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LAURA MARGOLIS: Should I speak in Spanish? Okay. Good evening to all and all. This is Laura Margolis for the record. Good afternoon to all. I'm glad to be a part of this session and for me it's a pleasure to be moderating the session. Today we have very interesting topics as well as very interesting updates about LACTLD, LACNIC, LACRALO. Before we begin, I will give the floor to Rodrigo, so that he can say a few words and then we can begin. Thank you very much. Rodrigo, go ahead.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: This is Rodrigo for the record. Thank you, Laura, and thank you all to our LAC space here in San Juan, Puerto Rico for the third time. We're very pleased to be here. It's a bit of a part of our region. We have a lot of synergies with North America, but we have a lot of joint activities with

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our friends from Puerto Rico and they're close to our region, so we have a very good engagement from Latin Americans in the Caribbean. I don't want to take much of your time from the agenda. We have a few sessions in which we're going to go back and look at the information that you have given us in other LAC space meetings, and now we're going to tell you what we're doing in the region together with other people in the technical community.

Also, for you to know a little bit of the progress we've made in terms of the strategic plan, and I hope it's a very useful meeting for all. I want to appreciate Leon Sanchez as a director for ICANN for being here today and supporting this session, and without further ado, we'll now continue with the agenda.

LAURA MARGOLIS:

This is Ms. Margolis speaking. Thank you, Rodrigo. We're going to give the floor to Leon Sanchez from the Board who's going to give us updates. Patricio, is he here, or just Leon?

LEON SANCHEZ:

This is Leon speaking. Thank you for this invite and apologies on behalf of my colleague, Patricio. We had two meetings at the same time, so he's handling the Board session with the Noncommercial Stakeholder Group. I'm here, and he sends his regards and his apologies for not being here today due to a prior commitment that we had with the Board. So, as always, it's a pleasure to be here with you. We're here in Puerto Rico, as Rodrigo well said it.

These are our Caribbeans that are infiltrated into Latin America. So, we just want to tell you a bit of what we've been doing in the Board. As you know, every year the Board has six workshops throughout the year. We started off with a workshop in January. This one was held in Montevideo. We were in Montevideo, Uruguay, and they were kind enough to give us a pretty warm welcome. We had several activities. These workshops are carried out throughout three days, and as I was saying, these are three days with all their sessions and three prior to the public comments from ICANN. We had another workshop, which was three days prior to this annual meeting in Puerto Rico.

As part of the topics that were discussed in Puerto Rico and that we continue to discuss here in the workshop in Puerto Rico, we're talking about delegating authority, and what that means is the authority that is delegated by the Board to the CEO so that he can act on our behalf. Obviously, there are certain limitations to that so that the CEO can act without a specific authorization or explicit authorization from the Board, and it's also about those things where he does need to ask for permission to continue with his work. So, we kept on working on the draft for the budget for fiscal year 25. As I mentioned, Tripti, in her opening remarks, we started working on the strategic operational and financial plan for the next quinquennial from 2025 to 2030, and we continue to work on the strategic plan. We had some sessions with the community in regards to the strategic plan.

I don't know if you remember that from prep week for ICANN79. We had a few sessions in which we shared some points about that, and we got some very important feedback from the community. In Montevideo, we also had a meeting with the Board from LACNIC, and that is precisely

the effort that is being conducted by the ICANN Board to strengthen the ties with other constituencies within the system, and so we were meeting with LACNIC and talked about some common grounds and try to build some synergies going forward. Of course, we met at the House of Internet, where they have the ICANN office and other organizations that are part of the ecosystem, and we were able to meet and share it with them.

We also worked in regards to recommendation number seven for the program to support fellowships, and this is about the limitation that the applicants would have in terms of the mechanisms for related to accountability and the resources to review or challenge the decisions from the committee that decide who the awarded entities are going to be, and so there were certain areas that we needed to adjust to make sure that this recourse is not abused by the applicants, and so in January, we worked on a resolution to change the fundamental bylaws related to that or guidelines related to that.

