Dear friends,

I would like to begin by thanking our readers. It has been two years since we launched the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Newsletter and we are pleased to report that our readership is growing. This growth allows us to reach more people in our region with relevant information about ICANN's global community and keep them updated on our regional activities.

It's also been a critical time in ICANN's history. In 2014, we witnessed the historical U.S. Government announcement of its intention to transition the IANA Stewardship Functions to the global multistakeholder community. The community is in the final stages of proposal development and early next year, will submit the proposal to the Board, who will then transmit it to the U.S. Government.

Cognizant of the value of timely information, we will now publish our LAC Newsletter on a monthly basis. We will continue to bring you information on ICANN's policy development processes and we look forward to seeing you engage more actively in these activities.

Our region has made considerable progress on engagement, within ICANN and its processes, but none of this would be possible without the active participation of our Latin American and Caribbean community. Thank you so much for your support!
The ICANN LAC Team (Alex, Albert, Daniel, Rodrigo and myself) wish you a very happy holiday season and a New Year filled with health, love and success!

Rodrigo de la Parra
VP, Stakeholder Engagement - Latin America and the Caribbean

ICANN Community Collaborates to Increase Global Civil Society Engagement

Towards the end of July 2015, we began a new approach to how civil society engages with ICANN. While civil society is already firmly anchored within the ICANN community, this new initiative recognizes the need to strengthen and broaden the participation and role of global civil society in ICANN's processes and discussions.

The strategy acknowledges the valuable contributions of the current civil society community, aims to make their work easier and more rewarding while encouraging new participants to join and support the work already underway. This will be achieved, in part, by making information more accessible, through community-led development of new tailored content and communications, and through capacity building and skills development.

The strategy is currently being developed in consultation with civil society organizations and ICANN's multistakeholder community.

Within ICANN, the regional Global Stakeholder Engagement teams and staff supporting the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) will promote the various initiatives aimed at bolstering civil society participation. We encourage you to get involved and reach out to them to learn more. Your region's local contact is provided below:

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The current draft strategy is available here: [http://tinyurl.com/npvph6q](http://tinyurl.com/npvph6q)

Information about calls and webinars regarding this new strategy will also be available on the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG) site and ALAC mailing lists. The initial phase will be finalized by the end of 2015, but the strategy will continue to evolve and respond to developments within ICANN and to the changing needs of the global civil society community.
Update on the IANA Stewardship Transition and Enhancing ICANN Accountability Processes

The ICG and CCWG-Accountability met in Dublin during ICANN54 to continue work on their proposals in wake of the feedback received during the two public comment periods that ended in September. The ICG was successful in completing its Consolidated IANA Stewardship Proposal and is now awaiting the finalization of the CCWG-Accountability’s Work Stream 1 Recommendations.

The CCWG-Accountability Third Draft Proposal on Work Stream 1 Recommendations was posted for a 21-day public comment from 30 November to 21 December 2015. Further to detailing 11 recommendations to enhance ICANN’s accountability, the proposal also outlines how the community arrived at the recommendations and the options considered, and ultimately rejected, in development of the proposal.

It is expected that in addition to public comment, the CCWG-Accountability will gather insightful feedback and consideration from its 6 Chartering Organizations. Pending no major concerns by the Chartering Organizations, the group anticipates delivery of its recommendations to the ICANN Board in mid-late January. Once the CCWG-Accountability finalizes its Work Stream 1 recommendations and the CWG-Stewardship confirms that the recommendations meet its requirements, the ICG can consider its proposal complete and begin the process of submitting it to the NTIA.

Fadi Chehadé shares a mate with Fabrício Pessoa in front of ICANN's booth at the IGF.

In November, our region was focused on one of the most important global Internet governance events.
Between November 9th and November 13th, more than 2,000 people from 100 countries gathered in João Pessoa, Brazil on the occasion of the 10th Internet Governance Forum (IGF). Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN's Regional Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean, shares his views on this event:

**The IGF at Ten: A More Mature Space for Internet Governance Discussions**


Also in November, we attended the following events in Belize, Paraguay, El Salvador, Saint Lucia and Bolivia:

1. [CaribNOG 10](#), Belize, 2-11 November 2015, with the participation of Albert Daniels.
2. [2nd Internet Governance Forum of Paraguay](#), Asuncion, Paraguay, 4 November 2015, with the participation of Daniel Fink.
4. [St. Lucia ICT Association AGM](#), 21 November 2015. Albert Daniels gave a presentation on ICANN's policy development process, addressed the topic of the IANA Stewardship Transition and presented the Domain Name System (DNS) industry.

Internet Governance Dialogs in Bolivia, La Paz, Bolivia, 26-27 November 2015. Our colleague, Rodrigo Saucedo, Project Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, attended this event on behalf of the ICANN LAC Team.

**LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS**

[LAC-i Roadshow Mexico/ Central America](#)
San Salvador, El Salvador
19 November 2015

This edition of our LAC-i Roadshow brought together more than 70 participants and covered the following
The New gTLD Program - Rodrigo Saucedo, ICANN
IPv6 in the Region - Cesar Díaz, LACNIC
IPv6 and the Internet of Things - Lito Ibarra, ICANN Board
Security, Stability and Resiliency (SSR) in El Salvador
SSR in the Region - Carlos Martínez, LACNIC
SSR in the Domain Name System (DNS) - Carlos Alvarez, ICANN
COMTELCA Initiatives - Jorge Torres
Panel Discussion: Internet Challenges in Central America
Panel Discussion: Digital Signature Act in El Salvador


**Webinar on the New gTLD Program**
Capacity Building - LACRALO
12 November 2015

This webinar was held to update the LACRALO community on the New gTLD Program. Our guest speaker was Krista Papac, Director, Registry Services & Engagement ICANN - Global Domains Division.

