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RODRIGO SAUCEDO: Good morning, everyone. This is Rodrigo Saucedo. Thank you for joining the LAC Space. I have the pleasure of introducing Rodrigo de la Parra, our VP for the region. He will give us some welcome words, and after that, Flavio Wagner, he will be moderating this session. Thank you. Please, Rodrigo.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Thank you, Rodrigo, and good morning, good afternoon everybody, thank you very much for joining this LAC Space in ICANN67 in this virtual mode. Thank you for your flexibility as well. We need to do the main audio in the room in English. Normally, we'll have our face-to-face meeting with interpretation. We do have some interpretation in the way of following the discussions in the link, in the schedule. You can follow this audio being translated into Spanish and French as well.

You also have the opportunity to make some questions. Alex is helping me typing down some of the instructions. There you go. No French, sorry about that. So we have English in the main room and then Spanish in the other one.

So thank you again. We have a very good agenda today with us. We have the honor to have Sally Costerton, she's the senior advisor to the president and the senior vice president for global stakeholder

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engagement at ICANN. We have our regular section of updates. Joining us today, we have León Sanchez and Lito Ibarra from the ICANN board. Welcome to this meeting.

We also have the updates from LACRALO, LACNIC, GAC, LACTLD and NCUC. We have with us Sergio Salinas Porto. Welcome, Sergio. Sergio is a chair of LACRALO. We have Oscar Robles. Welcome, Oscar. He's the CEO of LACNIC. We have Olga Cavalli representing the GAC. Thank you very much for being with us. We have Ignacio Estrada from LACTLD. Welcome, Ignacio. We also have Bruna Martins from NCUC.

After that, we'll have a special presentation from Oscar Robles. He will be presenting a book they recently published about the development of the LACNIC community. We also have Sylvia Leite, LACRALO. She is leading a very important study about IDNs in the LAC region. Finally, we will tell you a little bit more about how our LAC strategy is shaping up in its renewal. Rodrigo Saucedo will be doing that.

So without further ado, again, we have the pleasure to have Flavio Wagner, our moderator for the LAC Space. Flavio, the floor is yours. Thank you very much.

FLAVIO WAGNER:

Thank you very much, Rodrigo. Thank you for inviting me again to be the moderator of this LAC Space meeting. Welcome everybody. Rodrigo already presented the agenda you are seeing there on the screen, so happy to be here with you.

This is, as always, a session for networking among all the stakeholders from our region that participate in the ICANN environment and you have the opportunity to report and share information and views on the various aspects and processes of ICANN and related entities and forums that are related to our region.

And as always, we have two LAC Space sessions per year, the first one at the community forum meeting like this one, and the second one at annual general meeting to be held in Hamburg, we hope so.

So then with no further ado, let's start with our agenda, and we have the pleasure to have Sally Costerton for opening remarks. So please, Sally, the floor is yours.

SALLY COSTERTON:

Thank you so much, Flavio and Rodrigo, and thank you all for being with us. It's great to see so many of you on the call, and I apologize, I speak no Spanish so I will try to speak fairly slowly because I know my friends and colleagues tell me that I tend to speak very quickly. So do tell me to slow down if I'm speaking too fast, but I think you have some good translators here so we should be fine.

I just had a few things to share with you, and I'm interested to hear the discussion. I think firstly, for you in particular, I wanted to thank you for being such great partners to ICANN. Nobody wanted to cancel the face-to-face meeting in Cancun. Far from it. I'm personally very upset that I'm not currently in Cancun as I'm looking out my window—I live

just south of London and it's very gray, and I strongly suspect in Cancun the sun is shining and the sea is blue.

But we find ourselves of course in difficult global times, and I wanted to thank you particularly for your leadership that you have shown in helping to support us once we'd made this difficult decision. There has been nothing but positivity and support and friendliness and goodwill coming from our colleagues here in the LAC community, and that's helped us in the Org and the board, I think, carry through that decision to the best of our abilities to try and do really two or three things.

The first thing is this experiment that we're running, and it is an experiment. People say, oh, it's just a huge conference call. But in reality, of course, this is a very innovative setup, and you will have seen—and if you haven't seen it, I'd ask Rodrigo to share it with you—recently, last weekend there was a big piece in the LA Times about running remote meetings, and it featured a big piece from ICANN about what it's really taking to do this. And many companies and organization are very interested in how we are doing this, because it's quite cutting edge stuff. So we're in a big experiment, and it's a very good pilot for the future to build all of our collective confidence about how we give ourselves kind of more choices to get our work done as we move forward.

I wanted to specifically thank the local host committee in Mexico. Again, tremendously supportive. I know Xavier and Nick Tomasso were down with them last week speaking to the hotels and the venues. As you all know, we are—thanks goodness, I'm pleased to

say—coming back next year, so this is a lot easier than it might otherwise have been. But they've been extremely flexible and supportive and really tried to do everything they can to help us, and our host committee, I think, have been absolutely critical in helping to smooth the way. So thank you, again, very much for that. And I think we'll be able to say thank you properly when we come back next year.

