

LACRALO Draft Operating Principles

LACRALO Mission:

To promote and assure the contribution and participation of Internet users from Latin America and Caribbean region in all ICANN policy development processes.

Title I.- About the members of LACRALO

1. LACRALO is constituted by Latin American and Caribbean ALSs, accredited by the ALAC, as one of the mechanisms to ensure the fulfilment of its mission.
 - 1a. An ALS shall be a not for profit organization, with focus on the internet users and cannot be a registry, registrar, internet providers, commercial chambers, political party, government or its agencies related to ICTs.
2. LACRALO will promote the formation and organization of user groups in the different countries of the region and their subsequent accreditation by the ALAC.
3. LACRALO will facilitate the participation of individual users from the Latin American and Caribbean region to involve them in the discussion and generation of policies and encourage and promote their participation in activities within ICANN.

All modalities of ALSs and individual user's participation will be defined in the Rules of Procedure.

4. LACRALO will be multilingual from its formation. All documents and discussions will be maintained in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French. The languages that at the time of the modification of these Operating Principles have not been incorporated, will be added gradually according to the needs of the region.

The need to incorporate or eliminate any languages will be reviewed periodically.

Title II.- On the areas of participation within LACRALO

- 5.- LACRALO will have different alternatives for the participation of its members:
 - 5.a. Monthly meetings:
 - 5.b. Working Groups

5.c. Webinars

5 d. Votes

5.e. Email lists

5.f. General and Extraordinary Assemblies

5.g. Other mechanisms that will made available to users to participate.

Participation in these areas will be regulated by the Rules of Procedure of LACRALO.

Title III - On the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly of LACRALO

6. The maximum and sovereign organ of government of LACRALO is the Ordinary General Assembly

6.a The Ordinary General Assembly shall, as far as possible, operate by consensus.

6.b It will be chaired and assisted by a President and a Secretary elected by the same assembly.

6.c It will be integrated by members who have the quality of active members of LACRALO according to these Principles and supplementary Rules of Procedure and Metrics.

6.d All conditions related to Votes in this Ordinary General Assembly are defined by Rules of Procedures of LACRALO

7. The Extraordinary General Assembly will take place in extraordinary cases.

7.a. Change or modification of the bylaws

7.b. Dissolution

7.c. Removal of Authorities

Participation and votes in these Assemblies are regulated by the Rules of Procedure of LACRALO.

Title IV About the Authorities of LACRALO

President and Vice-President of LACRALO

8. LACRALO will have one President and one Vice-President.

Persons elected to act as President and Vice-President shall be active members from ALSs, elected in elections called for this purpose, with a term of two (2) years each, without the possibility of being reelected for the subsequent term.

The election of President and Vice President shall be made by an electoral process within the region, convened by the President and Secretary with mandate and elected by active members of LACRALO with the right to vote.

Concerning to process, rights, modalities, times and other issues related to the electoral process will be dictated by the Rules of Procedure of LACRALO.

The responsibilities of the President are:

8.a. Promote and lead the ICANN policy debate in the region;

8.b. To act as a link between the region and ALAC, together with the representatives of LACRALO before the ALAC, taking the voice and positioning of the region.

8.c. To represent LACRALO in ICANN meetings, in any of its Advisory Committees and Support Organizations as well as in the outreach activities;

8.d. To promote the growth of ALSs and individual participation in the region by carrying out activities aimed at incorporating new members and organizations periodically;

8.e. To manage all LACRALO deliberations on mailing lists, in virtual and face-to-face meetings.

8.f. To preside over all meetings of the LACRALO Board of Directors.

9. The Vice-President will assume as President only in the cases of:

9.a. Resignation

9.b. Temporary or permanent absence

9.c. Inability

9.d. Death

9.e. When the President has a conflict of interest that does not allow him/her to continue with the performance of his/her duties.

Concerning to elections and other rules related to this position, they are provided in the Rules of Procedure of LACRALO.

Secretariat and vice-secretary of LACRALO

9. LACRALO will have the support of a Secretariat Persons elected to act as Secretary and Vice-Secretary shall be active members from ALSs, elected in elections called for this purpose, with a term of two (2) years each, without the possibility of being reelected for the subsequent term.

10. The election of Secretary and Vice-Secretary, will follow an electoral process within the region, convened by the President and Secretary with mandate and elected by the active members of LACRALO with the right to vote.

Concerning to process, rights, modalities, rights, times and other issues related to these elections will be dictated by the Rules of Procedure of LACRALO.

11. The responsibilities of the Secretary and Vice / Secretary are:

11.a. To perform administrative and informative functions.

11.b. To maintain communication systems and ensure the correct flow of information on the issues under discussion among all members of LACRALO and any other task assigned to them by the LACRALO Board.

