
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone. Welcome to LACRALO Special Purpose Call on LACRALO Elections 2018 Meet the Candidates this Tuesday, the 15th of May, 2018, at 23:00 UTC.

On the English channel, we have Tracy Hackshaw, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, and Nikenley Severe.

On Spanish, we have Carlos Dionisio Aguirre, Carlos Gutierrez, Lilian Ivette De Luque, Adrian Carballo, Maritza Aguero, Alberto Soto, Harold Arcos, Vanda Scartezini, and Ricardo Holmquist.

Our interpreters are Paula and Marina.

On the staff side, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco; and myself, Claudia Ruiz, who is managing today's call.

Before we start, let me remind you to please say your name before speaking not only for the transcript, but also for our interpreters.

I will now give the floor back to Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you, Claudia, and welcome all to this special call on the introduction of the candidates for LACRALO elections for positions of leadership and ALAC members. I will now explain the methodology.

We have eight candidates for four positions, so throughout an hour, we've estimated a maximum of three minutes for their initial presentations and there will be questions and answers for which each

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candidate will have three minutes to answer. We will start writing down the questions on the chat and if our time is not enough for the discussion, we will have the questions sent in writing to the candidates by e-mail.

After the questions and answers, we have two minutes for each candidate for a closing in alphabetical order.

So, let me refresh the open positions: ALAC member 2018-2020, the candidates are [Carrasco and Dionisio Aguirre]. LACRALO chair we have as candidates Sergio Salinas Porto and Alberto Soto from 2018-2019. Then, LACRALO secretariat, two candidates, Harold Arcos and [Carlos Gutierrez] also for a one-year position, 2018-2019. And for the NomCom delegate, we have two candidates, Tracy Hackshaw and Vanda Scartezini.

On the Wiki page, you will see the names of each candidate and their expressions of interest where they explain why they're interested in this position.

I will now give the floor to Maritza who will be moderating the presentations of the candidates, and after her we will start with the candidates' presentation in alphabetical order.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you, Silvia. Can you please confirm you can hear me clearly?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, please go ahead.

MARITZA AGUERO: So, as Silvia has explained, we will give the first three minutes to Carlos Dionisio Aguirre for his presentation. Carlos, you have the floor.

CARLOS DIONISIO AGUIRRE: Well, let me first start by asking if you can hear me okay? You can, so thank you. I want to thank Alberto Soto for his nomination. I was actually quite surprised, but very pleased to make myself known. To people already know me, well, I find it somehow redundant. However, I decided to refer to some milestones in my life, for those of you who do not know me. I don't think there are too many [inaudible].

In 2016 to date I've been working on the Internet ecosystem. I was one of the signatories of the MOU [inaudible] at the time of the creation of LACRALO with the first users organization. Actually, from the candidates, the current candidates list, there are only two or three of the old people who were at that signing. I've been in several meetings of ICANN [inaudible] then the NomCom selected me as GNSO councilor for one period. That experience, that journey, in ICANN in those positions was during the new gTLD process. Actually, I learned a lot, so I feel very qualified to face this new round of new gTLDs based on that experience.

One of the most [pleasant] things I experienced was that the 2014 meeting, the then chair, the CEO of ICANN, Fadi Chehadé, mentioned me as one of the leaders of the region and only two of the current candidates were mentioned in that condition.

I then participated in that same year in 2014 being one of the 800 people invited to NetMundial. I hope I will not say it wrong. I think I am the only one of the eight candidates listed here who was invited to this conference.

I have also worked within the ALAC and GNSO in several working groups and working teams. In ALAC, I was the liaison with the [inaudible] participation and engagement.

Now, I am the liaison of the track five working group on geo-names and we are trying to make it move forward. So, not to take too much of your time, if you want to know more about me and this is [inaudible], you can look me up in the first 20 pages of Google. If you write my name, you will find a lot about me.

In my private, in my real life ...

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Sorry, Carlos. Sorry for the interruption, but your time is over.

CARLOS DIONISIO AGUIRRE:

I conclude right away. I was saying that, to make it brief, the eight candidates are all excellent. Anyone who is to be elected will meet anyone's expectations. I think it's an excellent choice, whoever wins the highest number of votes will be great anyway. Thank you.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you, Carlos. Now, Harold Arcos.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Let me confirm first that you can hear me. Thank you, Vanda, for confirming.

