Diversity is a key word defining current ICANN organization activities in the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region. As such, the LAC community and the ICANN org’s regional team work together to make sure Latin American and Caribbean stakeholders are well represented in different Advisory Committees (ACs) and Supporting Organizations (SOs) at ICANN and that they are empowered to have meaningful participation in ICANN’s policy development process (PDPs) and other relevant discussions.

During the fiscal year 2019, ICANN org’s regional team continued to implement community-based regional strategy projects aligned with ICANN’s global strategic plan. Many of these have been running for some years and are critical for ICANN’s engagement efforts in the region. Specifically, participation by the LAC community in the LAC DNS Forum in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and at ICANN meetings: the LAC Space, and the newly inaugurated LAC Session on PDPs were all regional highlights.

Partnerships with regional organizations for these projects reinforce engagement efforts guided by the spirit of the multistakeholder model. They increase the possibility to attract new stakeholders and strengthen collaboration at the regional and global levels. We thank them for their support.

ICANN’s Montevideo regional office was busy during FY19. The office is working with other functional departments in the organization to improve the org’s services delivery to the region.

ICANN’s LAC team will continue to find synergies and break silos across the organization to improve efficiency and align with ICANN strategic objectives in our regional activities.

Sincerely,

Rodrigo de la Parra
Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement and Managing Director, Latin America and the Caribbean
YEAR AT A GLANCE - TIMELINE

2018

15 August
From Venezuela to Montevideo: LAC Community Member Visits Montevideo’s Regional Office. Read more about the “contest and awards” project of the LAC Strategy here.

8 November
The first Internet and Entrepreneurship Forum was held in Monterrey, Mexico.

4 December
ICANN org published “Five Years of the LAC Strategy” report.

19 July
ICANN62 Readout Session
This was the first session to be held in ICANN’s Montevideo regional office. Read the blog about the experience.

19 October
The first edition of The LAC Policy Development Process (PDP) Experiences series was launched with the goal of building meaningful connections in the regional community and providing a platform to share participation opportunities at ICANN. Read the report here.

29 November
The fifth LAC DNS Forum was held in São Paulo, Brazil.

2019

6-10 May
The new ICANN Booth experience featuring different topics each day and one-on-one time with experts was launched at the LACNIC31 meeting in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

17 April
The ICANN64 LAC Readout Session was held in ICANN’s Montevideo regional office. The session featured nearly 70 participants and speakers from 14 countries and territories and was broadcast in 7 regional hubs.

7 June
ICANN org and the Latin American and Caribbean Association of ccTLDs (LACTLD) hosted the LAC Strategy Moves Forward webinar with the aim of promoting the deployment of ICANN Managed Root Servers in the region.
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

FIVE YEARS OF THE LAC STRATEGY IN FOCUS

Latin American and Caribbean participation in ICANN has grown in the last five years. What started as a few stakeholder meetings during ICANN Public Meetings, grew into formalized sessions, including the LAC Space and the newly formed LAC Session on Policy Development Processes (PDPs). The level of awareness about ICANN also improved, due to regional events and outreach efforts that encouraged the participation of new voices in the region.

The Report highlights contributions from the regional community creating key initiatives over the past 5 years like Centro de Emprendimiento e Internet de América Latina y el Caribe and Virtual DNS Entrepreneurship Center for the Caribbean, and the establishment of ICANN org regional office in Montevideo, Uruguay. As a result, the vibrant regional ICANN community continues to grow. Read the full Report here.

The ICANN org LAC team would like to thank all the community members who have contributed to strategy development. Learn more about the LAC Strategy for 2018-2020 here.
REGIONAL EFFORTS SUPPORTING ICANN’S SUCCESSFUL KEY Signing KEY ROLLOVER

On 11 October 2018, ICANN successfully changed the cryptographic key that helps protect the Domain Name System (DNS), an event known as the Key Signing Key (KSK) rollover.

To help prepare for a smooth transition, ICANN org focused its efforts in Brazil, which is home to many Autonomous System Numbers and independent regional Internet Service Providers (ISPs). Eighteen percent of ISPs enabled with Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) are Brazilian.