Turning to the content, I really wanted to congratulate you on the progress you're making with the development of the plan, the regional implementation plan coming out of ICANN's five-year strategic plan. As you all know, the five-year plan belongs to all of us. We've all contributed to it. There's been a long period of public comment, the volunteer community members have had a lot of say along with the Org and the board, and I think we now have a product that everybody feels comfortable with and now we come to the difficult bit, if you will, the implementation.

An absolutely key part of that is how do we do that in the regional context, through our regional groups, many of whom are on this call today? How do we deliver the spirit of that plan in our regions in a way that is consistent with the outcomes and goals that we have collectively decided we wanted to prioritize as a global community? But how do we do that in a way that allows us to adapt for our local circumstances and to prioritize in ways that may be different from region to region?

And you may not be aware, but I thought I would let you know that other regions are doing similar things, as you would expect, and I was

in fact on the call yesterday with our African group who have done a very detailed piece of work with a 25-strong volunteer committee from the African community who have done really quite a comprehensive piece of work building out or regionalizing the implementation of the strategic plan, making it their own, and they are just about to put that plan out for public comment.

Now, this is not something that's come from ICANN Org or the board, this has come from the African community. They want to do that as part of getting input and buy-in. So there were different pieces of work and best practice that are going on around the world that the community is developing, and certainly I know that our team Rodrigo and Rodrigo, Daniel, Albert are close to that and will be able to keep you briefed on what others are doing as you advance through that process yourself. You've always been a very tightknit group here, very proactive about this work and working extremely well, I know, with my colleagues.

Finally, I wanted to say that we've talked before and many of us know each other well on this call, and it's always great to get back together, and you've heard me talk before about the gradual progress of internationalizing ICANN to really bring it to its full potential as a truly global organization. And as part of that, you'll be glad to know, I think, that in response to demand coming from you and the community in the region, you've said to us very clearly we need more input on capacity development, particularly around technical issues, around ICANN's core mission, and we need more resources coming from the Org to support that, to help bring in new participants to ICANN who

should be here, whose voices need to be heard, but who need some handholding to equip them with the tools to participate. And as a result of that, we will very soon have a new hire coming from David Conrad's team, the technical engagement team who will be assisting and leading technical capacity development in the LAC region and will be based out of the Montevideo office in Uruguay. That's great news and I'm happy to be able to share that.

So those are my comments. I'll be on the call for the next half hour or so, so if anybody has any specific questions for me on this call today, please fire away. Otherwise, happy to take them, usual mechanisms, on e-mail. Let me know, and look forward to the rest of the call. Thank you all very much.

FLAVIO WAGNER:

Thank you very much, Sally. So as you heard, Sally will have to leave a little bit earlier the session, so if you have questions for her, maybe this is the moment now. So if someone would like to make a question either by the chat or raising his or her hand, please.

Let's then move with our own session and then start with the updates from various parts, various constituencies. And I would ask all our presenters during these updates to please stick to a maximum of five minutes as we have a packed agenda and we have to leave this Zoom room by the planned end of the session at 10:15 Cancun time. So please be brief, five minutes each, and let's then move to our updates, starting with an update from ICANN board. We have the

pleasure to have León Sanchez and Lito Ibarra with us, so please, León, go on.

LEÓN SANCHEZ:

Thank you very much, Flavio. I have prepared a slide deck but it was in Spanish, so instead I'm going to update you of course in English. I wanted to update you on the operational priorities from the board. As you might be aware, we have divided the operational activities of the board into five blocks, the first one being oversight over policy development and cross-community initiatives. The second one is ICANN Org oversight. The third one is the strategic and forward-thinking block. The fourth one is governance and fiduciary responsibilities, and the fifth one is community engagement and external relationships.

We have of course different operational priorities in each of these blocks. On the first block, we have the understanding of the global public interest and the framework for board liaisons. We have been working on both ends as you may have seen, and if we please could go to the next slide.

There was an open call for written comments and opinions that ran through from September 18th through to November 18 last year, and we received written comments from the GNSO council, ALAC, Registries Stakeholder Group, the BC and individual contributions as well.

We also held two webinars with 80 participants approximately, and we had attendance and participation from all groups across community. We also held one public session at ICANN 66 which had a little bit more than 60 participants.

The key takeaways of this session were that there were good comments in general in respect to the initiative and the framework that has been proposed. Most of the attendants and participants are in favor of working without a strict or explicit definition of what global public interest means. The Business Constituency opposed, and they proposed a definition of what global public interest should mean.

The framework was perceived as being inflexible, so we need to be a bit more clear about the flexibility of using this framework. We have said that as a framework, it is just a reference to try to guide our work, but that it's not a box in which we should try to fit our work into.

Then the framework of course must not replace the community processes that are in place, or used to predetermine the outcome of any bottom-up process. Next slide, please.

