

# LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL REPORT

1 JULY 2019 - 30 JUNE 2020



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# Year at a Glance — Timeline

## 2019

### 16 July

More than 40 people from across Latin America and the Caribbean joined the ICANN65 Readout session both remotely and on-site at the Casa de Internet in Montevideo, Uruguay.

### 20-23 August

Read more about LAC DNS Week + LAC DNS Forum events in Puerto Rico in the [regional highlights](#) section.

### 4 November

Nearly 40 participants from Latin America and the Caribbean attended LAC Space during ICANN66, where regional opportunities to participate in ICANN's FY21–25 Strategic Plan were discussed.

### 30 September

Members from law enforcement agencies across the Caribbean met in Jamaica to discuss important Internet trends. ICANN org collaborated with American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) to conduct workshops for the 350 attendees on Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC), DNS over TLS (DoT), and DNS over HTTPS (DoH).

## 2020

### January

The survey “IDN registration in the LAC region” was conducted by the [Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization \(LACRALO\) Working Group on Multilingualism and Internationalized Domain Names](#) (IDNs).

### January to February

ICANN's regional Vice President Rodrigo de la Parra, together with the Mexican Multistakeholder Local Host Committee, traveled throughout Mexico for the ICANN67 Engagement Roadshow, which included several press conferences and speech opportunities.

### 28 February

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council nominated Patricio Poblete (Director, NIC Chile) as Director, to ICANN Board Seat 11, with a term to start in October 2020.

### 7-12 March

ICANN67, slated for Cancún, Mexico, shifted to an online-only meeting due to COVID-19 concerns. The LAC community was very active and held three successful virtual sessions.

### 16 March

Nicolas Antoniello, Technical Engagement Manager, joins ICANN's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) working in close collaboration with the Latin America and the Caribbean regional team to enhance ICANN's technical knowledge-sharing efforts in the region.

### 24 March

Launch of the first ICANN LAC Talks. Read more about this initiative in the [regional highlights](#) section.

### 29 April-June 10

Launch of the Technical Capacity Building series for the Paraguayan Internet Service Providers Association ([ASISPY](#)) with 26 participants.

### 30 April-25 June

Academic collaboration with the Mexican University Association ([ANUIES](#)) on Development of the Internet for the Higher Education Institutions. Project website: <https://codiies.anuiex.mx/>

### 1 June

Review of the LAC Strategic Plan. More information [here](#).

### 4-18 June

Launch of the Technical Capacity Building workshop series for the Brazilian ISP Association ([ABRINT](#)), with a session on implementing DNSSEC in recursive servers.

### 24 June

Technical Capacity Building workshop for the Bolivian Internet Exchange Point Association ([PIT BOLIVIA](#))

## Regional Highlights

### LAC DNS FORUM 2019



Participants of the LAC DNS Week and the LAC DNS Forum, August 2019, Puerto Rico.

The 2019 edition of the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Domain Names System (DNS) Forum took place on 22 August 2019 in Puerto Rico, during the DNS week organized by the Latin American and Caribbean ccTLD Association (LACTLD) and .PR registry. The annual LAC DNS Forum brings together industry, Internet policy, and technical professionals interested in DNS-related issues.

The sixth edition of the forum explored the importance of the adoption of Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and discussed the impact of new protocols like DNS-over-HTTPS (DoH) and DNS-over-TLS (DoT), and market trends presented by active contracted parties in ICANN processes.

During the DNS Week, Guadalupe's new membership in LACTLD was announced. The week featured innovative events like an interactive session to promote participation in ICANN processes and an update from ccTLD operators on IANA services.

The annual LAC DNS Forum was first held in 2013 and each event is jointly organized by LACTLD, the Latin American and Caribbean Address Registry (LACNIC), the Internet Society (ISOC), the Public Interest Registry (PIR), and ICANN. This effort is aimed at supporting the evolution of the domain name marketplace to be robust, stable, and trusted while empowering current and new stakeholders from this region to fully participate in ICANN activities.

## ICANN LAC TALKS



ICANN LAC Talks is an initiative born in response to COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions. The objective of this initiative is to keep ICANN LAC visible among its regional stakeholders and provide relevant information on ICANN topics during the health crisis.

The first edition took place on 24 March 2020 and featured the topic “DNS Security and Threats During the COVID-19 Health Crisis.” The second edition took place on 15 May 2020, featuring the topic “5G Technology.” Both sessions gathered more than 200 participants, very good numbers for online webinars in this region. This showed the commitment of our community to keep participating, learning, and connecting with each other during the health crisis and our efforts to evolve and further globalize ICANN by fostering a proactive regional engagement with Latin American and Caribbean stakeholders.

The regional Global Stakeholder Engagement team will continue to facilitate these webinars throughout the fiscal year 2021. The webinars will always provide interpretation services (English, Spanish, Portuguese) in order to boost a meaningful participation of the Latin American and Caribbean community.

### **DEVELOPING LAC STRATEGIC PLAN FY21–25**

To align ICANN’s FY21–25 Strategic Plan with regional needs and demands, the LAC Strategic Council with support of the Global Stakeholder Engagement team for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC GSE) developed a new regional strategic plan for engagement.

Members of the LAC Strategic Council identified trends, risks, and suggested actions for each area of focus of ICANN’s new FY21–25 Strategic Plan. This process helped ensure that key areas of interest of the regional strategic plan were aligned with ICANN’s new strategic plan.

The LAC Strategy Council also identified a subset of objectives for each key area of interest, adapting them to fit the needs and demands of the region, and established targeted actions for each of those objectives.

The final draft was published for Public Comment on 1 June 2020.

→ [READ MORE about the LAC Regional Plan.](#)

## Capacity-Development Activities in Latin America and the Caribbean

Note: The FY20 training calendar was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

With the incorporation of Nicolás Antonello (Office of the CTO) working closely with the regional team and based in the regional Montevideo office, the organization was able to strengthen and deepen its work with the Latin American and Caribbean community through various technical training efforts.

Total number of workshops in FY20:

**10**

Total number of workshops in FY19:

**4**

### TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

ICANN org's Security, Stability, and Resiliency Engagement team visited Argentina, Colombia, and Costa Rica to raise awareness about DNS abuse and other critical threats, providing training to police, state agencies, and academia.

Total number of workshops in FY20:

**8**

Total number of workshops in FY19:

**4**

### TRAINING FOR NONTECHNICAL COMMUNITY

Due to the pandemic, many of the LAC-i-Roadshow events planned for FY20 were cancelled. These events are a feature of the LAC Strategy, which provides outreach on key topics related to the critical infrastructure of the Domain Name System (DNS). In their place, the regional team held outreach webinars and the new ICANN LAC Talks, which gathered near 500 participants.

Total number of workshops in FY20:

**17**

Total number of workshops in FY19:

**15**

## Latin America and the Caribbean Leaders

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Sylvia Herlein Leite** (Brazil), leader of the Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO) Working Group on Multilingualism and Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

### UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE AMBASSADORS

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*Names in bold = Newly Appointed in FY20*

You can find the complete list of community leaders from all regions [here](#).

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