Major Announcement Set on Dwindling Pool of Available IPv4 Internet Addresses

Leading Global Internet Groups Schedule Miami News Conference

Much has been written in the international media over the last few weeks about the dwindling pool of Internet addresses using the original Internet protocol, called IPv4 (Internet Protocol version 4). These news stories have piqued international interest and raised important questions about the future of the Internet's addressing system. The answers to those questions are of interest to 2-billion Internet users.

Against that backdrop, four international non-profit groups, which work to coordinate the world's Internet addressing system and its technical standards, are planning to make a major announcement at a news conference on Thursday, February 3 in Miami, Florida.

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), is joining the Number Resources Organization (NRO), Internet Architecture Board (IAB) and the Internet Society, to discuss with journalists, the future of the Internet address system and the global transition to the next generation of Internet addresses.

Here are the details:

> **WHAT:** News Conference by ICANN, NRO, IAB and the Internet Society.
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> **WHEN:** Thursday, 3 February at 1000 EST US (1500 UTC)
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> **WHERE:** Intercontinental Hotel, Room - Concourse II, 100 Chopin Plaza, Miami, Florida, USA.
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> **OFF SITE ACCESS:** Off-site journalists can participate, via live web streaming at http://www.nro.net/news/icann-nro-live-stream OR via toll free telephone numbers. In the U.S., the number is +1 800.218.5164. International toll free number can be found at http://www.icann.org/en/press/adigo-itfs-numbers-01jan10.pdf. Once connected to the telephone conferencing center, enter 3157.
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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.**