That was published, and so we welcome you to look at it and provide us with your comments. We also discussed conflict of interest. There was a committee related to governance from the Board that I was a chair of that, and here we are analyzing the interest declarations from the different members of the Board to make sure that they are not having a conflict of interest in certain topics, such as the next round of gTLDs and the next round for the applicant support program. We also try to look at things with other communities that we support, and so we were working on engaging with the local community in Montevideo. We talked about the LGB aspect. There was a question in regards to that in the previous meeting. Patricia was addressing that.

We were also talking about looking for the new CEO. We talked about the next round for TLDs and the G +20 and internet governance, and then we closed the Board meeting by approving this resolution that I just mentioned about how to initiate the process to modify the fundamental bylaws of ICANN. I believe that with that I have run out of time. I'm going to stick around in case there are any comments or questions. I'll be happy to answer them, but I'll have to step out in about 15 minutes.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you, Leon, for that. Ms. Margolis has the floor. Before we give the floor to the next speaker, I would like to ask you what is the best beef in all of Latin America and the Caribbean?

LEON SANCHEZ: Meat.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Okay, so we'll give the floor to Rocio. Time's up. Okay, thank you, Leon, for that update, and now we'll give the floor to Rocio de la Fuente from LACTLD. Rocio, go ahead. You have five minutes.

ROCIO DE LA FUENTE: Well, hello, Laura. Hello, everybody. Apologies for suggesting this, but we had a last-minute coordination with Rodrigo, and my update, I suggest that it's provided in the next part of the agenda so that I do not

duplicate my update and leave that for later if it's okay with everybody.
Can we move on to the next point?

LAURA MARGOLIS: No problem, sure. Paula, we'll give the floor to Paula Oteguay from LACNIC, who will give us an update in terms of the activities for LACNIC. Go ahead, Paula. Thank you, Laura. Thank you all.

PAULA OTEGUY: Good afternoon. This is Paula speaking. It's always a pleasure for LACNIC to be a part of this space and, first off, a part of ICANN, so happy to be with all of you. Very short time and a lot of updates from LACNIC, so I'll be brief and I'll be open to any questions you might have after the session and throughout the week. First thing I'd like to share is our first annual event, which will be LACNIC 41, and it will be from May 10 to 11 in Panama City, Panama.

We'll have a very interesting agenda ahead of us. Some topics would be technical tutorials, the conference for LACNIC, our public forum on policies, among other topics. Some highlights would be that the registration for LACNIC 41 is already open, so you may register. We also have the fellowship program open for LACNIC 41. It's open at the moment, and it will be open until the 19th of the month. Those fellowships will cover for lodging and travel expenses for those that are interested.

Going back to the agenda, on Wednesday of that week, we're going to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the FRIDA program. Those of you that

are not familiar with it, that is a program that will support initiatives and projects and solutions for the region that will provide a safe and stable internet. So, we're going to have a very interesting and important meeting about that program.

LACNIC 41 will also have the LACSIS 100 conferences, and we're now calling for papers. There's a call for papers open at the moment, and I'm going to look at my notes here. And finally, since last year, we have a professional trade show, so we have different stands. If you're interested in those, please contact sponsorship at LACNIC.net. You're all welcome to join us in May.

Now, to continue, I'd like to address some programs that we have at LACNIC. It's a leadership program. It provides financing and tutoring for research related to internet governance with a local perspective, which is very important. Since 2020 to date, we have supported 60 research papers in the region, and so we would like to launch the call for papers for this leadership program next month.

Now, we also have another program called Root Support that is for local, national, and youth organizations. We supported 15 organizations last year, and these are funds provided to support webinars of up to 1,500 participants, and of course, we would like to have LACNIC experts in the agenda, and we also support local youth initiatives and the internet governance schools. If you would like to know more about it, you can look at our website. There's a part called Opportunities, and you can also apply for that support.

Finally, I'd like to talk about the LACNIC blog, where you are going to be able to find technical articles about internet and internet governance.

That invitation is open so that anybody can send an article related to auditing for LACNIC blog, and my colleagues are behind that work to make sure that that content can be a part of our blog.

And finally, and not less important, we're going to talk about the Ambassador Program, where it chooses people to promote the infrastructure of the internet. Developing the infrastructure for the internet is based on the agenda for LACNIC 43. It would be the first annual event for LACNIC 2025. It's to support your personal brand and for other additions and so forth. From February 17th to April 25th, you can apply for that. So that's my update, and I'm open to any questions you might have.

