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## EDITORIAL



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### Governments Agree on a Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean was held this year in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from 18 April to 20 April. During the conference, the governments of the region renewed their commitments to digital matters and agreed on a Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean with a look toward 2020 (eLAC2020). They highlighted the opportunity digital technologies provide in overcoming current economic, social, and environmental challenges. The agreements emphasize the role of civil society organizations, the technical community, and the private sector in Internet governance processes. Other important goals are supporting multistakeholder dialogue spaces, strengthening capacities, and promoting synergies.

The Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean has proven to be a useful instrument for strengthening regional cooperation and integration on digital policies by coordinating efforts and promoting the exchange of experiences. Several organizations are engaged in this endeavor in their capacity as observers. They provide technical support, encourage institutional relationships with other forums, and contribute to cooperative activities, thus reinforcing the public-private efforts of the Digital Agenda eLAC2020.



## SPOTLIGHT

### Register Now for the ICANN62 Policy Forum

Panama City, Panama, 25-28 June 2018

ICANN62 starts in just six weeks. The program focuses on policy work and cross-community dialogue, with topics driven by ICANN's Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees.

Before booking your flight, read the travel information on the [ICANN62 website](#). For information about whether you need to obtain a visa to enter Panama, visit the [Government of Panama's Immigration website](#).

**Register now!** We hope to see you in Panama City.





### News and Updates on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Stay up to date with the latest ICANN organization news about data protection and privacy. Click [here](#) for GDPR announcements, blogs, and updates.



### View the Latest Quarterly Stakeholder Update

On 9 May, ICANN posted its Quarterly Stakeholder Update for the quarter ending 31 March. [Learn more.](#)

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### Annual IANA Functions Audits Validate ICANN Systems Controls

The ICANN organization has completed audits of the Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) Registry Assignment and Maintenance Systems (RAMS) and the Root Zone Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) services provided as part of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions. International accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) conducted the audits for the period of 1 October 2016 through 30 November 2017.

For the fifth consecutive year, a System and Organization Controls (SOC) 2 audit of PTI's RAMS shows that the ICANN organization has the appropriate controls in place to ensure the security, availability, and integrity of IANA request processing. For the eighth consecutive year, SOC 3 certification has been achieved for the management of the DNSSEC root key signing key, which is the trust anchor of the Domain Name System.

[Read the full announcement.](#)

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### Call for Proposals for ICANN DNS Symposium 2018

The ICANN Domain Name System (DNS) Symposium (IDS 2018) will be held on 13 July 2018, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. It takes place back-to-back with this trimester's conference of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF 102).

ICANN is soliciting proposals for presentations for IDS 2018. We'd like you to share experiences, data, or innovative thinking on how we might improve the DNS, or how we might foster innovation by adapting the DNS to support emerging identifier needs.

Proposals are due by 1 June. [Learn more about IDS 2018.](#)





### ICANN at the eLAC2020 Conference

Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN's VP for Latin America and the Caribbean, participated in the sixth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society (eLAC 2020), held in Cartagena, Colombia, from 18-20 April 2018.

At the end of the conference, the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) approved the Cartagena Declaration. This declaration recognized the work and commitment of the multistakeholder observers of the Follow-up Mechanism for the Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean. It highlighted the importance of the continuity of the multistakeholder process and the participation of all sectors in the executive body, working groups, and ministerial conferences. The declaration also urged the governments of the region to participate actively in the groups where geographical domain name issues are discussed.

Read more about eLAC 2020:

- [Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean \(eLAC2020\)](#)
- ["Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean Commit to Spearheading the Digital Ecosystem, E-Commerce, Access to Public Information and Protection of Privacy"](#)

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### ICANN at the 15th Caribbean Network Operators Group (CaribNOG) Meeting

Albert Daniels, ICANN's Stakeholder Engagement Senior Manager for the Caribbean, was in Miami on 19-20 April for CaribNOG 15. He participated in two panel discussions on network resiliency and stability of the Internet in the Caribbean. Visit the [CaribNOG website](#) to access the presentations.

Read more about this event in Gerard Best article "[A Climate of Change for the Caribbean Internet](#)".



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### ICANN's At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Welcomes a New Member from LAC

In April 2018, Fundación Jaqi Aru was officially certified as an At-Large Structure (ALS) within ICANN's ALAC. Jaqi Aru was founded in 2013 and is based in La Paz, Bolivia. This non-profit organization has working to promote the Aymara language in cyberspace. [Visit their website](#) (in Aymara and Spanish).

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### FRIDA Call for Proposals 2018: Submit Proposal Summaries by 15 May

The Regional Fund for Digital Innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean (FRIDA) is announcing its 2018 call for proposals to support community networks and initiatives that promote gender equality in technology. To be awarded this year are:

- Three US \$5,000 [FRIDA Awards](#) plus a fellowship to participate in the 2018 Global Internet Forum (IGF)
- Three US \$20,000 [FRIDA Grants](#)
- One US \$20,000 [FRIDA Scale-Up Grant](#)

The due date for submitting proposal summaries is Tuesday, 15 May. Finalists will be notified on 13 June, and final proposals are due by 29 June.

For more information, email [frida@lacnic.net](mailto:frida@lacnic.net).



## LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS

As part of the LAC Strategy 2018-2020, three new working groups are tasked with:

- Mapping LAC community into ICANN's ecosystem.
- Monitoring LAC community participation in policy development processes.
- Coaching/mentoring new community members.

Each working group is developing a project document, to be posted our [Community Wiki space](#).

Contact [Rodrigo Saucedo](#), ICANN's Project Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, to learn how you can participate!



