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## EDITORIAL

### The New ICANN Booth Experience

ICANN debuted a new approach to engagement at the recent LACNIC31 meeting in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and I found the experience valuable. The ICANN booth promotes a sense of familiarity and proximity that builds links of trust and openness as ICANN org and regional leaders meet face-to-face with participants. Community members feel able to voice their interests and concerns in a relaxed atmosphere, and leaders are able to get an honest sense of the community. ICANN newcomers visit the ICANN booth to obtain information, hot topics under discussion, and guidance about topics of interest on ICANN's extensive website. I recommend ICANN's seasoned community members volunteer time to serve in the booth because the experience is enriching. I also invite newcomers to visit the booth to meet ICANN and regional leaders willing to share their knowledge with you. I am impressed by this new initiative and will look forward to the ICANN booth at future meetings.



Pablo Rodríguez is the Executive Vice-President at NIC.PR which manages the registry for Puerto Rico's ccTLD, .pr. Read his bio in the community profile section.



## ICANN NEWS



### Start Planning Your ICANN65

ICANN65 in Marrakech, Morocco is less than two weeks away. The Policy Forum will take place 24 to 27 June at the Palmeraie Conference Center. Check out the session schedule below and start planning your participation. Here are some resources to help:

[ICANN65 website](#)

[ICANN65 schedule](#)

[Pre-ICANN65 Prep Week materials](#)

Don't forget to download the ICANN Meetings mobile app to help you navigate ICANN65. You'll find tools like the full session schedule, maps, the daily newsletter, and the shuttle schedule. The app is available in the Apple or Android app stores.

### Future Public Meeting Locations Announced

Cancún, Mexico will host the ICANN70 Community Forum from 20-25 March 2021 at the Cancún International Convention Center. ICANN71, a Policy Forum, will be held in The Hague, Netherlands, from 14-17 June 2021. In January, ICANN announced Seattle, Washington, U.S. will host the ICANN72 Annual General Meeting from 23-28 October 2021. Reserve those dates in your calendar today!

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## Zoom: Responding to Your Feedback

As [previously announced](#), ICANN org is deploying Zoom as ICANN's official remote participation (RP) platform, and we are on track to transition entirely to Zoom in time for ICANN65 in Marrakech, Morocco. Chief Information Officer Ashwin Rangan addresses some of the feedback on the transition in his [latest blog](#).



## LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

### A Busy Month in LAC

Other key events where our regional stakeholder engagement team participated:

- The LACNIC31- LACTLD meeting in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, from 6 to 10 May 2019.
- The Digital Connectivity Infrastructure Network meeting on 15 May in Miami.
- The South School on Internet Governance (SSIG) in Mexico City from 13 to 17 May 2019.
- Internet Day in El Salvador on 17 May 2019.



Want to know more? Read about some of these events in the media highlights section.

## Focus on the Caribbean

### Policy Priorities at CIGF-15

The Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) hosted the 15th edition of the Caribbean Internet Governance Forum in Trinidad and Tobago on April 2 and 3. The Prime Minister of Grenada, Ministers from various Caribbean territories, industry, academia, and other diverse regional stakeholders discussed collaboration between Caribbean countries in the information and communication technologies (ICT) sector.

Participants received updates from the IGFs in Barbados, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago. Topics debated included affordable Internet access, managing and regulating social media, and data protection and privacy. The CIGF15 also included a workshop on the Caribbean Internet Governance Policy Framework.

### Looking to the Future at FutureScape

To promote the vision of a single regional market for ICT in the region, the CTU sponsored the Caribbean FutureScape. The interactive experience was designed to demonstrate the potential a Caribbean single ICT market and encourage Caribbean Prime Ministers to commit to national and regional digital transformation. More information about the event, [here](#).