So on the second block which is ICANN Org oversight, we have two operational priorities which are the ICANN-managed root server strategy and the DNS evolution and security. Next slide, please.

In block three, which is our strategic and forward-thinking block, we have three operational priorities, one being the DNS root server governance, the second one is ICANN's strategic plan, and the third one is monitoring the threat landscape. All of these operational

priorities are being taken care of by different board committees, and we will be updating you as we continue to advance on the different topics. Next slide, please.

So on our block four, we have the governance and fiduciary responsibilities, and to this end we have two operational priorities which are to ensure effective ICANN reviews and board effectiveness. as you may be aware, we are working both with the OEC, which is the operational effectiveness committee, and the board governance committee to advance these two topics., and we have been making progress in both ends and I will update you as we move forward on this as well. Next slide, please.

So on block five, we have the community engagement and external relationships, priorities, and here we have also two priorities which are to improve interaction with the ICANN community and to continue working in the antiharassment strategy. There is an antiharassment group that is working on of course taking care of the different cases that had been raised in regard to harassment, and that group is of course advancing on this topic as well.

In regard to improving or enhancing the relationship between the board and the community, I think that we have also done good progress. We are continuing to be engaged in a more informal way. We feel in the board that fostering this kind of informal interaction will lead us to have a better relationship, more friendly relationship and of course to be able to touch upon sensitive issues in a more relaxed way, in a more candid way, so we are also working on this and we of

course would appreciate your input as to how we could improve these engagements.

So this concludes my update in regard to the board operational priorities. I would like to thank everyone for attending and for listening to me. And of course, here are my contact details. If you want to be in touch with me, I'm a click away as usual, and feel free to contact me anytime. Thank you very much. Flavio, back to you.

FLAVIO WAGNER: Thank you very much, León. Thank you for your presentation. Is Lito with us?

LITO IBARRA: Yes, I'm here.

FLAVIO WAGNER: Yes, Lito, thought so. the floor is yours, Lito, please.

LITO IBARRA: Thank you, Flavio, and everyone. Can I have my slides, please? In the meantime, let me tell you that the board did develop its workshop last week. We had meetings every day of last week in order to cover what we usually do on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, we did it on the Monday to Saturday. We had meetings every day, shortened meetings. So I will speak about some—a few issues of the ones we're looking at at the board. Next slide, please.

The first one is regarding the strategic plan. As you all know, this plan was approved and we are in the middle of revising and approving the budget for it, but we needed to work out a way of reviewing the strategic plan periodically, and so we're working on that. It will be a light review, not with all the process involved in developing the first or the strategic plan as such.

So we're planning to have it on a yearly basis and we have started in this ICANN67 virtual meeting revising the trends, so we are doing a trend analysis like the one we did, but the goal here is not to necessarily find any new trends. If the trends we have identified as community last year are still in place, so be it. So we will be working in changing the strategic plan only if necessary. We don't think we need to invest that amount of money as we did when we worked out the strategic plan for five years. But still, every five years, we will do a major revision of the plan, so we're working on that strategic and on that logistics in order to review the strategic plan. Next slide, please.

The second topic I would like to touch upon is the SubPro. This is the policy development process for the subsequent procedures of new gTLDs. This working group has identified at least 33 subtopics. You can see them in this screen, and each one of these need discussion, need input, need analysis and so on. So this group has [inaudible] from this group to produce a report for public comment. But as you know, the board is very involved in this analysis and these discussions, so because everyone I think, or most of the community, wants a new round, but with everything in place or most of the things in place in order to avoid any obstacle or any wrongdoing, taking lessons we

have learned in the past. So this is another topic that is very hard in the board. Next slide, please.

And also, maybe you have heard, there were some amendments to the contract with Verisign regarding the .com, and these amendments to the contract, there were public comment period for those, but the objectives of these amendments were to align the terms of the registry agreement for .com to the [cooperative] agreement. Also to create some obligations to .com related to the mitigation of security threats to the DNS.

Also in this contract, there's an objective to secure additional funding to support the security, stability and resiliency [inaudible] mission of ICANN, and also to improve some technical and reporting obligations aligned with the base agreement as most of the gTLDs or top-level domain registries. And also, some commitments related to the protocol, RDAP, registration data access protocol. Those are five of the main objectives that we have accomplished while changing or making these amendments to the contract with Verisign.

More than 9000 comments were received, most of them related to the price caps of .com, but that is something that Verisign agreed [inaudible] and ICANN has little thing to say in that regard.

The other topic, as you all know, is the .org change of control. There had been, as you all know, many discussions, many media coverage, articles, blogs, discussions, [inaudible] programs, whatever, you name it. But in the process, we are following the due process, asking ISOC and PIR some things, some aspects related to the [transaction] that

we think are pertinent to our—when we come to our decision in the change of control.