LAURA MARGOLIS:

Thank you, Paula. As always, a lot of news from LACNIC. We love that, and thank you for that. Now, moving on with the agenda, our friend Sergio Salinas-Porto, the chair of LACRALO. I'm sorry since Harold is not here in his place.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Harold is online.

LAURA MARGOLIS:

I'm not going to keep talking because every time I talk, I make it worse. So, Sergio Salinas-Porto, you have the floor.

HAROLD ARCOS:

Hello, Laura. Thank you. Can you hear me?

LAURA MARGOLIS: I'm sorry, Harold, our regional chair. I'm sorry. Multitasking gets a bit hard sometimes, so I apologize. Welcome.

HAROLD ARCOS: Hugs to all. Greetings. Thank you for letting us meet again, Rodrigo and our local team. We would like to start this report by sharing the three-R strategy that we started at the Cancun Declaration in Rodrigo's homeland, where we made that statement. The first R is to reconnect with everything that had been left behind. Two is revolution, which means that we need to give more to the organizations that are already there so they can have an informed engagement, and they're helping us with webinars, trainings, and there are plans for the capacity group.

And the third one is the drive for that. We are coordinating that and making sure that all of those activities are known by the entire ecosystem. Thank you, Laura. This is all part of the job. We understand that everybody has been providing assistance for the region, even yourself. We have not yet created the ALS for individual members, so this is part of the work that we all need to do. Thank you very much.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you, Harold. I hope that we can meet in real life soon, and now I'll give the floor to Sergio, who's the secretariat for LACRALO.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO:

Thank you, Laura. Several things that I would like to mention. This is Sergio speaking. We have Harold online precisely because of visa-related issue, and every time we come to the U.S., same things happen with some of our colleagues from the region. Some of the topics that we are looking at in LACRALO and that we're working on, there are several of them, so I'll try to speak slowly so that we don't drive our interpreters insane, but I'll try to be very brief and specific. So, on the one hand, we're putting together new work groups.

We have a new group to review agreement-related affairs. We have a lot of lawyers and law-related people or professionals that are engaging in all this. So, we put together this group, this work group that has to do with ICANN issues related to agreements. We are letting the lawyers work on that. This was a concern, and we felt that this was a good idea.

There's also a new group called Policy Affairs. This undoubtedly will help us shake up things in this region. We're going to provide some help for colleagues in ICANN. We're strengthening the new organizations that are engaging in the region, and in addition to the turnaround, we're hoping that they will take the lead in the region, so that means that we are going to pass on the baton to these new organizations and also allow them to continue serving ICANN in the region. We are working with a vision in which we would like to incorporate youth and technical squad to LACRALO.

That means working with universities from all over the region, all the way from Argentina to Mexico and the Caribbean included. I'm sure that Oscar Robles has discussed this with Harold, and they're trying to turn this around. We have been talking to Rodrigo to see if we can

strengthen this initiative. The idea is to get all of the universities engaged in this to work with ICANN, and in doing so, we're hoping to exploit the talent of all these people that get involved in that.

A few more items. We have one topic to strengthen certain countries in the region where we don't have a representation or the representatives that we have there are not really engaged, so in the particular case of the DR, that could serve as an example, but we have a lot more, so we would like to host an event in the DR by June together with Rodrigo leading this, and the idea would be to strengthen this initiative so that we can work together with all these individuals that are just kind of revolving around that, but we want to get them organized and working together to strengthen the voice of the Dominicans in the region. So, this would strengthen the Caribbean as a sub-region of our region, and we also need their presence, and that's it. I'm done, so without further ado, thank you.

LAURA MARGOLIS:

Thank you, Sergio. I'm not going to ask you what's the best beef in Latin America and the Caribbean. Sergio says Argentina.

