🖋 EDITORIAL

TICAL 2006 was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 13-15 September 2016.

The Latin American and Caribbean Network Operators Group (LACNOG) is a community of people who operate Internet networks in the region and exchange experiences through the mailing list **lacnog@lacnog.org**. Once a year, our main meeting is held to strengthen ties between operators and to share updates on technology and network operation issues. Since September, LACNOG has begun to co-organize meetings with other communities in the region. Our first experience was working with RedClara, the organizer of **TICAL 2016**, a conference for Directors of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) from Latin American universities.

There is often a misconception that "network operator" is synonymous with "Internet service provider." In fact, universities are network operators with significant experience in managing campus networks and in implementing new technologies. To involve more universities and academia in LACNOG, during the TICAL Conference held in Buenos Aires, we developed a workshop for network operators from universities.

The meeting exceeded the organizers' expectations and was a valuable experience for both communities. The lessons learned and interactions among universities will result in greater local collaboration, more efficient Internet services in their cities, and a larger and improved LACNOG community.

We invite anyone interested in including LACNOG sessions in their events to submit proposals to **pc@lacnog.org**.

LACNOG Committee

🔔 IANA STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Stewardship of IANA Functions Transitions to Global Internet Community as Contract with US Government Ends

On 1 October 2016, the contract between ICANN and the United States Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), to perform the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions, **officially expired**. This historic moment marks the transition of the coordination and management of the Internet's unique identifiers to the private sector, a process that has been committed to and underway since 1998.

Read ICANN's statement...

Register Now for Today's Quarterly Stakeholder Call

Later today, we're rolling out a new format for the ICANN Quarterly Stakeholder Call. Our goal is to increase participation and understanding of ICANN's regional efforts. We will focus on how ICANN has implemented community policy, and will add a Board update and news from a specific region. This quarter's call features the Asia Pacific (APAC) region - note the APAC-friendly time zone.

Register here! Everyone is welcome.

**17 October at
20:00 Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).
18 October at 03:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) | 11:00 Singapore Time (SGT)**

Live interpretation is offered in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. The call will be recorded and posted in all languages on the **Quarterly Reports page**. Read the **full announcement**.

Take the At-Large Review Survey

Help make At-Large a more efficient and effective part of the ICANN community by taking part in the At-Large Review survey, which will be open through 21 October 2016.

The At-Large Review is conducted by **ITEMS**, acting as the independent examiner. The survey takes just 15 to 20 minutes,

and by giving us your feedback, you will contribute to the success of this important review process.

Please pass this information along to your colleagues! Read At-Large's **full announcement**.

Fire on Cargo Ship Affects IT Equipment Bound for ICANN57 Hyderabad

ICANN Meetings are a large-scale technical event. The visible portions like microphones, monitors and cameras are the tip of an iceberg. Beneath the surface, there miles of cable and hundreds of pieces of equipment providing connectivity, and enabling engagement and the seamless presentation of ICANN sessions.

Unfortunately, some of our equipment was recently impacted by a fire.

What Happened?

On 1 September 2016, an explosion caused a fire on a cargo ship docked in Hamburg, Germany. Our Public Meeting technical equipment was on board. We had two containers - a 40-foot and a 20-foot container.

It took 150 firefighters four days to extinguish the fire. The ship crew initially tried to extinguish the fire and sustained slight injuries. No one else was hurt. Reports indicated that welding in the cargo hold caused the accident.

The ship had departed Helsinki, Finland, after ICANN56 and the equipment was bound for Hyderabad, India via Mumbai. **Read more...**

Only 17 Days to ICANN57 Hyderabad

Register Now!
If you plan to attend ICANN57 in Hyderabad, India, please register and make visa arrangements as soon as possible. To help you navigate the visa process, ICANN has posted **frequently asked questions** on the ICANN57 website. Each region is different - we urge you to contact your closest Indian mission or consulate to see if you can obtain a Conference visa in time for the meeting.

We'll see you in Hyderabad!

Participate Remotely
Can't attend ICANN57 Hyderabad in person? You can **participate remotely**.

Now Open! ICANN Fellowships and NextGen@ICANN Application Rounds for ICANN58

Are you interested in participating in the **NextGen@ICANN** or **ICANN58 Meeting Fellowship** program at ICANN58? ICANN is accepting applications for the ICANN58 Public Meeting - to be held 11-16 March 2017 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Successful candidates will be announced on the ICANN website.

For ICANN58 Fellowships, the application deadline is 21 October 2016. Successful candidates will be announced on 12 December 2016. Read the **announcement** and **apply here**.

For NextGen@ICANN58, the application deadline is 4 November 2016. Successful candidates will be announced on 2 December 2016. Read the **announcement** and **apply here**.

LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

ICANN Visits Brazil to Discuss Internet Dispute Resolution

On 14 September, the regional ICANN team participated in a panel called "Dispute Resolution in the Internet," promoted by the Brazil-Canada Chamber of Commerce (CCBC) and the CCBC Arbitration and Mediation Center (CAM).

Dr. Esther Nunes, President of CCBC, and Vanda Scartezini, member of CAM, opened the event. Dr. Paulo Perrotti, partner at Perrotti and Barrueco, presented the process and jurisprudence of domain name resolutions, mentioning the Brazilian system for dealing with disputes at the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) level. Dr. Rodrigo Azevedo from Silveiro Advogados discussed the international framework, including Uniform Rapid

ICANN's Daniel Fink explains what ICANN is and does.

Suspension (URS) and Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) processes and their interactions with arbitration centers around the world.

Daniel Fink, ICANN's Senior Manager of Stakeholder Engagement for Brazil, explained ICANN's role in policy making, described the new landscape of domain names with the new generic top-level domains (gTLDs), and showed results from ICANN's Domain Name Health Index. The audience was interested in the scope of indicators included in the Health Index, especially the updates on decisions against registrants through the URS and UDRP processes.

Lively discussions followed, with questions about:

- Processes related to the upcoming policy development process (PDP) for a possible new round of gTLDs
- Repercussions of the IANA stewardship transition for the Internet governance landscape
- Importance of brand protection with the expansion of domain choices in the Domain Name System (DNS) marketplace

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A Busy ICT Week in Barbados

Several events related to information and communications technologies took place during ICT Week in Barbados, held from 19 to 23 September.

On 20 September, the 19th General Conference of Caribbean Ministers and 33rd Executive Council meetings took place under the theme "Conquering Resource Constraints and Enhancing Effectiveness through Collaboration." From 21 to 22 September, the 14th Caribbean Ministerial Strategic ICT Seminar was held under the same theme.

ICANN received a special invitation from the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM) to attend the 56th Special Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED), which took place on the afternoon of 21 September.

There was also one offsite event titled "InterCommunity 2016." The event aimed to tap the power of the global Internet to bring members together for conversations on the issues they all care deeply about. Topics included connecting the unconnected and increasing trust in the Internet, a topic ICANN spoke about in the session "Increasing Trust in the DNS System." ICANN also updated the audience on the IANA stewardship transition.

Barbados is a member of ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and County Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO). There are currently three At-Large Structures in Barbados operating under the Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO). A number of ICANN fellows and stakeholders from Barbados participate in ICANN working groups.

LACNIC 26/LACNOG 2016

The annual meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC) took place in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 26 to 30 September. As usual, the meeting was held in conjunction with the annual conference of LACNOG. The general program consisted of one day of training workshops on new technologies, security and Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) deployment; and four days of lectures and panel discussions on current issues and keynote presentations by leading international experts.

ICANN is a long-term sponsor of LACNIC events.

ICANN had a strong presence throughout the week with diverse presentations and an information booth that distributed publications. ICANN staff gave four presentations:

- **Carlos Alvarez** - responding to online threats
- **Andres Pavez** - key signing key (KSK) rollover
- **Elise Gerich** - update on IANA stewardship transition
- **Alain Durand** - IPv6 deployment and GDP

The LACNIC event closed with a special wrap-up session about the IANA functions stewardship transition, which included a video featuring several members of the Internet community who were involved in the process.

We also had the pleasure to sit down with Alejandro Acosta (LACNIC) and hear more about an innovative initiative presented during the event - the Doctor IPv6 project. **Read the interview.**

🔔 LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS

From Mitigation to Integration: III LAC DNS Forum in Santo Domingo

Last month we visited the Dominican Republic to celebrate the 25th delegation anniversary of .DO, its country code top-level domain (ccTLD). To commemorate this milestone, the Latin American community organized "Internet Week," which featured several special events with the help of NIC.DO, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, LACNIC, LACTLD, the Dominican Republic Chapter of the Internet Society (ISOC RD), Indotel and ICANN. Read more of Daniel Fink's **blog**.

