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RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Hello. Good morning. Welcome to this early session in ICANN73, which should have happened in San Juan, Puerto Rico, but we are doing this online. We hope this will be the first time we meet online and we hope next time that LAC space can happen on a face-to-face basis.

I don't want to take more time from the agenda. I just wanted to say hello. And once again, we have our excellent moderator, Laura Margolis, has joined us this morning. And without further ado, then, let me give the floor to Laura and I will be right here. I wish you lots of success and good morning.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you, Rodrigo and Rodrigo. It is a pleasure to be with you today and moderate this space. We have a packed agenda today. And we don't really have so much time for each of us to speak.

So we're going to start with Leon Sanchez. Then, we will continue with Ignacio Estrada, and then with Rocio de la Fuente, and Augusto Ho.

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Each of you will have five minutes to speak. We will be strict. And so, go ahead, Leon, please.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you, Laura, and thank you, Rodrigo, for these invitations. Thank you to the two Rodrigos and to the whole team. It is really good to be here with you today in this Latin America and Caribbean space. I think I'm not going to use my five minutes. I'm going to be very brief so everybody can use more time.

As you know, our board had the workshop and we continue working on our daily issues. But I think the most relevant exercise was this prioritization pilot we are conducting concerning the different issues that are not only on the board table but on the community's table in general.

And so, we are aware that many issues need to progress, many recommendations need to be recommended. But our resources are limited. And so, this implies we need to conduct a prioritization of goals and objectives, and this is what we did. This was not the first session. This is actually as a continuation of prior exercises. And so this exercise will probably be shared when it is more concrete.

Our aim is not to impose anything on the rest of the community in terms of what should be the priority. But it actually is an exercise for internal use of the board. And we hope to have a perspective of what is a priority and what can be secondary without it being less important.

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So we've also adopted a number of resolutions. You probably saw a resolution where the community is directed to have accountability methods and to conduct an assessment of the resolutions of the IRT in connection with .WEB. So there is a resolution in this regard. And the board has instructed this committee to conduct an in-depth analysis of the resolutions of the panel. And so the board needs to receive an accountability and then be able to make decisions.

It has also been resolved to allocate up to $1 million to support the situation of people who are in conflict zones—in this case, they refer specially to Ukraine and to the neighboring areas—and to try to mitigate this terrible situation, this tragedy that we are seeing now in this country and in parts of the world. So this is a small action to try to help people who are now undergoing this very terrible situation.

The Org has also issued a communique to somehow condone the fees for the renewals of domain names that are about to be overdue. And this is a result of the war now happening in this region. This is in case people cannot make their renewal and their contractual terms. So there is a call for registries and registrars to join this effort and to be able to implement this measure that has been approved by the Org in connection with the flexibility of domain name renewal.

There has also been a statement connected to the request made by the Ukrainian government to somehow disconnect the unique identifiers. And you have seen the response written by Goran Marby and the support of the board of the statement issued by RCO.

We have had very busy days lately but they have been very satisfactory because we consider that at least we have been able to contribute to the extent of our possibilities to moderate this very heavy load that people in this region in the planet are experiencing.

Thank you very much, Laura, for giving me the opportunity to provide this very brief report, and I will remain here to continue speaking with you. And I am, of course, open to questions and comments. Thank you very much. Laura.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you, Leon. It is an honor to have you here and thank you for this very good summary. We will now give the floor to Ignacio Estrada from LACNIC. Ignacio, you have the floor.

IGANACIO ESTRADA: Hello to you all. Thank you for this invitation. This is Miguel Ignacio Estrada. I am the LACNIC strategic relations manager. There are a few slides that we can just skip right here. Rodrigo, if you would like to go to the next one, please, or the prior one actually.

This is a novelty. We now have more than 12,000 partners in 33 territories in Latin America and the Caribbean. We are LACNIC, the organization that somehow deals with our location of resource numbers in Latin America and the Caribbean. Next slide, please.

