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EDITORIAL

2019 Off and Running in the Caribbean

I am excited to share with you a snapshot of a busy early 2019 in the Caribbean region.

Trinidad and Tobago hosted the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in January where stakeholders exchanged ideas on best practices, capacity building initiatives, and identified emerging global and regional issues. Then, the Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Organizations (CANTO) and the Guyana Telephone & Telegraph Company (GTT) cohosted the 35th Annual General Meeting & Mini Expo of CANTO. With the theme 'Transitioning to a Digital Region - Opportunities and Threats', regional information, communications, and technology leaders met in Guyana to discuss harnessing the value of the digital transformation underway in the Caribbean. We thank the community members who organized and participated in both events.



Albert Daniels, ICANN's Global Stakeholder Engagement Sr. Manager for the Caribbean

This month, Turks and Caicos and the Bahamas are preparing to host ICANN LAC-i-Roadshows where local stakeholders will participate in outreach sessions on topics relevant to Internet development in their countries. We are excited to visit both countries before we start preparing for ICANN64.

Stay tuned for updates on these roadshows and more activities across the region!



ICANN NEWS

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COMMUNITY FORUM **64**

KOBE
9-14 March 2019

Register for ICANN64

Registration for ICANN64 in Kobe, Japan is now open. [Please register here.](#)

The Community Forum will be held from 9-14 March at the Kobe Portopia Hotel and Kobe International Conference Center. A preliminary schedule is available, [here](#). Travel resources, including hotel group rates and visa information, are also available on the [ICANN Public Meetings site](#).

ICANN Public Meetings are open to everyone and registration is free. Participants can attend in person or join remotely. Read more about ICANN Public Meetings and how to get involved, [here](#).

Apply Now for ICANN and Public Technical Identifiers Leadership

The **2019 Nominating Committee (NomCom)** is accepting applications for key leadership positions within Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) and ICANN. Selected individuals will have a unique opportunity to work with accomplished colleagues from around the globe to help shape the Internet's technical coordination and policy development. The deadline to submit applications is **18 March 2019 at 23:59**

The open positions in 2019 are:

- Three members of the ICANN Board of Directors.
- One member of the PTI Board of Directors.
- Three regional representatives to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) - one from the Asia, Australia, and Pacific Islands region, one from the Latin America and Caribbean Islands region, one from the Africa region.
- Two members of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council.
- One member of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council.

For more information on the position requirements, click [here](#).

To apply, please submit an application, [here](#).

The NomCom is also accepting candidate recommendations. To submit a recommendation, fill out the [online form](#).



LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

Anycast Cloud: Working to Make the LAC DNS Stronger and Faster

We interviewed the General Manager of the Latin American and Caribbean Association of ccTLDs (LACTLD), Miguel Ignacio Estrada, to find out more about the LACTLD Anycast Cloud initiative.

What is the LACTLD Anycast Cloud and how does it work?

LACTLD's Anycast Cloud is a collaborative network seeking to strengthen the infrastructure and stability of the Domain Name System (DNS) in Latin America and the Caribbean. It is a free network and it does not compete with existing commercial suppliers.

Anycast is technology that allows optimal and efficient use of networks. In an Anycast Cloud, a series of participant host nodes (servers) in which different users (clients) store copies of their zones (list of managed domains, for example, .sv, .do, .gt, .bo). In this way, a distributed network (or database) is generated (regionally, in our case) and composed of the nodes that replicate the zones of each of the users. Then, when a query is submitted to this database, the routing systems choose which of all the available nodes is the closest to the point of origin of the query and, then it directs it towards this point of the Anycast Cloud, thus speeding up the answers.

How does it contribute to the strengthening of the DNS?

Through this initiative, it has been possible to strengthen the infrastructure and stability of the Anycast Cloud participants as well as of the entire regional network in terms of resilience, robustness, administration of the traffic load, availability and agility.

Who else participates and who can participate?

Currently, the Anycast Cloud of LACTLD has eight users, who have copies of their zones in the different nodes that make up the network. This network is composed of six nodes, each of which hosts a local copy of the zones of all the users of the LACTLD Anycast Cloud. This initiative is open to any of the regional ccTLDs, either as users or as nodes. You can visit our website to learn how to host a node of the LACTLD Anycast Cloud and what technical requirements are needed to use the service as a user. Other organizations can also participate in this project through sponsorships. ICANN began to support this initiative in 2019, allowing us to add new nodes in strategic points that contribute to the strength of the LACTLD Anycast Cloud.

Want to know more about this initiative? Visit LACTLD's Anycast page, [here](#).



*Miguel Ignacio Estrada,
General Manager of the Latin
American and Caribbean Association
of ccTLDs (LACTLD)*



New Regional Training Initiative

ICANN and the Internet Addresses Registry for Latin America and Caribbean (LACNIC) sponsored a new technical training initiative for members of the Venezuelan National Information Center (NIC .VE). The program was developed by the Latin American and Caribbean Association of ccTLDs (LACTLD) and its members with the goal of maintaining a safe and resilient Domain Name System (DNS).

During the first stage of the program, two representatives of NIC .VE, Gabriel Porco and Kevins Rangel, visited the NIC Costa Rica office. They received training in country code top-level domain (ccTLD) management and commercial, communication, and policy areas related to the provision of value-added services. The initiative continued at LACNIC 30, LACNOG 2018, and at the LACTLD Technical Workshop in Rosario, Argentina in September 2018.

This initiative is the result of cooperation between Latin American and Caribbean ccTLDs. It is a key resource for the growth and development of the Internet in the region. ICANN supported this initiative as part of its regional strategy. You can read more about this experience by reading LACTLD's story, [here](#).



