

ICANN's 47th Public Meeting in Durban Schedule of Newsworthy Events

NOTE: Listed below are several events, which may be of particular interest to journalists covering ICANN's Durban meeting. *Off-site reporters can participate, via live web streaming at the sites listed below.*

- **Welcome Ceremony & President's Opening Session**
Date/Time: Monday, 15 July, 0830-1000 Durban (0630-0800 UTC)
Location: Hall 6
Summary: Opening session of ICANN's 47th Public meeting in Durban. Will include remarks by ICANN President Fadi Chehadé and Dr. Elham Ibrahim, the African Union Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, along with other speakers.
Remote Access: <http://durban47.icann.org/node/39515>
- **Opening News Conference**
Date/Time: Monday, 15 July, 1630-1730 Durban (1430-1530 UTC)
Location: Hall 3B (First Floor)
Summary: Dr. Nii Quaynor, often referred to as the "Father of the Internet in Africa," will join ICANN CEO and President Fadi Chehadé, Board Chair Dr. Stephen Crocker, and Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement for Africa Pierre Dandjinou in answering journalists' questions about subjects ranging from expansion of the Internet on the African continent to the status of ICANN's new Domain Name program.
Remote Access: <http://icann.adobeconnect.com/dur47-press>.
- **Replacing WHOIS – The Next Generation Directory Services**
Date/Time: Monday, 15 July 2013 1445 – 1615 Durban
Location: Hall 6
Summary: The EWG's Initial Report describes the design principles & features needed for replacement system to WHOIS. EWG will apply community input in its final report to refine its recommendations and address questions not yet fully explored.
Remote Access: <http://durban47.icann.org/node/39627>
- **New gTLD Program Status Update**
Date/Time: Monday, 15 July 2013 1300 – 1430 Durban
Location: Hall 1A
Summary: This session provides an update on the status of ICANN's New generic Top-Level Domain Program, which will constitute one of the biggest changes ever in the Internet's history. Initial Evaluation results for 1200 applications have been posted, which means that many applicants are now nearing the finish line in their efforts to get their new Domain names online. .
Remote Access: <http://durban47.icann.org/node/39651>
- **Public Forum**
Date/Time: Thursday, 18 July 2013 1330 – 1800 Durban
Location: Hall 6
Summary: The public forum is the Community's opportunity to make comments and ask questions on the main topics at each meeting directly to the Board of Directors and in front of the rest of the community.
Remote Access: <http://durban47.icann.org/node/39853>

Note: Audio and/or video recordings, along with photographs of the news conferences, will be posted at <http://www.icann.org/en/press/> as soon as possible after each event.