### Honoring Caribbean Stakeholders at CTU's 30th Anniversary Celebrations

During the Caribbean Telecommunications Union 30th anniversary celebration, Dev Anand Telucksingh (Trinidad & Tobago), Carlton Samuels (Jamaica), Jacqueline Morris (Trinidad & Tobago), Lance Hinds (Guyana), Bevil Wooding and Nigel Cassimire (Trinidad & Tobago) were honored for their substantial contribution to Caribbean regional ICT development and representing the region in global forums like ICANN. These Caribbean stakeholders are very active in the ICANN ecosystem, and were recognized for their participation in ICANN's At-Large community.

## IX Regional Forum in Curitiba

The Brazilian city of Curitiba hosted the [IX Regional Forum](#) on May 31, where Internet Service Providers (ISP), network operators, and other participants discussed regional interconnectivity and development. The ICANN team gave details about the importance of implementing Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and promoted participation in the Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers ([ISPCP](#)) community. This year, participants were encouraged to follow [ICANN Learn](#) courses to better participate during the presentations. ICANN is grateful to our colleagues in Curitiba and [NIC.br](#) for the opportunity to participate.



## LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS

### LAC Strategy Update Webinar

ICANN's Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) team held a webinar for the community to discuss the LAC Regional Strategy. During the session, Rodrigo Saucedo, Sr. Manager for Strategic Initiatives in LAC, gave an update on some of the projects. The 25 participants asked questions and debated the aspects of the strategy.



Missed the webinar? Access the session recording in your language, [here](#).



## POLICY UPDATE

### Get Ready for ICANN65! Prep Week Material Now Available

The ICANN65 Prep Week was held 11 - 17 June, and featured webinars and updates on several community-led projects. Public Meeting Prep Weeks are designed to enable more substantive conversations during sessions, increase awareness of cross-community and high-interest topics, and enhance briefings and readout sessions. Access the webinar recordings and related materials [here](#).



## ICANN | RSSAC

### Evolving the Root Server System Governance

In June 2018, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) presented to the ICANN Board and community "RSSAC037: A Proposed Governance Model for the DNS Root Server System" (RSSAC037). As part of the Board's consideration of RSSAC037, ICANN org prepared a concept paper outlining a community-driven process led by the Root Server System Governance Working Group (GWG) to develop a final cooperation and governance model for the RSS. ICANN org developed a draft charter, operating procedures, and draft work plan for the GWG. RSSAC037, the concept paper, draft charter, operating procedures, and draft work plan for the GWG are available for [Public Comment](#). Provide your input today.

### ICANN Board Reviews EPDP Recommendations

On 15 May 2019, the ICANN Board adopted 27 of the 29 Phase 1 policy recommendations from the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The Board did not adopt two of the recommendations in full, where they identified portions of those recommendations that they believe are not in the best interests of the ICANN Community. The Board has initiated the consultation process with the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council. For a number of other recommendations, the ICANN Board noted specific issues that

it expects to be addressed during implementation of the EPDP Phase 1 recommendations or considered during Phase 2. Learn more [here](#).



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## ALAC-GAC Collaboration and ICANN65 Planning

- The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) are collaborating on a variety of topics including the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) and the submission of joint statements to the ICANN Board. Most recently, this included a [joint statement on the EPDP](#). A new focus group, led by Yrjö Lansipuro (ALAC Liaison) and Ana Neves (GAC point of contact), will develop capacity building initiatives for both groups.
- For ICANN65, the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) is developing talking points and a policy workshop for At-Large members. A pilot on Universal Acceptance is also being developed by ALAC Vice Chair John Laprise for discussion at ICANN65. African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO) leaders and At-Large support staff are organizing multiple events for ICANN65, including an AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting, the AFRALO Hot Topics session, and an AFRALO-At-Large networking event. The groups are also working to promote the participation of Rabat University students at ICANN65.

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## GNSO Update

The GNSO Council:



- Submitted to the ICANN Board a [Recommendations Report](#) from the GNSO PDP Working Group on the International Governmental Organizations (IGO) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms. The Recommendations Report addresses Recommendations 1-4 in the PDP Final Report approved by the GNSO Council last month.
- Confirmed Julf Helsingius to serve as a GNSO representative to the Cross-Community Working Group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds, replacing Stephanie Perrin.