CLAIRE CRAIG:

Claire speaking. This question is for Sergio. There's a really nice set of— Right, I really appreciate the list of outreach and engagement activities that you just defined. My question, however, is that ICANN provide support for these types of engagements to the CROP program, and I know that LACRALO has two CROP slots left, and it is almost June. Is there a decision to use those CROP slots for any of these activities as

well as the RALO Discretionary Fund? I am very concerned because I know in 2023 the three CROP slots went back to ICANN as well as the RALO Discretionary Fund, so I really hope that LACRALO leadership is looking at effectively using those CROP slots for the outreach and engagement activities that you have just listed. Thank you.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: May I answer? Thank you, Sergio Salinas-Porto. Thank you, Claire. This is quite a relevant question. We have thought of that. We know what happened in 2023 of these CROP slots for the region. I know that you used one. There are two empty spaces, and I think it's a great opportunity to strengthen that type of effort to bring an ALS or one ALS that's rather sleepy to start picking up momentum in the region. There will be an event. We are looking at the actors of that event in the DR, and we are thinking of meeting the objectives of the region, which is growing. Thank you.

CLAIRE CRAIG: Sorry, there's an issue with the English interpreter. I'm not hearing any English interpretation.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Is that something you are aware, interpreters? It's good now. Should be working.

LAURA MARGOLIS: It's fixed. Sorry, Claire. I hope it's been fixed. It seems to be fixed. If it's not, please let us know.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: There are a number of organizations, the XP, which gathers the XP from the region. And apart from the DNS, LACNIC it's also there. ISOC, of course. And I may be losing some organizations. Of course, now that Leon is talking about the visit of ICANN Board to the Internet, the House of Internet, trying to organize the workshops of the different regions to cooperate with the different organizations. You may know this, but I wanted to take advantage of the fact that we are all here in San Juan to tell you about some projects.

When the Board meeting ends, such as we do every year, the representatives of the technical community for Latin America and the Caribbean get together and stay and plan the activities for the rest of the year. We also try and identify the synergies, the major items on the agenda. We get efforts together of things that we do throughout the year. That's the only region in the world where we have this type of coordination among two organizations that keep technical cooperation in DNS and Internet. And after this introduction, Rocio and Paula from LACTLD and LACNIC will tell us about the materialization of some of these joint projects in the region. And so, I guess we can start with Rocio. I was going to say something that she was going to say the same thing, and Rocio can share it with us as part of this context.

PAULA OTEGUY:

Thank you very much, Rodrigo Saucedo. Rodrigo de la Parra, for the invitation. Again, I'm so happy to be part of it. And talking about the LACTLD updates for this ICANN79 meeting, I'm going to speak about engagement and collaboration experiences between technical operators and public actors. And these experiences of engagement have the characteristic that they have been developed in cooperation with the technical community organizations, such as Rodrigo was saying. Very briefly, let me share with you that LACTLD is the Association for the Americas and the Caribbean TLDs.

They are working associations, they are working groups, and two of the most important projects. I know I'm speeding. I'll try to slow down. The technical LACTLD meetings and the unified domain group. But we're going to talk about another project now about contents and illegal contents. This is a workshop that we have been promoting since 2018. And it includes judges, justices, prosecutors, security forces from Latin America and the Caribbean to talk about the internet operation and the DNS operations from a legal technical perspective.

Along the different events, we were able to call people from different countries and also expanding our list of subjects to include international agreements on cybercrime abuse, threats, blockings, and effective mechanisms for the cooperation of different players. Up to the present time, we have had five editions, as you can see on screen. Three of them were face to face. The first one was in Bogota in 2019. Then we had a face to face one in Cancun in Mexico in March 2020 before the lockdown and travel restrictions were put in place in 2019.

During pandemic times, we had two remote sessions and the last face to face session was held in Santiago, Chile, November last year. And this edition was very fruitful because we managed somehow to update our agenda by having the technical community organizations in the process to organize the workshop. And we could also have hands on efforts with justices, judges, prosecutors, and some members of the police who were present. Up to the present time, this initiative gathered 148 face-to-face participants and 356 remote participants with a representation of 27 countries from the region. What we have been talking about throughout the regions was that the technical community organizations, IE, LACNIC, Internet Society, ICANN offices, LAC TLD, and some ccTLDs in the region were directly involved in the planning of each workshop and with the leadership of the activities as well.

