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TERRI AGNEW:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the LACRALO GSE Capacity Building Webinar on the topic Work Stream 2 implementation taking place on October 19th 2016 at 23:30 UTC.

We will not be doing a role call as it is a webinar. But if I could please remind everyone on the phone bridge as well as computer to mute your speakers and microphones as well as state your name when speaking not only for transcription purposes but to allow our interpreters to identify you on the other language channels. We have English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French interpretation.

I would also like to remind all participants, as many of you know the At-Large community is going through an independent review. All of you are encouraged to participate in a global survey, which is available in English, Spanish, and French. Your feedback would be extremely valuable to improve the organization effectiveness of At-Large community. You can click on the links in the web links pod to your right to access the links directly. And I apologize, the pod is to your left.

With this, I'd now like to turn it back over to our moderator Silvia Vivanco. Please begin.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

This is Silvia Vivanco speaking. Thank you very much, Terri, for your introduction. Welcome everyone. Welcome to the GSE webinar. Welcome. This webinar is called the LACRALO GSE Capacity Building Webinar on the topic of Work Stream 2 Implementation. This is a

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webinar carried out with LACRALO and the GSE department. So, I would like to thank the GSE department and team represented by Rodrigo Saucedo for organizing together with At-Large and LACRALO this webinar.

Our guest speaker today is Leon Sanchez. He's an ALAC member for LACRALO as well. And Leon is a very active participant, a very active collaborator with the ICANN community and has been working for the CCWG accountability and CWG among other working groups. So, we would like to thank Leon for his willingness to speak in this webinar.

Now, I would like to give the floor to Terri once again for her to proceed with the housekeeping notices. Thank you.

TERRI AGNEW:

Thank you very much, Silvia. Just a quick housekeeping before we begin. After today's presentation we will do a quick pop quiz. And at the very end of the presentation, we will conduct seven evaluation questions. The pop quiz and evaluation questions at that time will appear in the right-hand side of your screen.

Also, if you have any questions during today's webinar, please place them in the chat pod and we'll make sure they do get answered. With this, I'll turn it back over to - actually with this, I'll turn it over to our guest speaker today. Leon Sanchez, please begin.

LEON SANCHEZ:

This is Leon Sanchez speaking. Thank you very much, Terri. As you know the topic for today is the Phase Two for the CCWG working group. As

you know, this working group was created to strengthen the transparency and accountability at ICANN as part of the transition process, which started some years ago and would have finished just a week once the contract between the NTIA and ICANN expired for the management of the IANA function.

So, as you probably know the CCWG was in charge of creating the proposal by the community by the main community in relation to strengthening the transparency and accountability at ICANN within in the transition framework.

And for this, the work of these working groups, the CCWG was divided into two phases. In this case, during the first stage or first phase of this CCWG there were certain topics identified. They were topics that were supposed to be analyzed closely. There was the need to extend the activities beyond the transition.

So, let's take into account that at the very beginning of the transition, the transition was to appear in September 2015. This was not possible. It was not possible to meet with that date because the transition proposal was not finished. So, the contract between the NTIA and ICANN was extended for a period of one year. And that made it possible to finish with the proposal with, with a transition proposal including the transparency or the ICANN transparency and accountability proposal.

But within this process there were certain topics that required further attention [inaudible] these two processes. So, within the CCWG these two topics were taken into account with two criteria or with different criteria.

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The transition for example should not be dependent upon certain topics. These topics were supposed to be explored, but the transition was not to be stopped. And the other criteria to analyze these two topics was the following. Since the complexity of phases was quite high, they would need further time for dealing with them.

So, I would like to emphasize that these are not - are topics of great importance. These are very important issues that were analyzed during the first stage, but with required further analysis and time. So, that's why there was a second phase to deal with these topics.

So, what did we do within the CCWG to work on these two topics? We divided the work into subgroups according to the discussion, so there was a report that was drafted and delivered so that the proposal could be sent to the NTIA in terms of the ICANN transparency and accountability processes.

So, these topics are already defined. I mean there is no time to add further topics to the discussion. This would be outside the scope of the CCWG. The activities would not be focused on these subgroups and topics that were identified and included in the first report that was issued by the CCWT.

And for that purpose, volunteers from the CCWT were called upon and people from the community were also called, and even people outside ICANN they were called to be part of the sub-working group. The topics are the following: diversity, guidance for good faith conduct, they will deal with the IRT processes, human rights, jurisdiction, the [inaudible], prepare for the engagement process review, the SO and AC

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accountability, staff accountability and transparency. So, these are the topics that will be dealt with.

And as you can see these topics will cover a wide range of complexity within the ICANN structure. For example, when we speak about diversity, well, in this case the sub-working group working on this topic has been discussing and gathering the input or feedback of different groups and members of the community to be able to provide a definition of diversity within the ICANN scope of course.