Inauguration of the Centro de Emprendimiento e Internet in Paraguay | Center Calls for Applicants for the First Training Course

The Centro de Emprendimiento e Internet is an open initiative from Paraguay's National Secretariat for Information and Communication Technologies (SENATICs), the Latin American and Caribbean Country Code Top-Level Domain Association (LACTLD) andICANN. The goal in establishing the Center is to contribute to the evolution of the Internet ecosystem in Latin America and the Caribbean region. **Read more...**

COMTECO, LACNIC and ICANN Work Together to Enhance Latin American Internet Infrastructure

First DNS L-Root Instance in Bolivia Will Improve Internet Reliability for Regional Internet Users

On 9 September 2016, the first L-Root instance in Bolivia has been successfully installed in Cochabamba, enhancing the stability, security and resiliency of the Internet for users throughout Latin America. The launch of the L-Root instance is a joint effort of ICANN, the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses

Registry (LACNIC) and the Telecommunications Cooperative of Cochabamba (COMTECO), an Internet service provider (ISP) in Bolivia. **Read more...**

ICANN and Regulatel's Fourth Webinar - "ICANN: The Organization"

Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN's VP for Latin America and the Caribbean, hosted the fourth in a series of capacity-building webinars for ICT regulators in the LAC region who are members of REGULATEL, the Latin American forum of telecommunications regulators. He spoke about ICANN's history, mandate, mission, structure, the multistakeholder model and PDP process.

This webinar was held on 6 September. The recordings are only available in Spanish.

Adobe Connect room | **Audio recordings**

SusInGI: Sustainability and Inclusion for Internet Governance

This project was created within the LAC regional strategy with the support of **Anilla Cultural Latinoamérica-Europa**, an organization based in Uruguay. **TICAL 2016** selected it as an inter-institutional collaboration project.

On 14 September, Delma Rodriguez, Director of Anilla Cultural Latinoamérica-Europa, presented the project at the TICAL conference in Buenos Aires.

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💬 POLICY UPDATE

RSSAC Issues Statement on the Unavailability of a Single Root Server

In its recent **statement**, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) reviewed information on current architectures, root server availability and short-term (hours or days) outages caused by administrative errors or attacks. Based on information available today, the RSSAC concluded that the loss of a single root server would not cause immediate stability issues for the root server system and the Internet that depends upon it.

Comments on Guidelines for the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel

On 31 August 2016, the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) published "**SAC084: SSAC Comments on Guidelines for the Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (EPSRP) for the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Country Code Top-Level Domain Fast Track Process**[r20.rs6.net]." This comment focuses specifically on the EPSRP and some very basic issues that have been exposed in a review of the proposed guidelines.

In June 2015 the ICANN Board of Directors had requested "*the ccNSO, in consultation with other stakeholders, including GAC and SSAC, to provide further guidance on and refinement of the methodology of second string similarity review process, including the interpretation of its split recommendations, to be applied to the relevant current and subsequent cases in the IDN ccTLD Fast Track process as well as to inform the proposed policy for the selection of the IDN ccTLD strings*". In October 2015, the ccNSO established a working group with participants from the ccTLD community and GAC. In July 2016, the EPSRP working group[ccnso.icann.org] sought feedback, via a public comment proceeding[icann.org], on its proposed guidelines for the methodology on the second string similarity review process, including the interpretation of split recommendation.

The inputs received within the public comment timeframe included: a statement from ALAC (https://forum.icann.org/lists/comments-proposed-epsrp-guidelines-20jul16/msg00000.html) [forum.icann.org], input from Verisign (https://forum.icann.org/lists/comments-proposed-epsrp-guidelines-20jul16/msg00001.html[forum.icann.org]), and SSAC (as per the SSAC comments mentioned above).

Comments from the GAC (https://ccnso.icann.org/about/schneider-to-sataki-28sep16-en.pdf) [ccnso.icann.org] were also submitted at a later stage.

The EPSRP finalized its report [community.icann.org] and submitted it to the ccNSO Council for adoption at their meeting in Hyderabad. If adopted, the recommendations will be submitted to the Board.

At-Large Publishes Briefing Paper on Policy Issues

In a collaborative effort between community members and ICANN Policy Development Support staff, At-Large has published "**At-Large Community Policy Issues - Why End Users Should Care.**" The briefing paper provides an overview of 12 topics, ranging from accountability and transparency of ICANN to WHOIS and Registration Directory Services. The document also explains why each issue is relevant to end users, with the aim of helping more end users understand the work of At-Large and participate in ICANN. At-Large members have widely shared this briefing paper for outreach and capacity-building purposes.

GNSO Council Approves Improvements

At its meeting on 1 September 2016, the Council of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) voted to adopt **modifications to the GNSO Operating Procedures** relating to motions and elections of the chair and vice chair, as proposed by the GNSO Standing Committee on Improvements (SCI). With respect to motions, the SCI proposed a new section that records the informal processes that the GNSO currently uses. With respect to elections of the chair and vice chair, the SCI proposed minor modifications regarding eligibility, and a new section describing the procedures for four scenarios relating to the chair election and the selection of interim vice chairs. Following the completion of these two tasks, the GNSO Council subsequently instructed the SCI to disband.

ALAC Reappoints Alan Greenberg as Chair

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) has reappointed current chair **Alan Greenberg** to another one-year term, beginning 9 November 2016. Following the call for nomination in August 2016, Greenberg was the sole candidate. Greenberg **accepted** the nomination, and therefore, the ALAC appointed him by acclamation.