On 24 June 2019, the GNSO Policy Support Team will host an interactive session for participants to ask questions and engage in candid discussions about GNSO policy development processes and beyond. All ICANN65 attendees, especially newcomers, are welcome to participate. [Learn More.](#)

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## ICANN | ccNSO ccNSO Takes Next Step on Internet Governance

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) recently established the [Internet Governance Liaison Committee](#) (IGLC) to increase participation by country code top-level domain (ccTLD) managers on discussions related to Internet governance. The IGLC will provide regular feedback to the ccNSO Council, ccNSO members, and broader ccTLD community. Consult the IGLC Terms of Reference [here](#) and workspace [here](#).



[Call for Volunteers](#)



ICANN is seeking volunteers for an Implementation Review Team to help with the upcoming Registration Data Policy Implementation. Read the recent announcement to learn more about the requirements, expectations, and how you can sign up [here](#).



## New Consensus Policy Now in Effect

Generic top-level domain (gTLD) registries and registrars were notified in May of ICANN's newest Consensus Policy requiring implementation of the Interim Registration Data Policy for gTLDs. More background and details outlining this new policy can be found [here](#).

## Survey Confirms GDD Meeting Objectives

ICANN commissioned an independent research company, the MITA Group, to conduct the third annual survey of ICANN contracted parties to examine the Global Domains Division's (GDD) performance with the ICANN community and contracted parties. The results outline how the GDD delivers on its stated mission and objectives along with recommended steps to be even more effective. Read the full results [here](#).



## WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS



### Opportunities to Participate: ICANN Reviews and Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) has several opportunities for community input and participation.

Specific Reviews are led by teams of community volunteers to assess the performance of the ICANN organization and make recommendations for improvement.

- Observe the SSR2 and ATRT3 Review Team face-to-face meetings at ICANN65. The second Security, Stability, and Resiliency Review Team (SSR2) is finalizing draft findings and recommendations. The third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3) is in the research and analysis phase of the review.
  - SSR2 face-to-face meeting: 22 and 23 June 2019. Learn more [here](#).
  - ATRT3 face-to-face meeting: 23 June 2019. Learn more [here](#).

Organizational Reviews are led by independent examiners who 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.

- The NomCom RIWG is currently developing a detailed implementation plan of the recommendations as detailed in the Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan (**FAIIP**). Access the webinar [here](#). Learn more about the NomComRIWG's work [here](#).

Visit the **Reviews Status Update Table** for the latest progress of Specific and Organizational Reviews and links to additional key resources for each.

Attend the ICANN65 session on Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model. Facilitated by Brian Cute, this session will continue a community conversation, following the closure of a recent **public comment proceeding** on issues that the community has identified to be addressed. Learn more [here](#).



## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

### Pablo Rodríguez - ccNSO Council

Pablo Rodríguez is the Executive Vice-President of **NIC.PR**. He has been influential in many organizations in the domain name industry in North America, Latin America, and the Caribbean. At ICANN, Rodríguez was involved in the creation of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and represents North America on the ccNSO Council. He is also a ccNSO representative on the 2018-2019 ICANN Nominating Committee. In his current role with **NIC.PR**, Rodríguez hosted the ICANN29 and ICANN61 meetings held in Puerto Rico.



*Pablo Rodríguez, Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council, Puerto Rico.*



## PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

- [Día del Internet: libertad de expresión, ciudades inteligentes y datos abiertos -La Prensa Gráfica](#)
- [Internet tiene sus pioneros en Latinoamérica y el Caribe, article by Rodrigo de la Parra for Noticias Ltda.](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

24 - 27 June 2019	<a href="#">ICANN65</a>	Marrakech, Morocco
1 - 5 July 2019	<a href="#">Latin American Telecommunication Congress (CLT)</a>	Córdoba, Argentina
5 - 9 August 2019	<a href="#">LACIGF12</a>	La Paz, Bolivia.

## MONTEVIDEO

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