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CLAUDIA RUIZ: ... Social Event on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 at 21:00 UTC. My name is Claudia Ruiz, and I am the remote participation manager for this call.

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Thank you very much, and with this, I turn the call over to you, Sergio Salinas Porto.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone. It is a pleasure to welcome you here in our region, to welcome you all to the LACRALO Social Event. We are facing a pandemic, as you all know, and we have been working very intensely in the past days. Our region has held its General Assembly, and really all the LACRALO members are, on the one hand facing a challenge. I mean, the challenge that hosting a social virtual event entails, and also to make that even enjoyable. And on the other hand, we are facing another challenge, that is we are bringing to a close plenty of ongoing activities.

With that, I will give the floor to Vanda. And please have fun. Enjoy our social event. Thank you. Vanda, you are muted.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Hi, everyone. We'll see us dressing—a typical vest from our countries. So, it's just to you to start to see how diverse our region is. So, next speaker will be Rodrigo De La Parra. Are you there, Rodrigo? The floor is yours. Is Rodrigo there?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Vanda, I do not see Rodrigo De La Parra on the line. Would you like to proceed to the next speaker?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Okay. So, in the favor of time, I'll give the floor to Silvia Vivanco. Silvia, please, the floor is yours.

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SILVIA VIVANCO:

Hello, everyone—LACRALO friends, At-Large friends, ICANN community members. On behalf of ICANN staff, and especially At-Large staff, it is a pleasure to welcome you to our social event. WE would have loved to be with you face to face, but thanks to our technology, we are here virtually together. And we're confident that we will be meeting in person somewhere sunny and warm in order to keep sharing enjoyable moment.

So, I am very grateful to have you all here today participating in our social event. And I am very grateful to your participation in this ICANN70 meeting. Thank you, LACRALO members. Thank you, participants. This is a party, so please enjoy yourselves. Vanda, you have the floor.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you, Silvia. So, now we will start our funny session. So, the first one that we're going to have the pleasure to present is the Mexican Ballet Folklórico Nuevo Sol with dances from the Yucatán Peninsula where Cancún is located. It's a region with [the Maya] [inaudible]. The Mayas were the people with the most advanced writing system in our region, with a great knowledge of the astronomical system, calendar, mathematics, and architecture when the Europeans arrived back in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. So, the floor is for the Mexican Ballet Folklórico Nuevo Sol in person.

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**BALLET FOLKLORICO:** Hello, everyone. Welcome wherever you are in the world. You are all very welcome to our party here in Yucatán. We are very happy to have you here today, and this is how we dance here.

[music]

Thank you all so much. We hope you have enjoyed our performance. And before we say good-bye, we would like to showcase our jarana yucateca, our regional folklore. So, we are going to have a dance instructor, and we will invite all the Zoom participants to join us. We are going to be leading you. And here's the challenge. Our instructor, [inaudible], will be guiding you so that you can dance.

**INSTRUCTOR:** Hello, everyone. Welcome. Let's get started. Please, if you feel like it, stand up. And we are going to showcase a couple of basic Yucatán dance steps.

So, you raise your hands and then you step like this: 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3. It's very easy. Come on, come on. You can all do it. Come on, again. 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3. And you step like this. And you keep raising your hands. Hands up. It is very important that when we are moving the way I showed you, you keep your hands up.

And then when you stamp your feet, you take your hands behind your back. So, we're going to do like this with our legs, lifting our legs the way I'm showing you, and raising our arms at the same time. Come on, you can do it. 1, 2, 3. There you go. Everyone in Zoom, come on. 5, 6, 7, 8. And that's it.

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Now, the third step is like this. Stomping your feet on the floor. 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3. Like this. 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3. Come on. When we're doing this, when we're stamping our feet on the floor, we put one hand behind our back. Then we raise our hands, and then we put our hands down again. And we stamp our feet on the ground again. 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3.

Now, let's dance to the music. Come on. All of you together. So, we have a live orchestra, [inaudible]. They are also from the Yucatán Peninsula. So, 1, 2, 3, go.

[music]

As I said before, we want to leave you with our thanks and with a happy feeling about this Nuevo Sol dancing from Yucatán, Mérida, México. I'm told that if you have any doubt, any question you would like to ask the band, the orchestra, the dancers, we're here to answer your questions.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

We don't see any hands up, so thank you so much. It was really nice. I think we should learn a bit of this beautiful dance. And now, we need to follow with our event. You are all invited to keep on with us. Congratulations for such a beautiful dance.

BALLET FOLKLORICO:

Thank you very much. We just want to say good-bye to all of you and tell you, "See you!" Thank you.

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PARTICIPANTS: Thank you! Bye!

