



**Bogotá, March 20, 2025**

**To:**

LACRALO – At-Large ICANN  
Harold Arcos

**Subject:** Funding request of \$2000 USD for the Latin American Cybersecurity Lecture Series – DNS Abuse Module

Dear LACRALO members,

We hereby submit our request for financial support through the **RALO Discretionary Funding** in the amount of **\$2000 USD** for the organization of the module "**DNS Abuse and Mitigation Strategies**", as part of the **Latin American Cybersecurity Lecture Series**.

## **Event Details**

- **Event name:** "DNS Abuse and Mitigation Strategies" Module – Latin American Cybersecurity Lecture Series
- **Date:** Between **May 20 and May 27, 2025** (to be determined)
- **Location:** **UdeCataluña** Carrera 18b #106a15 #, 106A, Bogotá
- **Modality:** Hybrid event – **In-person with students at UdeCataluña and virtual participation**
- **Outreach:** The event will be broadcasted and promoted on social media

## **Institutional and organizational Background**

This event is hosted in collaboration with UdeCataluña, whose Vice-Rector for Research, Jorge Mario Karam, is also co-founder of our UxTIC University Network, along with Alfredo López.

As researchers with extensive experience in Internet Governance, we have been actively contributing to the discussion and development of policies in this field. Last year, we organized the UA Day Forum, and every year, we host a major event each quarter, including Safer Internet Day, which gathers participants from various universities in our network, as well as Colombian public institutions and government ministries.

Additionally, in most of our events, we invite At-Large members as guest speakers remotely, enriching the discussions with global perspectives and strengthening the connection between regional and international stakeholders in Internet governance.

## Objective and Justification

This module aims to train the academic community on **the detection, prevention, and mitigation of DNS abuse**, aligning with **ICANN's initiatives to strengthen Internet security**. Based on **ICANN82's findings on DNS abuse mitigation**, the key topics include:

- Current threats and trends in DNS abuse.
- Regulatory and compliance strategies within ICANN.
- Best practices for incident detection and response.

This event aligns with **LACRALO's objectives** by:

- **Promoting education on Internet governance** in the region.
- **Encouraging the participation of the academic community** in ICANN discussions.
- **Strengthening collaboration** between ICANN, At-Large, and Latin American universities.

## Funding Utilization (\$2000 USD)

The requested budget will be allocated as follows:

Item	Amount (USD)
Honoraria for invited speakers, including transportation and lodging for those traveling from other provinces	\$1000
Promotional and outreach materials (banners, flyers, brochures, welcome kits, QR cards, stickers)	\$500
Technical infrastructure (registration platform, automatic subtitles, professional streaming, lighting, and sound)	\$500
Total Requested	\$2000

This funding will ensure the **high-quality execution of the event**, enabling both in-person and virtual participation and **maximizing its impact on the academic community**.

**The event aims to achieve the following measurable outcomes:**

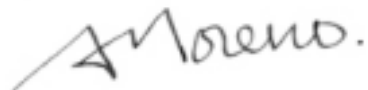
- Recruitment and engagement of new participants in ICANN discussions, particularly among students, academics, and industry professionals.
- Comprehensive report on attendee demographics, detailing the participation of academics, students, lawyers, decision-makers, and ISPs.
- Strengthening regional stakeholder engagement, fostering discussions on cybersecurity and DNS governance among key decision-makers.
- Expanded outreach through social media and institutional networks, ensuring a long-lasting impact beyond the event itself.

We attach the required documentation and remain available for any additional information needed to complete the process.

We appreciate your consideration and support for this initiative, which will **enhance cybersecurity knowledge in our region**.

**Sincerely,**

Cordialmente,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Moreno." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a period at the end.

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