
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the LACRALO governance working group call on April 17th 2018 at 23 UTC time. In today's call we have David Plumb, Alberto Soto, Medina Gomez, Aida Noblia, Vanda Scartzini. Apologies from [inaudible], Marissa [inaudible]. Our interpreters are Medina and Claudia, and on the staff side we have Silvia Vivanco, Heidi Ulrich, Andrea Glandon, and myself Claudio Ruiz, who will be managing the call. Before we start, let me remind you that when you want to speak, please say your name and speak at a reasonable speed, not only for the transcription, but also to allow proper interpretation. Now I will give the floor to you. Thanks.

DAVID PLUMB: [inaudible], Sergio, do you want to say a few words, or should I start right away?

SERGIO SALINAS: Can you hear me now. Great. Again, good morning, good afternoon, and good evening everyone. Thank you for attending this call. We will be holding one call a week, this is the method of work what have been designed with David in IVO. We believe that David should be the moderator of these meetings, in each of them, I will just say a few welcome and words and then I will be another one of the participants, and I will let David moderate each of these meetings in which we will discuss topics that might have not been completed or require some adjustments. Without further ado, I will give the floor to David. Welcome David and you have the floor.

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DAVID PLUMB:

Fantastic. Thank you Sergio, hi everyone. Yes, indeed here the intention is to take the opportunity of these calls to discuss those topics that require conversation, that require some discussion in order to reach a greater level of consensus within the region. Let me give you some background context before we start, the first is that this call was only confirmed yesterday afternoon, and this is certainly not a good way to have such a call. What we have said is that this call might perhaps be shorter, let's see in the future how we will develop a strategy to address the topics and tomorrow we will have another [inaudible] that will be closing in the next 24-48 hours, so that next week we will have another call with a greater number of participants. That's to start with and then there was some mismatching that happened in the last weeks after Puerto Rico, the summary work after the hard work of Puerto Rico took some time. Then Sergio and Vanda and many others, were working hard on the document of the operating principles in the light of the conclusions of the Puerto Rico meeting. But, those who were not in the Puerto Rico meeting, did not have the necessary information or the necessary background, to understand what this revision dealt with, that's why we have to stop, put a halt here and to revisit these issues before discussing the main document of the operating principles and then send it to LACRALO for general review. What we are doing now is to halt now and to read, force a reading of the new documents on the operating principles and give ourselves some time to discuss the most pressing topics that have been included in this document. With Sergio, we have been considering, in particular, three major topics that will be part of the... that were part of the Puerto Rico discussions.

Which are, the rotation and the subregion for the position, and how to be, in a way beneficial for LACRALO, and that created some reaction. We have to talk about that. Then the issue of the individual users, how they will be part of NACRALO, and who can apply for that. Finally, the last one as we discuss in Puerto Rico, having this structure of a president elect and a secretary elect, this person will automatically become transition to president elect, after being a secretary after a period of let's say, 2 years. A learning period of 2 years, it will automatically become the president. OK. These are the topics. Before moving forward, let me probe, or know your views, [inaudible] interest, anything else in addition to these three topics? Is there anything else that we should be working on in this call? Let me open up for discussion now to say, to ask you if there is anything else that during this week we should be including in our agenda.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

David, I apologize, I have not raised my hand. I am trying to do it, but I can't. Very very quickly, first of all, let me check with you on the methodology, because as you may recall there were several emails back and forward, and I'm rather lost with the Carribbean. Let me ask, which is going to be the working methodology of this group, and perhaps to recommend, as we do not have an automatic translation list in this governance group, and unfortunately it cannot be set up, we should prioritize communications over the Wiki page for the governance group. It can be translated through the browser tool, we can ask the people to make this additional effort to translate the Wiki page, because sometimes there are very long lists as emails and it's rather difficult to keep track of who said what and then those people who are not

bilingual are list. So, how are we going to solve that problem? Thank you.