VANDA SCARTEZINI: [inaudible] about this region as I have seen in the chat, COVID is not stopping us. We keep on working.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: It's a pleasure to have been part of this organizing committee. I hope you are enjoying a lot. Thank you, all—those who danced, those who were involved. And, again, we'll keep on learning of our four sub-regions. LACRALO is split into four sub-regions.

But before, let me introduce myself. I'm Sylvia Herlein from Internauta Brasil. I live in Brazil, and I'm here representing the aboriginal people that we have in Brazil like 306 tribes and 1 million aboriginal people. But we know that throughout Latin America, there are millions of people with aboriginal blood in their veins. So, you can see here my hairband to honor aboriginal people. So now, keep on paying attention because we will continue to know more things about LACRALO. [And there] will be four presentations from the four sub-regions. But please pay attention because after the four—actually, there are five—take the floor, there will be a contest of knowledge. So, pay attention. Take your notes so that you can learn more about LACRALO.

The first sub-region according to our Rules of Procedure is Central America. So, I would like to give the floor to Augusto Ho from Panamá who will speak about Central America. Augusto, you have the floor.

AUGUSTO HO:

I come from IPANDETEC Panamá, and I have the chance to talk to you about Central America. As you well know, Central America is at the center, as the name goes, of the American continent. It's called the isthmus of Central America and comprises countries that have coasts on both sides—the Caribbean or the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans.

In the north, we are bordering México, another neighboring country with coasts on the Pacific and the Atlantic; and can be transversed from north America to Panamá by highways, by route, with exception that, in Panamá, we have Darién's plug. There is a forest where the Inter-American route is interrupted and you cannot go all the way to Colombia straightaway. But you can go in a boat and actually then get off and continue by the highway.

I'm going to talk to you about my country, about more Panamá. I am representing the IPANDETEC association that has become 18 years old, and I have the owner [inaudible], one of the founding members of this association that has worked a lot for technology in Panamá.

I can tell you more things about my country because, as you know, Panamá doesn't just have a coast on the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans, but it's the only side on the continent where those two seas join because in Panamá, we don't have just one canal, but two canals that join the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, which have been a critical tool for trade worldwide because a large number of vessels go across the Panamá canal. And some five or six years ago, we opened the second

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canal that can house the Panamax vessels that don't fit in the older, the smaller canal.

Panamá is a melting pot of races from all over the continent and live in peace doing trade, services, and other things. In Panamá, we are proud to receive foreigners with a smile on our faces and our open arms all the time. I think that we have that happiness, that spontaneity, that way to receive foreign people, giving them space to share with us.

I also wanted to clarify something about my hat. It is a typical Panamá hat. It is hand-woven. And let me clarify that it should not be confused with a so-called "Panamá hat" which is actually constructed or manufactured in Ecuador. But it became famous in Panamá because at the first Panamá opening, the president from the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, took one of these hats and wore it. And so, people thought it was typical of Panamá and so they called it like that. But it's an Ecuadoran hat. It is a luxury, hand-made hat of a material we call toquilla. It is part of the garments of mean—the typical national garment.

And you will also see the ladies, that's the so-called "Panamá skirt" of which we are proud because it has been considered the most constantly typical garment. A typical garment with jewelry and all. The typical dress of a lady, the skirt, can cost from \$25,000 U.S. I heard this interview which says that out of eight world costumes, a contest about what was the best typical costume, Panamá had won seven out of eight. And it didn't win the eighth one because it was not part of the contest.



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So, you will soon see that skirt which we are so proud about. It's a folkloric dress.

I hope I have told you a bit about the area where my country is, and we will always be with open arms to receive you. Thank you very much.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

We know a bit more about Latin America. You're all invited to Augusto's house, and I'm sure that Augusto will show you around the beautiful city of Panamá.

Another sub-region, the Andean sub-region. And Lilian will tell us about it. She is from Colombia. She will talk to us about this beautiful sub-region, the Andes. Lilian, you have the floor.

LILIAN DE LUQUE BRUGES:

Thank you all, Sylvia. It is 35 degrees centigrade here. I would like to welcome you all to the Andean region. It is the spine of Latin America, and it's named after the Andean range that goes from the south of Chile to Venezuela. Our region is full of beautiful tourist places, cultural traditions, beautiful landscapes from the mountains down to the sea; and a great diversity of flora and fauna [top] in the world; the delicious Peruvian food and meals; the Machu Picchu icon; the center of the world because it's transversed by the Ecuadorian line.

Venezuela with its traditional arepa; the Angel Falls, the highest in the world; the beautiful Valparaíso beaches in Chile; the Chilean turnover;

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the Bolivian traditions, the Titicaca lake. You will find all of this in our Andean region.

