
CLAUDIA RUIZ: We will now begin the official recording of this call. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening, everyone. Welcome to the LACRALO monthly teleconference call on Monday, the 19th of November, 2018 at 23:00 UTC.

On the call today on the Spanish channel we have Maritza Agüero, Alexis Anteliz, Johnny Laureano, Eliecer Acevedo, Humberto Carrasco, Vrikson Acosta, Carlos Vera, Javier Chandia, Ricardo Holmquist, Sylvia Herlein Leite, Aida Noblia, Vanda Scartezini, Lito Ibarra, Alejandro Pisanty, Alberto Soto on audio only, Harold Arcos, Fatimata Cambrero, Sergio Salinas Porto.

On the English channel, we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Carlton Samuels, Lance Hinds. We currently do not have anybody on the French or the Portuguese channel. We have not received any apologies. From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco, Albert Daniels and myself, Claudia Ruiz on call management. Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their names.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I'm here too.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Oh, and Heidi Ullrich also from staff. Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking for the transcription services and also so the interpreters can identify you on

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the other language channels. Thank you, and with this, I turn it over to you, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Hello, everyone. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. We're going to get started.

INTERPRETER: We have an issue with Sergio's audio and it is not possible to interpret him at this time. Apologies.

SILVIA VIVANCO: We can hear you now, Sergio, but your audio before was a little bit choppy. So I think you asked Harold to walk us through the agenda so that we can adopt it.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Exactly.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. We can hear you loud and clear now. I don't know if Harold is on the audio bridge. Harold, if you can please go ahead. I think we do not have audio from Harold, Sergio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. So let's do the following. Maybe you can read the agenda items, or I can get started. Let's see. Good afternoon, good evening. I'm going

to get started with the agenda. Harold has not been able to join the call yet so I will get started.

Our first item is what we are doing right now, that is welcome and roll call, then agenda approval, and then we have a presentation of the new leadership that I will be sharing with you. The fourth item is a chair update on the ALAC structures. This is a presentation by the ALAC chair, Maureen Hilyard. Then item number five on the agenda is an update on the ATLAS III meeting. Olivier Crépin-Leblond will be in charge of this presentation.

Item number six is the ALAC member report. In this case, we will be hearing from Humberto Carrasco. Then item seven is a presentation on the dot-amazon case that we have been discussing in our exchange list. Then we have item eight, Any Other Business, and then item nine is a webinar, next generation gTLD registration directory services to replace WHOIS. Rubens Kuhl will be giving that presentation. And finally, we have the webinar evaluation. These are the items on our agenda for today's call.

So, may I take it that the agenda is adopted? Okay. I see no requests for the floor, so with that, we are going to get started with agenda item three, that is the new leadership presentation, and I'm going to ask staff to post the presentation in the Adobe Connect room, please.

Thank you. First of all, let me tell you that in the meeting we held in Barcelona, we were able to engage in a dialog with Harold, and we thought about our participation model in LACRALO. And this is our work

proposal, if you will, but of course, we are submitting it to the region's consideration so that we can discuss it and analyze it.

This new participation model – if we can show the next slide, please – is based on a change in our leadership model. So far, we had a president and secretary model, and our proposal is to have six new working group leaders that will be working with the president and the secretary. So these working group leaders achieve regional balance, gender balance and chronological balance in principle.

This chronological balance has to do with blending new and old, if you will, or more experienced, organizations. The idea is to leverage that wealth of knowledge that these more experienced organizations have in the region. We focused on policy discussions, and we engaged in internal discussions for quite a long time, but we realized – and when I say we, I mean LACRALO in general – that we couldn't go on and on engaging in internal process discussions and we had to start reviewing policy impact in terms of policy discussions that are in place within ICANN.

One of the most important factors was to redefine or rediscuss, if you will, this new model to participate in ICANN's policy. And we believe that many of the organizations in the region can make their contribution. And we have a vision, and maybe I need to go back in time. We have a vision by which leadership is no longer a chair and a secretary and it becomes a working group, a team. And of course, internal debate and discussions are at the core of this team.

One of the most important processes in the region will entail analyzing a regional strategic plan for us as users that will go beyond the different governance processes we will have in the region. We will have a new leadership, but we need a road ahead and we need a roadmap. So I'm talking about regional policies here. so we need to start focusing on certain issues that have to do with regional strategies for the users, and we need to start focusing on topics of interest.

One of these topics is the geo names, the work track five is currently engaged in that topic. We have a lot to contribute. We have a recent case in dot-amazon and also in dot-patagonia and in dot-cba. We addressed these issues on a regional scale, and nowadays, we have to address them again because they're back at the fore of discussion.

