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News Conference at Internet Governance Forum

- WHAT:** A news conference at the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt which will focus on ICANN's "fast track" for IDN ccTLDs (<http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-30oct09-en.htm>).
- WHERE:** For attending journalists: (Check for specific room at the IGF press centre)
For non-attending journalists: The news conference will be webcast, please go to <http://www.un.org/webcast/igf>
- WHEN:** Monday, 16 November, 2009, 12:30 (local time in Sharm El Sheikh), 10:30 UTC.
- WHO:** Dr. Tarek Kamel, Egypt's Minister of Communications and Information Technology.
Dr. Hani Helal, Egypt's Minister Higher Education and Scientific Research.
Rod Beckstrom, ICANN's Chief Executive Officer and President

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About ICANN:

To reach another person on the Internet you have to type an address into your computer - a name or a number. That address has to be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN coordinates these unique identifiers across the world. Without that coordination we wouldn't have one global Internet. ICANN was formed in 1998. It is a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers. ICANN doesn't control content on the Internet. It cannot stop spam and it doesn't deal with access to the Internet. But through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet. **For more information please visit:** www.icann.org.