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CLAUDIA RUIZ:

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With that, I will now hand the floor over to Vanda Scartezini. Thank you.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you, everybody. I am Vanda Scartezini. Wow, 21 years in ICANN, like Cheryl. I believe Cheryl is more time than myself. But I am one of the co-founders of DNS Women 2009. DNS Women exists to encourage more women to join ICANN, apply for leadership positions, and spread the word around in their communities while working to include women in the Internet community.

So, since 2009, we are having face-to-face meetings, breakfast, cocktails, technical sessions. In 2020, we stopped it during the beginning of the pandemic to reorganize ourselves and did not have our meetings. But we started last year with two sessions because just remember the June session, the middle of the year session, is not for that. It's just policy work, so we don't have DNS Women meetings. So, March and October—this year, September—we will have our meetings. Maybe next time, face-to-face. Let's hope.

Today, we'll have two presentations. For the benefit of time, I will ask our friend, Claudia, to start to share Karla's presentation. And [unhappily,] Karla will not be able to join, she had a problem with her computer and connection, so I will make her presentation.

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Karla is also one of the DNS Women cofounders and it would be a pleasure to listen to her, but another opportunity maybe. Please feel free to write, like Claudia said, the questions in chat or questions and answers, or at the end of this first presentation, we will open to questions just to raise your [inaudible] and open your mind. Okay, thank you very much. Let's start. Claudia, thank you.

So, what do we want to talk this time? We want to talk about the future in ICANN in DNS Women inside ICANN. We start to think about what is for the future. Not anymore much of a website and things like that but social media.

So, we start to develop a new DNS Women LinkedIn because Karla's daughter just graduated in this communication under social media and is working for a large company in the United States and is developing our new LinkedIn.

So, currently, we have 243 members from the almost 400 that we had if we counted just LinkedIn. And since we're going to focus on this media for our future work, we would like to ask you all [inaudible] LinkedIn to join us.

Our focus is expand the membership and actively use this space to showcase local initiatives. What do we call local initiatives? It's members' projects and personal initiatives on the Internet [inaudible]. Internet related studies and research. We're going to have Laura talking about what we are doing right now. We also intend to have job opportunities, and most of all, collaborations. For instance, R&D at the

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university or with research centers or partners for international projects, etc.

So, this environment will be a place to share some kind of work because we are from all kinds of organization. We have people from academic. We have government. We have all the other companies, research centers, and not-for-profit organizations. So a lot of organizations around the world. The LinkedIn will set up to that connection to organize this kind of work.

We also have to post for regional events like tomorrow we will have, in Colombia, South America, one of our ambassadors, Lilian De Luque, talking about women in ICANN for the International Women's Day that we all celebrate around the world. So, congratulations to all women attending our meeting today.

So, how is the idea to participate? This of course, LinkedIn membership. You should ask to join and Karla or myself will allow you to enter in our membership.

[inaudible] initiatives. What is the [inaudible] idea? [inaudible]. If you want to share some ideas or ask for collaboration or any other kind of joint participation, you put [clearly]. This is a proposal for collaboration. This is for collaboration for. For instance, this is collaboration for this organization or that organization. The scope, the deadlines, if you have some deadlines, contact information for people to reach you directly if you want to. There is no language restriction, however it's much easier for promotion in social media if you will use more international language, like English, Spanish, or French. But you

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can put your proposition if you are reaching your local group, no problem to have in any kind of script or language.

If you find any issue to post, please contact us. Let's use initially the LinkedIn itself to post that you have, because less and less people are using emails nowadays. If we focus on younger people, certainly they just use social media, nothing more other kind of communication tools.

But anyway, at the end of Laura's presentation will be Laura's email and my email, so you can also reach us to those emails. We are old enough to use that.

We also are looking for regional leadership, looking for regional ambassadors. We started with some ambassadors around the world. We also have, besides Cheryl and myself, the co-founders—initial co-founders—we have other ambassadors like Maureen, the chair of LACRALO, for instance, and our friend Laura in South America and Maritza, for instance, in Peru that is an active member always making Twitters to announce our [inaudible], our work, our meetings because what we have is facilitate our penetration around the globe.

We have a member in [six now] countries. I believe we have a lot of room to grow and promote local projects from DNS Internet related issues.