The ICANN org team partnered with the Brazilian Network Information Center (NIC.br) and travelled to eight Brazilian states to deliver KSK rollover readiness instructions during the IX Regional Forum. It was a great opportunity to engage with the large community of professionals that provide Internet services to remote cities.
COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR THE 2018 LAC DNS FORUM

The annual LAC DNS Forum brought together industry, Internet policy, and technical professionals interested in DNS-related issues. On 29 November 2018, over 200 community members participated in the LAC DNS Forum held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The National Association of Hosting and Internet Services Companies (ABRAHOSTING), local stakeholders including the Brazilian Network Information Center (NIC.br), and the Brazilian Software Association (ABES) contributed to the event by sharing their work in the domain name field and Universal Acceptance.
REGIONAL PARTICIPATION: SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

ICANN | ASO
ADDRESS SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION

3 out of 15
ASO Address councilors are from LAC

ICANN | ccNSO
COUNTRY CODE NAMES SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION

27 out of 172
cTLD members are from LAC

ICANN | GNSO
GENERIC NAMES SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION

GNSO COUNCIL
4 out of 23
councilors are from LAC

BUSINESS CONSTITUENCY (BC)
3 out of 71
companies are from LAC

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS
AND CONNECTIVITY PROVIDERS
CONSTITUENCY (ISPCP)
16 out of 62
companies are from LAC

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
CONSTITUENCY (IPC)
2 out of 55
members are from LAC

REGISTRARS STAKEHOLDER
GROUP (RRSG)
4 out of 100
member registrars are from LAC

REGISTRIES STAKEHOLDER
GROUP (RYSG)
2 out of 83
member registry operators are from LAC
REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS cont’d

**ICANN | GNSO**

**GENERIC NAMES SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION**

**NONCOMMERCIAL USERS CONSTITUENCY (NCUC)**

- 15 out of 151 organizational members are from LAC

- 40 out of 604 individual members are from LAC

**NOT-FOR-PROFIT OPERATIONAL CONCERNS CONSTITUENCY (NPOC)**

- 5 out of 96 Executive Committee

**Regional SO leaders**

*Newly appointed in FY19*

- **Bruna Martins**
  - NCUC Chair
- **Jorge Villa**
  - ASO Address Council Vice Chair
- **Margarita Valdés**
  - ccNSO councilor
- **Rubens Kuhl**
  - GNSO councilor
- **Esteban Lescano**
  - ASO Address councilor
- **Alejandra Reynoso**
  - ccNSO Council Vice Chair
- **Demi Getschko**
  - ccNSO councilor
- **Juan Manuel Rojas**
  - NPOC Membership Committee Chair
- **Carlos Gutiérrez**
  - GNSO councilor
- **Osvaldo Novoa**
  - GNSO councilor
- **Tony Harris**
  - NCSG Executive Committee
- **Martin Silva Valen**
  - GNSO councilor
- **Ricardo Patara**
  - ASO Address councilor
- **Ricardo Patara**
  - ASO Address councilor
- **Laura Margolis**
  - ccNSO councilor
REGIONAL PARTICIPATION: ADVISORY COMMITTEES

**AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

3 out of 19 members are from LAC

58 At-Large Structures (ALSes) located in 22 countries and territories are in Latin American and the Caribbean Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO).

**ICANN|GAC**

**GOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

29 out of 49 countries and territories in the LAC region are GAC members

5 regional organizations are GAC observers

**SECURITY AND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1 out of 39 members are from LAC

**Regional AC leaders**

*Newly appointed in FY19

- Sergio Salinas Porto, LACRALO Chair
- *Olga Cavalli, GAC Vice Chair
- *Thiago Jardim, GAC Vice Chair
- Ricardo Holmquist, ALAC member
- Bartlett Morgan, ALAC member
- Humberto Carrasco, ALAC member
- Harold Arcos, LACRALO Secretariat
REGионаl Participation: Others

ICANN NOMInAtIn Gommittee

ICANN NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2 out of 21 delegates are from LAC

Alejandro Acosta
NOMCOM Delegate

*Tracy Hackshaw
NOMCOM Delegate

*Newly appointed in FY19

Policy Development Processes (PDP)