We all know now that the general attorney both in California and in Pennsylvania have opened investigation processes. They are in the middle of that. At this point, the final day for ICANN to make a resolution is March 20. [We have been insistent and] we are doing that as we speak to ask for an extension of this date to get more information in the processes in the attorney general offices [have concluded.]

And last, the last slide, please. Okay, a few topics. León mentioned on the board priorities. The root server governance model working group has started to meet. I'm happy to say I'm one of the liaisons there. We had already our first meeting and we're going to define the charter and objective and timeline and so on, so that's good news.

One of the other topics that is very hot on our plate and ICANN Org's plate is the DNS abuse, as you know. We have received advice from At-Large and also comments and documents from GAC among others that DNS abuse is something that is crucial to Internet operation, so the board is taking this also seriously.

With that, I think—yes, thank you, Nathalie. The plan will be revised year by year, but the intention is not to change any—I mean, we will change anything that is in there, objectives, goals, plans if the trends identified or the things that the community identify are strong enough or it's a valid thing for us to change anything there. So we will do that, but the intention is not to overload the community with making a five-

year plan every year, so we're trying to make it light, but if that's the case, we will add or adjust anything in it. Thank you. With that, Flavio, thank you. Unless there's another question.

FLAVIO WAGNER:

Thank you very much, Lito, for your presentation. I suppose we don't other questions to you, so let's move forward. Next topic in our agenda should be an update from LACRALO by Sergio Salinas Porto, but Sergio is not able to be with us and he sends his apologies. Then we will move on to the next update by Oscar Robles on LACNIC. Please, Oscar, the floor is yours.

OSCAR ROBLES:

Thanks, Flavio. Hi everyone. As soon as I can see my slides, I will start my presentation. Excellent, thank you. So everybody is pretty aware of what LACNIC does. We are one of the five RIRs in the world in charge of the 33 territories in the region, the Latin American and parts of the Caribbean. We have more than 10,000 members in those 33 territories.

We have a [pretty wide] membership with the telecommunication operators, Internet service provider companies, academy, government offices and final users. Next slide, please. Yes, those are the five topics that I will mention to you, so please, next slide.

As some of you know, we have this FRIDA program which is the way we support several initiatives related to digital projects in the region with some kind of social impact in our region, and we've been doing this for the last 15 years now.

We are now about to launch the new call for projects to support different ideas. This year, we will have a slightly different approach. We will try to bring closer this program to our technical community, but at the same time, we will try to make impact on several [gender] initiatives as we did in the last call of this program.

So you will expect these new cultural projects in April and you will see the changes introduced for this program, for the FRIDA program starting this year. If you have some questions on what is the FRIDA program, you can find it in the URL provided below, programfrida.net. Next slide, please.

LACNIC has this program called Mas Raices, which means more roots. We constantly receive questions from the root operators to identify organizations or entities willing to implement instances of the root servers in the region. So even if we are not a root server operator, we provide that role of brokering relationships between the root server operators in the world, the 13 root server operators, and the entities in the region, operators and ISPs and IXPs willing to bring one of these instances into their infrastructure.

So you will see the next call by the end of this month, in March. The one you're seeing in the slide is the instances that we helped to deploy last year in Suriname, in Bolivia, Guatemala and Mexico. Those four instances are from the I-root server. Next slide, please.

The third topic is that as some of you know, we have WARP which is our initiative to respond to incident management in our region and [rather than] our region in our membership. So in the past, we've been

using this name, WARP, Warning, Advice and Reporting Point, but it was kind of challenging to explain what is WARP and what's the meaning of WARP. So this year, you will see the introduction of the new name for this initiative which is going to be LACNIC CSIRT which is a more traditional name. That way, we won't need to explain anymore what does a CSIRT do. So we will be doing the same as we've been doing for the last five years now, but with an easier name to remember and to know what is this area in our organization. Next slide, please.

Before our last topic, I wanted to mention that we have scheduled the LACNIC33 meeting for Cali, Colombia. That is still in the program, and as every first meeting of the year, we do the policy forum discussions, the technical forum with the different tutorials and training opportunities this year. That first meeting includes the members general assembly. Also, the LAC [inaudible] forum, and this time, we are organizing the [inaudible] conference together with the LAC CSIRT meeting. So any more information related with the agenda and any news on the organization of this meeting, you can find it in the URL provided in this slide. Next slide, please.

On the second meeting of the year, in general we organize two meetings in the year, the first one is most related to general assembly topics and membership topics, and the second one is a little bit more technical. Still, we are the technical community. But the second one, we organize together with the LACNOG, and LACNOG is a relevant part of our program even though they also participate in the first meeting. The second meeting is almost half of the program organized by them,

the LACNOG community, and that is going to be in anta Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

Next one is my contribution to the time for this meeting. Instead of having an additional timeslot for the presentation of the book, let me do it quicker with this slide, so that way we will save 15 minutes of the presentations.

