



NORTH AMERICA REGIONAL REPORT

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REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Introduction of North America Space

In keeping with the goals defined in the North America Regional Engagement plan, the North America (NA) GSE team introduced the first ever NA Space. The inaugural NA Space session took place during ICANN72, during which the team shared the new NA Engagement Plan and highlighted topics of interest to the region. A second NA Space was also held at ICANN73. The session served as a venue to provide ICANN policy development updates to the community, but more importantly it provided a venue for NA stakeholders to discuss regional topics of interest.

Virtual Event on Canadian Online Safety Act

As part of the North America virtual event series, GSE hosted an event on the latest developments regarding legislation pending in the Canadian Parliament that could affect ICANN's mission. The event was held in partnership with the Internet Society, and featured speakers from both organizations, as well as the Canadian Internet Registration Authority, .ca, and the Competitive Network Operators of Canada .

UA Training Series with NARALO



The NA GSE team partnered with the North American Regional At-large Organization (NARALO) and the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) to host a UA training series for the NA region. The series highlighted the importance of UA to new audiences. The series provided an opportunity for over 200 trainees to learn about the technical aspects of the UA of new domain names, including Internationalized Domain Names. It also provided an avenue for trainees to further engage with the UASG and continue to promote UA within their organizations and communities.



EVENTS AND PROJECTS

This table lists ICANN org’s events and projects in North America throughout FY22, organized by how the activities furthered ICANN’s strategic objectives and goals.

EVENTS	PROJECTS
<p align="center">STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ICANN’S MULTISTAKEHOLDER MODEL OF GOVERNANCE</p>	
<p align="center"><i>Goal 2.1: Strengthen ICANN’s bottom-up multistakeholder decision-making process and ensure that work gets done and politics are developed in an effective and timely manner</i></p>	
<p>Introduced the NA Space and held NA Space sessions during ICANN72 and ICANN73. The space aims to create a venue to discuss issues of relevance to the community.</p>	
<p align="center"><i>Goal 2.2: Support and grow active, informed, and effective stakeholder participation</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held webinars covering a wide range of topics including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Two webinars focused on legislative and regulatory developments around the world, as well as recent developments from the United Nations and International Telecommunication Union » One webinar to review the ICANN Newcomer programs and promote participation of newcomers to shape the future of the Internet • Lectured at seven universities on the ICANN multistakeholder model and ICANN policymaking. This included two opportunities for President and CEO Göran Marby to be hosted as speaker. • Spoke at ISOC Indigenous Connectivity Summit 2021 and North American Network Operators’ Group (NANOG) 85. • Participated on the steering committee of multiple third-party regional events, including IGF-USA and the Canadian IGF 	
<p align="center">STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3: EVOLVE THE UNIQUE IDENTIFIER SYSTEMS IN COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION WITH RELEVANT PARTIES TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE GLOBAL INTERNET USER BASE</p>	
<p align="center"><i>Goal 3.1: Foster competition, consumer choice, and innovation in the Internet space by increasing awareness of, and encouraging readiness for Universal Acceptance, IDN implementation, and IPv6</i></p>	
	<p>Partnered with NARALO and the UASG to offer a training series on universal acceptance of domain names. Over 200 trainees participated in a four-part training series focusing on various technical aspects related to the UA of domain names.</p>

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<p align="center">STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4: ADDRESS GEOPOLITICAL ISSUES IMPACTING ICANN'S MISSION TO ENSURE A SINGLE, GLOBALLY INTEROPERABLE INTERNET</p>	
<p align="center"><i>Goal 4.1: Identify and address global challenges and opportunities within its remit by further developing early warning systems, such as ICANN org's Legislative and Regulatory Development Reports</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized a briefing with NA stakeholders to discuss Internet related legislative proposals in Canada. Monitored multiple third-party events discussing topics that may concern ICANN's mission, including government discussions on data privacy and WHOIS. 	
<p align="center"><i>Goal 4.2: Continue to build alliances in the Internet ecosystem and beyond to raise awareness of and engage with global stakeholders about ICANN's mission and policymaking</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held several briefings with regional Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) representatives to provide updates and listened to updates on issues they are working on. Held several private meetings with regional stakeholders to discuss developments impacting the ecosystem and partnered on events to deliver updates. 	



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