We exchanged e-mails regarding these topics, then we have the issue or topic of WHOIS, we have different languages in our region, so we need to take into account all these languages, the language of the indigenous populations in our region. In that vein, I recall different conversations with Marcelo Teléz, with Lilian, we spoke about the Guarani language, with Javier Chandia, we talked about the Kichwa language – excuse me, the Mapuche language. So we do need to start addressing these topics and working on these topics.

Next is DNSSEC. Clearly, we will need technical expertise to address this topic, and some of the organizations within LACRALO do have that technical expertise, so it's very important to leverage them. And also, we have a very important topic, and that is capacity development or capacity building.

INTERPRETER: Apologies, we are having issues with Sergio's audio again.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Sergio, we can no longer hear you, so Claudia, if you can please help us work out these audio issues, we would appreciate it. Thank you. Apologies, everyone. Sergio has dropped. We are redialing Sergio. Thank you, and apologies again.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hello. Are we still on here?

INTERPRETER: The operator is redialing Sergio.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. Can I ask that maybe Harold –

HAROLD ARCOS: While we get Sergio back on the call, we are going to resume his presentation. I will resume his presentation. Let me see. I think Sergio is back on the call. Sergio, if you're back on the call, please go ahead.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you. I don't know where my call dropped, but I was speaking about communication when my line dropped. Can you please let me know where I should resume my presentation?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, Sergio, you had finished item four in your presentation, DNSSEC. So if you can please move on to item five.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Item five, communication. We need inreach and outreach in terms of communication, and this has to do with certain topics that I will be addressing later on in our presentation, but we do need a newsletter, and [inaudible] work on the newsletter in order to bring the region onboard.

[inaudible] leverage the region [inaudible] and also, we want to leverage and empower users. We want to showcase the different activities of the organizations in our region. Therefore, it's important to engage with the different communities in our region.

Then we have the topic of capacity development or capacity building. We will have a group that will be focusing on building capacities, and surely, there will be organizations engaging and participating in these working groups, but they do need a knowledge base in order to be ready to engage and participate and to contribute with different topics.

INTERPRETER: Apologies again, we are having issues with Sergio's audio.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: So, as I was saying, the goal of capacity building is to increase the knowledge base of the different organizations in the region so that they can engage and participate in LACRALO and also in ICANN. Every working group participant will have a capacity building session so that everyone is on a level playing field and so that everyone can engage and participate meaningfully in the different working groups and therefore make a bigger impact on policy development.

Then we do have the governance working group as a separate topic. This group is a longstanding group in our organization, and now this group will be in charge of one of perhaps the most important processes, to bring our work with the mediators to a close. And I am referring to the rules of procedure and their approval within the region. We will have to work actively in order to accomplish this goal.

And finally, we need to focus on metrics. We are going to have metrics in the region. The governance working group worked on metrics. There is a deliverable that will be submitted for consideration probably in the coming week, and I already told you about the rules of procedure and I told you about the newsletter, but basically, these are going to be the main topics for this year ahead with this new leadership.

And if you have any comment or any question, I'm going to kindly ask you to post it in the chat pod because we are a little bit behind and we do have plenty of other topics to address on this call. Basically then this is my presentation, and again, if you have any questions or comments,

I'll be looking forward to seeing them in the chat pod and addressing them later. If not on this call, by e-mail after this call.

And now, moving on with our agenda, we will give the floor to Maureen Hilyard. I don't know if she's already on the call. Yeah, she's on the call. Okay, so welcome, Maureen, and you now have the floor. Thank you, and go ahead. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you very much, Sergio. While I think we're just waiting to get a little diagram up, I just wanted to explain it, and first of all to thank you for inviting me along to your meeting to present the new At-Large structure, but first of all, I also am very pleased to have been part of that very first session that Sergio took and explained how LACRALO is looking at innovative ways to encourage more leadership from within LACRALO and also more ways of encouraging more effective engagement of your members with policy, outreach and engagement, as well as with organizational activities that are going to be happening within At-Large.

So I think these are great developments within LACRALO and I'm really looking forward to seeing more people involved and engaged, and it's a great plan. I really do congratulate you. I guess it is time for making these changes, and I think that for example the organogram, the organizational chart, we're calling it the organogram, is just something that when I was given the task of being the At-Large chair, it made me think, what would I want to know if I was an outsider? What would I like to know about At-Large and how it operates?

And although we would normally go from bottom-up because we like to sort of think as At-Large and ICANN as being a multi-stakeholder bottom-up organization, I think when I'm explaining this organizational chart, I really have to start at the top. I hope you don't mind.

So we've got the At-Large Advisory Committee, the ALAC, and there are 15 members of course, and so what we've got here in this chart, I've actually put the photographs and the activities in which these ALAC members are already engaged, and to show people who's there, what region they come from and what their interests are.