There are some pictures. This was the first time in Bogota. This was in Cancun, and that was the last one in Chile last year. These are some of the objectives of this initiative, especially where we want to create awareness in people, that is to say, justices, judges, prosecutors, and police on how internet operates and that they should be stable, resilient, and secure in trying to promote networking to support dialogue, which is fluid, informed between technical actors and the authorities. And also, in the last few years, the legal content workshop intended to work together in the technical communities for the region.

To wrap up, I will give Paula the floor, as she will share with us some regional coordination examples. It's important to share that the number of spaces is increasing where technical players are called in to be involved and to discuss things and exchange experiences with

different types of public actors, government officers, policy developers, so that technical community players and organizations such as ICANN offices, civil society, LACNIC, LACTLD, and others somehow come closer and coordinate our participation. This has been translated into coordinated speeches, info graphs, and materials that we have drafted lately with a positive aim. But we're still working to try and improve our participation and prioritize the allocation of our resources. Those are the news I wanted to share with you. And Rodrigo, I give you the floor back. Thank you.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA:

Thank you, Rocio. And you don't know the very good results we have obtained from this workshop, because a number of organizations from the legal world, justices, judges, and prosecutors require this training, because they need to know how the DNS works and to use it in their research, in their investigations, in the different countries. And this is building a bridge of trust between the technical regional community and the authorities. And we are a well of consultation when they have doubts. It's not just ICANN, LACNIC, LACTLD.

The community is the regional technical community at large. So together, they make us look a single entity with different responsibilities in the field of internet. We have cooperated in other areas. And Paula will share those with us.

PAULA OTEGUY:

Paula speaking. I want to join Rocio and Laura for their words. I want to join Rodrigo and Rocio about this cooperation. But what I wanted to

talk to you about is the pipeline activities, the activities in the pipeline that will be held in the House of Internet, a collaboration with the Department of the Internet with the sibling organizations. Next week in Montevideo, we will be holding the eLAC ministerial preparatory meeting. And in collaboration, the technical community is organizing an activity in the House of the Internet.

We will be receiving attendees and delegations at the house to get together. And that will be next week. After that, in April, in the week of the 9th, we will be receiving at the House of the Internet a hotel. And sessions will be held as we typically do. We will share different technical contents, such as the way the internet works. An activity to bring this type of content forward to people.

And after that, on April the 16th, we will receive the CCP2 committee. It's CITEC's Permanent Consulting Committee to get closer, to be able to share different activities with them. I don't know whether Rodrigo or Rocio would like to add anything. But this is just to share with you what is in the pipeline.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA:

Just a taste of what is in the pipeline, what Paula was talking about. The CIPAL this year is taking its ministerial community together with the OAS and CITEC, specifically, are the regional intergovernmental associations that discuss subjects associated to the internet and the DNS. That is why it's so important to focus there. The Latin American Regulator Forum with Javier Rojo, who chaired it for a couple of years in a very successful manner. And we have an MOU with them, such as with COMTELCA.

So, we are well integrated and positioned with different organizations. I think there is a notice that I would like to share now that we're talking about government relations. I mean, me, Gabo, can share. In Kigali, Rwanda, as you know, there's a forum. There's a high-level meeting where perhaps we would like to ask for your support or help so that you can take this news to your governments. Tiago, would you like to tell us something about it?

THIAGO DAL TOE:

Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you, Rodrigo. That's it. Thiago Dal Toe, that's myself, GAC representative. And now, in the role of vice chair, I would like to remind you that on June the 8th and the 9th, in the framework of ICANN80 in Kigali, Rwanda, the high-level conversation will be held where we need your support to talk to your country's governments with your representatives.

In the GAC web page, you can identify the representatives, the city members, the alternate members. And what we would like to know, is to have your help to socialize this event and to get closer involvement in GAC meetings, but also in this high-level meeting, which will be held after so many years. We were thinking of having it when we suffered COVID-19. The last meeting was in Barcelona, 2018. So, we were a bit late in getting together. But that's why I would like to ask for your help so that you can talk to your country people, not just for this event, but also for your country's representatives to be actively involved in the GAC meetings, representing our regions, the Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you very much.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Thiago, thank you very much for this announcement, which is so important. We're talking about regional cooperate on. And now we have an interesting chapter about cooperation in the Caribbean, especially in this English-speaking Caribbean region. And we are closely related with the ITU for the Caribbean. We are quite honored to have its Secretary General, Mr. Rodney Taylor, who's here with us. And we also have an MOU with him. I would like to ask whether he can tell us about the cooperation in the Caribbean.

