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EDITORIAL



Throughout its editions, the Latin American and Caribbean Preparatory Meeting for the Internet Governance Forum (LACIGF) has become a true regional meeting space for multistakeholder policy dialogue. Stakeholders including governments, the private sector, the technical community, academia and civil society organizations present and discuss their perspectives on the regional Internet Governance agenda.

This meeting is organized by a Steering Committee - a multistakeholder coordination group - comprising representatives of the various stakeholder groups and tasked with managing the representation process of the Latin American and Caribbean Internet community at the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). Interest groups appoint three members to the Steering Committee. These interest groups include: regional private sector associations, Latin American and Caribbean government representatives, civil society organizations and regional non-governmental organizations representing the technical

Internet community. LACNIC serves as the Secretariat to the Steering Committee.

I would like to take the opportunity of this editorial to reach out to our regional community and invite everyone to participate in this ninth edition of LACIGF, which will take place in the city of San Jose, Costa Rica, during 27-29 July 2016.

Registration is **now open!** There is also a limited number of partial fellowships for members of the Latin America and the Caribbean Internet community. Click [here](#) to find out more about these opportunities.

César Díaz, Head of Strategic Relations and Telecommunications, LACNIC



IANA STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Another Milestone Towards the IANA Stewardship Transition



On March 14, 2014, 818 days ago, the U.S. National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) asked ICANN to convene the global Internet community to develop proposals to transition the stewardship of the IANA functions to the multistakeholder community. It also called for enhancements to ICANN's accountability mechanisms.

Today, NTIA released a [comprehensive evaluation of the proposals](#). I am very pleased with NTIA's finding that the community-developed proposals met its stringent criteria. It is an important recognition of the entire community and its tireless work to reach this important milestone.

Steve Crocker, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

We appreciate NTIA's efficient and thorough review of the transition proposals. In the meantime, ICANN staff and community members continue to plan and prepare for a timely

and successful implementation of the proposals.

We thank everyone involved for their support and hard work to see the transition through to this point. There is still more work to come, but this moment should serve as a validation of your time and effort in this process. We are one step closer to seeing the transition many of us have been working towards for years, to ensure an open, interoperable Internet for years to come.

Update on the IANA Stewardship Transition

ICANN staff and community members are focused on a handful of projects related to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Stewardship Transition, including implementation planning, and education and awareness building for stakeholders globally.

Implementation Planning

ICANN staff and community members are collaborating to ensure alignment on transition implementation planning. Resources from all meetings and calls are [posted publicly](#). In addition, ICANN has continued its series of in-depth updates on implementation planning.

ICANN Board Issues Resolutions

On 27 May, the ICANN Board issued resolutions in preparation for the transition implementation:

- **Adoption** of the new ICANN Bylaws, which reflect changes made as a result of the IANA Stewardship Transition proposals
- **Approval** to sign the 2016 Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Supplemental Agreement between ICANN and the IETF for the performance of the IANA function related to protocol parameters
- **Approval** to sign the Regional Internet Registry (RIR) Service Level Agreement (SLA) between ICANN and the Number Resource Organization for performance of the IANA function related to numbering resources

Both the IETF MoU Supplemental Agreement and the RIR SLA will become effective upon completion of the transition.

Open Public Comment Period

- ICANN's [Draft Restated Articles of Incorporation](#) (27 May to 6 July 2016)

Education and Awareness Building

Global Education Continues

To build awareness of the transition, ICANN staff, community and Board members are participating in stakeholder events around the world. In addition to giving details and context for the community's proposals, they answer questions and give updates on the status of the implementation planning and the U.S. Government's review process. [Find events in your region.](#)

U.S. Senate Committee Holds Hearing on the Transition

On 24 May, the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation [held a hearing](#) to examine the transition. Members of the community answered questions and discussed consequences associated with delaying or postponing the transition. During this hearing, letters of support from [industry](#) and [civil society groups](#) within the community were entered into the hearing record.



ICANN NEWS

What You Need to Know About ICANN56 and the New Meeting Strategy

ICANN56 Helsinki will be the first public policy forum in ICANN's **new meeting strategy**. Designated a Meeting B, the four-day event will concentrate on policy work and outreach. Under the new format, the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees drive the program, focusing solely on topics that contribute to policy development and cross-community dialogue. Because of the community-driven agenda and the short meeting duration, ICANN56 will not include certain events associated with the longer meetings - welcome ceremony, public forums, public board meeting and sponsor exhibition area.



The community-led Meeting Strategy Working Group crafted the new strategy to better meet the needs of ICANN constituents. ICANN's Board of Directors approved the proposal at ICANN53 Buenos Aires. ICANN55 Marrakech - the first meeting of 2016 - marked the kickoff of the new meeting strategy.

