



ICANN Leaders to Discuss Future of New Generic Top-Level Domains at Singapore News Conference

Rod Beckstrom, ICANN's President and Chief Executive Officer will join Board Chair Peter Dengate Thrush and Senior Vice President Kurt Pritz at news conference immediately following an historic special meeting of the ICANN Board of Directors to decide the future of [new generic top-level domains](#) (gTLDs).

The potential expansion of new gTLDs could mark one of the biggest changes ever to the Internet's Domain Name System.

The news conference and the preceding Board meeting will occur on 20 June at the launch of ICANN's 41st public meeting in Singapore.

In addition to taking journalists' questions on gTLDs at the Monday news conference, the three ICANN leaders will also answer questions on other subjects, ranging from IPv6 implementation to DNSSEC adoption.

Journalists who will not be present at the Singapore meeting are invited to participate in the news conference via a live video web stream or an international toll-free telephone connection.

A recording of the news conference will be posted to the press page of the ICANN web site (<http://www.icann.org/en/press/>) as soon after the event as possible.

Here are the details:

WHAT: News Conference

WHO: [Rod Beckstrom](#), President and CEO; [Peter Dengate Thrush](#), Board Chair; [Kurt Pritz](#), Senior Vice President

WHEN: Monday, 20 June 2011, 1330-1430 Singapore (0530 UTC).

WHERE: Swissôtel The Stamford, VIP Lounge (4th Floor), 2 Stamford Road, Singapore

OFF-SITE ACCESS: Journalists from around the world can participate in the news conference via remote access.

- A live video webcast may be accessed at <http://icann.adobeconnect.com/sin41-press>.

- Telephone access may be obtained by dialling an international toll-free number obtain from this list www.adigo.com/icann. The toll free access number in the U.S. is +1.800.550.6865. Once you have reached the conferencing center, dial 25594.

INFORMATION ON gTLD PROGRAM: <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/new-gtlds/factsheet-new-gtld-program-14apr11-en.pdf>.

SINGAPORE MEETING PRESS KIT: <http://www.icann.org/en/press/>

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