Identify And promote opportunities in local level. That's what we expected more from those ambassadors. it's not to spend a lot of time working for DNS Women. It's just to be a facilitator in their own communities to improve the way women are connecting in the ICANN community, in the Internet local communities too.

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So, [inaudible] listen to us now. If you are interested in becoming an ambassador, please contact me or Karla or Cheryl or Laura using LinkedIn itself or our emails.

So, Cheryl and myself, we have already spread around the word, so you have no problem to find us. And for Laura, she will post at the end of the presentation.

So now, it's open for any questions if we have some. You can raise your hand if you want or let's see if there is someone, Claudia, who is going to read if there are some questions in the chat.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

I'm just looking over. I'm not seeing any questions. No.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Okay. So, we can, for the benefit of our work today, we can pass to Laura. Who is Laura? Laura Margolis is the representative of LACRALO in ALAC since last year. She has university degree in Information Systems, is in ICANN since 2011, and is now the first individual member of LACRALO. With us, a DNS Woman, Laura joined in 2015 and is nowadays one of the most active members since then.

She is manager of an Uruguay company focused on domain name business and hosting. She was also a member of ccNSO who joined last year to ALAC by NomCom. Laura, the floor is yours. Feel free to start.

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CLAUDIA RUIZ: Laura, you're on mute.

LAURA MARGOLIS: I will be switching to Spanish language, so please be aware of the interpretation tool. I will switch now. I hope not to get the interpreters crazy, so let's try.

I hope you're all fine and thank you very much for being here today. As Vanda said, DNS Women is always trying to look for benefits for our community. Right now we are working on a report specifically on the amount of domain names existing both in the region in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as in the rest of the world.

Even though we have found several reports when we were conducting the research, we didn't really find one that was global. We did find a lot of information, specific information for certain regions, but we could not really find something that would contain all of the information—global information. Next slide, please, Claudia. Thank you.

So, as I was saying, we were looking for information on the number of domain names registered in each country and this is related to the population in each country and as well as with the percentage of Internet penetration in each of the countries and regions. Next slide, please.

As I said before, the idea of this study is precisely to conduct a domain analysis. So we took a sample of our report that includes some countries in the Latin America and Caribbean region and it is conducted as of December 2021. We can see right here the list of countries that we

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took as an example. As I said, there are some countries from Latin America and the Caribbean. And if we can see the number of domains specifically, of course the first one in the list is Brazil followed by Mexico, Chile, and Argentina. Next slide, please.

There are a number of domains per inhabitant that we have obtained and the positions changed because the first one there is Chile, followed by Uruguay, then there's Brazil and Argentina. This is of course tied to the Internet penetration percentage in each of the countries. Next slide, please.

If you can see there the number of domains per 1000 inhabitants, the first one in the ranking is Chile, but it coincides with the fact that the percentage of penetration in Chile is 92%. So it would be really sensible to see this information with this data.

However, if we compare the percentage of Internet penetration, Chile is in the first place followed by Uruguay and then Argentina. The first one is the Dominican Republic. They're all pretty close but what we also see is the Dominican Republic has an 80% penetration of the Internet but only 13,380 registered domains, which implies 1.2 domains per 1000 inhabitants. If we consider Argentina and Uruguay, we'll see the percentage of Internet penetration is similar. It's actually pretty much the same. However, in Uruguay, the number of domain names is doubled compared to Argentina considering the number of domains per 1000 inhabitants. So this is an interesting case to consider to see why this happens. If you want to talk to me later, I can tell you what's

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the secret for all of this. So our idea is that these numbers will service to analyze a number of issues. Next slide, please.

This is the same information but more graphically distributed. Another important piece of information in this report that actually contains a large amount of information, we had just took a sample. but we also wanted to know how many accredited registrars accredited by ICANN were in each country.

in Latin America in the Caribbean, there are fewer compared to other regions but the four countries we see when considering Internet penetration. The only country that has an accredited registrar is Argentina. There was a big one in Brazil, but a few years ago, it has left. So Brazil right now doesn't have any accredited registrars and there are three in Mexico. However, Mexico is not holding One of the first positions in the ranking that we have just seen. It does have more than a million, but it has 9.75 domains per 1000 inhabitants, which implies that they are below the rest of the countries. However, there are three accredited registrars in Mexico. These are registrars accredited by ICANN. So we will have to check to see what happens there as well. These are just a few figures. Next slide, please.