Agenda

1. What's the new gTLD program?
2. Why was the new gTLD program created?
3. Update/statistics
4. New gTLDs in the LAC region
5. Stories
6. Q&A

**GNSO Council Adopts Data and Metrics for Policymaking Working Group Recommendations**


**ALAC Activities at ICANN54**

GAC Public Safety Working Group

Upcoming priorities for the Public Safety Working Group (PSWG) include contributing to the new gTLD Competition, Consumer Choice and Consumer Trust Review as well as to the GNSO Policy Development Process on Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services.

The PSWG actively encourages participation from more countries, notably developing countries, and from additional experts on data protection, consumer protection, and other relevant specialties, to represent a full range of governmental public safety actors worldwide.

SSAC Publishes Advisory on Registrant Protection

The SSAC recently published SAC074, SSAC Advisory on Registrant Protection: Best Practices for Preserving Security and Stability in the Credential Management Lifecycle. The advisory provides specific best practice guidelines that will help registrars and registries enhance the security of domain names and the systems that support them.

Issues Currently Open for Public Comment

Several public comment proceedings are currently open on issues of interest to the ICANN community.

Guidelines for Developing Reference Label Generation Rules (LGRs) for the Second Level
To facilitate and improve consistency of testing and stability of registry operations of new gTLDs, ICANN is developing reference Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) tables in machine readable format, called Label Generation Rulesets (LGRs) for the second level, for use in Pre-Delegation Testing (PDT) and the Registry Service Evaluation Process (RSEP).

Public Comment Period Closes: 15 December 2015, 23:59 UTC

Proposed Implementation of GNSO Policy Development Process Recommendations on Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Part D
The public comment proceeding seeks to obtain community input on the proposed implementation of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Policy Development Process (PDP) recommendations on the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) Part D.

Public Comment Period Closes: 21 December 2015, 23:59 UTC

gTLD Marketplace Health Index Proposal: Call for Comments and Volunteers
ICANN seeks community input to facilitate the creation of a gTLD Marketplace Health Index. This Index will analyze the overall health and diversity of the global gTLD marketplace.

Public Comment Period Closes: 8 January 2016, 23:59 UTC
At any time, the full list of issues open for public comment plus recently closed and archived public comment proceedings can be found on the [Public Comment web page](https://www.icann.org/public-comment).

ICANN staff also populates a web page to help preview potential upcoming public comment proceedings. The [Upcoming Public Comment](https://www.icann.org/upcoming-public-comment) page provides information about potential future public comment opportunities. The page is updated after every ICANN public meeting to help individuals and the community set priorities and plan future workloads.

Universal Acceptance is a foundational requirement for a truly multilingual Internet, one in which users around the world can navigate entirely in local languages. It is also the key to unlocking the potential of new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) to foster competition, consumer choice and innovation in the domain name industry. To achieve Universal Acceptance, Internet applications and systems must treat all TLDs in a consistent manner, including new gTLDs and internationalized TLDs. The Universal Acceptance Steering Group is a community-based team working to share this vision for the Internet of the future with those who construct this space: coders. The group's primary objective is to help system owners and independent coders understand how Universal Acceptance will enable the next billion users to interact and build their own spaces online.

Learn more and get involved: [https://www.icann.org/universalacceptance](https://www.icann.org/universalacceptance).

**DELEGATED NEW gTLDs**

**Twenty-five new gTLDs delegated in November**

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Adela Goberna

My first experience at the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) goes hand in hand with my experience as a member of a group whose voice was heard for the first time at the IGF. Together with 27 young Latin American stakeholders, we identified a population sector that was still lacking representation: youth.

Along the way, we gained deeper insights into how the Internet ecosystem works. This practical and concrete approach enabled us to increase our awareness of the importance of participating in these spaces. It is at these forums where participants discuss the future of something of unquestionable value in our lives: the Internet.

Engaging at the IGF was also a networking opportunity, enabling me to liaise this event with other spaces, such as ICANN - where I have come across great opportunities - and, overall, it made it possible for me to start generating opportunities for young stakeholders. In this spirit, and intended as a space to address Internet governance topics from the perspective of the youth sector in the region, the Youth Observatory was born.

In Portuguese:

PB Agora - Paraíba - Governo do Estado promove evento preparatório para o IGF nesta sexta-feira | @scoopit http://sco.lt/8ZSRLV
PB Agora - Paraíba - Evento preparatório para o IGF acontece nesta sexta | @scoopit http://sco.lt/9Browr
PB Agora - Paraíba - Governo participa de workshop sobre Fórum de Governança da Internet | @scoopit http://sco.lt/7rsfZJ
Especialistas destacam debates do Fórum de Governança da Internet - Paraíba Total | @scoopit http://sco.lt/73U9E9
Proposta para afastar EUA do comando da arquitetura da Internet sai em novembro | @scoopit http://sco.lt/7o6trl
ASIET DIGITAL: .RIO - Uma medalha de Internet para a cidade maravilhosa, Daniel Fink, ICANN: http://pco.lt/1YgAkMK

In Spanish:

ABC COLOR - CNC de la UNA tiene primer servidor raíz del Paraguay | @scoopit http://sco.lt/7oilHt

In English:


CARIBBEAN NEWS NOW - OECS Authority issues communique following meeting in Dominica: http://www.caribbeannewsnow.com/svg.php?news_id=28459&start=0&category_id=15

UPCOMING EVENTS

CANTO, 32nd Annual General Meeting
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
31 January - 4 February
http://canto.org/2015/10/21/canto-to-focus-on-inspiring-ict-innovations/

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