DAVID PLUMB: Yes Sergio, please go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS: Just for clarity, for the sake of clarity on what Silvia is asking. I do understand the issue, I didn't know myself. I actually didn't realize those of us who replied in Spanish, we didn't know that our English speaking friends did not get the translation of our exchanges. Besides, I think it would be very important if we can write in either language and they could be then sent working with Google Translate, as this is what we are going to do to translate our own things. On the other hand, the methodology is to enable discussions and we expect to see in these calls, English speakers so that we can work on this as well. David has the initiative of being in the Spanish channel and the English channel, so that our friends can feel more comfortable and work more conveniently, because they are listening to someone speaking in English, not through an interpreter. As David said, they were going to be three moments. The Wiki thing is OK. What we are trying to do in this group is to build consensus on policies, actually, I don't know, I get lost. If we have to post it on the Wiki or not. Silvia thinks we should, but we are also open up to anyone discussion on things that we are not agreed on our own, within our own group. Perhaps it might create noise and prevent the process of agreement. That is my personal view on this, so I say, I think we should work with documents in both languages, I think

we should write our emails in both languages, and work very quickly on this with the commitment both for Spanish and English speakers to agree to develop these documents as soon as possible, that's all. [inaudible].

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you Sergio, excellent. Alberto Soto, did you want to make any comment on that?

ALBERTO SOTO: Yes, as Sergio was saying the group is not closed group, anyone can participate and give his or her opinion, but the issues that work has to be within the group. They can listen, it is open, no problem. We have done that, but that might cause some issue if we see someone visiting or participating today that is going to discuss what we discuss last week, otherwise we will never complete our work. In ICANN, the work of the group is done exactly that way. We respect languages, it is clear that we have to do things in both languages, to do the translate function as you've seen, I am in the habit in doing things in both languages myself. Thank you.

DAVID PLUMB: So, these suggested methodology apparently is as follows. The group should make a real effort to work in two languages, that means doing what Sergio did in his email to the group a few days go, where he himself translated it through Google Translate and pasted it on the group email. This is a good practice for this group as there is no

automatic translation. Then, on the other hand, we should have translated documents on which to work. That is an excellent practice for those of us that can speak. Another suggestion that I am going to make is that myself and others could work more actively in both languages, [inaudible] Sergio said, make one call focused in English where everyone is invited, but conversations to be translated, but mostly in English. Vanda, you have your hand raised.

VANDA SCARTIZINI:

Yes, I have a question for Silvia I think. Because, when you write in English or in Spanish, it has to be related with the information of the email address, for instance, LACRALO discuss English, LACRALO discuss Spanish. In many times, it happens to me that information, or the email comes back and I get a message that it is not possible to manage your information translated into Spanish, look... well I don't know. There are some issues of practice that I request having clarity about. Otherwise, what we are going to write in one language might not reach the other person.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, you're talking about the LACRALO machine translation tool. This includes all ALSes in LACRALO [inaudible], the work of that working group is [inaudible]. In that mailing list, that [inaudible] that tool is not included in the LACRALO governance mailing list and will not be there, because it has to be corrected. This is why all communications in the LACRALO governance mailing list are not translated by a machine or [inaudible] confusion a couple of weeks ago. There are two letters, one

letter that covers the whole of LACRALO, and this is a working group, a governance working group and have specific members who find that [inaudible] 10 or 12, and so, I ask the staff to include all persons in the [inaudible] something persons in that mailing list. The mailing list of the working group, the governance working group.

VANDA SCARTIZINI: Yeah, OK. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Then I have written that we have... we debate 2017 governance working group and there, each meeting of last year have the relevant minutes and is documented. All the documents have been translated so far, have been included there. What I may do, is continue using this page, or do you suggest to open another page subordinated to that one, maybe a 2018 governance. This is a question for Sergio and David.

DAVID PLUMB: I think it's been clear, I think Silvia that the easy way is to create a new page for 2018, continue from last year but I will leave it in your hands to decide what's the best way. It is good to have a page with all the documents, all of the key documents together, there may be some summary of the meeting in Puerto Rico. The latest draft by Vanda and Sergio of the operating principles. That would be there. I think it is important to have that place, that repository and to make the effort in the email, because we don't have machine translation. I think that this is very good way of moving forward, thank you very much Silvia. Now I go

back to the other topic that relates to the content. Apart from the topics I've mentioned, do you think there is any other topic that needs to be discussed. With to issue this new document of operating principles, so I open the floor for comments, because some of you may say well this is an important topic and there is no consensus to date on what happened in Puerto Rico.