And I would like to focus today on my beautiful country, Colombia. I am wearing the typical Wayuu dress. We live in the Caribbean coast of Colombia in the Guajira Peninsula, the Wayuu nation. This is my dress. We wear this for our events, and red has some meaning for us.

Colombia is the land of coffee. Our coffee, the best coffee is produced at the “coffee axis” area. Colombia has two coasts, the Pacific Coast and the Atlantic Coast. It’s the only South American country with that characteristic. We have a number of rivers. There’s a great diversity of flora and fauna, deserts, mountains.

At the San Andrés and Providencia Island, we have the seven-color sea, the Barranquilla Mardi Gras. Old cities full of traditions such as Cartagena, the walled city. We call it the fantastic city. Medellín, very modern, is the Eternal Spring city, as we call it because it’s in spring all year round. Bogotá is its capital. It’s 2600 meters closer to the stars, we say.

We have a number of aboriginal people groups that keep their languages and customs. The largest is the Wayuu group in the Zulia State and the Guajira Peninsula. It’s called the Great Wayuu Nation. We don’t need IDs or passports to go from one country to the other because they’re ours.

We have the only mountain with perpetual snow by the sea, The Santa Marta Mountains. It’s by the sea, and it’s always snowed, especially the

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Simón Bolívar Peak. We have delicious fried food based on Andean products. And the rivers and the seas.

For tourism and business or for whatever reason, Colombia is waiting for you. Thank you very much.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

Thank you so much, Lilian. As soon as I get my COVID-19 shot, I'm going to fly there and visit you because everything sounds absolutely beautiful.

Now let's focus on our third sub-region, the Caribbean sub-region. Betty Fausta from Guadeloupe will tell us about the Caribbean. Betty, you have the floor.

BETTY FAUSTA:

... from Guadeloupe. We are from the Caribbean. We have 400,000 inhabitants, and this is a territory where we have a lot of diversity of populations that come from all over the world: Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America. And I really like the beginning because grandparents are Indo-Caribbeans from the [inaudible]. And they're [Amer-Indian]. And we do have Caribbean blood, Indian blood.

In Guadeloupe, we are the Internet community of the Caribbeans. We're quite diverse. We have more than 30 islands. We speak French, Spanish, Creole, Dutch. 30 million people live there with many cities. And most of the islands have less than a few hundred thousand inhabitants. We

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have some very strong links between communities due to the linguistic communities.

And Guadeloupe is close to Haiti, Dominica, [Saint Lucia] for historical reasons. We have some territories that are not very well connected because we very fragmented. We don't have enough Internet cables in the Caribbeans, and sometimes we have some issues to connect to the Internet. But we do our best because we are passionate. As a young and older people, we want to use the Internet. And even if the infrastructure is not the best, we have many users, many startups that come up with new solutions that are very innovative and try to help the farmers, the health sector. And we try to do our best for our territories.

Many countries have issues with fake news, with Internet security. And I don't know if it's possible to translate some of those terms, but we have, sometimes, some issues with the Internet. We have to train and fight against those fake news issues and disinformation. And we have to use the digital economy to develop our countries.

I'm the president of a startup, and we have several hundred younger people that are trying to work together with startups. And I'll give you a few examples. We have a think tank that is very, very strong, and we are helping our startups. I do represent an ALS, and I am very lucky to work in my area, in the Caribbeans; that I work as well with EURALO. Hi, Sébastien.

This is a transition which is more than ten years old, and we do a lot of social activities and technical activities. So, we're working on those two axes.

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Recently, we had an operation and an action to fight against COVID. So, to help out, we had some issues where we didn't have enough for our COVID tests, and we needed to help out. We had some freight issues. We couldn't get those tests, and we did help out with the Baxter Institute, with the hospitals. We did help out.

During the pandemic, we worked with small businesses to help out with their Internet connections and activities. We worked with the research institutes working closely with companies.

And on May 21<sup>st</sup>, we're going to have an Internet forum, and we're going to invite the ICANN community to join us for this Internet forum. And I'll give you a link on the chat. We can communicate later on. That's what I wanted to say.

About our traditions, my daughter ... This is how I dress my daughter. You can see my daughter's dress. We have the madras with several collars. This is typical of our area. The ladies dress up and, also, they show if you're married, if you're single. And they show if married with someone, but it's complicated. You can even express that with what you wear on your head.

So, we have those dresses, those jewels. And it looks quite good. And you have a strong link and relationship with India because many, many of those clothes come from India. So, we did appropriate those Indian elements that you're going to see in Guadeloupe. And those fabrics are being used all the way, coming all the way from India. We're also very close to Haiti.