So we have our 15 members, and then from those 15 members, we actually have five members who are the – well, myself as the chair and four advisors. And these advisors come from the other four regions within the ALAC. So I have Tijani from AFRALO, Ricardo representing LACRALO, John Laprise who is representing NARALO, and Sébastien from EURALO. And they form the ALAC Leadership Team, and they are given responsibility in the second row, which I will discuss a little bit later, but they are given responsibility for the three key workstreams that are the important role of At-Large.

And they are of course policy, which is being coordinated from the ALAC by John and Sébastien but organized at ground level by Olivier and Jonathan Zuck. The CPWG is an important part of At-Large and it is an important part because it is to do with policy and policy advice that we give to ICANN.

Of course, outreach and engagement is also important, and Tijani and Ricardo are the ALAC advisors for that, and Daniel and the five co-chairs

from the different regions will be coordinating that work stream. And within that work stream, there will be working groups, for example like capacity building and other working groups which will be part of outreach and engagement. And I'd like to see many LACRALO members in those working groups and attending outreach and engagement meetings.

And of course, the third work stream is organizational, and that's to do with for example at the moment the At-Large review and the ATLAS III are the two key activities that we're going to be focusing on.

So just going back to the blue area in the middle, in the past, we had an ALAC Leadership Team and advisors. And that just included the five ALAC members and the liaisons and former chairs. And one of the things that I thought was really important was that within At-Large, regional At-Large organizations are an extremely important part of At-Large. And therefore, I felt it was really important that the regional chairs were part of that leadership team.

So we now have an At-Large Leadership Team, or it's called the ALT-PLUS. It's not just the ALT, it's the ALT plus the regional leaders – regional chairs, sorry. I use vocabs like what we used in another RALO. But the regional chairs are part of that leadership team, and they're an important part because they will not only bring information from the RALOs to the At-Large Leadership Team but they will also take messages from the At-Large Leadership Team and the ALAC directly back to regional members. And I think that's an important part of our work.

So what we've got then is we've got sort of three levels. We've got the At-Large Advisory Committee, the ALAC, we have the At-Large Leadership Team which consists of the ALAC members, the regional chairs, and the liaisons who give us information from the other constituency groups that they liaise with, plus the former chairs who come to our meetings and bring a wealth of experience from their leadership role when they were the chairs of At-Large.

And the working groups, the third level, of course, are the workers. They are the working group members, the coordinators, the team leaders, and they are you, the people who are in the regions who become our working group members. And that's really important because I think one of the things that's important about this particular structure is that it gives a little bit more structure to what we're actually planning in the At-Large review.

And the At-Large review is also – we again are focusing on leadership and working groups because they were raised within the At-Large review as being issues that the reviewers felt needed addressing. And I think we're doing this through the structure, trying to give it a little bit more, making them a little bit more meaningful so that people know when they go into a working group exactly whether it's an outreach and engagement working group or a policy one or an organizational one.

And I think what you're actually starting to organize now, Sergio and your team, is a wonderful way of addressing the issues that we're actually coming across. And it's the other issue that I wanted to raise about the At-Large review which we're addressing, is the communication issues. And I've noted that communication was in your

list of priority, and communication of policy issues is addressed in the review.

How we use staff more effectively, how we look at outreach and engagement and social media, all those things are actually going to be impressed on us, we're going to be working on those things starting from basically December, as soon as the board lets us accept our At-Large review implementation program.

So that's it from me. If there are any questions that anyone would like to ask, I'd be happy to take questions if I'm allowed.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you very much, Maureen. We don't really have a lot of time.

INTERPRETER: We apologize, we can't really hear Sergio very well.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: We know that you have just come back from a trip, so thank you very much for being here with us.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Is there anyone who has a question for Maureen? Anyone who'd like to make a comment or ask a question to her? I see no one. Okay. So we're

going to release Maureen. So if you need to take some time, you can do that. And now we need to go to ATLAS III. That's the next thing coming, and now then, Olivier Crépin-Leblond will have some minutes to talk about this. Olivier, you have the floor now.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, and thank you for inviting me to speak at this LACRALO monthly conference call. I'm going to just to talk to you about a couple of things regarding ATLAS III. You haven't yet seen the calls for membership for volunteers for membership of several working groups that are going to be created to prepare ATLAS III, but that's something that is coming up.

So the first thing, I guess, is really for me to share the timeline with all of you. And I have to thank for this Eduardo Diaz who has worked on this timeline. Let me try and bring it to a size where we can see it. Okay, so I hope that you're all able to see this properly.

The whole process by which we started work on ATLAS III started on 23rd of October, 2018 at the ICANN 63 meeting when there was an open discussion about various points, one being that ATLAS III will not be taking all of the At-Large structures to the Montréal meeting but only a subset of them. And I think that Eduardo Diaz in his last update to you provided you with some details on this.

The important thing is that there is going to be some kind of a selection that will take place for people to go to the meeting, and so we will have 60 people that will be selected, plus the 30 people that are already part of the At-Large leadership. So we're speaking here about the ALAC, the

regional leaders, and also the liaisons and policy people that are usually traveling in the normal ICANN budget.