VANDA SCARTIZINI.

I think that it is not that there was no concerns, but there were some doubts about some items in particular. Everytime we speak in person, face-to-face there could not be more doubt. I think that the only person remembered, the only doubt remembered is related to individual members. That it's not the question of whether there will be individual members, no, because this is something that is moved down from ALAC. The point is how we're going to consider each individual member in LACRALO. So, this is a discussion not related to the operating principles, that is rules of procedure. So the main [inaudible] I think was agreed that the doubt was related to the share of the percentage by country.

DAVID PLUMB:

Yes, I understand.

VANDA SCARTIZINI:

So, I think there's, I don't know how to say it in English or in Spanish even, that there was no disagreement I would say. I would say that we agreed but with certain doubts that one was to explain, to clarify them. People do agree, they do understand the procedures, and they do

understand that this may be good. I think the outstanding issue, the outstanding problem is, what were the individual members do inside LACRALO. I think this is an important discussion but it's related to the rules of procedure.

DAVID PLUMB: Thank you very much Vanda. Alberto, you have raised your hand. Alberto has something to do this topic, or a topic you want to put on the table to discuss?

ALBERTO SOTO: I think that there will on the table, OK, but we should not repeat a serious mistake that was already made in the past. There were some comments to the changes to the working group and LACRALO had not been notified of the Puerto Rico report. This generated some unrest and I think I agree to them, because there [inaudible] and they did not know where it was coming from. We should not repeat that, there is a complaint because we have done a meeting with [inaudible] and the meeting was [inaudible] and this is a formal complaint and it looks as if there were no transparency, so that the people willing to participate were not participate. This is what some people might say, I think those who have not participated in the past will not participate by now.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Vanda speaking on top of Alberto, so the interpreters cannot hear her.

DAVID PLUMB:

Alberto there were some internet procedures that have been difficult as you have mentioned too as a matter of fact Alberto. We have to work in some other fashion, I mean, work [inaudible] try to explain what happened in Puerto Rico, and the conclusions of that meeting. This is step number one. Step number two, is how we're going to put this into the operating principles and the draft version, we should decide if they are properly reflected in the draft version or not. Regarding the [inaudible], of course, we have to do it well in advance, let's say that we are doing as much as we can. This is why today we are going to focus on this problem and then next week we're focus on some other topic. Sergio, you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS:

I have three topics. One is related to the vision of Vanda, because I agree with her. We have to get deeper into the... more participants so as to discuss and not on a one-to-one basis because we have not been willing to discuss it within the group. Then second, the group almost sent one week ago, and we agreed on suspending 5 day activities, so as to [inaudible], we extended it, so as to try and agree on the [inaudible] each of the participants, now we're going to have one week of time before the next meeting, [inaudible] please some show of interest is that complaints should move forward too. It's not that I don't want to be accountable for that. I think that we have sent everything in time, [inaudible] we are humans and there could be some mistake, but notice I was not willing to send everything on time. I think we should focus on specific topics, and I think that all of us have participated in this call are the most proactive in this group. I am going to send out the comments that are being made, it's OK that everyone make their comments and

make their contributions, there are lots of people here that when they have to send a project they don't do it. So, I'm concerned these people are not here today to discuss this topic. Silvia is right in that we sent a notice to 35 persons and only 5 are [inaudible]. Thank you.

DAVID PLUMB: I think that somebody else wanted to speak.

SILVIA VIVANCO: No, I wrote it in the chat, we sent a report to 45 people and only 5 answered to the report. Would you please ask for more enthusiasm and participation, and commitment in the group. That was it.