Read About Göran Marby's Introduction to ICANN



The First Week

As I begin my role with ICANN, I wanted to provide you with a quick update on my early days. With a packed schedule, I've been focused on learning as much as possible, and on meeting many members of the ICANN community.

I kicked off with my first **Board workshop**, in Amsterdam. I spent time with my senior team and the Board, and was able to dig into some of the big issues ICANN is tackling. After the Board Workshop, I attended the first day of the **GDD Summit**. It was a great opportunity to meet many of the contracted parties that are members of the ICANN community, and I appreciated learning

more about issues affecting registries and registrars, as well as the lively discussions on subsequent procedures of generic top-level domains. [Read more...](#)

Register Now for ICANN56 in Helsinki!

ICANN56 starts just 11 days from now. If you don't need a [visa for travel to Finland](#), it's not too late to sign up. Take a look at the [agenda](#) - and if you haven't already done so, [register for ICANN56](#).

Download the [ICANN56 mobile app](#)!

The ICANN56 mobile app helps you prepare for and personalize your ICANN Public Meeting experience - with your own schedule, interactive venue maps, meeting alerts and more. You can also engage with fellow participants and give instant feedback on sessions you attend.



LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS



Participants picking ICANN materials at the venue (Havana's Palacio de Convenciones)

LACNIC 25 | LACTLD Policy Workshop and General Assembly

ICANN staff (Rodrigo de la Parra, Elise Gerich, Carlos Alvarez, Albert Daniels, Alex Dans), Board (Lito Ibarra) and community (Tony Harris) participated in this event held from 2 to 6 May 2016 in Havana, Cuba. The event was attended by more than 505 participants from 42 different countries.

The topics discussed by ICANN were: how to get involved in the group of Internet Service Providers at ICANN (ISPC), an update on IANA, Contractual Policy to mitigate DNS abuse, and the IANA Stewardship Transition: an analysis of the new scenario and possible impact on ccTLDs policy and operations.

More information: <http://www.lacnic.net/en/web/eventos/lacnic25>

Visit to NIC Mexico | by Manuel Haces Aviña (NIC.mx)



On Friday 13 May, Rodrigo De la Parra, ICANN's Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean, visited the offices of **NIC Mexico** with the aim of strengthening the relations between both organizations and promote joint projects. As an agreement resulting from this meeting, NIC Mexico will support the activities of the LAC DNS Entrepreneur Center, led by ICANN. During the visit of de la Parra, a depth dialogue also took place with NIC Mexico management team and the **Tecnológico de Monterrey** authorities on the current Internet ecosystem challenges and how the two organizations can address them; this will result on several projects for joint collaboration.

Rodrigo de la Parra with NIC.mx management team and authorities from the Tecnológico de Monterrey, a local educational institution.

IGF Uruguay

The first Uruguayan Internet Governance Forum was held on 17 May in Montevideo. Daniel Fink participated in the panel about Internet Governance, discussing about Digital Economy, Innovation and Multistakeholderism. The event gathered more than 90 persons from diverse sectors.

More information: <http://igf.isocuy.org/igfuy2016/agenda>



Daniel Fink, ICANN's Stakeholder Engagement Sr. Manager for

Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) meeting

During this event held in San Salvador, El Salvador from 17-20 May 2016, LACNIC together with ICANN presented a joint document about the IANA Stewardship Transition process.

Our LAC community website highlights a link to [CITEL's 2016 events](#)
To know more about CITEL, visit their website: <http://www.oas.org/en/>

Internet Day in LAC

Internet was celebrated in different locations of our diverse region. Rodrigo de la Parra, VP for Latin America and the Caribbean at ICANN, went to El Salvador to celebrate the day with Lito Ibarra (Board member, ICANN) and members of the Central American Internet community. It was the 8th edition of the Internet Day in El Salvador, an event planned by the Conexion and SVnet associations.



Internet Day celebration at the Casa de Internet (Photo by Martin Mañana, LACNIC)

The [Casa de Internet of Latin America and the Caribbean](#) in Montevideo, Uruguay also marked the day with the participation of the hub's nine organizations and other Internet community members. LACNIC prepared a video for the occasion where they asked different Internet community members how their work contributes to Internet development. Watch it here (in Spanish): <https://goo.gl/h4jV2m>

Read more about the day in LACNIC's newsletter: <http://goo.gl/sZnyyO>

Photos: <https://goo.gl/DK8kPk>



LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS

ICANN's Bylaws Amendment Process Webinar - 9 May 2016

The Webinar provided the LACRALO Community an overview of ICANN's Bylaws amendment process and how to get involved. Thirty-four persons attended the session.