Since 16 October 2014, Greenberg has been leading the ALAC to focus on several critical areas concerning the organizational effectiveness of the At-Large community. Examples include clarifying the accreditation criteria and participation expectations of At-Large Structures, mobilizing more At-Large members to get involved in policy development, and advancing the ALAC position within ICANN.

Alan Greenberg will serve another one-year term as Chair of the At-Large Advisory Committee.

Notably, Greenberg has played a key role in leading ALAC involvement in the IANA stewardship transition and process to enhance ICANN accountability. These areas of work will remain ALAC priorities during Greenberg's next term.

GDD UPDATE

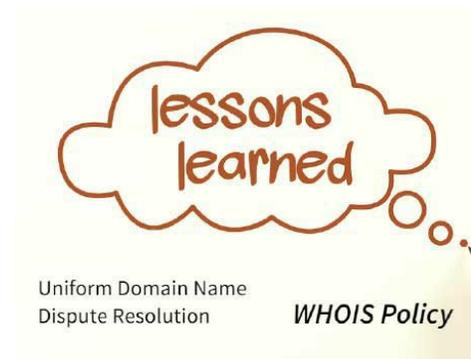### New Consolidated "Calls to Action" Page Launched

Requesting opinions from stakeholders is an essential part of the multistakeholder process, and is vital to our commitment to accountability and transparency. When the community asked for an easier-to-use way to provide feedback on open calls-to-action, we listened. We have introduced a new webpage that consolidates all public comments and operational consultations. We encourage you to **bookmark this page** and share your

views. We're continuing to explore ways to improve the user experience. Email **public-comment@icann.org** and let us know what you think.

Check Out New Registrar Training Resources!

New registrar training content on a variety of popular topics is now available in Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian. Do you need to brush up on the transfer policy and change of registrant procedures? Want to know more about the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy or WHOIS? If so, visit **learn.icann.org** to review the material and test your knowledge with quizzes in the language of your choice.

Now Available - Final Results of Phase Two of Global Registrant Survey

How can we determine the success of the New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) Program? "Global Registrant Survey Phase Two" is one of a number of studies that will play an important role in assessing the program. The study examines domain name registrants' perceived sense of trust, choice and experience in the current domain name landscape. Findings will serve as inputs for a community-based review team that will assess the New gTLD Program in terms of competition, consumer trust and consumer choice. **View the study**.

How Are Companies Using New gTLDs?

More than 30 new gTLD case studies are now available. Each study highlights the background of a gTLD, what makes it unique and how it's being used. As part of ICANN's global effort to raise awareness of new gTLDs, all registries are invited to partner with us to develop case studies.

Read case studies, or if you would like to tell the story of your new gTLD, email **gdd-communications@icann.org** with "Case Study [your gTLD]" in the subject line.

DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

Seven new gTLDs were delegated in September 2016

MONSTER	WOW	DVR
FIDO	ROGERS	OBSERVER

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Gilberto Lara, General Director of Asociación CONEXIÓN al Desarrollo de El Salvador

Gilberto Lara graduated from the Universidad Don Bosco in El Salvador as an Engineer in Computer Science, and earned a master's degree in management and entrepreneurship from the Nebrija University in Madrid, Spain. He has over fifteen years of experience promoting the use and application of ICT - especially Internet technologies - in the areas of education, small-sized and medium-sized enterprises, government and civil society. Lara is the founder and General Director of **Asociación CONEXIÓN al Desarrollo de El Salvador**, a non-profit association that promotes technical development in El Salvador. He is also founder and director of the Internet Society (ISOC) Chapter of El Salvador. Both organizations are members of LACRALO as ICANN At-Large Structures.

Lara is convinced that the Internet, once it is adopted by users as a means or a tool, can contribute to the transformation of people's living conditions. To this end, Lara has promoted initiatives of rural connectivity, programs of digital inclusion, business development, Internet users' rights and discussion forums on Internet use, among other activities.

PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

Portuguese
"Centro de Emprendimiento e Internet do Paraguai realiza treinamento sobre a Indústria do DNS" - STARTUPi

Spanish
"Paraguay tendrá el primer centro de negocio de internet" - La Nación

"Montevideo es sede de evento internacional sobre el rol de internet en la comunidad" - AGESIC

"¿Validas DNSSEC? ¡Cambio de claves! ¡No te quedes afuera!" - ASIET Digital, September 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
19-21 October	**XX Congreso Iberoamericano de Derecho e Informática** (XX Iberoamerican Congress of Law and Information)	Salamanca, Spain
24-26 October	Caribbean Edition of LAC-I Roadshow in Collaboration with **CaribNOG**	Philipsburg, St. Maarten

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