The process by which we established this timeline was to actually work backwards based on a number of deadlines that we cannot actually change. So these are hard deadlines that we have to adhere to as much as we can, and the first one is the call for ATLAS III volunteers. That's ATLAS III Working Group volunteers.

There are four main working groups that will be created. The first one is on the scheduling, the programming, the training, the whole sort of overall preparation of the ATLAS III, and there are three people who will be leading on this, Eduardo Diaz, myself, and Humberto Carrasco as well. And we will be creating some subgroups on this because the programming in itself, whilst we already have a vague idea of the room allocations, which means that we will have a number of plenary rooms which we'll be able to have everyone in there, but also a number of breakout rooms at specific times. Not available to us all the time but at specific times, there will be a requirement to do quite an extensive program to get people to effectively get the most out of their visit in Montréal.

Now, the second working group will be about sponsorship. As you know, the last At-Large summit had a number of sponsors which helped for our various extracurricular activities, whether it was a working lunch that we had or also some kind of a showcase in the evening, and of course, without sponsors, we're not going to be able to have any of these things.

So we need to have a group that will source sponsors, go and talk to them, make use of our own personal contacts maybe in a certain number of companies so that we're able to get the sponsors to come and to propose either in kind contribution for things like a lunch for example or to actually come forward and sponsor like a music evening or something like this.

Next, the third group is – oh yeah, and that group will be led by myself, I did it last time and I have already started talking to the various companies that we had spoken to last time, including VeriSign, etc. The third group is metrics and criteria, and that's of course one of the most important ones, one that will decide on how to choose those ppl that will go to the meeting. That group will be led by Alan Greenberg and Maureen Hilyard, and its work, I guess, is going to have to start very quickly indeed because there isn't very much time, and you have seen the timeline, how little time this group will have to set those metrics and those criteria.

The fourth groups is the communications and network mentoring leadership, which is effectively making sure that each one of the participants that will be coming to the Montréal meeting will be mentored quite extensively and will have someone to resort to to ask questions, etc., and if they want to sort of continue evolving in the structure.

So now looking back at the overall timeline, those working groups are going to be created as soon as possible, and the call for volunteers will take place within the next couple of days, hopefully by tomorrow or the

day after. Gisella has said that she will send this out ASAP, as soon as possible.

On the 30th of this month, there will be – we're hoping to have a guideline booklet that will be ready that will effectively explain the number of things that I'm explaining to you now and have that over explained in writing in some kind of way.

By the 14th of December, the application period for the ATLAS III in-person participation will start, so people who are not currently on the travel list for the Montréal meeting will need to apply if they wish to go to the Montréal meeting, and that application period will remain open until the 1st of May 2019. So that's a long application period.

During that time, there will be a training program that will start, and that will start on the 1st of January, 2019. Perhaps not on the 1st exactly, but within the first couple of weeks in January. We will start a training program that will make extensive use of ICANN Learn, and it will be available in several languages, I understand, but the whole program is being put together.

That of course is going to be the result of the work of the working groups, which is going to start very soon. So the deadline for these working groups, first for the selection working group, is to have its guidelines for selection and for metrics to be ready by the 1st of January, and the deadline for the training program people is also the 1st of January. And then from January until April, participants will be following the training and there'll be several calls and meetings, etc.

By the 1st of May, the whole group – well, the application period will have closed and then there will be a selection period, and I gather that the group that will work on the selection will decide on how those people will be selected. So the selection list should be ready by the 14th of June 2019, and then the details will be passed to the whole list of travelers, will be passed to ICANN Travel. And the deadline for ICANN Travel to have booked those tickets and so on is the 5th of July, 2019.

And why that date? Why that early? It's because there are a lot of people traveling to Montréal, and the costs also, as you know, ICANN is being very cost-conscious at the moment. The latest you leave the tickets, the worst it gets and the more expensive they get, so they want to get those tickets booked and those rooms booked as early as possible so as to be able to have still affordable prices for these and be able to cater for people around the world.

So really, our big deadline is the 5th of July, and of course, the ICANN Montréal meeting from the 2nd of November to the 7th of November will be taking place in Montréal. So that's our timeline. The only other thing I can speak about at this point in time is that I made use of my time in Paris at the IGF to meet with the local representatives of the Internet Society chapter in Montréal, ISOC Quebec, and they are very much willing to coordinate things local with other At-Large structures that are present in the Montréal area. So we have already a good number of people that are on the ground and that are ready to help us out on the organization of this meeting.

And in addition, we are looking at opportunities to perhaps have further travelers being sponsored from other sources, such as for example

some French-speaking chapters, At-Large structures or participants that could be sponsored by the [Francophonie.] I'm not sure if there are other such groups for other languages, and it would be good to explore this as well so as to perhaps have more than the number of people funded by ICANN to travel to Montréal but also to have a few people that will be funded from other sources to come to Montréal.