TEMPORARY SPECIFICATION FOR GTLD REGISTRATION DATA EXPEDITED PDP

2 out of 26 members are from LAC

INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION– INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (IGO-INGO) ACCESS TO CURATIVE RIGHTS PROTECTION MECHANISMS

1 out of 26 members is from LAC

PROTECTION OF IGO AND INGO IDENTIFIERS IN ALL GTLDS

2 out of 16 members are from LAC

NEW GTLD SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURES

16 out of 196 members are from LAC

REVIEW OF ALL RIGHTS PROTECTION MECHANISMS (RPMS) IN ALL GTLDS

8 out of 168 members are from LAC

NEXT-GENERATION GTLD REGISTRATION DIRECTORY SERVICES TO REPLACE WHOIS

16 out of 220 members are from LAC
**Universal Acceptance**

The primary focus for work towards a multilingual Internet in the region has been around preparation for Universal Acceptance, particularly in Brazil with the support of the Brazilian National Software Association (ABES).

**Highlights:**

- National Universal Acceptance study (Brazil): “Evaluation of Brazilian Websites for Universal Acceptance” presented by Paulo Milliet Roque and Mark William Datysgeld during the LAC Space session in ICANN63 held in Barcelona, Spain.

- Global Universal Acceptance study: After the Barcelona presentation, the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) invited the Brazilian National Software Association (ABES) to conduct a global scale test for the most popular 1000 websites. The experts involved in this global study are all from Brazil: Paulo Milliet Roque, Nivaldo Cleto, Mark William Datysgeld (Business Constituency), and Sâvyo Vinícius de Morais (NextGen).

- ICANN org Universal Acceptance presentations at major Caribbean events to software and systems developers including CaribNOG in Barbados, LAC-i-Roadshows in Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Bahamas.

**Regional UA Ambassador**

**Mark William Datysgeld - Brazil**

*names in bold = newly appointed in FY19*
CAPACITY-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

To build ICANN’s relationship with contracted parties in the LAC region, ICANN org hosted a training in Brazil in November 2018. As part of the regional strategy, ICANN org partnered with LACTLD to offer a new technical training initiative in ccTLD management.

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TRAINING FOR NON-TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

The LAC-i-Roadshow, a feature of the Latin America and the Caribbean Strategy, provides outreach on key topics related to the critical infrastructure of the Domain Name System (DNS). In addition to the LAC-i-Roadshow, the regional team held capacity building and outreach webinars covering topics like Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs), future rounds of new gTLDs, the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Universal Acceptance (UA) project in Brazil, and ICANN Managed Root Servers (IMRS).

Total number of workshops/webinars: 15
Number of participants: 527

TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

ICANN org’s Security, Stability, and Resiliency Engagement team visited Argentina, Paraguay, Colombia, and Brazil to raise awareness about Domain Name System (DNS) abuse and other critical threats. Read this blog to learn more about this effort.

Total number of workshops: 4
Number of participants: 920
LOOKING AHEAD

The next fiscal year will be an important one for the Latin American and Caribbean region. The ICANN67 Public Meeting will take place in Cancun, Mexico, from 7-12 March 2020. As in previous meetings held in the region, ICANN org will promote the development of activities and sessions created and designed by organizations from and for the region. ICANN67 will also be the first ICANN Community Forum to be held in LAC, and a great opportunity for newcomers to learn and interact with each other.

LAC’s regional strategic plan will be in the spotlight in 2020. The goal of ICANN’s regional strategy is to enhance the participation of the Latin American and Caribbean region and support regional stakeholders in the ICANN ecosystem. A working group made up of representatives of the different communities and regional organizations active in ICANN will gather in ICANN’s regional office in Montevideo to renew their commitments and align their objectives with ICANN’s new strategic plan. The group will then develop new projects to launch a third version of the regional strategy for the 2020-2024 period.

ICANN org will deepen its efforts to identify and address gaps in LAC community participation. The regional team is working on the next version of a more comprehensive map of LAC community participation in ICANN’s ecosystem, and will share its progress with the regional community in the next year. This is an important initiative that seeks to facilitate more participation and a clear regional voice in ICANN’s processes.

The Montevideo Office will continue to coordinate more capacity-building activities and regional events, strengthening ICANN’s presence in the region and achieving additional milestones with partner organizations and the vibrant regional community.
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