Last year, together with ICANN, Internet Society and LACTLD, we, LACNIC, started the endeavor to register the initiative of building the LACNIC community. This will give us a recollection of many stories from the people that actually took part of all those efforts, so it is not a single story, it is not a specific one timeline but different challenges, excellent recollected and registered by Carolina Aguerre as usual.

So please have a look at this book. It'll be very soon available in English and Portuguese as well, but in the meantime you can find it in Spanish, and you will see a collection of different stories, not only the construction, the building of the LACNIC community, but also all the challenges and all the initiatives after the LACNIC construction. So you will see how our multi-stakeholder initiatives in the region have been working, all the challenges that we have as a region with the least Internet development.

So it is a good story to read and a good story to learn from, so I hope everybody may have a look and have an idea of what were the challenges in the construction of the LACNIC community, because this is not a single organization story, this is a story of different initiatives,

different technical groups, not only the LACNIC construction. So I hope everybody enjoys this recollection of stories.

So that would be my report, and I don't know, is there any other question? Let me see the chat if some of them are for me.

FLAVIO WAGNER:

Thank you very much, Oscar, for your presentation and for already presenting the book so we save some time at the end of the session. We have some questions here on the chat, a question from Nathalie. LACNIC has several training activities. Can training be done in DNS abuse?

OSCAR ROBLES:

Thanks, Nathalie. Currently, we have very little training about DNS, so DNS abuse is not covered yet. We focus mostly on IPv6 deployment, networking, secure BGP, RPKI and the closer technical topics related to our operation. But certainly, DNS abuse is taking a lot of our conversations, and probably in the future we will be thinking to include something on that, or part of one of the courses currently offered.

We have now an offer of eight different courses, and this year—that is something I forgot to mention—we will be introducing the introduction to Internet governance. That would be also a self-assisted online course, massive course, so hopefully by the second half of this year, it will be available for everyone as a way to help everybody to get in touch with these Internet governance initiatives.

FLAVIO WAGNER: Thank you, Oscar. And we also have a question from Betty. She asks if it is possible in the FRIDA program to have a group for translation to French.

OSCAR ROBLES: To have the website translated to French?

FLAVIO WAGNER: Maybe she can explain to us the real intent of ...

OSCAR ROBLES: Yes, please. The website is currently translated into English, Portuguese and Spanish. So let me know what is your question, but in case you have some question related to the FRIDA program in French, please bring them on and we will do our best to address them. No problem.

FLAVIO WAGNER: Okay. Thank you, Oscar.

OSCAR ROBLES: Thanks.

FLAVIO WAGNER: Another question, from Claire. Will the Internet governance course be available in English?

OSCAR ROBLES: Thanks. That probably will be translated with close caption. That would be our first try, but probably in the future we will do something from scratch in English. That's what we've done with the IPv6 basic courses; first we translated it with the closed caption, but then as soon as we are able to work with enough resources, we do academical revisions and reviews from scratch in the second language.

FLAVIO WAGNER: Okay. Thank you, Oscar. Let's move to our next speaker, Olga. She will report us on the GAC activities. And I'd ask the remaining presenters to try to be brief so that we can catch up again with our schedule. We're a little bit late on schedule. So please, Olga, the floor is yours.

OLGA CAVALLI: Hello. Good morning. Thank you very much. I prepared a very short presentation, but I thought it was important for having this virtual conversation with all of you. It will be in English, but of course you can always reach out to me in Spanish or Portuguese. Let's stop one moment in the second slide, please.

A brief presentation about the GAC. I know that we have our newcomers even in this virtual meeting which is fantastic. I think it's a brand-new experience for them.

So the GAC advises the ICANN board about public policy issues and things related with governmental involvement in the ICANN

environment. For the moment, we have 180 countries represented in the GAC, and 30 plus observers like international organizations and not-for-profit organizations from all over the world. We have some from Latin America, of course.

So the GAC has a leadership; one chair who's Manal Ismail from Egypt, and we have five vice chairs. I'm one of the vice chairs. The GAC doesn't have formally established regions, so we don't have a GAC Latin American region, although we informally usually gather together because of culture, common interests, language and other things. And the idea of the five vice chairs is that they have somehow some regional orientation. We try not to repeat two from the same region. So my role is somehow being the one from Latin America and the Caribbean.

And if there are colleagues from governments in the call and if you're new and you want more information about the GAC, please let me know. I'd be happy to address a call with Skype or with other online platforms so I can give you some orientation if that is needed.

So what happened with the GAC in this meeting? GAC has very busy meetings in every ICANN meeting, but we had to select which are the things that we're going to focus in this meeting. What I'm showing you in this slide is all the issues that the GAC is dealing with at the moment, not only in the meetings but we work intersessionally, we have biweekly calls between the GAC chair and vice chairs, and then we have calls with all the GAC for different things. We organize

webinars, for example we have been organizing webinars for the EPDP process and other interesting things.