We wanted also to see what this information would be good for. Whether you are an end user or someone who wants to start getting involved in the domain names registration business, it is interesting to analyze the market, see what happens in each of them, what goes on in each market and check what is the behavior of the Internet domain

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market in different regions and in different countries. And also conduct an analysis to increase sales in the different markets as well.

If we look at the different graphs, we will see there are countries with a high percentage of Internet penetration, and still the number of registered domains is low. So it is interesting to see what happens in other regions, in other markets, to reach the numbers that they reach and try and obtain a few ideas from all of these. These kinds of reports does help us in all of that.

And when we were conducting this research study, we analyzed a large number of reports on the Internet. There is a very interesting report conducted by ICANN that was in 2016 or 2017. What we found was a large amount of information that was not updated. I'm not really reading the comments in the chat. Maybe I should read it and maybe you would like to ask a question or make a comment.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Please go on.

LAURA MARGOLIS:

Okay. I will continue. There are also ways to encourage the use of domains and the registration of domains in countries where the numbers are really low. We could also try and drive these through the governments. And we believe these kinds of reports can be useful for end users as well Aa for people who are working in companies, in corporations, or even the government themselves because these could

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be useful to conduct a permanent analysis of what is happening with the domain name market.

We have only included the ccTLDs in this case. We have not included gTLDs. But this is just part of the tool we are developing and we hope to have more information. Next slide, please.

With respect then to this report, this is what I wanted to show. I also wanted to thank everybody who I contacted to provide me with information, because to tell you the truth, putting together all of this information even though we are all working in the domain name market and we are working in ICANN, this is not easy. All of the websites have different formats, different dates, and it is very difficult to put together all this information and to bring it to something concrete and specific. So thank you to all who have helped me providing me with the data that I requested.

Now I would like to ask if there is any idea that you would like to provide us, maybe some input. In the next meeting, we are going to provide you with a different version of this report. We don't really know if time will be enough or not come up but if you agree and you would like to provide your input or ideas that would be useful for you and for your countries or for your regions or if you have relevant data or data that you think is relevant, you are welcome to send them in.

So, this is what I wanted to say about this report. Vanda has already talked about this. I am not going to repeat this because she has already provided you with all of this introduction. Thank you for your attention, and if you would like to contact me, you can see my email right there. I

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think Cheryl has provided us with her email in the chat room. And as Vanda said, we are available to everybody who wants to find us. And once again, thank you very much. I hope we can see each other face to face in the next meetings. Otherwise, we will meet again online right here. Thank you again. Now, Vanda, you have the floor. I'm going to read the messages in the chat that I couldn't read before. Thank you, again.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you, Laura. I'd like to make two points. One is that regarding to accredited registrars in the countries. What we have is, for instance, in Brazil, we don't have a local one. What we have, for instance, is GoDaddy. GoDaddy Brazil exists and is distributed around the country in some offices, but they are not origin. Their origin is North America. It is not Brazil. But they are here.

And [inaudible] there is a lot of others that I believe is also in other countries with local offices. So you can, for instance, talk in Portuguese with them directly in [inaudible] in the South, in the Northeast. So it's important to understand that when we say and most of the data is regarding to local origin of those accredited registrars. So, we have a lot from Europe and some from the United States and those are local offices but not companies that has their origin in Brazil. We used to have three or four and they just give up. The cost-effective solution was not enough to do business, so they decided to log out. I believe this is one point.

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Another point that I would like you to explain better, what we are talking about today is invitation for the women to collaborate with our [inaudible] and how they can do that. Laura?

LAURA MARGOLIS:

Yes. Okay. Well, I think you have lots of ways to collaborate. For example, if you think that we should have extra information in our report, you can just tell us and we can add it.

I think that also it is important for you if you want to contact us and share information about your countries or your regions or any contact you have that can help us to continue with our job.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Okay, thank you. I believe that [inaudible] problem when we start to reach out information and data. Some are in language and scripts that we cannot follow. So this is one opportunity to anyone that wants to be our ambassador to help us, to understand what is written there, what is mentioned, how are the numbers over there, what is the meaning of those issues that they have in Cyrillic, in Arabic, in Chinese or whatever.