The presentation that is the matter of time, I wanted to share, but before that, I wanted to thank Vanda Scartezini for my nomination and the support by [inaudible] because they've known what I have done. These are colleagues that I've known for several years, not only in face-to-face meetings but also in the working groups.

Voluntary work, as we've read in the mailing list, in my case it's been over 12 years of volunteer work. That requires capabilities of planning, physical resources, implementation of projects.

In ICANN, I've had the opportunity to learn and become familiar with the ecosystem. In 2015, we were working already on WHOIS issues. A key issue, the new matters in GDPR [inaudible]. I am a member of some working groups and in those working groups, I have been able to make a follow-up of the topics in this model, bottom-up model, for policy development which in my view are very important.

So, I have the skills and the capabilities in the creation of review groups. In Abu Dhabi, I had a chance to talk with the person who started the review of the NomCom how the various reviews provided to us a [inaudible] of the entire ICANN landscape.

Let me conclude by saying that this is a historical opportunity to give continuity to the work that we've been carrying forward with Maritza and Humberto at the second stage of LACRALO after the mediation. The

mediation that has made significant process. I think that my experience and my interest in the [inaudible] would be characteristic of my work as the secretariat. So, based on my past work and my personal experience, this is what I wanted to share with you in my presentation for the first part. Thank you, Maritza.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you, Harold. Now, Humberto Carrasco, please. Don't forget to say which positions you are applying for.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Hello, can you hear me? Thank you. I am Humberto Carrasco. As the others, I wanted to start my nomination by Javier [inaudible] who is not in this meeting and [inaudible] by Carlton Samuels. I also wanted to say that it is also a great opportunity for me to compete with Carlos Aguirre, notwithstanding the fact though we are opponents in the elections, I consider him a friend. So, personally, it is a joy for me to compete with him because I know all his skills, his capacity, and his [inaudible]. If he is the one, it will be okay.

In my history with ICANN, in 1999 in Santiago, Chile, and then in Montevideo, then there was a break until 2011 when I started being an active participant. I was the chair [inaudible] for two periods and then I was – I am – the chair completing my term in 2018 by the end of this year. I'm very happy because we've been able to bring the situation of the region to regular [inaudible] with the support of Maritza. These conditions, these elections, are relatively calm.

I didn't want to reappoint myself for chair, because in my view, this has been sufficient. However, I find it interesting and a challenge to be an ALAC member. I've never been an ALAC member. I'd like to be. I have the experience and knowledge, so I think I will be able to fill in that position properly. That's all.

Let me just add that all the other candidates are quite good and I wish the best of success to everyone. Well, that is all I have to say. Thank you of this opportunity.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you, Humberto. Now, Carlos Raul Gutierrez has the floor.

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERREZ:

Thank you, Maritza. I agree with my colleagues. We are trying to set up here a team that will be in charge of doing a lot of work. Personally, I am not old in terms of membership, as Carlos Dionisio. I have only been participating in ICANN since San Jose meeting. At that time, I was working with the government, so I participated in the GAC in 2014. Then, I was a member of the second Accountability and Transparency Review Team.

Later on, I joined LACRALO and APOC, and in APOC I also worked to look at some organizational changes without having changes to the bylaws. I had been in the GNSO since 2014. I've also participated in the competition review. This is my fourth year in the GNSO Council. I have been the co-chair of the GNSO, ccNSO Country and Territory Names

Working Group. Now I am working in the work rack five for subsequent procedures.

Going back to the elections, I insist that we need to work as a team. Most of us will be here for a year, so we expect to have new bylaws that will allow us to have greater representation in the region.

I am running for the secretariat. I think the chair and the secretariat will have very important roles to play proceeding forward with the bylaws. This is a long procedure that will require the approval of the community and the board, so I join hands with all the other candidates. It doesn't matter who is elected. What matters is that we have a lot of work to do and I'm going to give my remaining 34 seconds to the next speaker. Thank you.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you, Raul. Tracy, you have the floor now.

TRACY HACKSHAW:

Good evening, everyone. I'm speaking English. I hope that's okay. I'm Tracy Hackshaw. I'm from Trinidad and Tobago. I've been within the ICANN community for the last going on maybe ten years. I started in 2009, I believe. I've been involved with the At-Large community and with the Governmental Advisory Committee, and with actually the NCUC. Currently, I'm just off of the Community Onboarding [inaudible] Program.