These are opportunities that we're exploring so as to have more people being able to be at that meeting. And of course, the earlier we start looking for these type of sources, for sponsors, the better it is, because usually, sponsors think of their budgets very early in advance, and this time of the year, before December, is the time when they start working on these things. So the earlier we go and talk to sponsors, perhaps not only for our own activities in Montréal but for being able to send more people to Montréal, the better it is.

I think that's all I can speak about at the moment. I'm eagerly awaiting for the call for volunteers, and please do consider being able to help out with those different groups. And just one more thing I need to say, participation in the working groups to prepare for ATLAS III doesn't guarantee a place at ATLAS III. But it certainly helps out, and you will have a say into defining how we build this. So I think it's particularly important. I'm open to any questions. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Is there any question for Olivier? Does anybody have questions to ask Oliver? I see no hands up or no questions, so I'm now going to thank

Olivier very much for his time. Thank you, Olivier for your time again, for your dedication.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. You're welcome.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: And I am now going to give the floor to Humberto. He's going to provide us with a report on ALAC members and tell us what has been happening on ALAC lately. Humberto, you now have the floor.

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I hope you can hear me. I sent a presentation on what is now available for public comment on ALAC. It's a very simple thing, it's just four slides. One of them is in English and the other one is in Spanish, but apparently, not all the [inaudible] are listed on the different charts.

So I'm now going to focus on what is in yellow, which is those public consultations that are now still open for public discussion. The other warning is that the dates are written on the American style, so this means the day goes first and the month is second.

What is not highlighted is what is no longer available for public comment. It means the public comment has closed. On the 24th, we decided on a joint statement for ICANN. I know that the public comment is now closed for the budget and operating plan for [ITI] and IANA for the 2020 budget. This closed on the 14th.

This is the proposed unified access model. If I remember correctly, it ended on November 16th. So the last one, which should be put for vote today, between today and the 22nd, is the preliminary recommendations for registry directory services, the RDS and WHOIS, and what is still open for discussion now is the initial report on the Cross Community Working Group for gTLDs. As you can see, these public comments will close on the 27th of this month.

And so what's relevant here about this working group is that we want to get the public comment in relation to how to spend or how funds will be used for the request for the year [2020,] the new gTLD program. So this is [with regards to] this issue. And what's still open for public comment is the review team on Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice. What we are looking for here is to get the comment of all the members, and once we have this, the board needs to look at the final recommendations. It is interesting that there is a history of the new gTLDs and the DNS program with consumer choice, consumer trust, DNS abuse safeguards and public interest commitments, rights protection mechanisms and others.

There are also other issues that are still open for public comments that are very technical. I don't know much about this because I'm a lawyer, and this is the final report on the Stability Advisory Committee 2 review, this is the SSAC2, it's draft final report of the second Security and Stability Advisory Committee review. What you can see in the chart is that these are the people who are responsible for drafting this statement.

And finally, what is still being drafted is the statement on subsequent procedures for new gTLDs. And then there are comments also on work tracks one to four. I would also like to say that we have sent a first group in an initial report that was introduced in July 2018. There are some other issues also here that are included in this regard. So, Sergio, this is the end of my report. Today, the public comment webpage was changed unfortunately so there may be other issues that were added there and that will still be open for public comment. So I'm now open to any questions or comments you would like to make. I know we don't really have a lot of time, so this is [inaudible] my presentation on public comment.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you very much, Humberto. I don't know if there are any questions of Humberto or any comments or feedback on his report. In the interest of time, I would like to give the floor to Carlton Samuels who will give us a presentation on the dot-amazon case. This brought about some discussion on our mailing list a couple of days ago. I see no one is requesting the floor, so thank you, Humberto, once again for your presentation, and now Carlton, you have the floor. Go ahead, please.

CARLTON SAMUELS:

Thank you, Sergio. I hope you can hear me. I sent the slides ahead. You can follow them as you wish on the chat. I will just go right into it. The controversy to date. So I'm giving you some background. Amazon the corporation applied for dot-amazon as well as two IDN versions of the string dot-amazon in 2012 new gTLD round.

The applications were subject to GAC early warnings, and that early warning was filed by the governments of Brazil and Peru and was later endorsed by Bolivia, Ecuador and Guyana. And you should remember those become the ACTO countries. ACTO is Association for Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization Countries. That's what ACTO means.

The ACTO public interest concern – and the next slide tells you exactly what they said – is that granting exclusive rights to this specific gTLD to a private company would prevent the use of this domain for the purposes of public interest related to protection, promotion and awareness raising on issues related to the Amazon biome. So that is the basis for the public interest concern that was filed in 2012, and they said it would hinder the possibility of use of this domain to congregate webpages related to the population inhabiting that geographical region.