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And I would like to tell you thank you so much. Thanks to the ICANN community. Thanks for welcoming us. This is great to be able to speak French as well, and to be able to talk about our language. This is great that we have French interpretation. This is quite useful for us. We can use French or English. We can communicate. We can exchange. That really helps out, to use our native language. We're more efficient that way, and we can bring more to the organization—to ICANN, EURALO, and AFRALO.

So, thank you so much. Thanks to Lilian as well. We discovered a lot, and we know so much more about Latin America and the Caribbeans. Thank you so much, and let's keep sharing. Thank you so much.

SYLVIA HERLEIN:

Thank you, Betty. Thank you so much. And you're right. It is fundamental to be able to speak our native language, and your presentation has been so interesting. Everything about your garment and the great job that you are doing in your country.

Now we move on to our fourth sub-region, the Mercosur sub-region. We will give the floor to Alberto Soto from Argentina who will speak about Argentina and Paraguay. Alberto, you have the floor.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Thank you very much. This background music is typical of my country. It's a tango, and the main instrument is the bandoneon. It's a type of accordion that is played by a tango orchestra. I'm not going to tell you a lot about my country. I just want to tell you about our area, our

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extension. It's a big country, so you will need to visit us more than once in order to get to know our country.

And [inaudible], in particular, wanted me to tell you about our typical barbecue, or asado. We grill mainly beef, chicken, pork. But we usually mix up meat and vegetables, and we grill potatoes, corn, mushrooms. Okay, you're feeling a little bit hungry—right—as you listen to this description. And, of course, we pair that with a very good Malbec wine, like the one you are seeing right now. This wine has been six months in oak.

And after the asado, we drink our maté that you can see here. And we use this kettle. This is the way the gauchos do it. Some people add a little bit of sugar to the maté. Some others drink it bitter, straightaway. We use maté leaves and, of course, we need to pour hot water into the leaves. Okay. And then we eat some pastries. Of course, this is all very light calorie—a light calorie menu.

And in short, I look forward to hosting you in Argentina. And if you give me a heads up, I will be more than happy to make an Argentine asado for all of you.

Well, and you know that I will speaking about Paraguay, so I am changing the background music. I am pretty familiar with Paraguay. I love that country. I've been there many times. It has many a tourist attraction in the central area. We have different wetlands, different marshes, different tourist attractions for fishing, lakes, and many other tourist attractions.

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I remember eating shrimp-stuffed fish (surubí), local fish, and some other simpler dishes. There's a typical dish called sopa paraguaya. It's not a soup, really. It's a kind of pastry, and it is solid. And it's made with milk and eggs. Then there's a vegetable soup with cheese, milk, egg. And that is called borí borí. In Paraguay, people drink cold maté, and they call it tereré.

And to bring this to a close, the Paraguayan people's hospitality is amazing. Thank you for that. Thank you very much.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you, Alberto. I will speak about Brazil and Uruguay.

[inaudible] a large continental country with more than 31 million ... Just a moment. 230 million of inhabitants with the region. As rich as the developed countries in some [inaudible] regions. They struggle with the basic problems. The only country speaking Portuguese in Latin American, in all our region. Where all neighbors speak Spanish or even English, [inaudible].

But one thing that is very common to our people: the warm and openness of our behavior. Always touching each other, kissing, hugging. We are a country made by immigrants that have a mix a lot among them. No matter religions, race, or origin.

I am using this typical vest from the northeastern state, Bahia. And though we have lots of issues that means protection of many gods that we have in African origin religions.



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We have a wonderful beach and more than 8,000 kilometer and tropical weather. Amazon forest is something that you need to see from the sky to believe, and to visit inside to see things you will never forget. We have the majority of fresh water in this planet.

So, I'm here drinking my Caipirinha, a typical popular drink made with cachaça. That is a bottle of cachaça. And it's a sugarcane spirit, lemon, and sugar. Coffee is also from Brazil, and [that] from Brazil is (our) most known beverage.

And Carnival is another thing that's well known from this country. We have so many different kinds of food and music that it will be quite difficult to choose one and present to yourself. You're going to have a chance to see in our video in the end of this event. You need to come to visit us several times to really taste Brazil.

[inaudible] quite interesting neighbor, Uruguay is so close and so different. But quite an interesting place to this [is] Punta del Este. And you should taste their asado and their maté.

A small country with 680,000 square miles, and just 3 million of inhabitants. Brazil and Uruguay borders our cities without any problems to go one side to another, and the one can cross the streets and change the language and change the [inaudible] without a problem and go shopping where prices are more [attractive for each of them].