ALBERT DANIELS: Thank you very much, Rod. I'm saying Rodney because I was going to mention Rodney as well. But thank you very much, Rodrigo. And I want to start by saying that this LAC space is a very important meeting for the Caribbean. And as we look around the table and as I identify the participation, you'll see what I mean. It's very important. First of all, I want to recognize our French-speaking Caribbean. We have Betty from Guadeloupe and also Max from Haiti.

We don't usually hear much from them in this space, but they are here. And French is one of the languages that we speak in the Caribbean. We also have very high-level representation. We have several GAC representatives at this meeting. We had Karel Douglas, who just had to step out for a moment, from Trinidad and Tobago. We have the Permanent Secretary of St. Kitts, Cheryleann Pemberton, accompanied by another member from St. Kitts, again, giving an indication of how seriously we take this meeting. And of course, getting back to Betty, Betty's at a high level on the NomCom. And Dr. Claire Craig is also Vice-

Chair of the At-Large. So, this is the kind of representation that we have here.

And of course, we have the Secretary General, as Rodrigo mentioned, of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union, who will speak in a moment here with us. And you'll hear how we are collaborating together. Before I actually get into the update, I just wanted for the information of the four brand-new Caribbean fellows who are here to let them know that this space is their space. It is a Latin America and Caribbean space. So, we expect to hear more of the voices of the Caribbean, French, English-speaking, and others, just as we expect to see the Caribbean universities, the French universities, the English-speaking universities participating in some of the programs that Sergio mentioned that LACRALO is actually putting forward.

And I really need to identify our Caribbean fellows, our new fellows. We have Shanelle McPherson from Jamaica over there. We have Karen from Trinidad and Tobago. We have our new Universal Acceptance Ambassador from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Krislin. And of course, we have Federica from Dominican Republic. So, we take this LAC space seriously. And now I'll quickly try to go through some of the regional collaboration that we have. We are also doing a lot in the Caribbean with universities, the University of the West Indies, the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean. And coming out of those collaborations, we see we have a new fellow from the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean who's focusing on DNSSEC. And she was also a NextGen before.

And we have some other new participation as fellows in ICANN79 and also in the Caribbean Youth Internet Governance Forum coming out of our interaction with universities. We also collaborate very closely with local organizations. In Trinidad and Tobago, we collaborate with the TTMAG in the hosting of the Trinidad and Tobago IGF. And in Barbados, we do something similar with the Barbados Computer Society in the hosting of their IGF. From a LAC GSE team perspective, we have a very important vehicle, which is the LAC-i-Roadshow, the Latin American Caribbean Roadshow, which we rotate in different territories from time to time.

We recently had a very, very practical one in St. Vincent, where we collaborated with the local ISOC chapter and also with LACRALO. Because with the crop program, Dr. Claire Craig came to the Roadshow and spoke about LACRALO. And as a result of everything that we did in this Roadshow, we now have our first Universal Acceptance ambassador from St. Vincent and the Grenadines and also a new fellow. So, this is a real tangible result of the collaborations that we do across the Caribbean. We had something similar in the Bahamas when Carlton Samuels actually came and spoke also through the crop program about LACRALO and as a result, we got different sets of participation to increase within ICANN. Just two more points quickly.

We do a lot of technical collaboration. We collaborate with the Caribbean Network Operators Group. And this is where the two regional internet registries, LACNIC and ARIN, which cover the Caribbean, talk about IPv6 routing, DNS security, and so on. And also, we are able to do outreach and technical engagement with DNSSEC and KINDNS. There's another important organization in the Caribbean,

CANTO, where we have the internet service providers. And our colleague here, Nicholas, has executed two technical training programs with the representatives of ISPs from across the Caribbean on DNSSEC and also on KINDNS. And that was all coordinated through the Caribbean Association of National Telecoms Operators.