I just want to talk to you about how to get involved with LACNIC. Next slide. As you can see, we have different kinds of activities such as the

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LACNIC events. We have two events a year. There are also smaller events. One of them is LACNIC On the Move, which rotates in the region. There are specific workshops and other kinds of training sessions and webinars.

We also have our mailing lists. Each of these items is a link. Each of these items that you can see on the slide there is a link that you can click on it. And you can see our list of announcements, list of policies, our governance list. There is a list specifically for the Caribbean also and another one for women in ICT. From the 2nd to the 6th of May, we will have a hybrid event in Cali, Columbia. So we invite you to join and participate. Next slide.

Within our support programs in LACNIC, I want to refer to these four. These are the ones that have calls in the next few days. FRIDA by the end of April. There is a call for the support program for initiatives in the region. These are initiatives that contribute to the consolidation of an open, stable, and secure internet.

Then we have the leaders' program. In the past few years, it has become a program to support small research projects. This is a monetary support for individuals and not for organizations that want to conduct research on certain issues. There will be a call in May for this program.

In April, there will also be the opening to the program [+RAICES], which a call for the root server in our regions. And then open in different times of the year, there's LACNIC campus. These are free resources dealing with internet governance, DNS activities, BGP, and RPKI.

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Aside of how to get involved in LACNIC, you can also get involved in our institutional life. You can join our board, our Fiscal Committee, our Electoral Committee, and you can be a moderator in the policy forum.

In the next slides, you will see who are our directors. You can also have a look at our Fiscal Committee in the next slide. Then, there's the Electoral Committee. And finally, the public policy forum moderators. Ariel Weher is ending his mandate in the next few days. And so we invite you to follow this vote and to get to know about this.

I am going to provide you with a few links in the chat, and you can have a look at how interesting these roles are because this public policy forum for moderators is very important in our region.

One more. The previous one, please. I also wanted to say that we have ended a survey conducted between LACNIC and APNIC. This was commissioned to a consultant company. It's a study on the technical factors on the internet. It's a very interesting study. It was conducted through several surveys.

And some of the important findings there—why the internet is successful. Well, there are at least four dimensions for this success—the scalability, flexibility, adaptability, and resilience. And so I recommend you look at this study. There is a link that you can have a look at on the chat as well because it is very interesting to understand what has happened and why have these been the factors that we need to maintain so that the internet continues to be what it is and continues to be this economic and social development tool.

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LAURA MARGOLIS: Ignacio, you only have a few minutes.

IGNACIO ESTRADA: Okay. This is the last one. On February 14, together with RedCLARA and BID Lab, we launched LACNET. This is the first Blockchain network in the global field. It's public permissioned, it's in protection, and it is entrepreneurial grade. So I recommend that you have a look at it. A nonprofit organization has been created specifically for this.

And it is interesting basically because of the collaboration there's been between these two organizations. And, of course, this collaboration's open to others. I will provide you with the link. This is all for me and I will give you the links so that you can know more about what I've just said.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you very much, Ignacio, for your wonderful summary regarding LACNIC news. Now, we're going to give the floor to a LACTLD representative, Rocio de la Fuente. Are you there?

ROCIO DE LA FUENTE: Hello, Laura, I'm here.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Please go ahead.

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RICIO DE LA FUENTE: Thank you, everyone, and thanks ICANN and the LAC space for inviting me to participate in this session. Next slide, please. In this presentation, the idea is to share with you some of the activities that we have at LACTLD and within the LACTLD the working group framework.

We have three working groups operating right now—the technical working group, the commercial working group, and the policy and legal working group. They perform webinars, workshops, and they also develop their own projects and resources. Next slide, please.

So in this presentation, I would like to speak about research that was carried out in the legal and policy working group. And I believe that this is relevant to the ICANN conversation because it speaks about our region.

On the one hand, we try to assess the legal, the regulatory framework regarding personal data protection in the countries of the region and how these personal data protection techniques are implemented at the ccTLD level in Latin America and the Caribbean regions.

