

FIRST DRAFT - 05-31-2017

CREATION OF LACRALO FUTURE COUNCIL - WORKING GROUP **FFCL-WG**

Background

This working group has been established in accordance with the guidelines and outcomes of the mediation process carried out in Los Angeles City in January 2017 to create a Council of Elders.

A call for the creation of the Working Group was made through the LACRALO mailing list (Spanish and English) requiring a minimum of 5 participants; and 14 participants have indicated their interest to engage in this working group. On May 24th, 2017, the first meeting was held, and participants brainstormed on the future council's nature, and the topics it should deal with. Below there are a summary and proposals for our working group, and the first insights for the creation of the future council.

In addition to our teleconferences, ICANN staff has created an exclusive mailing list for participating members, and we may all engage on a daily basis by providing questions and proposals.

The first suggested purpose for this Council is to "provide some kind of mentoring or follow-up for community members, and to improve and promote policy development within our Region" (text provided by mediators); however, it is our duty as members of the council creation working group to determine whether we agree or not with mediators, and to establish work methodologies, terms, goals, among other things. [Please, send your suggestions to this WG mailing list or directly to Google Docs, and provide your feedback on each of the items below:](#)

[Google-docs: those who would like to add items to the already proposed topics, please follow the order suggested on the items marked as "ss", and write your name between brackets \(otherwise they will not be considered\).](#)

[Your comments on the items so far proposed will be addressed in our next teleconference \(date to be determined\).](#)

[Subsequently, all these proposals will be posted on the wikipage.](#)

[Thank you. Silvia and Vanda](#)

[WG \(Working Group\) organization:](#)

FREQUENCY OF WG MEETINGS considering this WG was requested to finish, preferably, before July 15th, 2017.

- a. No teleconferences - only using the mailing list and/or Google Docs
- b. On a weekly basis.
- c. [Weekly teleconference + Google docs \(Martiza Aguero\)](#)
- d. ss

Future Council Organization Proposal

Initial topics to be addressed:

1) DEFINE FUTURE COUNCIL'S NAME

- a. COUNCIL OF WISE PERSONS
- b. INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY COUNCIL
- c. COUNCIL OF EMERITUS
- d. SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL (Carlos Vera)
- e. SS

2) FUTURE COUNCIL FUNCTIONS (OBJECTIVES) (MISSION)

(a) Advise LACRALO executives about their actions whenever requested, or when some action or conduct deviation by its members is identified in relation to LACRALO operating principles and rules of procedure.

- (b) Support members on policy-related issues and relevant ICANN-related issues.
- (c) Ensure LACRALO Principles and Bylaws are always observed by leaders and ALSes.
- (d) Safeguard LACRALO Institutional Memory.
- (e) Foster the addition of new ALSes to LACRALO, and advise the community on submitted applications (Carlos Vera).
- (f) Promote regulatory or procedural reforms in accordance with the experience and best practices (Carlos Vera).
- (g) Provide support to the different working groups for them to achieve their goals and objectives (Carlos Vera).
- (h) Encourage LACRALO members participation in leadership positions to maximize engagement opportunities, and lead the community, avoiding the concentration of leadership positions and tenures on the same people, countries and sub-regions. (Carlos Vera)
- (i) Help the community in the development of effective mechanisms for participation and involvement in LACRALO working groups, discussions and activities, and related instances (Carlos Vera).
- j) *the mediation report states the following: "Provide mentoring sessions on policy development (every 2 months) by means of a Council of Elders." The above mentioned is considered under the capacity building section (Maritza Aguero).*

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3) COUNCIL COMPOSITION

- a. The Council shall consist of a group of experienced people, and they shall be not less than 3 and not more than 5 members, elected by the community.
- b. Where more than 5 candidates are available, the 5 candidates who have received the higher number of votes shall be elected.
- c. Resignation or replacement of one Council member:
 - (a) When a council member resigns, his/her replacement shall be the sixth candidate who has received the higher number of votes in the election carried out by the Council; and should this candidate not be available, the seventh candidate with greater number of votes shall be elected.
 - b) *what if no other proposed members are available? (Maritza Aguero)*
 - c) ss
- d. Term duration / renewal of council members
 - (a) The tenure of the first elected members shall be 2 or 3 years, with two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Council being renewed at the end of the second year.
 - (b) Members who have received fewer votes shall remain for 2 years, and those who have received a higher number of votes shall remain for 3 years in order to ensure work continuity and memory keeping.
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4) REQUIREMENTS TO BE A COUNCIL MEMBER

To be eligible as a council member, at least, 4 of the requirements listed below shall be met:

- a. To have been involved in LACRALO for, at least, 5 years.
- b. To have been elected to any LACRALO leadership position.
(Chair, Secretary, ALAC Member, delegate \ liaison representing LACRALO)
- c. To have held a relevant position in any of the other ACs, SOs, and/or Board.
- a. To have participated in at least 3 relevant ICANN and/or LACRALO WG/CCWG.

- a. To have participated in at least 8 LACRALO monthly meetings during the last 12 months.
- a. To have participated in at least one General Assembly, ALAC Summit/ATLAS.
- a. Not to be holding any LACRALO leadership position, be part of any working group or to be involved in decision-making processes at the time of his/her appointment, and during the exercise of his/her tenure in the Council (Carlos Vera).
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5) COUNCIL OPERATION

(a) the Council shall select its coordinator among the elected members, and his/her tenure

shall have a duration of one year, and the coordinator shall not to be re-elected for a subsequent period.

(b) the Council shall meet regularly by any defined electronic means

- a. Once (1) or
- b. (N) times per month
- c. ss

preferably on the Friday before the LACRALO monthly meeting to report on its activities and communications at that meeting.

(c) the Council shall have its own subpage within the LACRALO wikipage where
 (a) any LACRALO member shall be able to post questions and doubts; and answers shall be provided on the same wiki page.

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(d) the Council may be called upon to hold extraordinary meetings with LACRALO leaders who - with staff support - shall agree on the date and time suitable for both parties.

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(6) THE COUNCIL SHALL OPERATE with possible maximum openness and transparency, in accordance with its procedures, and shall work to ensure fairness in all its activities.

Its meetings shall be recorded, and agendas shall be reported to the LACRALO general mailing list.

7) Additional topics to be addressed?

a. If necessary, and at discretion of the Council, members shall be able to join meetings of community experts on topics requiring specific expertise in order to support them in their work. (Carlos Vera)

b. Council members shall not be able to participate in elections or be appointed to hold leadership positions in working groups or in instances where they had previously worked representing the Council for, at least, 1 year after the end their tenure. (Carlos Vera)

c. Council members shall refrain from engaging in discussions in which they, their country, or institution may have any conflict of interest (Carlos Vera).

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