So, Uruguay is the nest of the tango. Everybody thinks it's Argentina, but the tango was born in Uruguay. And their behavior and customs are closest to Argentina's and Paraguay's. Being in the south of South

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America, they also have good wines. There is one special wine you should taste—the Tannat.

So, saúde (in Portuguese)! Salud! And thank you for your attention. Sylvia, the floor is yours.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: You are muted, Sylvia. Sylvia Herlein, please open your microphone.

SYLVIA HERLEIN: Thank you very much, Vanda. You will have seen that Vanda and Alberto have invited us to drink and eat, so you have to come down to all these regions. We have great gastronomy. We will see beautiful places.

I hope you have paid attention because we have a contest now with a big prize. I will now give the floor to, I think, Alberto who will tell us about this prize, how we're going to get organized to be part of this contest. And so, good luck to all of you, and thank you for your attention.

ALBERTO SOTO: Thank you, Sylvia. We will play a round with questions and answers. To answer, you will have a number of options under each question. Who knows the answer? Raise your hand quickly because the first one raising their hand will be registered and we will give the floor to the one who raises his hand first. If your answer is okay, you get one point. If not, we will move on to the second one. Same thing. Correct, one point.

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If not, we go to the third one. And if the third one doesn't say the right answer, we will move on to the next question.

So, you have three possibilities to answer. There will be two winners: the ones that have a higher score. If there is a tie, I will take down their names on a piece of paper. I will put it into my hat—put them inside my hat—and then draw the first one.

The prize will be a dinner with the LACRALO people at the next fact-to-face meeting in our region. Maybe Puerto Rico. If they don't go to this meeting, we will let you know how to enjoy your meal anyway. There's an additional prize: a trip to the moon for year 2050 which will be delivered at the right time.

Questions [inaudible], please. Claudia?

Pay attention. The first one who knows the answer, raise your hand.

Where was ICANN's first meeting in the LAC region and the Caribbean? México City, Montevideo, Santiago de Chile, São Paulo, and Panamá City.

You didn't give me any time at all. Who was first?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

The first person raising their hand was Roberto Gaetano.

ALBERTO SOTO:

Roberto, go ahead.

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ROBERTO GAETANO: It's Montevideo in 2001.

ALBERTO SOTO: I'm sorry to say it's wrong. Who was second? Judith, [inaudible].

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: México City.

ALBERTO SOTO: [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Come on.

ALBERTO SOTO: [inaudible].

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: I said México. Did people hear me?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hi, Judith. I'm sorry, but the answer's incorrect. The next person is Sébastien Bachollet. Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Santiago de Chile.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Very good!

ALBERTO SOTO: Yay! [inaudible], Sébastien. Let's move on to the second question.  
How many countries or territories are there in LACRALO? Don't forget to raise your hands. You have the answers on screen. The first one is ...  
[inaudible].

CLAUDIA RUIZ: [inaudible], I believe.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible].

CLAUDIA RUIZ: He put his hand down.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No, no. [inaudible].

CLAUDIA RUIZ: No, [inaudible]. The first person, Adrian Caballo.

ADRIAN CABALLO: It was a mistake, sorry.

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CLAUDIA RUIZ: Maarten.

ALBERTO SOTO: Maarten?

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: 25?

ALBERTO SOTO: Yes, yes. No, 25? No, sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: No, no.

ALBERTO SOTO: 30, no. Next, we have Sébastien Bachollet.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: 22.

ALBERTO SOTO: Repeat, please?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: 22.

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SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: That is correct.

ALBERTO SOTO: What language do you want me to speak in? Spanish? Portuguese? 22, in Portuguese. Say it in Portuguese.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I can't speak Portuguese.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Vinte e dois. 22, in Portuguese.

ALBERTO SOTO: Vinte e dois, in Portuguese.

Question #3. How many At-Large structures, ALSes, are currently in LACRALO. Let me finish first. A) 100, B), 61, C) 50, D) 82.

Please, go ahead. Who was the first one? Sergio Salinas.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: No, let me pass because that would be cheating.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: I think it's [inaudible].

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CLAUDIA RUIZ: It's wrong. Judith?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: So, I think they're at 61.

ALBERTO SOTO: Yes. Yes, Judith. Great, Judith. Well, we'll move on to question #4.  
When was LACRALO founded? A) 2010, B) 2007, C) 2006, D) 2008, E) 2012.  
Please raise your hand if you do. Who was the first one? Sébastien Bachollet.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: 2007.

ALBERTO SOTO: Repeat, please.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: 2007.

ALBERTO SOTO: Wrong. Who's next? Maribel Sanchez. Please, go ahead, Maribel. Please repeat.

MARIBEL SANCHEZ: 2006.



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PARTICIPANTS: Yes! Very well.