That is the sum total of the public interest concern that was then recorded by the ACTO countries. In the ICANN meeting in South Africa in July 2013, the consensus GAC advice to the ICANN board was that the Amazon application should not proceed, and then the board NGPC subcommittee accepted the advice in May 2014, almost a year later, and directed ICANN org to not proceed with the Amazon applications.

Amazon the corporation then offered a proposal to the ACTO member states in October 2015. This is a year later, and they said, let's have a mutually beneficial solution. That proposal was rejected by the ACTO countries.

Amazon then filed an IRP request, that is independent review process request, in April 2016, and the judgment came down in July 2017, 15

months later. And the panel recommended the ICANN board, and I'm quoting, "Promptly reevaluate Amazon's applications and make an objective and independent judgment regarding whether there are in fact well-founded, merit-based public policy reasons for denying Amazon's applications."

The board in October 2017 asked the GAC for further advice on the application, and they asked for additional information. Amazon the corporation then presented a proposal to ACTO in October 2017. That proposal did not satisfy the ACTO countries, and they said in part that the name Amazon in any language is part of the cultural heritage and identity of the Amazon countries and that its use as a first-level domain name, unless otherwise agreed by the Amazon countries, shall be preserved for the promotion of the interests and the rights of the Amazon peoples and their inclusion in the information society.

In November 2017, the GAC came back to the board and said, "You should keep on facilitating negotiations between the ACTO countries and Amazon corporation with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable solution to allow for the use of dot-amazon as a top-level domain name." So that was the last thing that the GAC advised the board to do in 2017.

Amazon corporation then updated its proposal to ACTO in February 2018. The ACTO countries rejected the proposal in September 2018. The rejection was said in this way. It says the delegation of dot-amazon, quote, "Requires consent of the Amazon countries," and that, quote, "They have the right to participate in the governance of dot-amazon TLD," and that the proposal from Amazon corporation does not

constitute an adequate basis to safeguard their eminent rights. And the word is “eminent rights” relating to the delegation of the dot-amazon TLD.

But they were willing to continue negotiating. So the ICANN board then had a resolution this year, in September, and it says “Direct the ICANN president and CEO or his designees to provide a proposal to the board on the dot-amazon applications to allow the board to take a decision on the delegation of the strings represented in the Amazon application. So the board in September resolved to break the impasse and have the strings delegated, and they were looking for the ICANN organization to give them some kind of indication.

Just to help us understand what the Amazon corporation had proposed to the ACTO countries, the next slides kind of help you [see it.] They want to establish a mutually agreed second-level domain to allow for visibility in the Amazon region. The Amazon corporation would bear the cost of the website up to \$1 million for the duration of four years, they would have to prevent the misuse of domain names associated with the Amazonia region and its peoples by agreeing to reserve a substantial number of second-level domains in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

They wanted to create a steering committee to oversee the implementation of the agreement. And they would also engage in goodwill efforts to providing the ACTO member states credits for the use of Amazon corporation services and products to the tune of up to \$5 million, and that they were going to help the ACTO member states create an information program to publicize the benefits of the agreement.

So that was what Amazon had proposed. They wanted to give some money, they wanted to give second-level domains, they wanted to help the ACTO countries in promoting the Amazonia regions and peoples and they were going to give them – and they could use Amazon services to do this to the tune of \$5 million.

Amazon also doubled down on its position by saying that they were just following the rules that were [existent] in 2012, and those rules were in the two documents, Introduction to New Generic Top-Level Domains published in August 2007, and the Applicant Guidebook of 2012. They also pointed out that the GNSO council and the ICANN board both agree that these documents were what reflected the systemized and ongoing mechanisms for applicants to propose new top-level domains.

So what they're saying is that “We followed all the rules, we are willing to discuss and deal with the community, but essentially, we want to get on with our business.” As this controversy continues, you should know that there is a parallel development. The Subsequent Procedures PDP Work Team 5 is looking at geographic names in closer detail. They are proposing to issue a report at the end of this month, and no doubt, that report will bring up some of the issues pertaining to the dot-amazon applications.

You should also know that the member from Mexico ISOC, Mr. Alejandro Pisanty, has put on the list a proposal to LACRALO for assisting the ACTO countries in coming to an agreement with Amazon. I think it's worthwhile for you to look at it. Alejandro is on the call, and I think it would be useful to hear from him directly what he meant by that proposal.

So if it's not too much, I'll stop here and I'll give the floor to Alejandro Pisanty for him to explain what he meant in his submission on the list. Thank you. Alejandro, you have the floor.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Carlton. I don't know if Alejandro is willing to take the floor or add any comment or input. I see that Lance is also raising his hand, so I don't know who is going to take the floor first. Alejandro has typed a message in the chat pod. He says that his proposal has been misinterpreted and he is concerned about environmental damage and detrimental effects to the indigenous population. So in the proposal, the company should show what they are concerned about in terms of the environment and of the indigenous populations in their TLD. Thank you. And now I'm going to give the floor to Lance. Lance, go ahead please. You have the floor.