What I would like to do is first thank my nominator, Sergio Salinas Porto, for nominating me to the Nominating Committee for 2019. I would also

like to say that I think it's a fantastic opportunity for me having come from the Governmental Advisory Committee to now work with the At-Large community, bringing that experience to there, working with other countries around the world and trying to achieve consensus on problems and issues, and also trying to ensure that there is diversity and representation amongst the ICANN community over and beyond what we currently seem to be.

I believe that my role in the Nominating Committee in 2019 will be one where I can work with other members of the community to ensure that the ICANN leadership positions coming up are meeting the challenges of those communities that we currently face and the challenges that we currently face are not one where we can simply sit by and relax and [inaudible] the usual [inaudible] quota to maintain. I hope that we can recruit members from Latin America and the Caribbean in particular, of course as well as from other parts of the world, to be in leadership positions within ICANN to make a stronger ICANN, a strong community, and a strong organization.

I'd also like to recognize and thank my colleague, Vanda, who also nominated me for the position. I know Vanda very well and I really would like to thank her for her nomination in other positions. As you know, I have declined those because I am [inaudible], but not really competition. It's a friendly rivalry and I hope that together we can work together to ensure the whole ICANN community benefits from my experience. Both Vanda and I have a lot of experience in this game.

So, that's it for the time being. If you have any questions, I'm willing to answer them and I hope that my role will be one which will make a difference in the 2019 Nominating Committee. Thank you so much.

MARITZA AGUERO: Sergio Salinas, you have the floor. Please remember to say which position you are running for.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Hello, can you hear me?

MARITZA AGUERO: Yes, we can hear you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Good evening to you all, or good afternoon. I am running for the position for LACRALO chair. It is an honor for me to have been nominated for this position with the support of Carlton Samuels joining [inaudible] from Peru, Sylvia Herlein, and [Christian Carcass] from Argentina have supported my participation.

I have expertise in the field of communications, but I also have a lot of experience with process since the very beginning of LACRALO. Together with [inaudible] we signed an MOU in Sao Paulo in Brazil in December 2006.

I have been an ALAC member from 2010 to 2012 and then I devoted my time to working in different areas of LACRALO, always with a focus on

the view that the region has to be a single region, following this slogan of one Internet, one world.

I also participated in NetMundial. Vanda and Carlos and myself were there together. I think that was a very interesting process to participate in. When you look at the quality of the candidates for these positions in the region, you can clearly see that there is a change going on in this region. We have eight people here who are participating in this democratic process and trying to take the lead in the future of this region, and this shows to us that the region has grown not only number of ALSes, but also in the quality of participation.

I was listening to the previous speakers and I really feel very proud of all of them. Any of these candidates will be able to do the best job possible for the region.

I have time available to do this work and I think that Alberto always says this. It is important for us to run for these positions considering that we have enough time to devote to the work that we need to do. I'm sure that the work will require 40 hours, not really 20 hours, of our time every week.

At the same time, I'm leading the LACRALO Governance Working Group. This is an interesting working group. We are working to develop the new rules of procedure and the new operating principles that will be governing the work of the region. This has been a long process. It required a big exchange of opinions.

MARITZA AGUERO: Sergio, you've run out of time.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay, so I will stop now and answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you, Sergio. Vanda, you have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Good evening to you all. I'm not going to take much of your time. I think most of you know me very well. I'm very happy because we have excellent candidates for all positions. It doesn't matter who ends up being in the positions. All of us will have to work together based on what we saw during the mediation process.

Let me tell you why I think I can be a good candidate for the NomCom. We know that with the budgetary constraints, with enforcement of the GDPR, with all the new challenges ahead of us, the TLDs, the distribution of the auction proceeds. All these issues will require hard work and I think that a person with broad experience can help the organization and I think that can make a significant contribution within the NomCom. Of course, this person can also [inaudible] more balanced and better distribute appointment of positions throughout the world.

I have broad experience and long experience in ICANN. As you know, I was part of the board, the GAC, the ALAC, LACRALO. I was the chair, vice chair, and for some time I have been working on the review team and

the GDPR Working Group, the Intercultural Awareness Group, the Governance Working Group together with Sergio. I was with Sergio in [inaudible] only recently and regardless of the successful candidates, I am committed to working for the benefit of LACRALO.

So, I will stop now. I will be available to answer any questions. Thank you.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you, Vanda. Alberto Soto?

