>> TERRI AGNEW: Welcome back.

>> Okay, thank you.

>> TERRI AGNEW: Survey question number 2: Please self-identify all categories that describes who you are: A person with disabilities, a participant for whom English is a second language, a participant who doesn't speak English, a participant who has limited or low bandwidth, or none of the above. Please cast your vote now.

Question number 3: What benefit did you get from accessing the captioning stream? A greater understanding of the topics? Ability to understand the session more effectively? Provided the correct spelling of technical terminology? Personal benefits of being appreciated? Able to more fully appreciate and engage with the presenter. Please cast your vote now.

Just as a follow-up to question number 3, if one of the previous did not describe you, there is an open place that you can type additional responses, about what benefits did you get from accessing the captioning stream.

Moving on to question 4: Where else do you think

captioning should be required? Working groups? Task forces? Ad hoc groups? RALO calls? ALAC calls? CCWG calls? Or other.

And finally, our last question is, any final comments. I will leave this up for you to take your time and throw in any final comments you may have. Thank you, everyone, for joining, and for staying on longer and completing the survey for us.

Once again, we will keep this poll up. But thank you, everyone, for joining. You may disconnect our meeting once you finish typing in your comment. We thank you for joining today's conference.

>> Thanks, all. Thanks to the interpreters. Take care. And to the captioning.

>> MARITZA AGUERO: This is Maritza Aguero. Thank you very much, Terri, thank you very much to the interpreters, the staff. This is Maritza Aguero speaking. So, good night. Thank you very much for your participation. So good afternoon, good evening, good morning and thank you very much.

>> Once again, the meeting has been adjourned. Thank you very much for joining. Please remember to disconnect all remaining lines.

(end of meeting at 7:40 p.m. CST)

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