LANCE HINDS: Thank you, Sergio. This is just to continue a bit on what Carlton presented. Where we are at the moment is ACTO has now sent in a reconsideration request as a result of the board resolution of the 25th of October. Some of you might be familiar with that where the board resolution directed the president and CEO to remove the "will not proceed" status and resume processing the dot-amazon applications according to the policies and the procedures governing the 2012 round of the new gTLD program.

Now, that was not the understanding of ACTO when they engaged in particular the CEO to help with the resolution of the delegation of the

dot-amazon domain name. They thought that the president and CEO of ICANN would help with the resolution process. So the ACTO countries are surprised about that decision and have now submitted, as I said a few minutes ago, a reconsideration request.

Now, what is going to happen at that point, I am not sure. That now will go for consideration, and we would have to see what decision comes from the ICANN board of directors, and we will work from there. Hopefully, this does not derail the process. There's a lot of work on the ACTO side and a lot of talking and handholding to get us to where we were when we approached the CEO and the president of ICANN to help with the resolution process.

So again, this is where we are, and we can only wait and see what happens next in terms of trying to resolve this issue. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

We are now going to give the floor to our last guest speaker, Rubens Kuhl. He works for Nic.br, the ccTLD in Brazil. He provides backend services for a GeoTLD. He's the former vice president of [NTAC] and he worked in the 2012 new gTLD rounds and he is part of the GNSO council. And he now leads one of the subgroups in this initiative, in the subsequent procedures initiative. It is indeed a pleasure to have you on the call, Rubens, and with that, I'm going to give the floor so that we can listen to your presentation. Thank you once again for joining us.

RUBENS KUHL:

Thank you for your invitation. This is Rubens Kuhl. This is a matter that is very interesting, more interesting [than was] proposed. This history of procedures for PDPs, I originally decided to [end with a] process for replacing WHOIS. I also said it different things related with privacy, but then I'll tell you a bit about the history of subsequent procedures with new gTLD rounds.

I'd like to point out a very interesting [inaudible] which I'll point out later on in my presentation. This process started in 2014 with a group – there was only a discussion group, it was not a group for defining policies. It was set up for the community to start working on a framework for new gTLD rounds. And this discussion group [inaudible] including the opinions and the feedback of the community, in November 2014, received information from the ICANN board, initial input on [any areas] for possible policy work related with new gTLD.

There was a [inaudible] each item that had to do with the exclusive use gTLDs. So these applications are still pending of any decision, a year after this group was created and there was a report and metrics of different items were identified. [And a proposal] was drafted by the working group, and based on this report, the GNSO council requested an issue report which was published, it went through a public comment period, the final report was published, and this final report was based on different PDPs, and it's still operating and it will continue operating until 2019.

And in January of 2016, [inaudible] stated off with activities [at a working group for PDP] charter was adopted. Avri Doria was elected for the ICANN board, and we needed them to select a new co-chair team.

And in the first month of work, our focus was on requesting a new impression and feedback on [inaudible] considered as very relevant as they affected the whole process.

This was a matter that came from a working group on community initiative, and based on the answers we got from this, in August 2016, the discussion of each specific area began with four work tracks. I was a co-chair of one of these work tracks, dealing with evaluation and assessment and programs. It was quite a technical area, it was not easy to get people participating in these areas that were very technical.

Our discussions were more related to policy, more than to technical areas. These work tracks [inaudible] published or launched a second consultation period in March 2017 with the different topics of each one of the specific areas which had been dealt with by the different constituencies by other parties [inaudible] constituencies.

And so as all this work evolved in these four work tracks, we realized that a new effort had to be done related to geo names. I don't want to get deep into this, but I just wanted to mention it. And the work track five was created to deal with this. You have a lot of information on this.

And it was a very interesting group for Latin America. There was a [matter on] Patagonia and Amazon, that's why this work track five was so relevant for us. It dealt with geo names which had not had any formalized classification yet but which were very relevant for these communities like Amazon as our last presenter mentioned.

So we continued working, and in July 2018, an initial report was published, including the work of the work track one to four, and the

work of overall working group. And this report was more [generous] than the previous ones. And it was submitted to public comment. LAC participated, different persons from Latin America participated, and we had many public comments as a result. And now let's move to slide number four.

And now, we have to review all these comments, take them into consideration, look at the differences and similarities. And so we start doing this right now, November 2018, with subgroups A and B, and we also have subgroup C that is dealing with the practical aspects of the process, like costs, application, technical aspect.