So, it's one point that I would like to raise here, to invite people to help us to make all this platform not only available but also up to date because that is the main issue on this data that we [inaudible] around.

So, [inaudible] will be next problem. In the first round of new gTLDs, when we start to promote in this region new gTLDs, the most important

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question is how is the market? How ICANN reach all the market around?  
How can I understand the data or this or that?

So we need to have more up-to-date data to help not only academic issues but business issues, how to understand that if they can reach that, who they can reach out to get more information to understand the country. There is a lot of issues that we can share in this kind of [inaudible] that when we start, we find out that there is no up-to-date information, few up to date in some countries, others is too long of a way—five years ago or something like that, 2016, 2017, so [there is not a market anymore]. So it's completely lack of information on the business on the domains in the old regions.

Not only us. I don't know in Chinese, for instance, because I cannot read in Chinese, but all the others that we can reach in more common language we see that it is completely out of date. So it's something that we would like to ask everyone to help us to really get connected with us.

So, I would like to ask Cheryl and give the floor to her if she wants to say some words as a co-founder of DNS Women with so many years.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you, Vanda. How on Earth could I ever say no to being given the floor? You know me. The whole world is a stage. Thoroughly. Exactly. While my satellite connection is holding up, between deluges, it's just gone down to rain as opposed to torrential rain here in Sydney.

That being said, I think, from my perspective, these particular pieces of research are very useful if we're going to find a derived benefit for some sort of measure of health of industry—health of DNS industry, I should say—and perhaps even look some opportunities for women entrepreneurs and things. But showcasing not just raw data about numbers on names, etc., might also need to be a complement and some of you might have some great ideas about doing that.

It seems to me ... Vanda, you mentioned a reduction in homegrown offerings in Brazil and [inaudible] but perhaps greater resiliency in a business model might be where more breadth of product possibilities is able to be woven into the system that may in itself bring some opportunities for female entrepreneurs to not necessarily start the whole things themselves as a micro industry by any stretch of the imagination but to offer their particularly unique skill set and services to an existing entity, preferably homegrown, that has at least home office—I don't mean home office as in COVID but home officed as in domiciled in the country. But also to find more even micro business opportunities or simple employment opportunities for the plethora of wonderful women in the DNS world out there.

But I don't want to take too much more time other than to say I always love seeing all of you, and hopefully some of you will have some good questions and some other ideas just to get this particular exploration and showcase a little further along. Thanks, Vanda, for the opportunity.

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VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you, Cheryl. We have a question from Patricia Pessi. The question is to Laura. “Hi, everyone. Which tools are you using to identify, count, and analyze this information? And how about the providers? How are they in open and how open they are to help this kind of [inaudible]?”  
Laura?

LAURA MARGOLIS:

First of all, thank you for the question. And regarding our sources, sources we got directly from the web. But as I told you before, all the webs are different and they present all the information about domains totally different, so it's very difficult to unify all the information, all the data we get from there. So, in many cases, we contacted directly some of the NIC managers or people working in the registries directly to provide us information.

You asked me about what was the response. The response was excellent. All of the people I contacted immediately sent me all the information I requested, so I had no problem with that. It's just a problem of time. It took many time to get everything.

As I told you before, the report is just a sample of some of the countries but we've got information about rest of the regions, two period for now, we are working on a tool to process this information and if you know any tool you would like to provide us or to let us know, welcome and thank you. I hope that I answered your question.

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VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you, Patricia. I believe, just to complement, Patricia is an academic person and is post doctorate in Spain and is from Brazil but is in Spain. She is not inside ICANN, is just connected to us through me, but that's the question because, in the ICANN community, we share a lot of information, so people are not holding the information from each other. So the community is quite open so it is not a problem to find out and they are kind and helpful to provide what they have.

Anyway, if any study in your post doc, you need it, you can reach out to myself or Laura, certainly in Spanish very easily, so you can do that with no problem. But follow-up us in the LinkedIn and we will be connected more often. Thank you.

I see someone quite important today with us. It's Leon. Tomorrow will be the International Women's Day. Can you share some words with us from the Board?

LEON SANCHEZ:

Thank you very much, Vanda. My apologies for not being on camera. I'm on a mobile device, so please excuse if I come across a little bit cut. Yes, I always enjoy joining you and my female colleagues in ICANN. I learn a lot from you. I continue to learn a lot always. I am one of those guys who likes to empower women and fight for leveling the ground and providing equal opportunities for women around the world. So this kind of exercise and what you do is definitely the example we should all follow.