So what we did is we put all the issues that we usually review in the meetings and we had to select them and we prioritize that. So in relation with policy advice in the left column you can see all the things that we usually review in the meetings, but we focus more on subsequent rounds of new gTLDs. As you know, we had a session yesterday and there are hot topics. We had before the hot topic of geographic regions. Now the generic TLDs is the new hot topic, so there's a lot of different visions and a lot of interest from different parts of the community. Of course, governments are interested in that.

The changes in the WHOIS and data protection policy, the GNSO EPDP process, the GAC is very much involved. I am one of the participants in the EPDP process with other GAC colleagues, and we have other issues like our friends from the GAC mentioned DNS abuse mitigation. It's a very important issue for the GAC. We won't review that in detail in this meeting. There's international governmental [names] protection, proceeds for new gTLD auctions, and empowered community. This would be for the future deliberations.

In relation with ICANN operations, which is the second column, we will work reviewing the ATRT review, and the operations and budget planning. Other issues that we usually review in meetings are GNSO PDP 3.0, NomCom slot, we usually review how to relate with the NomCom, and the evolution of multi-stakeholder model. That will be

for the future. So those marked with yellow are the ones we're focusing in this meeting.

The third column is the GAC operations issues. We will focus in Work Stream 2 accountability and implementation, and empowered community guidelines, improvement of those guidelines. We also review usually travel guidelines, operating principles of the GAC, public meetings planning. These are internal issues related with the GAC operation. As you know, we are a large group: we are 180 plus, plus the observers, we're 200 plus members. So it requires some planning for all our activities.

And the last column on the right, it's about engagement. We already had yesterday a capacity building workshop. It was going to be the full day workshop if we were going to gather face-to-face in Cancun, but we decided to shorten it and make it more focus, especially on the process of new gTLDs, subsequent rounds and all of that discussion. And we will focus also on universal acceptance and IDN.

As you know, in the meeting in Montréal, the GAC created a working group within the GAC with other members of the community in ICANN about universal acceptance. I am a member of that group, and I think it's very important and I know other colleagues from the ALAC are working on that.

And usually, when the time comes—this is not the case—we plan for the high-level governmental meeting. We had one in Barcelona in 2018, and we have also joint community activities with other SOs and ACs. I want to thank my colleague, Robert Hoggarth from GAC staff

who prepared this slide, because it was already made and I didn't want to reinvent the wheel. And can we go to the next one?

So this is somehow summarizing what I said. We will focus on 14 topics. New gTLDs as I said, the webinar, a capacity building is already done. The GNSO working group participation will be reviewed and plenary sessions. We will have meetings with the ICANN board and with the ALAC.

You know the PIR transaction gathers a lot of attention. We had a session yesterday. Also, there was the public forum about that issue, and we will see how it evolves. The GAC has issued a letter sent to the ICANN board. There may be also text in the communique. [inaudible] about the ICANN accountability, ATRT3, Work Stream 2 implementation, empowered community, and universal acceptance as I said.

So this is the work done in the GAC this meeting. As I said, we gather together in calls and webinars about different topics. That's all for the moment. If you have questions, please let me know. Also, as I said, if there are members from governments that are in the call or hear the call afterwards—I know it's recorded—and you want some orientation, it can be confusing. It happened to me the first time I went to the GAC. I'm a longtime participant so I'm happy to give you some guidance and help in Spanish, Portuguese or English as you wish. Thank you very much for your attention, and that's all from me.

FLAVIO WAGNER: Thank you, Olga, for your report. So if you have questions to Olga, please direct them directly to her as we are way behind schedule and we have to move on. So we have still a report from Ignacio Estrada on LACTLD and Bruna Santos on NCUC, and I ask you, please, Ignacio and Bruna to be very brief. So please, Ignacio, go on.

IGNACIO ESTRADA: Hello, everyone. Thank you, Flavio. I'll be very brief. I'm going to post two links later on the chat so you can check the activities, who we are first and the activities we've been doing and we're going to be doing this year.

LACTLD is one of the four ccTLD [inaudible] in the world. We cover the LAC region, as you may know. We [inaudible] during past year in the last year since .tt from Trinidad and Tobago, .gd from Granada and .gp from Guadalupe joined our organization, so now we are 30 ccTLDs. We have 30 member ccTLDs and we're really happy because the three of them came from the Caribbean, so it's a good thing for the organization to bring in new ccTLDs and more diversity into the organization.

For our members, we're going to be doing internships. We have ICANN and [PIR] support for that. We're going to be directing these internships in technical aspects, then in policy and legal aspects, and then into commercial aspects. So this is just for our members, so if any one of our members is in the meeting, please let me know if you're interested in any of these subjects.

We just finished last week our legal content workshop in Cancun. This workshop was intended to be held before ICANN but we did it anyway. This is a second edition of this workshop. We invite judges, prosecutors and LEAs from all over the region and we kind of train them into the DNS, how the Internet itself works, and we put a lot of focus on DNS abuse. This is not an open event, it's just for judges, prosecutors and LEAs. We have support of ICANN, LACNIC, ISOC, PMI and PIR also.