And besides [these groups,] there are other subgroups dealing with other topics. But I wanted to point out here that this year in the fourth quarter, we [will have a] supplementary report that will be published, which will be very interesting as it deals with many Latin American interest points, and maybe in the first quarter, we can have a first initial report on geo names that have been already discussed by the work track five and subgroups which will be analyzing all this.

So I mentioned that we'll have supplementary report, and I'm going to get deep into it in slide five, but five topics that were identified by the working group which have not been fully covered by the working groups. Others have not been covered at all. And there's also the – we need to decide on the mechanism of last [resort] for the auction process, and then we have to deal with the private resolution of contention sets, including private auctions.

Another relevant topic is the role of applications for users and different parties that have shown different point of view, applicants who want to change some steps of the processes for example. And a very interest topic [actually for] Latin America is the support to [register] for new gTLDs.

Sometimes, it's been difficult for the Latin American region to deal with registration of new gTLDs, so we need more support. We have had financial difficulties in this regard, so we need more support, and in a very consistent way. And in this supplementary report, there are some ideas that have been drafted here to improve the availability of new gTLDs for Latin America. This would enable some changes in the region, also changes in the aspect of contracts, contractual aspects.

Also, the resellers issue and wholesale registrars in regions, and there are other ideas that were discussed [and not approved,] like [registrars] for example of a certain size should be obliged to make available [all the gTLDs they have] [inaudible]. So we didn't reach consensus in this regard.

There were no objections, but there was no consensus. So we need support to be expressed by other communities in the process of public comments. So if you think that this could be helpful for regions, it would be very interesting for us to get support on the different topics that were included in the supplementary report.

We have an initial report, but there are – [here are the] topics that still need discussion. In this initial report, we have already some very good ideas which need more and further discussion, and we should continue

working on them. So it's worthwhile paying more attention to this and considering mechanism [inaudible] giving more support to registrars in the LAC region.

So, this is the suggestion we have regarding the Latin American population. Let's move on to slide six, and I'd like to continue with the timeline. This is a possible timeline, so considering that in quarter [third,] 2019, the ICANN board should adopt a report issued by the GNSO, this would take up around two quarters until the implementation phase, and then having an applicant guidebook that could be published for public comment.

And this could get us to the fourth quarter 2021 with a period beginning with the submission of [different applications.] So all this started, again, in 2007, and I think that we need to accept a series of very consistent rule to avoid issues and manipulation and to avoid sensitivity in the region. And this program should be more linear, and we need to pay attention to the result in each one of the stages, monitor results.

And in slide seven, I identified a series of risks in this timeline. I identified dependency between different processes, the SubPro PDP and the RPM PDP phase one process. the first processes we see here are the processes that have an impact on new gTLDs. We should keep the current timeline, and this is necessary to avoid this dependency.

Then we have the CCT-RT report with the launching of new gTLDs. We also have a report – this report includes consumer rights. It has been recently completed, and we are not expecting anything different from the current scenario. And there's also an effort for defining collisions, a

project for analyzing name collisions, and this is a matter that we should continue following.

So, these risks should be avoided, and once again, I'd like to thank you for your attention, and I'm open for answering your questions. You can also post them in the chat room. Thank you very much.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Rubens. It's been a pleasure to have you on our monthly call. Do we have any question or comment for Rubens? We are very near to bringing the call to a close. We have a ten-minute extension, and that ten-minute extension is almost over. So we are just two minutes away from bringing the call to a close.

I see that no one has questions or comments for Rubens. Rubens, once again, thank you so much for joining us, and with that, I would like to adjourn the call, but before that – oh, I'm sorry, my apologies. We do have a survey.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, we do have a survey on the screen, so if you could kindly reply to the questions. First of all, how was the timing of the webinar? Too early, just right, too late? Next, Claudia? Next question, please.

I think you've all replied. Okay, so now we focus on technology. How is technology used in the webinar? Very well, well, sufficient use, bad, very bad, no vote? Okay, thank you. Next question, please.

Did the speakers show that they mastered the topic? If you could please reply. Thank you. Next question, please. Are you satisfied with the webinar? If you can please reply. We appreciate it. Thank you.

What region do you live in currently? You're all from the region Latin America and the Caribbean Islands. Thank you. Next question, please. How many years of experience do you have in the ICANN community? Please reply now. Thank you.

And the last question, it's an open question. What topics would you like us to cover in future webinars? Please indicate any topic you're interested in or e-mail any suggestions later on. We see topics populating the field. Thank you. Thank you all very much. The survey results will be posted on our webinar page in our Wiki space.

Thank you all very much for joining the call, for participating. Thank you, Sergio and Harold. Thank you, everyone, for joining us. The call is now adjourned.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Silvia. Thank you, everyone. Have a great rest of your day. See you soon, talk soon, and the call is now adjourned. Thank you all.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Thank you all for joining this call. This meeting is now adjourned. Please remember to disconnect your lines. Thank you.

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