So in this research—next slide please—this is a study that was carried out last year in 2021. And we have been doing this since 2018. There is a survey being carried out and then we analyzed and assessed the data of that survey. So this is the information for 2021 and 2022. And in this presentation, I want to highlight some findings.

When it comes to legislation and government authorities, we have seen that 75% of ccTLDs have effective legislation in their countries for

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personnel data protection. And 13% said that even though they do not have legislation available, they are under discussion.

And after seeing this information, we see that most of the constitutions of the countries are associated to the San Jose Pact of the American Human Rights Convention. And those treaties cover the right to privacy.

And when it comes to authorities, we have seen that more than 50% of the ccTLDs have a particular, specific authority in charge of overseeing these activities. And we have seen that half of them are authorities that are governmental authorities related.

And we also realized that they have a hybrid component. On the one hand, they work on data protection issues and on public information access-related issues. Next slide. We see aspects that are related to ccTLD practices. Ninety percent of the ccTLDs do have a privacy policy already implemented. And this is important because even though 25% of the countries do not have an effective legislation, ccTLDs do have these policies available and more than 50% have data security protocol.

This is also relevant to know because if we take into account countries with cybersecurity legislation available, the number was really low with less than 50%. And when it comes to registration data verification, we see that 23.5% of ccTLDs did verify all the registration requests. And more than or almost 60% verify registrations in particular cases, particularly .edu and .gov. Next slide, please.

And finally, I would like to highlight privacy services WHOIS related services. This is something that is in close relationship with data protection. We see that almost 60% of ccTLDs are offering these services. But even though there is 40% lacking these services, people can access to these services by international registrars.

And when it comes to the information that was gathered, I would like to highlight some general information. And this is that information is being requested to the registrant and to the admin contact or the technical contact. And when it comes to the data gathered, we see data protection privacy policies and the information available is name, organization, email, telephone number, and address.

So I thought this topic would be important for this meeting because it speaks about our region on the one hand and because it shows the work of ccTLDs at LACTLD. Laura, I give you back the floor. Thank you and I am open to questions.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you very much. Rocio, it was really interesting and very relevant this research you have presented. So we will get into details later on. Now, our next speaker is the current chair of the LACRALO region. So he's the chair, Augusto Ho. Are you there?

AUGUSTO HO: Hello, Laura. Yes, I'm here. Can you hear me okay?

LAURA MARGOLIS: Yes, Augusto, we can hear you okay. Please go ahead.

AUGUSTO HO: Thank you, Laura, for giving me the floor. I'm going to be very brief. Excuse me for not having a PowerPoint presentation available for this session. But as Panamanian poet [inaudible] said, you will have to bear with me on my words. So I'm going to be very brief. I would like to greet you all and I would like to congratulate you for being the best in performance and for this activity and for all the things that are to come in the future.

And I'm going to speak about LACRALO activities. As all or most of you know, I am the chair of the region since last October. And we had no issue with that transition because we had been getting ready with the support of Sergio and Harold and other people from staff. And they had been working with me for that transition to be seamless.

LACRALO is currently holding a webinar every two months. And thanks, Rodrigo, for coordinating that activity. We have been selecting first-class speakers. We are having—all webinars are really good. And I am a fan of those webinars but we have to be aware of the topics because these topics are very relevant. And on the other hand, we have the digital activity and LAC Digital is going to have a series of activities. So I urge you to be aware of this and to engage in these activities.

I promised to be brief. And on the one hand, the previous speakers … Let me say that Panama has a data protection act that was enacted March last year. And then, it was instructed by decree 256.

And on the other hand, as far as I know, there are some things ongoing regarding the situation in Europe. So we have a document based on consensus. And if I may, I would like to make a brief statement regarding this issue regardless of the official document that may come up in the future.

So I assume responsibility of my own words. If there is official communique from LACRALO, then I'm going to speak in my own capacity. So the message is this. Please—and I'm going to repeat this— please. Thank you very much. Laura, the floor is yours.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Augusto, we fully agree with you. Thank you for your words. And regarding what you said, LACRALO sessions are really good. I am also a fan of yours. So let's keep up with that work because there are plenty of interesting topics for our region and we can move forward now. Thank you for this extra minute available. And now, we are going to give the floor to Olga at the end. But before that, Olga, I need to continue with the agenda.