We're going to have a third edition during this year, we hope. We have to see how Coronavirus develops, but this edition should be in the Caribbean. The venue is not defined yet. And also, we're going to be having the DNS week where we have [inaudible] workshop for the Caribbean ccTLDs and also the LACDNS forum together with ICANN, LACNIC, ISOC and other organizations.

So that's it. If you have any questions, please let me know. I'm going to be posting in the chat my e-mail and links for our activities. Thank you very much.

FLAVIO WAGNER:

Thank you, Ignacio. We have a question. Have you done any of your outreach events in the Africa region?

IGNACIO ESTRADA:

No, because we don't cover that region. AFTLD is the regional organization covering Africa. We're just focusing on Latin America and the Caribbean.

FLAVIO WAGNER: Yeah. So thank you, Ignacio. Let's move then to our last update, by Bruna on NCUC. So please, Bruna, go on.

BRUNA SANTOS: Thank you very much, Flavio. My update will also be a little short, maybe too short, on this. I'd like to first commend ICANN Org and the board for this decision of trying to adapt this meeting to a virtual one, but at the same time, we know this has been such a hard work for all of us, especially the community leaders in adjusting this agenda. And we know that if the same thing [confirms] for the Kuala Lumpur meeting, there's still a lot of work ahead.

Having said that, NCUC unfortunately won't have any specific agenda for this meeting. We decided to collapse all of them into the NCSG meeting.

The NCSG constituency day/open meeting will happen today from 14:00 to 17:00 Cancun time. This will be the moment for the noncommercial, our community to discuss a lot of the things involving the .org sale, some other things such as [more] generics and some other updates on policy development processes.

Other than that, our members have been all focusing on the EPDP meeting which is going on right now, at the same time at the SubPro meeting as well and also at the RPMs. This will be most of our PDP focus for this meeting. And I guess it's all for now.

Oh, one last update on NCUC. I mentioned on the last call that we just announced a new webinar/ICANN Learn course for our policy writing course. [inaudible] and we're soon to announce a new webinar on this frontier, on this initiative, which will be a policy writing course/webinar for our members who have English as a second language. So this will be one who'll be more focused on this community or any other community that does not have English as a first one. So if any of you have facilitated or organized anything of this sort before, please reach out to me if you have any tips or doubts or suggestions on how we can take on this work. And once again, thanks a lot for this space, Flavio.

FLAVIO WAGNER:

Thank you, Bruna. Let's move directly to our next presentation. Sylvia Leite from LACRALO will talk to us about IDN study that has been done. So please, Sylvia, and please be brief.

SYLVIA LEITE:

Hello. [How are you?] Well, as you can see, we are in Cancun, at least [in this photo.] Let me tell you, in the new management of LACRALO, we felt the need to integrate our community in the global community of ICANN to understand the process and thus participate more in policymaking decisions.

For that, several working groups were created, and among them, the multilinguistic, the IDN universal acceptance working group. So our goal is develop [inaudible] initiatives to allow sharing with the

regional users the issues related to internationalization of DNS and multilingual [inaudible] some ICANN process.

We have 23 members, including some observers from other constituencies and RALOs, and we represent 12 countries in our regions. As you can see in our Wiki page—

FLAVIO WAGNER: Hello, Sylvia, we lost you.

SYLVIA LEITE: Hello.

FLAVIO WAGNER: Yeah, okay, it's back.

SYLVIA LEITE: Okay. I was saying I would put Wiki page in the chat. As you can see— because we have 12 countries' representations in our regions. So our group members identified the alphabet characters of the different language uses in the region that cannot be used in the Internet because they are outside ASCII. We also checked all the material published in ICANN.org [such the rich] material published for the ICANN's Latin GP group, and especially one called use of Latin script characters in domain names.

On the other hand, we have verified several ccTLDs allow to use some of Latin scripts that are not in ASCII but in Unicode. So with that

information, we participated in our monthly meetings and in some webinars with specialists to enlighten our community. Next slide, please.

So we realized that many characters of the languages spoken in LAC could be not used [in time] when we tried to purchase, to buy a top-level domain, and in some cases also in the second level domain. On the other hand, some ccTLDs in our region did allow to buy domains with those characters, and some not. So we wondered why some allow it and others do not.

We also realized that universal acceptance is a reality and the future of Internet, and we also realized that the LACTLD could be a good channel of communication to speak with the ccTLDs in the region and thus understand their reality and also that we from LACRALO could be the bridge between all the interested parties in these topics so they can [inaudible] communicate and adapt in this reality changes. Next slide, please.

So we decided to do an evaluation of this situation and asked to our members [do] a simulated domain purchase in their ccTLDs. But it was Gabriela Gijón who verified everything and went much further by doing a deep study on the situation, and as a result, we have the study you are seeing in the screen. It was translated by now only in English by the ICANN team.