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It is especially meaningful, as you say, because tomorrow we commemorate the international Women's Day. I say commemorate because it's not a celebration. It's not something we should congratulate women for. It's an event that demonstrates the strength and the value of women in our society, and as such, I believe that we should definitely commemorate this event with all our strength and showing our support to our female colleagues, and again doing everything we can that we have in our hands to level the ground, provide these equal opportunities, and foster respect to our female colleagues not only in the ICANN community but also around the world. And of course, continue to work towards providing spaces and have valuable women as you to occupy those spaces that are in need of your knowledge and your capacities.

I am grateful to belong to this community, to work for an organization as ICANN that is mindful of gender balance and inclusivity, and as such, I think it's proof that our community is mindful and really cares about equality and inclusiveness. So thank you very much, Vanda, for this opportunity and I definitely look forward to continue learning from all of you.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you very much. We have two more questions, Laura. The first one I can answer directly. It's [inaudible]. I don't know where you are from. From Africa. Then you can say where you're from. She is asking if you have DNS Women chapters in Africa.

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We used to have in Nigeria but we are looking for someone that wants to be ambassador, so contact us and we will continue to exchange More information with you directly. Thank you for the question.

The other question: are there provisions for logistical support to facilitate regional DNS chapter activities? I believe that regarding the LinkedIn will be open to all languages, but to promote things, we have three more [inaudible]—of course not Chinese. But anyway, we are providing Spanish, English, and French to facilitate, to promote, and maybe translate some information or something like that. But there are those three languages that we will use to promote more.

But anyway, If you are working in the local community, you can use your language or whatever you want to because LinkedIn allows you to write in other scripts and talk in other languages. So I believe it is answered.

Let me see. There is one question from [Navette] from Uganda. That question from [Shayla]. We don't have no one in Uganda, only Daniel. Daniel is not DNS Women member. So, please, [Shayla], I don't know if [Shayla] is the correct way to spelling your name or it's [Sheila]. I don't know.

In Uganda, we are very welcome, so contact us and we will continue to discuss any interest you have in supporting our activities in Uganda. Thank you very much. Let me see if there is ...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Vanda, Cheryl here.

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VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yes, go ahead, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, darling. Ladies and gentlemen, [inaudible] here onto the type of infrastructure. It really is a matter of what is going to work best for you, your local networks, your local communities. If you can be someone who has the local network, the time, the energy, and the inclination to start up a chapter, fantastic. That will put so much more concentration for increasing the interest of women in DNS in that particular area, and the rest of us will do what we can to help give you plenty of wind to your sails.

The individual, someone who believes they've got the experience, the network in existence already, the capabilities of doing a lot of outreach and engagement, might feel that they're able to step up as some sort of ambassador. And again, this just a matter of what fits for purpose. But you might just be someone who is looking to expand a career or interest as a female working in DNS and in the DNS industry. And that's okay too. You don't have to be a part of a chapter. You don't have to do a chapter. If you do little more than interact with us in whatever socials it is—LinkedIn, Facebook, at these gatherings—you will still do good.

And if some of you, regardless of your gender, just do more for STEM and STEAM in your local area, your country, your region. That does great work for everybody in the DNS industry.

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So there's a lot of ways that you can reach out, be kind, lean in, do all of those things that make a difference, not just to ourselves in terms of identifying women in DNS but to the industry and the interests that we have, even in terms of civil society as Internet end users and what ICANN does in particular.

In terms of support, we really need to recognize that we've had some fabulous sponsors. We are an impromptu, an informal network. We've had some fabulous sponsors, and hopefully we will continue to ... We've had them at the various events in the past, we'll hopefully have them in the future. And of course ICANN is more than kind enough to give us space on their ticketing, their docket—a room when we actually can meet face-to-face or a Zoom room virtually like this.

I didn't want everyone to think, "Oh dear, there isn't a chapter for me to join," or, "Oh dear, I don't have an ambassador." It's what works for you works best.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Okay, thank you. Before I give the floor to you, Laura, I want to acknowledge that Tripti and Sarah and Katrina from the Board are with us, so I can give some minutes to each one to talk about and recognize the DNS Women as a place inside ICANN for all women to get together. Go ahead, Sarah. We'll start with you.