Now, we're going to continue with the agenda. This is the capacity-building space. We have five speakers today. Each of them is going to have three minutes. So that is the time we have available for today. So I would like to first give the floor to Nicolas Antoniello for him to give us an introduction. And then, we will continue with the rest of the speakers. Go ahead, please, Nicolas.

NICOLAS ANTONIELLO: Thank you very much, Laura. Good morning, everyone. I now can say good morning, everyone, this time. I know that we have some people from other regions joining us today. But for most of us, it's good morning. My name is Nicolas Antoniello. I am the technical engagement manager for the Latin America and the Caribbean region for ICANN.

So I would like to present to you the proposal that we have available for this year in terms of training of capacity-building. Some years ago, we have been developing a training agenda. And this year is not the exception. We are trying to engage with different regional organizations and groups in order to define a training or a capacity-building agenda for the whole year, regardless of the fact that we have other activities and training activities available outside that agenda that is going to be developed with this organization.

In previous years, we had had other training agendas with .BR, [inaudible], or the ISP providers in Mexico, or NIC Bolivia, or the IXP in Bolivia and many other organizations. This year, we are drafting the agenda in order to create an annual agenda with free organizations of the region, LAC-ISP. Today, we have Basilio with us. And he's going to speak about these activities. With APROSVA, Mario's also here. And with CABASE from Argentina, and we have Ariel, he is going to present about that as well.

So now, I'm going to give the floor to them. And at the end, I'm going to give you more details regarding the training program. Basilio, the floor is yours. Please go ahead.

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BASILIO PEREZ: I am going to talk about LAC-ISP. LAC-ISP is a federation of associations and chambers of internet providers in Latin America and the Caribbean. We bring together several associations. And those associations, in each country, they have their internet service providers that usually are small companies conducting this work.

As you probably know, these small companies make an important digital inclusion work and many of them are not as small as they seem. Here in Brazil, we have around 18,000 internet service providers with fiberoptics. When considered together, they are the best digital inclusion vector. We have more than 40% of the market in fixed broadband in Brazil. And this also happens in other countries. We have them in Argentina. Providers are very important in Mexico, Columbia. Today, I am in Columbia in our suppliers' event.

And it is very important for us to conduct these training sessions because it is necessary that suppliers have the information that you can provide. Many times, they are very involved in their daily work and they need to have better quality information.

So we would like to thank you for this training effort and we want to contribute with everything that can help. We want to add, or actually put in content, a few organizations from other countries so that they can be part of this training agenda. Thank you.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you, Basilio, for your presentation. And now, we're going to hear Mario Crespo for APROSVA. Go ahead, Mario.

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NICOLAS ANTONIELLO: I was just in contact with Mario and he was telling me he's traveling right now. So he will not be able to speak. But let me just say something about APROSVA, the organization. First of all, let me send my regards to Mario and excuse him for not being here.

APROSVA is the association of internet providers in Ecuador that brings together a large part of the small, mid-size, and large internet operators in Ecuador. And the idea is to have a program with them. We have progressed in the program agenda. We just need to set the dates, and together with them, we will have a few training sessions throughout the year. We will start now with in April and we will probably end in December if everything goes well.

And there is also the possibility, to the extent that the pandemic will allow it, to have some of these sessions on a face-to-face basis with APROSVA and the rest of the organizations in the region. Let me now give the floor to Ariel. And I apologize.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Let me send my regards to Mario. It's a pity he cannot be here with us. Thank you, Nicolas, for Mario's update. And Ariel Graizer form CABASE, you now have the floor. Ariel, you have the floor now.

ARIEL GRAIZER: I apologize. I was muted.

LAURA MARGOLIS: No worries. These things just happen.