12. The Deputy Secretary will assume as Secretary only in the cases of:

12.a. Resignation

12.b. Temporary or permanent absence 12.c. Disability

12.d. Death

12.e. When the Secretary has a conflict of interest that does not allow him/her to continue with the performance of his duties.

13. The President and the Secretary elected and appointed must be members of different ALS, different countries and must have their place of principal residence in these different countries of the region and said residence must agree with the country of the ALS that is represented.

Diversity requirements shall not apply between the full and alternate members, in both cases, President and Vice-President and Secretary and Vice-Secretary.

Concerning to elections and all other issues related to this position, they are regulated by the Rules of Procedure of LACRALO.

Title V About Representatives of LACRALO before ALAC

13. LACRALO will elect two (2) persons to serve as representatives before the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), and two others as their respective alternates, in the terms that have been specified in the ICANN bylaws. Each full member and its alternate will be selected from the same call to elections and as a consequence of the preference obtained in the results of the respective elections.

14. Only active members, in accordance with is defined in the Rules of Procedure, may vote or be voted in the elections for these positions.

15. The representatives selected as ALAC members shall be members of different ALSs and be residents in different countries of the region.

Diversity requirements do not apply between full and alternate members.

16. LACRALO representatives at ALAC have responsibilities defined by ICANN bylaws for ALAC and must submit to LACRALO regular reports on the matters dealt with in ALAC.

17. Concerning to elections and all other issues related to this position, they are regulated by the Rules of Procedure of LACRALO.

18. The Term of each representative at the ALAC will be of the (2) years, without the possibility of being reelected for the subsequent term.

19. Only in cases of resignation, absence, incapacity, death or conflict of interest of any representatives elected by LACRALO to perform their role before ALAC that does not allow them to continue with the performance of their duties, their respective alternate member will assume the mandate till the end of such mandate.

20. To the effect of a better continuity in the policies discussions said representatives will be renewed for alternate periods, corresponding to the election of one representative each year.

21. Concerning to elections and all other issues related to this position, they are regulated by the Rules of Procedure of LACRALO.

Title VI - On the Representatives of LACRALO before NOMCOM

22. LACRALO will elect one (1) member to serve as representatives before the Nominating Committee of ICANN - NOMCOM, and another member as its respective alternate, in the terms that have been specified in the bylaws of ICANN.

23. Only active members may vote or be voted in the election for representative in NOMCOM, in accordance with defined in the Rules of Procedure

24. Diversity requirements do not apply between full and alternate members.

25. The representatives will be in charge of the responsibilities defined by the ICANN bylaws for NOMCOM and will have to present to LACRALO regular reports on the matters dealt with in NOMCOM.

26. Concerning elections and all other issues related to this position, they are regulated by the Rules of Procedure of LACRALO.

27. The Term of the representatives at NOMCOM will be of the two (2) years, without the possibility of being reelected for the subsequent mandate.

28. Only in cases of resignation, absence, incapacity, death or conflict of interest that do not allow them to continue with the performance of their duties as representatives elected by LACRALO before the NOMCOM, then their respective alternate member will assume the mandate till the end of such mandate.

29. The full and alternate members will be selected from the same call to elections and as a consequence of the preference obtained in the results of the respective elections.

Title VII - About the Board of LACRALO

30. LACRALO will have a body with administrative and operational functions, called the Board of Directors.

31. This Board will be formed by active members and will be automatically integrated with the persons elected to perform the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Vice-Secretary, the two representatives elected by LACRALO before ALAC, the representative before NOMCOM and their respective alternates, plus the Directors of the working groups of LACRALO.

32. The President of LACRALO will act as President of the Board.

33. The duration of the mandate of the Policy Directors will be determined by the needs of the specific issues dealt within the Working Group.

34. The members of the Board elected by the General Assembly will have a mandate which duration will coincide with the end of the mandate for which they were elected.

35. The purpose of the LACRALO Board will be to overview the correct obedience to these principles for the best functioning of the region, ensuring compliance with the LACRALO mission and its strategic plan.

36. This directory and its operation are described in the Rules of Procedure of LACRALO.

Title VIII - On Interpretation of the Rules of LACRALO and the Mediation of Conflicts.

37. The interpretation of LACRALO Rules, will be in charge of the LACRALO Governance Group who will propose the best way to address these issues.

38. LACRALO has a process to deal with appellation and disputes of conflicts and such process and its rules are defined in the Rules of Procedure of LACRALO.

38a. Concerning to Conflict Resolution LACRALO, preferentially, will select an external arbitrator, who shall have experience to understand all LACRALO rules and processes.

38b. The decisions of the arbitrator are binding and must be heard and rendered in a timely manner.