So, for the last two and a half minutes that I have, I will hand over to Secretary General of the CTU, Rodney Taylor, who we collaborate with in terms of government interaction. The CTU is helping a lot, and also in mobilizing the Caribbean through their perspectives. So, Rodney Taylor, I'll hand over to you for two and a half minutes so that Laura doesn't throw us out for using too much time.

RODNEY TAYLOR:

Thank you very much, Albert. Good evening, everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to just say a few words on behalf of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union. We have 20 member states, and we're an intergovernmental organization based in Trinidad and Tobago. And we do also want to express our appreciation for the support of ICANN over the years, consistently working with us in the hosting of the Caribbean Internet Governance Forum, which is this year will be in its 20th year. It's the oldest forum in the world.

We're also pleased to have been able to host the second Youth IGF last year with ICANN support, with LACNIC support as well, and with the support of ARIN. We were able also to host the first Small Island Developing States Internet Governance Forum, working with our colleagues from the Pacific Islands and from Africa. We are very pleased to be able to build that community of small states within the internet

governance space. We signed an MOU with LACNIC. It was mentioned in support. And that took us the relationship beyond the realm of one-off sponsorship for events to more consistent collaboration, engaging with our ministers and policymakers as well.

In particular, the CTU provides that forum where we can all collectively come. We recognize the need, in particular in the GAC, where we are most active, particularly with our policymakers, to have them more prepared as they come to the ICANN meetings. As you know, ICANN is a very complex animal, as it were and therefore, for those ministers and senior government officials coming for the first time, they can get pretty lost, even with the efforts of ICANN to help them prepare.

So, we recognize the need on our side as well to be more actively engaged with them in preparation. I've been working with Albert over the last couple of weeks to ensure that we have good representation in Kigali as well, and not just that our ministers show up, but they show up fully prepared or as prepared as possible to participate in those meetings. So, I'll stop there, but we've also been trying to build a more cohesive community within ICANN across all of the stakeholder groups and so that we are more consistent and effective in our interventions within ICANN. So, thank you very much for the opportunity. Thank you, Rodney.

ALBERT DANIELS:

And I hand back to Rodrigo and Laura.

LAURA MARGOLIS:

Thank you very much. The truth is that your presentation in regards to all the Caribbean presentations activities, Caribbean activities is really clear, and it's a good update. And thank you for that. I'll give the floor to Daniel Fink, who will have five minutes to tell us about the updates and the upcoming events for Universal Acceptance in a region. Go ahead, Daniel.

DANIEL FINK:

Thank you, Laura. Here we have a crystal here. She is a new ambassador for Universal Acceptance. She comes from the Caribbean region. Thank you for being our ambassador. She also organized one of the events of the day, the celebration of the day of Universal Acceptance. It will begin this very month. I brought some images for you to see here. And the Universal Acceptance Day for this year was focused on different categories. It's very important to really point out this.

We know what Universal Acceptance is. We know that Lille and LACRALO have hardly worked all through the region on UA. But as of this year, the committee of UA decided to advance even more working with universities so that we could include UA in the curriculum in universities by adopting Universal Acceptance. And when, for example, an internet website should be updated. So, our work line in our committee is requesting us to really have a more hands-on approach here. So, let me point out that we have really good materials prepared by our groups. We have itineraries for adoption of technical training in English, Portuguese, and Spanish that may be shared with our

engineers. And this is the most important one, in my opinion, because it was launched.

And it's not being completed. It's an academic curriculum with many pages of high-quality technical contents to be used in our universities. Here, let me encourage you to look at this and to promote this among all our math teachers throughout the region so that we can make the most from these resources. These are the locations where we will have UA events in our region. 41 were received, 41 applications or proposals. Only three were accepted. We have had many, many applications. And as I said before, only three were finally selected due to the high cost. But we will continue promoting these events in the future. So, here, let me show you these three events of UA for academic curricula, one in Colombia this week, on Friday, then Mexico, and then in Paraguay in September. Paraguay is really a brilliant example of the inclusion. They have included the Guaraní language in the curriculum. And we have also updated websites in Panama, Uruguay, through LACNOG.