ALBERTO SOTO: Let me write, or else ... 5<sup>th</sup>.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I'm taking notes.

ALBERTO SOTO: What? Which countries in South America have coasts with both oceans, Atlantic and Pacific? French Guiana, Suriname and Guyana, Venezuela and Colombia, Colombia, Chile and Argentina, Chile, or none of the above.

Please raise your hand. Who was first? León Sanchez.

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ: Colombia.

ALBERTO SOTO: Very good, León. Move on. Who else? It is correct.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: It's correct.

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ALBERTO SOTO: Yes. We have the regional.

LILIAN DE LUQUE BRUGES: It's correct.

ALBERTO SOTO: In which city is ICANN's LAC regional office located? Lima, Montevideo, [inaudible], São Paulo, Panamá. This one is an easy one. First, Roberto.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Montevideo.

ALBERTO SOTO: Perfect.

LILIAN DE LUQUE BRUGES: Bravo, Sébastien.

ALBERTO SOTO: Question #7. Why does México belong to LACRALO rather not to LARALO? Because México decided and ICANN agreed, because of the international geographic division, because of the language, all of the above, or none of the above. Raise your hand please. I don't know the first one. Raitme.

RAITME CITTERIO: Option B. Raitme.

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ALBERTO SOTO: Claudia?

RAITME CITTERIO: Option C. Claudia? Hello, Claudia. Option C.

ALBERTO SOTO: Is that correct?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: It is correct. Who was second? Judith.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: B.

ALBERTO SOTO: Yes, that's correct. Let's move on with the next question, 8. To which countries do the Amazon forest belong to? A) Peru, Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia, B) Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador, C) Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela, and Bolivia, and D) Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: D.

ALBERTO SOTO: Claudia is that correct?

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CLAUDIA RUIZ: Incorrect. That's an error.

ALBERTO SOTO: The second person? Judith.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: So, I would say it was A.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: That is incorrect.

ALBERTO SOTO: I think that the others will have scratched out the ones that are wrong.  
Raitme. Can you hear me? Raitme.

RAITME CITTERIO: B.

ALBERTO SOTO: No. We've gone three already. We cannot continue. It's just three.  
There's only one. There's none who will say what the right is. Please.  
Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela, and Bolivia.  
  
With this, we have finished the quiz. Who's the winner? Claudia Ruiz?

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CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sébastien is first, and then Judith. Well, they both [have] two.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Judith is second, yeah.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Yes.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: But I had two right answers.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: We have two winners. You and Sébastien are both the winners.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Oh.

ALBERTO SOTO: Sébastien and Judith have won. I will give the floor to Vanda now.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I really love it—the idea. And we believed that people will have much more right questions. We thought was easy, but it was easy for us. But anyway, it was great to have you, Sébastien, and you, Judith, with us in the big dinnertime next time we're going to be in this region. So, thank you very much.

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And now, we're going to have our authorities to speak about our region and give their remarks to us. So, the first guest speaker is Mr. Göran Marby. Göran is, everybody knows, the COO and president of ICANN Org. And so, Göran, you have the floor.

GÖRAN MARBY: Thank you. Can you hear me?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yes.

GÖRAN MARBY: I don't actually really know what to say after this. The funny thing is, with my schedule, I was supposed to come in and see you for a while and then go and do some other stuff. I cancelled all the other stuff to do because this was must more fun.

Can I congratulate you for a social event? It is a testament, I would say, for the strong sense of community that you share within the LAC region. And I envy you for that.

The thing is, I don't understand. You've done a lot of hard work as well. You've been talking about institutional issues, strategic plans, training and policy engagement. And you've been able to do this as well. That's really, really impressive for me.

What can I say? This social event is really ... I miss you so much it almost hurts. Okay? I would really like to be together with you guys and

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celebrate this, and it's just, I feel awful in the fact that this was the time when we, a year ago, announced we were going to do Cancún virtual. We also decided, "We're going to do ... In a year, we'll be able to go there. Everything will be okay. We can all meet." And here we are, sitting at home. You made this social event very special, and you made this ICANN meeting very special for me. And I would like to thank you very, very much for that. I think I'm going to celebrate with a tequila tonight. Thank you very much.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you, Marby. And the next speaker is our chair of the ICANN Board, Maarten Botterman.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Hey, Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Maarten, you have the floor.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you so much. And thank you, everybody. And thank you so much for taking us through the region where we all would have loved to be.

So, I noticed myself smiling while enjoying the Cancún folklore. And although I'm not sure about the quiz because I was counting the countries that were indicated on the slides, and that wasn't even 25. It was more.