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you. I would like to thank the supporters for this nomination. I started in ICANN in 2005. The institute that I lead appointed some other people until I could take over, but anyway, I had been working actively. I think that I have always been present at the ALAC meetings for the last six or seven years. I'm a member of different working groups, one for LACRALO and some cross-community working group, and I think that from these working groups I have been able to gain enough experience that is required now in the region.

I am running for the chair position. You all know my achievements so far, so I'm not going to go into detail. I'm available for questions. Thank you.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you, Alberto. With your words, we have completed the section on presentations and now we will move forward to questions. There

was a question in the chat by Alberto and I'd like to supplement it with my own question made to everyone. Alberto's question is: "In relation to the time for the functions, although it is true that we are working on a voluntary basis, we have to perform the role properly. The question is how are you going to perform and what addition would you give to your nomination?"

We will go in reverse alphabetical order. Alberto Soto, please.

ALBERTO SOTO:

I have made that question because as an ALAC member, I had to do a count of the hours involved. When I was the chair, I can't remember how many hours there were, but could be 40 or 50. As an ALAC member, the meetings themselves and the preparation for the meetings we concluded that just for the preparation of the meetings and being a member of two working groups, it would be about 60-80 hours per month. So, I think my position will require similar availability. Thank you.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you, Alberto. Now Vanda Scartezini.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Yes, I am very much aware how much has to be devoted to ICANN. The NomCom and the Board participation took actually more time, but I own my own office. I have employees. So, it is not a problem to me to make myself available. I can prove it with my participation in various groups in ICANN and in LACRALO and in At-Large. I have no hours. I have

no commitments, no obligations, because [inaudible] or anything like that. No problem.

I can say that my commitment with the NomCom will be of accountability to LACRALO. That's the most important thing.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you, Vanda. Let me rephrase the question because I think it's not clear. What is the added value for the position you are nominating yourself?

[CARLOS]:

I've already explained this, but if necessary, I can explain it again. I have only a couple of hours a week engaged in teaching, but beyond that, I have self-employment. I work on my own, so I can manage my time to move the region forward.

As of the added value, well, additional value has not much to do with the time, but with the experience. I think I have the experience to make the contribution that the region requires. I have a very clear idea what is the heading the region should take for the [inaudible] of policy. Thank you.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Tracy now, you have the floor.

TRACY HACKSHAW:

Hello again. Quickly, I currently manage my time [inaudible] various timesheets, so I have no problem with allocating time to this activity. Further, I am reducing my policy making efforts within the ICANN community, so the working group on accountability I have reduced my participation with that. I'm also [inaudible]. As you may have heard, the RDS group is now on hiatus given the GDPR issue.

In addition to that, in terms of the value I can bring, given my role I currently play within my country, I have significant connections and contacts with many, many international organizations within the ICT and Internet space and I believe I can be very helpful in recruiting new blood into the ICANN process. Some within Latin America and the Caribbean and beyond. I am well-positioned to bring that to the table and increase the visibility of ICANN for good reason, including that within spaces that [we] may not currently be operating within. So, this will be [inaudible] sector and I believe I can reach out to my colleagues in that space and bring them in within the region. Thank you very much.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you, Tracy.

[CARLOS]:

I also independently as a consultant in energy and telecommunications and I can manage my time. If I am elected for the LACRALO chair position, I would manage my engagement with the other sectors of the community to work on the priorities. I'm presently working on the work track five of subsequent procedures.

The added value, well, in addition to the fact that I know the Caribbean very deeply because I've been working for years in the Caribbean market, irrespective of languages, it is an [inaudible] situation the fact that we require so much translation that all e-mails have to be translated. That means a significant delay of work, unfortunately.

ICANN is based in the US. We will not change that. The documents are released in English and I believe that being able to work in parallel in many languages is very important if we want to produce the rules quickly. If everything has to be translated and we have to depend on funds that are no longer existing because actually ICANN is trying to see how to reduce expenses, well, we have only one option. Either each of us work in our native understanding the other without the need for translation or else we will face a sad situation that many Caribbean countries have already to join NARALO instead of staying with us. I think that is a reality that will be part of this process. Either we follow a clear line or we will only speak Spanish and [inaudible] Spanish and Portuguese.

MARITZA AGUERO: Humberto Carrasco now.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Thank you very much. I hope you can hear me. Thank you. Yes. Actually, after holding the position of chair for a couple of years, I have to say that the number of hours is quite demanding. Actually, I would like to have more hours because we have to meet obligations.