DAVID PLUMB: What I fear is that this enthusiasm is related to the [inaudible] of what is going to happen. This is not [inaudible]. I would draft an agenda for the next meeting, I will send it out and this will be [inaudible]. In the next two meetings we're going to discuss this and so we're going to send [inaudible] define date and time. Then we'll make a discussion about logistics and discuss what we're going to discuss in this call. I think we need one more call, but [inaudible] focused on planning. I think that we would need a third week, a third meeting, so in the next three weeks we're going to meet once a week over the phone and discuss this topic. What I heard from Vanda is that we should add the regional subject, the point of [inaudible], that the proportion you mentioned Vanda, and this is something that was not properly settled in Puerto Rico. We did not know whether that would be mundane with a region based [inaudible]. I

think that this may be part of the same conversion as [inaudible] and how they will actually work. OK. So, based on that. I think that the most intelligent thing is not to work too much in [inaudible] because my feeling is that in this, this letter to, it [inaudible] hour and then discuss the next [inaudible], the next meeting with a specific topic. So, let's go in depth next week about regions, subregions, and about how the election processes would work based on that. [inaudible] reasonable or not. Do you agree? I think Vanda and Sergio have their hands up. Vanda, you first... sorry Sergio first and then Vanda.

SERGIO SALINAS:

No, my hand is an old hand. Give the floor to Vanda.

VANDA SCARTIZINI:

I have two comments, first I agree that we have to focus on which our method and organization approach will be for the next few weeks. Second, we have to put this down in writing and circulate it amongst everyone, because what happened and I talked about this long enough with Sergio, but what happened. We were not the one that should open up the information of Puerto Rico, because we're nothing in the LACRALO organization. We thought that we were not the one to publish what was advanced in Puerto Rico, that is why we did not do that. What we actually did in relation to the indexes, I asked Carlton, and Carlton said that the one who had all this in full description was [inaudible], so I contacted [inaudible] and ask personally to send this information, but as his baby is just newly born, he was not able to find the time to send it. We did not get into this topic, which in our view is related to the rules of

procedure, but it's relevant for us to discuss it before the operating principles. If everyone agrees in not changing this point, which is already included in our procedures. If we want to perhaps, to state it in a different formal way, well this is something that we still have to discuss because no, there was no general agreement in the Puerto Rico meeting. These were my two comments, one to draw a record of this and then explain to everyone what we did today and what the next meeting will be about. Then the second is, and this is just for our [inaudible] that we should include this item in our agenda for future discussions, thank you.

DAVID PLUMB:

OK, thank you Vanda, great. That makes me think that perhaps we should start our discussions with this and wait an additional week so that we can let him finish his work before the next call. Anyone else want to say anything? Because, what I see here is a natural closing of our call in saying while this is our plan, and in our next call we will start with the logics, the initial logic of explaining what happened in Puerto Rico, talking about that, and then see how to put it in writing in the operating principles document. Any other comments? Anyone else wants to say anything else? No. OK. Well, so... clearly we have to draw short record of the contents of this call, here I will kindly ask the staff to help me with the names of the participants, circulate it and explain what is going to happen. I will also ask here the ICANN staff to draw up a new doodle as soon as possible, to select the date for the next and the second next week, and I will forward this to the list [inaudible] governance working group, what happened today and plan ahead. Do you all agree?

VANDA SCARTIZINI: I agree.

SERGIO SALINAS: I agree David.

DAVID PLUMB: Great. Anything else? Thank you. Do you want to say anything else?

SERGIO SALINAS: No, I think it's fine. Well anyways, I should say that for the email contribution to be noted, the controversial issue that will be the input we'll be working on in our next meetings. Just that comment.

SILVIA VIVANCO: David, an additional aspect I forgot to say is that in the past this working group has a preset date and time. Perhaps we should follow the same thing, I think was every Thursday.

VANDA SCARTIZINI: Yes it was Thursday evening.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes and people were used to that and it was part of their routine. It worked to have a set date.

SERGIO SALINAS: Yes, well on that I might say that this for me, unprevented, because the school year has started, I am teaching at the journalism school and I'm cannot be available on Thursdays. I said that perhaps it could be Tuesday, Wednesday, because Friday is not a good day for the staff. Perhaps Tuesday or Wednesday are days that are convenient for everyone.

DAVID PLUMB: OK.

SILVIA VIVANCO: We can have a doodle on this to set date and time for the next and the second next meetings we might have a doodle for everyone to know that the date and time that they will offer will be set. We will be offering the dates and times that Sergio will indicate.

DAVID PLUMB: OK. Thank you Silvia, thank you all, and we'll be talking next week then.

SERGIO SALINAS: Great. Thank you all and good evening. This call has ended, please disconnect your lines. Thank you.

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