ARIEL GRAIZER: Good morning to you all. Thank you very much for this invitation. There are many friends now on this event. I agree with the opening remarks and I hope that next time we can meet in person. I hope we can have the meetings that are so necessary. I chair the Argentine Internet Chamber. We still maintain our old name, CABASE. We are, in a way, a multistakeholder organization in Argentina representing the industry.

We operate in a number of areas, including content organizations, telephone organizations, monitoring administrations of traffic exchange points in Argentina, ISP committees, carrier committees, public policy committees. Everything that the industry and anyone that is connected to the internet or to the industry is very well received in the Argentine Internet Chamber.

We want to generate training sessions because this is part of our core activities. My friend, Nicholas, and I are very good friends for quite a number of years now. And the same applies to others here. We are willing. We want to get involved. We want to drive the values and conclusions that you mentioned in the analysis document that Ignacio showed.

Decentralization, for us, has always been one of the main values on the internet. And in this decentralization, the multiple stakeholders in such a large and dispersed country as Argentina imply that we all need to

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have a better knowledge and a better level of training. And this is what CABASE is constantly promoting.

We are an organization that has not less than 35 meetings a month in different locations in the country. And this implies a strong communication effort from our staff. And in those events, we try to have our community better trained and better informed.

So we are at your disposal. We want to continue to work together with our sister and friend organizations such as ICANN and LACNIC. And we are thrilled to participate here. And as Nicolas was saying, we are at your disposal. Thank you.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you, Ariel. No doubt CABASE conducts many interesting organizations and here in Uruguay, we are always following those events in Argentina and in the rest of the region. Thank you very much. And we are open and we want to be in contact with you to know more about CABASE's activities and to be connected to ICANIN as well. We are having … Our time is good. So we are now going to go to David Huberman from ICANN.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: I think Nicolas wants to speak.

LAURA MARGOLIS: I apologize. Nicolas, you have the floor.

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NICOLAS ANTONIELLO: No problem. This happens in the best families. These are the problems of being online. I am going to be quick so that we can readjust our time and give the floor to our friend, David, for his presentation. What you see now is an outlook of the draft proposals for training that we are having. This one is specifically for providers or ISPs and IXPs. And it is adapted to the needs that we understand are essential for each of the activities of the providers and operators.

I would like to thank Basilio and Mario who is not here with us today, and Ariel, for their presentations. And I want to extend the invitation to the whole region, to all the organizations in the region.

We want to develop different kinds of programs covering the whole year both with operators as is this case, as well as with academia, governments, and other organizations. And any organization that wants to participate in these programs, they can get in touch with us. And we can develop these programs.

This is one of our main goals. And, of course, we want to extend this invitation to all of those who need training materials or if you are just developing services related to the DNS recursive surveys, gTLDs, ccTLDs, operators, we can provide you … We can just support you in this process. We're not going to tell you how you want to do this because it depends on you. But we can provide training, and we can support you all along the way.

So thank you very much for your involvement and your participation in these sessions. And I give the floor back to you, Laura.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you, Nicolas. There are definitely a lot of activities and issues to continue developing. So thank you and thank you to the rest of the presenters. And now, we will continue with David Huberman from ICANN. Welcome, David, and the floor is yours. Go ahead, please.

DAVID HUBERMAN: I'm going to speak in English. And good morning, everybody. I am David Huberman. I am a colleague with Nicolas in ICANN's Office of the Chief Technology Officer. And I'm going to spend just a few minutes this morning giving an update on where we are in our KINDNS initiative, which is an initiative we are launching here at ICNN to promote DNS operational best practices around the world.

KINDNS is an acronym. It stands for Knowledge-Sharing and Instantiating Norms for DNS and Naming Security. But really, it's about being kind. It's about being a kind participant in the internet, in this case the DNS, all for the purposes that the DNS is more secure, more stable, and more resilient. It is my hope that by now you are familiar with the KINDNS program. If you are not, if this is new to you, you can bring up your ICANN73 schedule.

And if you look at the prep week that happened last week, you'll find a recording, an introduction, that Adiel Akplogan did on KINDNS and what it is. But, just as a quick reminder, we are establishing a set of

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baseline best practices for everybody in the DNS who operates services that they can adhere to, that they can voluntarily comply with, again, to make the internet and the DNS secure and stable and resilient.

