**FOREWORD**

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International researchers, technologists, and leaders from academia, industry, and government gathered at LA-WEB to present, demonstrate, and discuss the latest developments of the Web and how they can be used to empower the Latin American Web.

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