Speaker: Theresa Swinehart | Senior Vice President, Multistakeholder Strategy and Strategic Initiatives - ICANN

[Adobe Recordings](#) | [Audio \(English\)](#) | [Audio \(Portuguese\)](#)

Third Webinar for REGULATEL: Domain Names - 26 May 2016

Brian Aitchison, ICANN's Global Domain Division, and Andres Piazza, LACTLD's General Manager, hosted the third in a series of capacity building webinars for information and communications technology (ICT) regulators in the LAC Region who are members of REGULATEL, the Latin American forum of telecommunications regulators.

Agenda:

How does the DNS work?
Registries, Registrars, Resellers and Registrants
Generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs)
Country Code Top level Domains (ccTLDs)

4th LAC Strategy Update Webinar - 31 May 2016

The LAC GSE staff provided the LAC Community an overview of some of the LAC Strategy Projects.

Speakers:

Delma Rodriguez - Anilla Cultural Uruguay
Dev Anand Teelucksingh - LACRALO member
Rodrigo Saucedo - Project Manager Latin America and the Caribbean ICANN

[Adobe Recordings](#) | [Audio \(English\)](#) | [Audio \(Portuguese\)](#) | [Audio \(Spanish\)](#)

Outreach Support

As a pilot program for FY17, the ICANN LAC Strategy will fund two outreach F2F events in the LAC region (one in Latin America, one in the Caribbean) in countries that don't have At-Large Structures. The LACRALO leadership, in coordination with the LAC Global Stakeholder Engagement, will use the Outreach and Engagement SC's survey data of possible At-Large candidates in countries without ALSes to select which countries will receive the F2F events.



POLICY UPDATE

Two GNSO Working Groups Approve Work Plans

On 13 May, the Rights Protection Mechanisms Working Group of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) approved its [work plan](#). Phil Corwin, J. Scott Evans and Kathy Kleiman, Co-Chairs, project the work to last for around 24 months. The working group has already attracted 133 participating members and 88 observers. To volunteer, [email the GNSO Secretariat](#).

The Next Generation Registration Directory Services Working Group also approved its [work plan](#) on 13 May, and started to establish requirements.

Both topics will be discussed at cross-community sessions at ICANN56.

At-Large Review Begins

Following the appointment of [ITEMS International](#) as the independent examiner, the organizational review of the At-Large Community has officially started. This review has four purposes:

- Assess the effectiveness of the improvements resulting from the last review in 2008
- Evaluate the organizational effectiveness of the various components of the At-Large Community
- Acknowledge areas that are working well in the At-Large Community, with a focus on the Regional At-Large Organizations and At-Large Structures
- Identify areas that need improvement and propose needed changes

ITEMS will collect both quantitative and qualitative data through various work methods, such as a global online survey and community interviews. Follow the [review's progress](#).

GAC Hosts Webinars on DNS Fundamentals

In cooperation with the Government Advisory Committee (GAC) Working Groups on Underserved Regions and Public Safety, ICANN staff recently held webinars on the fundamentals of the Domain Name System (DNS) for interested GAC representatives. Presenters from the ICANN Security, Stability and Resiliency team covered a range of topics - basics of name resolution and registration in the DNS, insights into privacy and proxy services, and WHOIS accuracy and abuse aspects. Participants asked about the impact of DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) deployment on the security of the DNS and the structure of the DNS marketplace, including capacity-building efforts to develop national DNS industries. Given the positive feedback and expressed interest in other topics, ICANN staff members plan to arrange future webinars. Access the [presentation materials and recordings](#).

GNSO Community Leaders Preview ICANN56



James Bladel, GNSO Council Chair, and Donna Austin, GNSO Council Vice Chair, previewed ICANN56 in a recent interview. ICANN56 will follow the new Meeting B format, featuring sessions on current policy development work and cross-community dialogue. Jeff Neuman, New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group chair, also provided an overview of what that working group will be focusing on in Helsinki. [Watch the interviews](#).

ccNSO Prepares for IANA Stewardship Transition Implementation

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) is preparing to implement specific aspects of the CCWG-Accountability* and CWG-Stewardship** proposals that apply to it and the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community, including new post-transition bodies. Currently the ccNSO Guideline Review Committee (GRC) is developing the procedures and processes to select and appoint the ccNSO representatives to the Customer Standing Committee. The GRC expects to present final guidelines at ICANN56. View the [ccNSO Members Day agenda](#) for ICANN56.

* Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability

** Cross Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal

At-Large Contributes to Internet Governance Activities

Members of the At-Large Community have been actively promoting the public understanding of ICANN and the role of the At-Large Community in Internet governance. During the [Africa Internet Summit](#) in Gaborone, Botswana, Alan Greenberg, At-Large Advisory Committee Chair, and Tijani Ben Jemaa and Seun Ojedeji, At-Large Advisory Committee members from Africa, participated in the ICANN Day sessions, civil society panel and Africa strategy session. As the institutional partner of the European Dialogue on Internet Governance ([EuroDIG](#)), the European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO) played a key role in organizing various panels, workshops and events.



At the World Summit on the Information Society Forum (**WSIS Forum**), Olivier Crépin-Leblond, EURALO Chair, spoke about the contribution of At-Large to the IANA Stewardship Transition process. He also presented At-Large's role in enhancing participation by underrepresented communities in global Internet governance. Read more [news of the At-Large Community](#).



GDD UPDATE

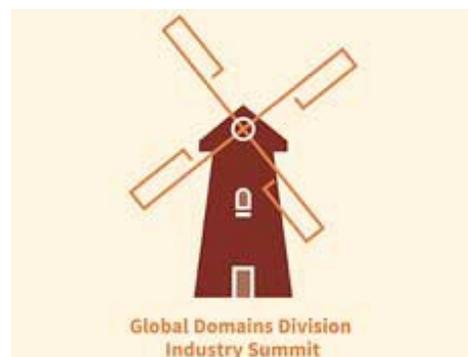
New gTLD Program Reaches 1,000th Delegation



More than 1,000 new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) have now been introduced to the Internet under the New gTLD Program. This significant expansion of the domain name system allows greater diversity in how people and businesses can represent themselves online. It also enables communities, cities and brands to more closely align their digital and real-world identities. [Read more](#) about how the New gTLD Program is contributing to choice, competition and innovation in the domain name space.

GDD Industry Summit: Catch Up on Sessions You Missed

Registries, registrars and other contracted parties gathered recently in Amsterdam for ICANN's second Global Domains Division (GDD) Industry Summit. The event provided an opportunity for participants to focus on industry-specific topics, rather than general Internet policy. More than 420 attendees from around the world shared best practices, exchanged ideas and addressed issues of common importance with industry peers, ICANN staff and board members. Weren't able to attend? Listen to the [session recordings](#).



Changing the Keys to the Domain Name System Root Zone

ICANN, Verisign and the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) are preparing to *roll*, or change, the root zone key signing key (KSK). Rolling the KSK means generating a new cryptographic public and private key pair and distributing the



new public component to parties who operate validating resolvers.

A new resource page serves as home to all information related to the KSK rollover, including regular progress updates. [Learn more](#) about this security best practice and how it may affect you.



DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

Thirty new gTLDs delegated in May 2016

See the full list here: <https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/delegated-strings>

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GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY



Alejandra Reynoso

Professor and member of the .gt team, Guatemala

Alejandra holds BSc and MSc degrees in Computer Science from Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, where she's a CS professor. In 2011 she joined .gt's team, as a researcher and technology developer.

Her first ICANN meeting was Singapore 41, thanks to the ICANN fellowship program where she now volunteers as a newcomer coach. Ms. Reynoso participates in the ccNSO as a member of the Guideline Review Committee, chair of the Programme WG and Councillor for the LAC region.

Her native language is Spanish and is proficient in English and Portuguese. Practices yoga, dog and cat lover, member of the UVG choir club, enjoys gardening, good books and movies.



PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

Spanish

Internet tiene un domicilio en San Salvador | <http://sco.lt/66FOgj>
Congreso Latinoamericano de Telecomunicaciones 2016 | <http://sco.lt/6rUYqX>

Portuguese

Brasil possui 3,8 milhoes de dominios registrados | <http://sco.lt/4rsmvp>



UPCOMING EVENTS

15 June 2016	<u>Governance Primer Session</u>	Taquara, Brazil
21 June 2016	<u>OECD Ministerial</u>	Cancun, Mexico
20-23 June 2016	<u>4th Latin American Telecommunications Congress</u>	Cancun, Mexico
27-30 June 2016	<u>ICANN56</u>	Helsinki, Finland
4-6 July 2016	<u>RioInfo2016</u>	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
4-7 July 2016	<u>Brazilian Computer Society Congress</u>	Porto Alegre, Brazil
14-15 July 2016	<u>CTO Caribbean Broadband Forum</u>	Trinidad and Tobago
27-29 July 2016	<u>LACIGF9</u>	San Jose, Costa Rica



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