SARAH DEUTCH:

Thank you, Vanda. Yes, I just wanted to acknowledge, since Leon was on his phone and couldn't see his female colleagues, that we all join to

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support you, and just to let you know that we're there if you need to reach out to any of us on any questions. We're here for you.

I just wanted to say I love the dynamic of having more women on the Board. We think differently. We get things done. We're very collaborative. It's been wonderful having Katrina as our newcomer. She speaks up and she's not shy, as you know. And Tripti adds an incredible amount of technical knowledge and just incredible common sense and a really strong moral compass to this Board. I've just loved working with them this past year, and Leon as well. So, thank you and let me pass the floor to my fellow board members.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Okay. The next one, Tripti or Katrina, the floor is yours.

TRIPTI SINHA:

Thank you, Vanda; and thank you, Sarah, for calling us out. I really can't repeat what Sarah said so eloquently. It's so exciting to be part of this group and to see that you have a forum for women.

It's really very heartening to see that we get better and better year by year, day by day. We're more inclusive and we're including all the voices. Women are 50% of the global population and we're beginning to slowly get there in terms of representation and we come with very unique viewpoints. I'm just delighted to see this evolution. So I'll turn it over to Katrina now.

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KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much, Vanda. Hello. Thanks, Sarah. Thanks, Tripti. Great to be here. This is my first time with DNS Women.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Well, from now on, never forget.

KATRINA SATAKI: It is the first time, and this time I joined because Leon said he was going to and I didn't want to leave him alone with all these great women, so I joined too. But now I see that he is a regular here. I'm very happy to see other men. As they say ... I don't remember who said that but somebody said that men of quality are not afraid of women of equality. So that's great to be here. Yes, whatever women on the Board can do to help you. That's why we're here and that's why we are doing what we are doing. So, thank you.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you, Katrina, for joining us. From now on, I want to see if you at every DNS Women meeting. I will call you. Thank you.

So, Laura, you have the hand raised. Go ahead.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Katrina, how is it that you are here for Leon and not for us?

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KATRINA SATAKI: Okay. You got me. Yes. Because I know that you are strong and I know you can achieve anything you want. Actually, when men and women work together, what I've noticed is that always provides much better results rather than work separately. I think it's really great to see this collaboration in this dynamic going on. Laura, next time I will be here for you and Leon will be here for you, too.

LEON SANCHEZ: I will. I will definitely be here.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Leon is always here. I wanted to say thank you to [Shayla] and welcome [Shayla] and welcome people from Africa. Of course, we love people from Africa, so join us whenever you want. I would also tell you that Maureen told me—she sent me a message through the chat here. She wanted also to collaborate and make the same type of report in her region. So, Maureen, I can tell you that we are already working in your region, too. So, I will get in touch with you to accept your help.

I wanted to say also that all the men are also welcome. Thank you. Vanda, back to you, so you can close.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Laura, for your participation. Thank you, all, for your participation today. We are hoping that next time we are going to see each other and hug each other face to face in September. So, if we can do this first, in [inaudible], the better. But anyway, please,

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thank you for joining us. Maureen was one of our ambassadors in Cook Islands. That is quite far away from here but it is quite good to have her with us so many years from now. Thank you.

TRIPTI SINHA: Vanda, I would be remiss if I didn't point out that you have yet another board member, Kaveh, on the call.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Okay. So, you'll have one minute to finish.

TRIPTI SINHA: Say something, Kaveh.

KAVEH RANJBAR: Yeah. Thank you very much. It's just always nice to join this meeting. I have joined a few previous ones as well and it's always good to know [inaudible] basically from all of you. There is a lot that I have learned. I always had the pleasure of having fantastic women on my team, including in the board but also as a root server operator. So really nice to hear from you to be able to join this session. It's really nice. Thank you.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you. I believe that our time is finished and we have to leave the translation to rest a little bit. So, the translators, thank you very much for that. Thank you too Gisella, to Claudia, all the staff behind the

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scenes. Thank you to you all for participating. We had strong participation today so I am very happy to have you all with us and see you next time, maybe tomorrow morning in the ICANN meetings. Okay, see you. Bye-bye.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you, bye.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Bye, everyone. Thank you.

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