PRE-ICANN64 POLICY WEBINAR



Register for the Pre-ICANN64 Policy Webinar

Join ICANN's Policy Development Support Department to discuss the policy agenda at the Pre-ICANN64 Policy Webinar on Thursday, 28 February at 16:00 UTC.

Register by **22 February**, [here](#).

EPDP Team Prepares Final Report

From 16-18 January 2019, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registration Data met in Toronto, Canada. The Team reviewed public comments on its Initial Report and worked to refine and build agreement on policy recommendations to include in the Final Report.

Read more detail on the Team's progress [here](#).



GNSO Council: Focus on Strategic Planning

From 23-25 January 2019, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council met in the ICANN Los Angeles office for its strategic planning session. Each day of the meeting

had a specific focus and objective:

- Day 1: Development and orientation.

- Day 2: Implementation of the Policy Development Process 3.0 initiative.
- Day 3: 2019 strategic planning, workload management, and objectives.

The Council members also met with ICANN Board members. A full report of the meeting will be published shortly.

The GNSO Council confirmed Jonathan Frost as one of the GNSO appointees to the Cross-Community Working Group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds.

The ccNSO Council Prepares for ICANN64

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council will hold a workshop at ICANN64. Main points on the agenda include the development of the ccNSO 2019 work plan and discussions on the expectations and responsibilities of ccNSO and individual councilors. The ccNSO councilors will be conducting two exercises:

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- The role of the ccNSO Council Triage Committee and the criteria it uses to select work items.
- A simulation of the ccNSO Rejection Action Procedure to understand the procedures and impact on the ccNSO Council and ccNSO membership given tight timelines and dependencies. The ccNSO has adopted a guideline on how the ccNSO should exercise its Empowered Community's rights to Reject Specified Actions.

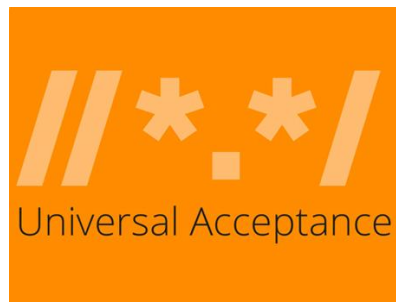
Consult the ICANN64 ccNSO schedule [here](#).

At-Large: Advisory and Activities Updates

- The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) continues its focus on public comment and advice development, and released a statement on the [Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process \(EPDP\) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team](#). To participate in public comment development with ALAC, join the weekly [At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group](#) teleconferences or join the At-Large policy sessions at [ICANN64](#).
- Phase one implementation activities of the At-Large Review are underway. The ICANN Board reviewed the [At-Large Review Detailed Implementation Plan](#) at their January workshop.
- Preparations for the third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) are underway. ATLAS III will bring together current At-Large leaders and 60 future leaders during ICANN66 in Montréal, Canada. They will focus on developing their abilities to effectively implement recommendations from the At-Large Review.



GDD UPDATE



All Domain Names Created Equally: UA, IDNs, and EAI

Universal Acceptance (UA) will enable people around the world to use the Internet in local languages. Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) combined with email addresses in local scripts, known as Email Address Internationalization (EAI), are key factors to enabling a multilingual Internet.

ICANN is working with the community to get the word out about this important project. [Read about our latest roadshow promoting awareness in China and find out how to get involved here.](#)

A Flexible and Stable New Portal for Registry Operators and End Users

Last month, the ICANN organization introduced a more stable, flexible, and secure portal that also has the ability to support future enhancements. The Centralized Zone Data Service (CZDS) provides a centralized access point to the Zone Files provided by participating top-level domains.

Registry operators can access CZDS through the Naming Services portal [here](#) while CZDS end users can access the portal [here](#).



WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS



Opportunities to Participate: ICANN Reviews

ICANN has several opportunities for community input and participation.

Organizational Reviews are led by independent examiners to assess the extent to which ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and the Nominating Committee (NomCom) fulfill their purpose, are accountable to their stakeholders, and whether any changes in structure or operations are needed.

- **Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan** -Read the [Nominating Committee](#) and [Root Server System Advisory Committee's](#) plans in response to the final reports issued by the independent examiners. The ICANN Board is expected to take action on these reviews in March 2019.
- The second Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC2) Final Report is now available. Click [here](#) to read it.

Visit the [Reviews Status Update Table](#) that outlines the work currently in progress and latest developments. There, you can review the progress of the specific review teams, supporting materials, and evaluate the output.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Today, I am a web developer, and I teach journalism and communication for social organizations.

I first got involved with the Internet in 1998 at Public University (UNMDP) in my country, Argentina. Together with a group of Internet enthusiasts, I founded the Argentine Association of Internet Users in 1999 and have been active in the field since then.

I became involved in ICANN in 2005. The next year, Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) internet user associations founded the first Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) within ICANN and called it LACRALO. Since then, I have been a member of the At-Large Community (ALAC) Structure representing the Internet end users of my region. Today, I hold the LACRALO's Chair position and work towards engaging users in the region and inviting them to participate in ICANN.



Sergio Salinas Porto (Argentina)

I think it is important for Internet end users to engage in discussions around the Internet ecosystem and stability, network neutrality, and stand up for end user rights . I am an advocate of the multistakeholder model, and I strongly believe that "the voice of the voiceless" should influence the policies that ICANN helps shape.

If you are interested in participating in this great collective effort, please join LACRALO. You can access more information about LACRALO's activities in our website, [here](#). I also invite you to contact me if you



UPCOMING EVENTS

9 - 14 March 2019

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