In Brazil, we will make an exercise with configuration servers, EAI, and also promotion. We have a very interesting project in the National University of Salta in Argentina. And some indigenous languages will be discussed over in Argentina for them to be included. Also, we have other projects in Haiti and in Chile and in Bolivia. Bolivia, the case of Bolivia is very interesting. We contacted a new organization. It's called ALETI. It's a federation of IT organizations from Latin America and the Caribbean. They have a wonderful focus. And this may open new doors for promoting the UA. Thank you very much. Thank you very much.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Well, thank you very much, Daniel. Laura, speaking. I will look for the web page link and share all the events of the region with you. Now, we will take a couple of more minutes because we had some add-ons to the agenda. We'll give Rodrigo Saucedo the floor. And then just one minute for Sébastien Bachollet and two for Vanda Scartezini to give us an update on the NomCom.

RODRIGO SAUCEDO: The last presentation of the agenda is sometimes you get--, we don't have time. Unfortunately, I won't be able to make the presentation. It was a presentation about the LAC strategic plan. I think it was a very important topic. We wanted to showcase a little bit about what we have been doing for the past almost 10 years of the activities of the LAC strategy. And also, I wanted to showcase what's coming up on our strategy. But I will invite everyone in the community. We will have a Webinar in the next coming month or so, and we will be able to show you a little bit of this tremendous work we've been doing in the region. So, yes, thank you.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you very much. I'll give the floor now to Sébastien. Sébastien, go ahead.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Sébastien Bachollet, Chair for EURALO. We are working on a round table for April 23rd at 14:00 hours UTC, and that's

going to be about the world global net plus 10. It's not about what's going to happen in Brazil on April 29th-30th, but about what happened 10 years before that. And we're going to have people there that are going to talk about, that like, Fadi Chehadé and others that were a part of that event 10 years ago. And we're working together with other RALOs and, of course, LACRALO. So, I just wanted to inform you that we're going to be looking forward to seeing you there.

LAURA MARGOLIS:

Thank you, Sébastien. And now we're going to, give go over the agenda for go over one minute for the agenda. We're going to allow for Vanda and then Lizania to have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

NomCom is still going through the application period until March, the 15th. The most important thing here, as it happens every year, is that everybody leaves this until the last minute, and some people miss the opportunity. We have more than 100 applications that have been initiated but have not been completed. So, many of them are in the middle of the application process. So, we need three positions for the Board. One from for the ccNSO, GNSO and another one for Europe and another one for the USA and ALAC. So, please, if any one of you is making an application for any position, please do complete it. Thank you very much, this is what I wanted to say. Thank you so much.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you, Vanda. Those of you that are nominating yourselves for a NomCom, please finish your applications. Now I'll give the floor to Lisania who's from com COMTELCA. Lisania, you have a minute.

LIZANIA PÉREZ: Yes. Thank you. Can you hear me? This is Lisania speaking. Good afternoon to all. Well, just to follow-up on some of the things that were said, COMTELCA is a counterpart of CTU, and we work in the Dominican Republic and other countries, and we have an MOU with ICANN. As part of this work, COMTELCA will be meeting during LACNIC with the ICANN Board. It's, not written in stone, but we would like to invite the representatives from ICANN to include this in your agendas and make sure that you address those items that are of relevance to your government.

So, it's important that we talk to government officials and address topics that are relevant for the entities and for the region. That has to do with universal accept as one of those. I am a rep for the region, but I am Dominican. I just want to tell Sergio that both Federica and myself, we've been part of the ISOC, DR, and we are no longer in the Board for ISOC, but we continue to work with them or collaborate with them. So, we they are an observer for COMTELCA, and so we would like to offer our assistance, whenever you start working on the workshop that you're going to work with, work on with the DR.

Those are the pending items that I wanted to talk about and also to follow-up with what Thiago said, the invites for GAC. We are encouraging the members of the region to engage in the high-level

meetings that will take place in Rwanda. So, we just wanted to thank you for this time. Thank you.

LAURA MARGOLIS:

Thank you, Lisania, and thank you all. I will ask Rodrigo that the next LAC space should last 30 minutes more. That way, we can all, have our time to, talk. I'm sure that there were plenty of you here that wanted to have your interventions. We're going to take a group picture. And, again, thank you all for joining us and we'll see you soon. Thank you.

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