So, of course they're working on this. They do not have a conclusion because this is an ongoing activity. And just to give you an example, it is important to take into account that within ICANN part of the diversity or part of the objective of this working group provided or delivered a first draft for the definition of what we should understand as diversity. According to this working group, diversity within ICANN has to do with the diversity of ICANN in order to facilitate participation of the different stakeholders and their representation at different levels of the organization and within different issues or topics within the organization. That will be a very first draft of preliminary definition of diversity.

In this case, diversity includes language, geographic diversity, gender, stakeholders' interest, the openness that is required to be diverse, and different topics in relation to this main topic which is diversity.

When it comes to the methodology, the work methodology for these working groups, well this is to be defined. But these working groups need to report to the CCWG, that is to say to the preliminary of the

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CCWG, they need to present their response unto - so it needs their document for approval before the CCWG.

We have been working within the CCWG, so there is no need for both because work based on consensus. So, we expect that in this second phase we can work in the same way and that we can proceed by consensus or working based on consensus.

So, once this response is presented before the CCWG, the CCWG will decide whether these reports will be approved or not or if some conclusions of observations will be needed or suggested. Once we finish with that, the CCWG may finally approve the report being drafted and issued by the sub-working group. [Inaudible] to have one [inaudible] related report with the opinions of a different working group. And with that, [inaudible] is to provide that information to the ICANN board for its approval and final implementation.

Another important topic within the working group which is very important and a group which is holding very interesting discussions is the Human Rights working group.

In this case, human right discussions is something important. And within ICANN this is being addressed in turns out they respect their human rights. That is to say human rights in relation to daily activities, contractor provisions. And this is not a finished discussion. So, we are defining the scope of this working group and the human right issues within ICANN.

And for that reason or for that purpose, there are many documents that are being analyzed. For example, the human rights declarations, there

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will be principals for companies, and some of the documents that have been drafted by specialists which are important.

This working group is also working in collaboration with other groups from different constituencies within ICANN which have already been working on human rights in order to analyze if the activity of if the work done already is compatible with CCWG work and in order to avoid any repetition or overlapping of activities.

I would like to emphasize the fact that this discussion has been focused on the way in which ICANN should respect human rights and not in the way in which ICANN should proceed with human rights or implement human rights.

If we say that ICANN should respect human rights, part of the community would not agree because this would deter ICANN's mission. So, we are trying to avoid any deviation from ICANN's mission. So, it is important to understand that when we say human rights, we are talking about the respect of human rights at ICANN. But we are not talking about protection of human rights.

Another important issue, which is also quite controversial is jurisdiction. Jurisdiction has been covered from different points of view and perspective. There are many discussions which analyze the possibility of having ICANN to move its offices outside the US jurisdiction. But this is a discussion that is an ongoing discussion. In my opinion, this is not quite possible.

It's not probable to make such a movement because moving ICANN outside the US would imply to dissolve ICANN as we know it and to

create a new ICANN in another country. And in order to do that, there would be many complications implied that might put the stability of the domain name system at risk. So, this is just a possibility.

However, as one of the working principals of the working groups is diversity and inclusiveness, there is a place for people who would like to discuss this issue. And this of course will be taken into account by the other subgroups. And once a decision is made based on this topic, well, that decision would be presented before the CCWG as I said before.

Another topic is the [inaudible] as you already know within the amendments made that are a certain things related to the [inaudible]. We're discussing on the role of the [inaudible]. His role should cover certain aspects [inaudible] the relationship between the PTI customers. You know, PTI means post-transition IANA. So, this is a new organization being created to replace the department within ICANN that is to manage the ICANN function.

Now, this is an independent organization. And of course it's a new organization. It's close related to ICANN, but it's an organization in itself standing alone. So, the [inaudible] should be in charge of covering these new aspects that may come up between the IANA customers or clients on the organization itself because this is an ICANN related topic.

There are many other topics to be taken into account. For example, the SO and AC accountability, the staff accountability transparency, for example, the visibility that ICANN should provide or give to certain information for example rethought, the disclosure of data and information. So, there is a huge discussion in terms of transparency.

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I would like to speak more about this, but since these are ongoing discussions there are no conclusions being made yet.

If you would like to participate or engage in one of these sub-working groups, you can do it. You can request further information. You can be enrolled as observers or participants. Yes. You'll see the Wiki pages for each of these working groups. Of course this presentation is at staff disposal, so they will be posting the information for you in case you would like to review the discussions or in case you would like to engage in the discussions and participate in the working group.

You can also request your [inaudible] on your participation in the CCWG. You can participate or engage as a participant or as an observer. The difference between the participant and the observer is this, the participant should actively participate, and the observer does not need to actively participate, but he or she will be able to express his or her point of view. However, no active participation is required for an observer.

If you want to be part of these sub-working groups you should do it, but taking into account your agenda, because of course what we want -- as I said before -- is an active participation on your part. And of course if you have many other activities or if you're overloaded because you belong to different or many other working groups may impact on your performance or on any other working group or on the agenda of these sub-working groups. So, if you would like to join, please take into account the workload that you will have.