Gabriela Gijón has managed not only to carry out the survey on the current situation in LAC but has also developed a manual to understand the IDN from the perspective of the end users, and that is

why we want to share it with the whole At-Large community and all ALSes interested in the topic.

So as you can see, we need to [enter] in our Wiki page. Are you ready to do that? Because I can show you that we try to do some simulation [acquisitions] of the domain names with only some characters. We can try with special letter Ñ [inaudible]. We tried to buy for example [inaudible].com.br, or corason.py or corason.com.br. So in the study, you can see some ccTLDs of the region sell those characters and others do not.

So we want to understand what is happening, and that is why we are ready to send that study to LACTLD, to our dear Ignacio Estrada so they can act as intermediaries to their members and ask them to complete the survey that is [in the end of that study we did it.]

So finally, once we have all the resource, we will start stage two of this project, bringing knowledge to all the interested parties with the aim that in the future, not only these characters can be used by users but [inaudible] our communities can express themselves in their own language.

So one world, one Internet, everyone connected in their language. That's all. Thanks for having me.

FLAVIO WAGNER:

Thank you very much, Sylvia, for the very interesting presentation and very useful survey. So we are almost at the end of our session, and then I will ask Rodrigo Saucedo to make his presentation on the LAC

strategic process update and try to squeeze his presentation in only five minutes. Sorry for that, Rodrigo. Please, the floor is yours.

RODRIGO SAUCEDO:

Thank you very much, Flavio. No worries, I will be very brief. As many of you know, ICANN has a new strategic plan, five-year strategic plan. So we decided to contact the LAC strategy council, and first of all I'm going to do a little bit of a timeline of this process, I'm going to talk about the new key areas of interest and objectives, and then show you a little bit about the alignment exercise to this ICANN strategic plan.

As I was saying in November of 2019, we had a meeting with some members of the LAC strategy council in Montréal in ICANN 66, and we thought about the new strategic plan that it would be wise for us to align the LAC strategy to this plan.

So everyone agreed, I think, it was important to start the process to align, to renew the strategy, align our LAC regional strategy with ICANN strategic plan.

In November 2019, that same year, that same month, we asked the members of the lac strategy council to do an individual exercise. We asked them to do trend identification exercise with those five new goals that ICANN had. So they basically identified some trends and some activities, always focused on our region. So we received a feedback from each member of the council, and that helped us put together the new key areas of interest of the strategy and objectives. That was January of this year.

That same month, we had a call with the council to go over those key areas of interest and objectives, and of course, we opened a review period. We received some feedback, and at the end of January, we had a finalized version of the key areas of interest of our new strategy and objectives.

That was very important because that allows to sit down and draft a new strategy, meaning new projects, and of course, old projects from the strategy that will be immersed in this new strategy.

We had several brainstorming calls within LAC [GSE.] We put together, suggested all the projects, and we already had a webinar in February with the council to show them this project, and we opened a review period, we received really good feedback regarding projects, and right now the next steps are today we will have a virtual workshop with the council and we will go over those projects, and we will have kind of a pre-final version. Not final because we will open a comment period for the entire community once we have this version, and let's see what the community has to say regarding the LAC strategy.

And really fast, I know I have one minute, I just wanted to show you the five key areas of interest. The first one is security of the domain name system, the second is ICANN's multi-stakeholder model, the third one is unique identifier system, and the fourth one is regional politics.

As you can see here, key area of interest number one, you have four objectives. I'm not going to—

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

RODRIGO SAUCEDO: —because we don't have time. The second one, we have two objectives, the third one, two objectives, and the last one, one objective. And basically just to show you, I can go into that to show you this was the exercise we did, just aligning our—at the bottom of—can you please mute the person or please mute yourself?

As you can see at the bottom part, those are our LAC strategy objectives. This is aligned with our key area of interest. Those are aligned with two ICANN objectives, and at the top, it's one of the ICANN goals, right?

So for each of our key areas of interest, we did the exercise, it was aligned. This presentation will be available for everyone so you can read it and see a little bit more into detail. We will announce when the comment period opens. And I think we're done. I had to go really fast, but I thank everyone. Thank you very much.

FLAVIO WAGNER: Thank you, Rodrigo, for moving very fast. A question from [Jacquelyn:] can anyone observe the calls or meetings? Is this meeting today afternoon open to all observers for instance?

RODRIGO SAUCEDO: Yes, you can send me an e-mail saying that you want to participate, because it is closed, you have a password. Everyone can participate, of course, as an observer, but it's of course for the council. But please, anyone that is interested, send me an e-mail and I will reply with the password of the session.

FLAVIO WAGNER: Yeah. Okay. Thank you, Rodrigo, for the explanation. So we are at the end of our LAC Space session. I was very happy to see that we had more than 90 people attending, and also colleagues from other regions. We are glad to have you here.

Thank you very much for all the presenters for the very rich presentations, and so let's move to the next session of ICANN67. Bye all of you. Thank you very much for attending this session. Bye.

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