I work in the academia, so I do not have fixed working hours, exceptionally when the university president has requested special session, I had to devote more time. But, typically, I do not have to do fixed hours. That's in my contract. That is why I could travel and fill in the chair role of LACRALO.

I do not have experience as an ALAC member. I've never been an ALAC member, but I think I will have the necessary hours available to fill this position. As I can also understand English and Spanish, everything is quicker. It's an advantage. I can handle things faster and that requires therefore less time.

Nevertheless, I think that all candidates here, if they have run as candidates, it's because they believe they have the time the position requires. Thank you.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you, Humberto. Now, Harold Arcos.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Thank you, Maritza. Thank you, Alberto and Maritza, for the questions. Yes, you're right. Accepting the position means committing the time required by the job. In this voluntary work, we have face-to-face meetings. Those who have been in the meetings and those who have held ALAC member positions, you know how much time is required to prepare the materials and those who work in the field of information technology, you know how much you have to review.

As added value, or as an added trait, I think that my experience and dedication and above all a key factor I have been talking to our friends of Haiti and they've attended the meetings and in our basic Creole we could interact. So, Central America and South America are not foreign aliens to diversity.

As it happens in other RALOs where there are several languages and dialects, language is not an impairment, but an additional challenge that pushes us to work harder.

So, as a researcher and project manager, my agenda, my time, allows me to commit myself. There was a time in my life when I had a health problem, but nevertheless, thanks to the Internet, I was there.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Sorry, Harold, your time is over. Now, Carlos Dionisio Aguirre.

CARLOS DIONISIO AGUIRRE:

Thank you, Maritza. With respect to the time availability, I think I will be able to work. I do work in a voluntary environment. I work in academia. I've been teaching Internet economy for 30 years. I've also taught economics. I'm very happy with this. I have been elected this week as a member of Argentina's IGF representing the academia. My experience is the added value. My experience and the knowledge of the subject, knowing what we're talking about. That requires less time to work, because if you know the topics in advance, if you speak the language as Carlos Gutierrez says who I really appreciate, well, those are the elements that will help us.

I am also my own boss. There are no [impairments], but nevertheless, and again I reiterate, I think that any of the candidates running here will be able to perform adequately and we have to be a team. If so, ICANN will have our benefit. Thank you.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you, Carlos Dionisio. With this, we conclude the second part of this call. There are no further questions or comments in the chat window, so now we will start with the third part of this call with two minutes for each candidate for some closing remarks. We will follow the alphabetical order that we followed in the first part. We'll start with Carlos Dionisio Aguirre. Just two minutes please.

CARLOS DIONISIO AGUIRRE: Thank you. I am competing against my friend, Humberto Carrasco, who for the position as an ALAC member. For those of you who know me, you know that I was a member twice. I think that any of the two of us will work together. I think that we will make up a great team. Unfortunately, not both of us can take this position, but I think that the region will have the benefit of the quality of the candidates. In this particular case, any of us will be a good candidate and you can rest assured that we will do our best and we will do it well.

MARITZA AGUERO: Now Harold Arcos has the floor.

HAROLD ARCOS: Thank you, Maritza. By way of closing, I would simply like to invite you to support my nomination with your voice, with your credentials. I am running here for the secretariat position and I am sure that you know that we will not work as individuals. We will work on behalf of the entire region. The region has gone through a very interesting process and it is now undergoing so much required transformation, so I will ask for your help to continue working in this direction and I can promise you that we will work on joint development and this process is very important and I hope that we can continue with this process. I want to congratulate all the other candidates on the list.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you, Harold. Humberto Carrasco, you have the floor now.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I agree with Carlos Aguirre that we are friends. I was lucky to work with him and I have learned a lot from all these candidates.

MARITZA AGUERO: Humberto, I apologize for interrupting.

SILVIA VIVANCO: We cannot hear you.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: Can you hear me better now?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, we will reset the timer.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I just want to say that whenever I was in a leadership position, I was lucky enough to be able to work with all these candidates. I know them all. I think all of us have lived through different experiences together, so I have peace of mind when I leave the chair position because I see that we are following the necessary elections process and try to make the best contribution possible. I think that we can rotate in the different positions and that we need to give possibilities to other people. I hope that those who are elected will do the best for the benefit of LACRALO.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you. Carlos Raul Gutierrez has the floor.