So, with this, we can now move forward to the Q&A session.

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The website for the CCWG is here. You can see there is a link on the screen. In that link you will find all the necessary information. You will learn why there is a Phase Two, which other working groups that are now working, you will have information about the different email addresses, the reports that are being drafted. I mean everything is there as is posted on that web page. And of course you can find further information in the Wiki pages of the sub-working group.

So, now, I would like to give the floor back to Silvia for her to continue with the session and to give the floor to participants for the Q&A.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

This is Silvia speaking. Thank you very much, Leon, for this presentation with so many details. I have only - there's only one question actually, from Glenn McKnight. He's asking, "What is happening with people with disability? I think this is actually associated to the issues of human rights and maybe there is some item related to disability."

LEON SANCHEZ:

This is Leon speaking. Thank you, Silvia. As for the inclusion of people with disability we are discussing this in the diversity group. Unfortunately, there are still no conclusions that we can submit to you. And very probably there will be no answer to that question, but you are welcome to participate and to engage in each of the working groups.

We believe we will complete some draft conclusions in the Copenhagen meeting. So, by that meeting we will probably be more clear on where we are heading, where is it we will land this work, and we will probably

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have more specific responses to these sort of questions like Glenn is asking on the inclusion of people with disability. As for the second question. I think there is - it is, "What is the difference between respecting and protecting human rights?" Is that correct Sylvia?

Okay. So, this different between respecting and protecting human rights based on the CCWG proposal we are referring to active participation or probably to controlling, having an oversight, to see that human rights are respected. Protecting in the understanding of a group implies that ICANN would take positive actions to dispense human rights in the domain name space. So, in the understanding of the group then these would not be included in ICANN's mission. It would not be (unintelligible) desirable.

Whereas respecting implies that in which any activities in which ICANN engages does not violate any human rights. This does not imply taking any positive action to protect them, or to ensure that any third parties working with ICANN should respect it. I'm not sure whether this answers right that question.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

This is Silvia speaking. I think it does. Let me see if we have any other questions. I'm checking the chat room. I'm not seeing any other. Let me ask my colleagues. Maybe if, Rodrigo, you saw some other questions that I missed. [Unintelligible]. She's saying, "Thank you very much." And I think that's it. So, maybe we can go to our pop quiz. There are a few questions for the attendees to be tested. So, I'm now going to give the floor to Terri. Please go ahead, Terri.

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you. We'll now conduct our pop quiz portion of the webinar. We have two pop quiz questions. As a reminder they appear in the right-hand side of your screen. Pop quiz Question One. Why do we need to work in two stages? Please press your response now. And, Leon, if you could please provide us the correct answer.

LEON SANCHEZ: This is Leon speaking. The right answer is Number Two. It's because the issues were identified that required higher analysis and the work would go beyond the date originally scheduled for [inaudible].

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you. Pop quiz Question Two. Are working groups closed? Please select your response now. And, Leon, if you could please provide us the correct answer.

LEON SANCHEZ: This is Leon. The right answer is the first one. It says, "No. Anyone can participate. These are not closed groups."

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you, Leon. Any further questions from anyone or comments? And Silvia...

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SILVIA VIVANCO: This is Silvia Vivanco speaking. I think we still have some more time if there are any other questions. If you have them, please go ahead and ask them right now.

LEON SANCHEZ: This is Leon Speaking. There is someone asking you, "Silvia, how are you doing?"

SILVIA VIVANCO: Silvia Speaking. Thank you very much, Antonio. I'm doing very well. Silvia speaking again. If there are no more questions from the audience then maybe we can go to the assessment, to the evaluation. Please stay with us for a few more minutes. This survey is very important for us, so that we can know what to do in the following webinars and what you think of it. So, Terri, please go ahead.

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you. We'll have seven evaluation questions. Again, they know appear on the right hand side of your screen. Question One. How is the timing of the webinar for you? Please select your response now. Question Two. What region do you live in at the moment? Please select your response now.

Question Three. How many years of experience do you have in the ICANN community? Please select your response now. Question Four. How was the technology used for the webinar? Example, your audio, your phone bridge. Please select your response now. Question Five. Did

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the speaker demonstrate mastery of the topic? Please select your response now.

Question Six. Are you satisfied with the webinar? Please select your response now. And finally Question Seven. And I will leave this question up on screen, so please feel free to take your time to respond. What topics would you like us to cover for future webinars? And you may type your question in the square.

With this, I'll turn in back over to Silvia with closing remarks.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

This is Silvia speaking. Thank you very much for your participation on this webinar, and our speaker who has just left, Leon. And let me once again, thank you all. And this webinar will be now adjourned. We will continue with other webinars according to the issues that you propose. Thank you very much and good night.

TERRI AGNEW:

Once again, that does conclude today's webinar. Thank you very much for joining. Please remember to disconnect all remaining lines and have a wonderful rest of your day.

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