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VANDA SCARTEZINI:                    Yeah.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN:            But I accept that. And I applaud the [inaudible] of the winners in answering. I was a bit sad with Patricio when he couldn't say that Santiago de Chile was the first place where it was held. He may have been a co-organizer at that time. He will tell you later, I'm sure.

But most of all, congratulations for what seems to have been an excellent LACRALO General Assembly despite the fact that it was virtual. A heartfelt appreciation for taking us virtually to your region, and thanks for all you do.

As some of you, many of you know, I love the region. And the last time I've been there was actually for LAC IGF in La Paz where I had to experience that you can't walk stairs and talk at the same time because it's too high. And what I always appreciated from Latin America is indeed the way you guys come together, how you celebrate life together, how you act as a community together. And that's really been an inspiration. Casa de Internet has been an inspiration. It could only be in Latin America, and it's beautiful. And there are so many good things.

So, thank you, also, for LACRALO. As an organization, for all the things you bring into ICANN from your region, as well as reaching out in your region and making sure that more and more people continue to hear from ICANN and join ICANN and to their interest there. Really very much



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appreciate it. And thank you very much for having us as guests. I'd love the dance [with you all].

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you, Maarten. Thank you for your words. And now I can ask Patricio Poblete from Chile. Patricio is an older friend and an old Board member now representing ccNSO. And Patricio is the head of .cl, .chile. And so, Patricio, your words. You have the floor.

PATRICIO POBLETE:

Thanks, Vanda. And many thanks for the invitation. Great to be together with all our friends from LACRALO. Sad that we couldn't be physically together. The Riviera Maya is one of my favorite places in all of Latin America, so I really would have wanted to be there in person. And I hope we will do that sometime in the future.

Meanwhile, you have done a great job of bringing us all together, even since each of us is at home. But during this social event, I felt [as if] we really were together. It's been a great party organized by you, and congratulations.

As Maarten said, I did a small part in organizing ICANN '99 in Santiago de Chile, and that was my first ICANN, I think. I went to an organizational meeting in San José, but it was not with ICANN. So, it was my first at ICANN, and I've missed only a few afterwards. Now that I'm in the Board, I hope I will be able to share that long experience with my colleagues.

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And also, my background as a person from Latin America. We have a lot to contribute to the organization, and I think LACRALO is doing a great job in trying to bring together the people and help them to get a voice in the ICANN community. The various organizations in Latin America play a big role in helping do that—LACNIC, of course; LACTLD, and others. There’s been a tradition of collaboration, and that will continue.

I think we have one of our challenges is we have to have LACRALO have a bigger footprint. There are many At-Large structures, but still there’s a huge opportunity for taking that number and making it grow, and grow a lot and having more people participate. LACRALO’s way on their way to do that, and I think we are ready to help with that. Thanks, again, for the invitation. It’s great to be here.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Thank you, Patricio. And now I have our friend from LACRALO in the past. A fellow, and now a Board member from El Salvador, Lito Ibarra.

LITO IBARRA: Thank you.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: However, Lito is just our close name, close way to call you.

LITO IBARRA: Thank you. I will speak in Spanish if I may.

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VANDA SCARTEZINI:                    Yeah. Change the language.

LITO IBARRA:                        Thank you, Vanda, colleagues, friends, brothers and sisters from the region. It is a pleasure to be here, and I feel very proud of our region. You have done an amazing job. This has been an amazing social event despite the challenges of holding it online. We've been able to dance together, laugh together. And we have really enjoyed ourselves.

LACRALO goes beyond organizing parties and celebrations. LACRALO has been working with all its volunteers. I would like to thank, also, the different LACRALO leaders, the different working group leaders within LACRALO for their excellent job, their amazing job. I would like to congratulate the organizing committee who started thinking about this social event. Thank you so much.

And in this ICANN70 meeting, At-Large has really showcased a brilliant, in-depth discussion and analysis work. So, it is a real pleasure to see you all, my colleagues, from the region of Latin America and the Caribbean.

It is a real pleasure to see you actively engaged and working on behalf of our regions, and working hard to accomplish the different objectives to develop policies and to be the best stewards on behalf of the end users in line with At-Large mandate together with all the other stakeholders, both in the region and globally, because at the end of the day, we all want a better Internet for all citizens worldwide, in our countries and globally.

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And as I said, I love seeing you all wearing your typical costumes representing your country, your region. I really enjoyed listening to the different presentations for the four sub-regions. Well, we sort of toured the region from home. And I am confident, and I really look forward to seeing you in person again.

With that, I thank you again, LACRALO. I thank the LACRALO leadership, its members, it's ALSes, and all other regional At-Large organizations, and the ICANN community on the whole for carrying on and holding these sessions despite the challenges that we are facing.