So here is where we're at today. It's the middle of March. First, we've established a mailing list. And then we are happy to say that there are many stakeholders and world-class DNS experts who have joined our mailing list where we can discuss what's happening with the program.

As you can see on the screen, we have hired a subject matter expert, Mr. Phil Regnauld. He is with a nonprofit capacity-building company called NSRC, the Network Startup Resource Center. Phil is a really world-class DNS expert and trainer. He has spent his whole career helping build internet in all corners of our globe.

And what Phil has done for us is he has created a set of baseline standards and he has published them. He has put this on our Wiki at community.icann.org. And these are the first draft of the norms that all DNS operators should adhere to in order to be kind.

I took a screenshot. I'm not going to read all this. I took a screenshot of what some of these draft norms, some of these baseline best practices look like. And as you can see, it's actually fairly well detailed. But if you're a DNS operator, you'll see it's actually really not that difficult to comply with all of these—limiting the services that run on a DNS server, filtering access to management servers, incorporating basic DNSSEC practices. These are all very straight-forward.

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What we think the real value is, though, is we've put all of the best practices into a single place, into a single document, that allow you to just go through and say, "Okay, yep. I've done that. Yep, I've done that. Oh, I forgot that. So let me go ahead and make sure I do this."

So next steps going forward over the next few weeks, first and foremost, we need more input. Phil has published these baseline practices and we need more people to review them, to read them, to join our mailing list, and to comment on them—provide some feedback so we can make them better.

We're also working over the next few weeks to set up a public-facing web page to replace the wiki. And it will be found at kindns.org. Once it's up, it's going to have a self-assessment tool, which is going to be a very straightforward test you can take, really check boxes, to ensure that you are meeting all of the requirements of these baseline standards. And once you've checked off all the boxes, you will be certified in being kind. The launch date for our website is hoped to be at the end of next month.

So that's where we're at with the KINDNS initiative at ICANN. And we're hoping over the next months, and really over the next few years, that we can get everybody in the world to practice and be kind. That's it for me. Thank you so much.

LAURA MORGALIS: Thank you, David, so much for your presentation. And I will be subscribing to the list and know more about KINDNS. Thank you. Let's

switch to Spanish. We have some minutes available. So I would like to give the floor to Olga Cavalli because she wanted to speak about the internet governance also. Olga, you have the floor.

OLGA CAVALLI: Thank you very much, Laura, and I hope to see you soon face-to-face. We miss each other. And I would like to congratulate Laura and Alex Dans because they have been doing a great job moderating sessions. This is not because males are not doing a great job. But this is because they are working in the region and they are delivering a very interesting message to the region. So I am very fond of you. So thank you very much for this effort.

I would like to very briefly update you on something. We are going to go back to the face-to-face meetings in the southern school—governance school. We are also going to have remote participation. Last year we added an eight-week introductory course.

And this year, in addition to this introductory course, we are going to add something new. And this is an agreement with the University of Mendoza for those of you with a university degree. And we are developing special tools in order to evaluate and improve engagement stages. And in these different stages, you're going to be able to access an internet governance diploma by performing research activities with professors at the University of Mendoza.

As with any activity in the school of governance, this is going to be a free activity. The first year, we had 30 spaces available for university

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students. And every year, we are going to have our activities in Spanish and English. And in the case of the first two stages, we are going to deliver a certification by [inaudible] and by the Telecommunication Association. And then if they finish the last stage, they are going to have a certification issued by the University of Buenos Aires.

So we are very happy to share this with you. Last year, we had 600 fellows participating remotely. So our first face-to-face session is going to be in October. So we are seeing and elevating different issues. We will see how COVID behaves during winter here. But thank you very much for giving me the time to speak about this.

LAURA MARGOLIS: Thank you, [Laura], for your update. And it's good to see that the School of Governance is going back to face-to-face sessions. Any other comment or any other question? Anyone willing to take the floor? Please let me see or read the chat. I see Nicolas. Please go ahead.