CARLOS RAUL GUTIERERERZ: Thank you. I also agree that this is a fantastic team. I don't think that I'm competing against Harold. I think that [inaudible] participating in this election process in order to help [inaudible] do his work as the chair of the Governance Working Group. I believe that this discussion started in London 2014. Four years have lapsed and I think that we still have to reach a consensus within that group. So, regardless of the results of this election, regardless of the GDPR and the new round of gTLDs, I think that LACRALO has to roll up its sleeves and try to get new bylaws as soon as possible and I compliment all the other candidates. Thank you.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you, Carlos. Tracy, you have the floor.

TRACY HACKSHAW: Just reiterating, I'm running for the 2019 Nominating Committee position. Like everyone said, I'm very happy to be part of this process where everybody is a fantastic candidate and there are so many friends and good colleagues around the table. Like I said, I'm really seeking to have some changes in the ICANN environment as I said [inaudible]. I promise to work very hard using my experience from my Internet governance background at the [UN] and other fora in Trinidad and Tobago and the region.

To bring it to the table, to have that experience, [inaudible] so that we can find all leaders [inaudible] ICANN environment and take it forward positively and for future-looking organization where we can all be benefitting from the [inaudible] going forward. Thank you very much. I do look forward to seeing you after the election. Bye-bye.

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you. Sergio, you have the floor now.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Maritza. I'm characterized by being a team member. I like working in teams. I think that from now on we should set up a work team to deal with all the internal issues and also to come up with input that will be fed into the ICANN [inaudible].

Obviously, this will entail a significant level of responsibility for each of us in this new period. I firmly believe in teamwork. Let me highlight this because I think that this is at the heart of the work that LACRALO will have to undertake from now onwards. We cannot be selfish. We need to work together globally, looking ahead, considering new opportunities and new possibilities for new members in the region. The region has to show that this is a new start and this new start has to have a more proactive proposal-oriented approach.

I am committed to working hard seriously with a global vision of what the region needs to do. Thank you.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you, Sergio. Vanda Scartezini [inaudible] meets the gender quota among all the candidates.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Let me take advantage of this few minutes. All the candidates, all these colleagues, are very strong candidates and I think that all of us have a different approach from previous ones and I'm very glad to see that.

In addition to the commitments, let me highlight that I was chair of the NomCom. I have deep knowledge and I also have long international track record working with the community. I am in contact with people working on gender issues. I also have groups around the world that are in contact with me in order to bring more women and more quality individuals into our region for them to be leaders in ICANN.

We still have not yet achieved gender balance, so this can be an opportunity to attract in our region more women from the Caribbean, from the entire Latin American region, even from Brazil, to attract more people who can be interested in making contributions to the development of our region, in order for us to have a stronger role in the region.

We are now in a change process in LACRALO and we are also trying to change ICANN's view of our region. We want to have good candidates, good applicants, in the NomCom for them to take leadership positions and I'm committed to doing all this. Thank you for your attention. I think that this is [inaudible].

MARITZA AGUERO: Thank you, Vanda. Alberto Soto has the floor now. We cannot hear you Alberto.

ALBERTO SOTO: Can you hear me now?

MARITZA AGUERO: Yes, we can now.

ALBERTO SOTO: In conclusion, I would like to congratulate all candidates. I think LACRALO will be able to have a strong leadership team. It will be necessary to have such a team. We will face difficult times. Those of you

who have been working over the last two years know that very well. There will be significant budgetary cuts. In ALAC we are trying to make sure that this doesn't have such a big impact on us. We also have the GDPR coming into force and other WHOIS-related issues, other substantial topics to take into account and the At-Large review.

So, I think that with my participation into our working groups, I have gained enough exp and knowledge to do this job and I have proven my capabilities. Thank you all.

MARITZA AGUERO:

Thank you, Alberto. To conclude with this call, let me say that with this we conclude the Meet the Candidates call. Please pay attention to your e-mails because we are going to send you the credentials. The elections process will run between May the 18th and May the 24th. After this call, we are going to send this information to the mailing list with all the necessary details for people who haven't been able to join this call also to have access to the candidates comments and statements. Please take this process strategy. That will be all.

With this, we adjourn this call. I would like to thank all the participants, the staff members, the interpreters. We will now finish this call unless there are some additional comments.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I just want to thank all the candidates for their enthusiasm for their wish to make significant contributions to LACRALO and I wish good luck to you all. Please pay attention to your voting credentials. You will receive

them on Friday, May the 18th on your e-mail. Thank you. Goodnight to you all.

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