I deeply thank those of you who are not from the region and are attending the sessions in a time zone that is really challenging for you. And in spite of that, you are giving your best. So, once again, thank you. Thank you to the organizing committee. Thank you for the invitation. Thank you for the celebration and for this opportunity to share my words with you. Congratulations, LACRALO. Thank you so much.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Thank you, Lito. Before I give the floor to you, may I give the floor to Maureen because she was not able to be with us in the beginning? León? You're on mute.

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ:

Please go ahead, Vanda.

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VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Okay. Maureen, can you have the floor, please, and address some words to us? Where's Maureen? Maureen's not there? So, for the benefit of the time, so León, the floor is back to you. And as a host and vice-chair of ICANN Board, I wish you can finalize this meeting and invite our invitees to come back to Cancún sometime. So, the floor is yours.

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ:

Thank you very much, Vanda. I will speak in Spanish. First of all, thank you so much for this invitation, LACRALO colleagues. I do know that organizing this event was really no small feat. I saw you struggling to hire the traditional ballet. I think that Alberto, Lilian, Sylvia—all of you involved in the organization—you really made it. Congratulations on this accomplishment which is a testament to how culturally rich our region is. And it is a testament to our unity because all of you in your countries worked together in order to organize this amazing social event that got really excellent reviews by all the participants.

As you were saying, yes, I really thank you for this invitation. I welcome you virtually in México. I would have loved to welcome you in person, and I would have loved to be with you drinking a margarita together, a tequila. And I'm sure that if we had been able to meet together face to face, we would be having tequilas and margaritas right now.

We have a culturally diverse region, and I want to highlight that. And I want to thank our brothers and sisters from the Caribbean for speaking in French because, once again, that is a testament to our cultural diversity. And it means that we need to stay more united and coordinated than ever despite our linguistic differences and the

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challenges we face in the region. And of course, yes, in the near future or as long as possible, I look forward to seeing one another in person somewhere in the region.

It is my understanding that the next meeting in the region, although not formally part of the region according to ICANN's geographic regions ... Well, the next meeting will be in Puerto Rico, which is part of the region in our hearts. So, I'm really looking forward to seeing you in person by that time.

It is proud to be Méxican, to be Latin American. I'm really proud of that. Proud of being a member of this community. And despite all challenges, we can accomplish our goals. And this event and all the work that we do at ICANN is a clear testament to what I'm saying.

So once again, thank you all my friends, brothers, and sisters from the Latin America and the Caribbean region for holding this wonderful event. I'm looking forward to hugging you some day and to celebrate in person. Thank you, everyone. Thank you, Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI:

Hello, Rodrigo. Rodrigo, as you were not with us at the beginning of the event, I would like to kindly invite you to take the floor and speak about our region. I hope that you have enjoyed our event. It was a really, really interesting event. Rodrigo, the floor is yours.

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RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: I am speaking in Spanish. I have chosen the Spanish channel. I am really thrilled and moved to see this event. It is a shame. I echo León's words. It is a shame that we are not together in Cancún. We would have loved to welcome you here. And I said in the chat, I am very proud of being Latin American. In these ten years working for the ICANN GSC team, I have had the privilege of touring almost all the countries in our region. And it is a privilege to work in and for this region.

And sessions such as this one make me feel even closer to our culture and to all of you. You have been fundamental so that ICANN can have a footprint in our region. It has been lots of fun. Thank you for inviting me. I send you a big, big hug and wish you lots of success.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Now I'm back to English. You know, we are in the end of our show, so I would like to thank you again and all the interpreters for the wonderful service. And for you, I will wish you to come to visit us as soon as possible because you're going to enjoy our time, enjoy our weather, and see all the beauty that we have around here.

So, while I'm saying good-bye and asking all the organizations to open their videos and, together with me, say bye-bye. We're going to see some videos and they take you to a small tour around our region and encourage you to come to visit very, very soon. Bye-bye, and thank you very much.

Everyone that was part of this participation, please open your video.

Claudia, you can put the video on.

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JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Which country was that?

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Colombia. There was video with—

LILIAN DE LUQUE BRUGES: Vanda.

VANDA SCARTEZINI: Yeah, Lilian. Try to speak because we have no translation.

LILIAN DE LUQUE BRUGES: The minorities in the video were thanking ICANN for the opportunity to participate. That was their message. Thank you.

ALBERTO SOTO: Okay. So, let's raise our glasses. Let's make a toast. Cheers, everyone! Thank you, everyone. Thank you, friends. A big hug, warm regards, cheers. Thank you so much. Go, LACRALO! Go! Thank you, all.

PARTICIPANTS: Thank you! Goode-bye!



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CLAUDIA RUIZ:                    You can now stop the recording.

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