NICOLAS ANTONIELLO: Since we have some spare minutes, I would like to take one minute to say that in these capacity-building programs that we are developing in the region, we are also trying to organize an extensive program for the whole year, particularly for the Caribbean organizations. We have Albert, our LAC member and colleague. He is coordinating the next activities in the region. So the idea is to extend this invitation to you all.

All the presentations that we delivered today, this is just some example. But our goal and our wish would be to coordinate these capacity-

building or training programs throughout the year or perhaps particular training—specific training programs on specific subjects with as many Latin America and the Caribbean organizations as possible.

So I would like to extend this invitation to you and all the organizations that you may know. Perhaps we can have associations as the ones that we saw today or perhaps other private organizations. So the invitation is open to get in touch and start planning and helping you in anything that you may need. Thank you, Laura, for this extra minute.

LAURA MARGOLIS: So the minute was yours. So thank you, Nicolas, for this session. We had a great session with a lot of information and updates from the organizations of the regions that are really working hard. And what you say, Nicolas, this is something excellent.

And I am at your disposal to collaborate with you in all the activities. I believe that we need to take ICANN's voice to these organizations and to as many places as possible in the region so that we can get closer and to engage more people in all this great work we are doing. So thank you very much. Thank you to the speakers and everyone joining today. And I hope to see you soon. And now, I'm going to give the floor back to Rodrigo de la Parra.

Sorry. I saw Sergio's hand. Please, Sergio, go ahead.

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SERGIO SALINAS: I'm going to take this minute for housekeeping announcements. This is Sergio Salinas for the record. Augusto, today, mentioned that we are organizing the LAC Digital event. This is a Latin American and the Caribbean event. So this is being done under the internet day framework. This is going to be a space, a dialogue space, for governments and the civil society.

And we're expecting the participation of many governments of the region, the academic organizations and the Internet User Association. And we're going to speak about topics such as infrastructure, universal acceptance, and other topics such as internet as an essential public service, and many other issues that are related to internet ecosystem and that are impacting our region.

So I would like to invite you all to participate, to engage in these sessions. Invitations are coming shortly. So this was proposed by the region with a particular, specific funding in order to be able to organize these meetings. We are not going to have a face-to-face event. These are going to be virtual sessions.

And we expect to have a three-day conference. We are going to work on the agenda together with civil society and the governments. So we would like to invite you all in the regions. Those of you working at ICANN, we would like to invite you to participate.

LAURA MORGALIS: Thank you very much, Sergio. The LAC Digital project is a robust project. Thank you very much for that update. And now, in order to wrap up, I

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would like to ask you to please take a picture. I don't know if anyone can capture the screen.

ALEXANDRA DANS: Alexandra speaking. I will do it, Laura.

LAURA MORGALIS: Thank you, Alex.

AUGUSTO HO: Can we breathe now?

LAURA MORGALIS: Okay. Thank you all very much for joining. It has been a pleasure to see you all. And I hope that we can meet face-to-face shortly. So this round of applause for you all. Thank you again.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Hello, Laura. Laura, if I may?

LAURA MORGALIS: Vanda, please go ahead.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I have a very brief message. Tomorrow is the deadline for applying to leadership positions at the NomCom. So tomorrow the deadline for

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applications to leadership positions at the NomCom. So there is an opportunity open for the PTI. And this is the IANA overseeing body.

So I believe it is a good opportunity to have people from our region. So I would like to kindly ask you to please go to icann.org/nomcom2022 and please have a look at the opportunities that that are open because we do not have many people. So the opportunity is really important for our region. Thank you.

LAURA MORGALIS: Thank you, Vanda, for this update. And we have 30 seconds. Anyone willing to take the floor? Let me see if there is any comment. No. I believe that Sergio's and Vanda's hands are from an old intervention. So now, I would like to end this session. Thank you all very much and I hope to see you soon.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Thank you, Laura. It was a great moderation. So thank you all for joining us today. May you have a great rest of the day. See you soon.

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