## GDD UPDATE

### ICANN Organization's IDN Programs Director Recognized for Work in Pakistan

On 23 March 2018, Sarmad Hussain, ICANN's [Internationalized Domain Names](#) (IDN) Programs Director, received the President of Pakistan's Pride of Performance Award. The Government of Pakistan confers this prestigious award on citizens who demonstrate excellence in their field. Hussain's work, which focuses on enabling people around the world to use domain names in local languages and scripts, was recognized for advancing the computing of languages spoken in Pakistan. Congratulations, Sarmad!



### Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) Now on Twitter

The UASG has launched a new social media channel on Twitter. By engaging directly with CIOs, developers, Internet associations, and UASG partners, the UASG aims to raise awareness about Universal Acceptance (UA) and Email Address Internationalization (EAI). UA and EAI are essential to ensuring that all Internet applications and systems can accept, validate, store, process, and display all domain names

Get the latest news - follow [@UASGTech](#) on Twitter!



## POLICY UPDATE



### Pre-ICANN62 GNSO Webinar

In June, the GNSO is hosting a webinar on GNSO policy development processes (PDPs). The goal is to help prepare ICANN62 participants to engage in policy development activities.

The leaders of major GNSO PDPs will give overviews of their topics, current issues being discussed, and what to expect at ICANN62.

Attendees are encouraged to prepare by reading the GNSO Policy Briefings, to be published before the webinar, and to bring their questions. This webinar complements the Pre-ICANN62 Policy webinar, an

overview of the activities of all Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees.

Stay tuned for the announcement!

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## GAC Maintains Active Post-ICANN61 Agenda

On 11 April 2018, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) participated in a call with members of the ICANN Board. Topics were the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and International Governmental Organization (IGO) reserved acronym protections. Dialogue continues on both matters.

By acclamation, the GAC selected a new vice chair on 18 April 2018. Thiago Jardim from Brazil fills the seat of Milagros Castañon from Peru. The GAC is also working on:

- Developing feedback for next steps on the resolution of the Action Request Register (ARR).
- Considering first steps for evolution of the current GAC Operating Principles.
- Planning the agenda for the upcoming High Level Government Meeting to be held with ICANN63.

On 26 April 2018, the GNSO Council adopted its [review](#) of the ICANN61 GAC Communiqué and transmitted it to the GAC and the ICANN Board.



## New ccNSO Council Leadership Team Appointed

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council reappointed Katrina Sasaki as chair and Byron Holland as vice chair, and appointed Debbie Monahan as vice chair. See the list of [ccNSO Council assignments](#).

Following the sudden passing away of [Ben Fuller](#), the ccNSO anticipates appointing a new liaison to the GNSO soon. For more information, see the [call for volunteers](#).

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## Public Comment: CSC Charter Review Team's Initial Report

The Customer Standing Committee (CSC) Charter Review Team seeks [comments and input](#) on proposed changes to the CSC charter, as included in its initial report. The proposed changes to the charter:

- Mandate the CSC to agree with Public Technical Identifies (PTI) on minor changes to the service levels without needing to go through an extensive public comment process.
- Reflect that CSC and PTI have agreed on [Remedial Action Procedures](#) (RAP) - a formal escalation methodology in case of poor performance by PTI.
- Include an arrangement for dealing with changing circumstances of appointed members.

The deadline for comments is 1 June 2018.

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## ALAC Ratifies Statement on Draft NCAP Plan

On 22 April, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) ratified a statement on the [Draft Project Plan for the Proposed Name Collision Analysis Project \(NCAP\)](#). The ALAC supports the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) in its efforts to address the issue of name collisions, while encouraging clarity on the bidding process for work contemplated in the draft project plan.

[View all recent ALAC statements.](#)



## WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

### Get Involved in Reviews

#### Take the SSAC2 Review Survey

Do you have experience with the Security and Stability Advisory

Committee (SSAC) or suggestions for improving it? Share your input by completing the [SSAC2 Review survey](#).



### Participate in the Public Comment on Draft Final Report of the RSSAC2 Review

[Comment on the Draft Final Report](#) of the second review of the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC2 Review).

### Help ICANN Seek Candidates to Conduct the ccNSO2 Review

Share this [Request for Proposal \(RFP\)](#) to help ICANN seek candidates to conduct an independent assessment of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO2 Review).

Visit the [Review Status Update Table](#) for the latest status on all active Specific and Organizational Reviews.



## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Internet Entrepreneur and Registry COO. Passionate about domains and startups. I've had amazing experiences with ICANN initiatives around the globe such as the Virtual Domain Name System Entrepreneurship Center of the Caribbean (VDECC) in Trinidad and Tobago, where I was a guest speaker. I am very excited to be part of ICANN62, to learn more about the democratization of the Internet, and to be able to add value to the meeting.



*Alfredo Santos Abascal (Mexico)*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

21-23 May	<a href="#">Caribbean IGF (CIGF)</a>	Paramaribo, Suriname
21 May	<a href="#">ITU Regional Development Forum (RDF)</a>	Lima, Peru
22 May	<a href="#">32 Meeting of PCC.1</a>	Lima, Peru
22 May	<a href="#">Seminar on "Control systems for mobile devices with altered/duplicated identifiers"</a>	Lima, Peru
23 May	<a href="#">Workshop on empowerment of women and girls through ICT</a>	Lima, Peru
25 May	<a href="#">Working group of the COM/CITEL Preparatory Conference to address the Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings (Preparation of CITEL for PP-18)</a>	Lima, Peru
13-14 June	<a href="#">CarPIF 2018</a>	Belize City, Belize
21-22 June	<a href="#">LAC-i-Roadshow Mexico/Central America</a>	Panama City, Panama

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