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Meet the New ccNSO Chair
Alejandra Reynoso Barral, ccNSO Chair, Guatemala

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) is a body within the ICANN structure created for and by country code top-level domain (ccTLD) managers. It provides a global platform to nurture consensus, technical cooperation, and skill-building. It is also responsible for developing and recommending global policies relating to ccTLDs to the ICANN Board, such as the introduction of Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) ccTLDs.

It is the first time in history that the ccNSO has a chair from the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region. This is exciting and challenging at the same time. I feel the responsibility not only to do a good job in the name of the LAC region and my country, Guatemala, but also to follow the steps of our previous magnificent chairs. I will be wholeheartedly dedicated to do my best, bringing a different flavor to the leadership of the organization, while working hand in hand with my two Vice Chairs Pablo Rodríguez from Puerto Rico and Jordan Carter from New Zealand, as well as the great team of the ccNSO Council members and ICANN staff.

It is my hope that the visibility this position provides will inspire Latin Americans and Caribbeans in general – and specifically girls and women – to aspire to leadership positions in high-profile organizations, such as the ccNSO and other global associations as part of their goals. It is a great opportunity to show that in our region, we produce high-level professionals and technicians capable of competing worldwide.

TOP STORY

Register Now for ICANN71

Join us 14-17 June 2021 for the ICANN71 Virtual Policy Forum! ICANN71 will feature plenary sessions selected by the community. A community selection panel will also announce the recipient of the

ICANN Community Excellence Award.

You can register for the Virtual Policy Forum **here**.

Participants can register for ICANN71 Prep Week, which will take place from 1-3 June 2021. Prep Week helps improve community preparation for ICANN Public Meetings.

If you're interested in information and metrics about the ICANN70 Virtual Community Forum, check out the ICANN70 By the Numbers report, available **here**.

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ICANN Domain Name System Symposium 2021 Will Address DNS Ecosystem Security

25 – 27 MAY 2021

The fourth ICANN Domain Name System (DNS) Symposium (IDS 2021) will be held virtually from 25 to 27 May 2021 in the +2 UTC time zone.

The theme for 2021 is "DNS Ecosystem Security: We're All in This Together." As the DNS protocol and its ecosystem have matured, the threat landscape and the risks and tradeoffs have also evolved. IDS 2021 will focus on measuring and mitigating risk, which is the result of the significant work by the ICANN community.

You can register here or visit our IDS page here.

Strengthening Technical Engagement Around the World

Europe — North America

David Huberman

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Members of the Technical Engagement team. From left to right: David Huberman covers Europe and North America; Nicolás Antoniello covers Latin America and the Caribbean; Yazid Akanho and Paul Muchene cover Africa and the Middle East, and Champika Wijayatunga covers the Asia Pacific region.

By Adiel Akplogan, VP, Technical Engagement

Since the beginning of 2020, the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) and its Technical Engagement team have begun a transformation with the objective of reinforcing ICANN's engagement on technical topics globally.

In a **blog**, I highlighted the publication of an OCTO series of papers intended to promote best practices and new research to further understand the trends in the unique identifier system, which ICANN helps coordinate. In parallel to these publications, we have also started restructuring our team to focus more on how we engage on technical topics with the community. One of our first conclusions was that the type of engagement and level of resources needed are not uniform across the globe; hence, we need a regional approach to our engagement activities.

Continue reading the blog and access ICANN's Technical Engagement course catalogue, **here**.

LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

DNSSEC Training for CEABAD Students

In April, ICANN org successfully concluded four training modules on Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and Hyperlocal in collaboration with the Center for Advanced Studies on Broadband for Development (**CEABAD**) based in Nicaragua. Classes were delivered online by ICANN org's Nicolás Antoniello and Daniel Fink.

Forty-two students received certificates by CEABAD after configuring BIND and Unbound recursive servers on virtual machines. Thank you CEABAD for this fruitful partnership.

LACRALO Leads the Promotion of Universal Acceptance in the LAC Region

ICANN and LACRALO have partnered together to host a Universal Acceptance (UA) training series for the LAC community.

The four sessions will be held throughout the month of May and will provide participants with training in the technical aspects of UA and Email Address Internationalization (EAI).

This initiative is part of ICANN's **Regional Universal Acceptance Training Program**.

For more upcoming regional events, check out the

POLICY UPDATE

ccNSO Policy Development Efforts

The latest Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) policy development process (ccPDPs) updates include:

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- Following closure of the Public Comment proceeding on the Initial Report, the proposed policy for ccPDP3 on the retirement of country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) will be presented to the ccNSO Council and ccNSO members for decision-making. The ccTLD and broader communities will have an opportunity to learn more about the proposals before voting begins.
- The ccPDP3-RM Working Group, which develops a review mechanism for decisions regarding the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs, will present its results to date and seek feedback. The working group has identified which decisions should be subject to a review and explored the requirements for the review mechanism.
- The ccPDP4 Working Group is advancing the process for the selection of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) ccTLD strings. The results of this ccPDP will eventually replace the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process. The working group has made considerable progress and intends to seek feedback and input from the broader community.

For the latest information on ccNSO work, please check out their **website**.

Contracted Parties House DNS Abuse Working Group Briefs GNSO Council

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The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council seeks to better understand community definitions of Domain Name System (DNS) abuse and where gaps remain in the community's ability to combat DNS abuse in an effective manner.

As the first step of this educational and level-setting exercise, the GNSO Council invited the Contracted Parties House (CPH) DNS Abuse Working Group to provide an update during the GNSO Council meeting on 22 April 2021. Serving as a fact-finding mission, this briefing helped the GNSO Council understand what the contracted parties have been voluntarily doing to combat DNS abuse and inform GNSO Council decision regarding the possible next steps.

Find more information **here**.

At-Large Community Launches Two New ICANN Learn Courses

Two new courses about the At-Large community are now available on ICANN Learn.

The first course provides an introduction to the At-Large community and the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), how they function within the ICANN community, and how end users can start and continue their involvement.

The second course, "ICANN Policy Development: A Guide for At-Large Participants" provides a deeper dive into how the ALAC develops policy advice and forms policy positions.

Find out more and enroll here!

Making the Internet Work for All Users

The Domain Name System (DNS) has changed dramatically over the past 10 years. There are now more than 1,200 active generic top-level domains (gTLDs) some of which include domain names in different scripts and with varying length. Despite this growth, a large number of global systems and applications don't support these internationalized and long domain names and email addresses. But ICANN organization and the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) are working to change that. Check out the latest updates below and get involved if you're interested in helping to make the Internet work for all global users.

Latest Universal Acceptance (UA) News and Resources
- LACRALO Leads the Promotion of Universal Acceptance in the LAC Region - **read announcement**.
- ICANN70 Showcases Universal Acceptance (UA) Progress - **read blog**.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): UA Readiness of Programming Languages and Email Tools (**UASG031**).

Recent Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Developments
- Second-level Reference Label Generation Rules for the Arabic, Hebrew, and Sinhala Scripts, and Hebrew Language are Published - **read announcement**.
- Maximal Starting Repertoire Version 5 (MSR-5) Public Comment - **read announcement**.

For more information on ways you can get involved in supporting an #Internet4All, visit **https://uasg.tech**, and follow, like, and share with the UASG on social media (**Twitter**, **Facebook**, **LinkedIn**).

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A lawyer and self-described *geek girl* with more than 14 years of experience working in the information technology and communications (ICT) industry, Isabel advised different public and private organizations on implementing technologies and methodologies that allow them to transform their businesses and activities digitally. She is currently the managing director of .co MinTIC, from where

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Isabel has held senior executive positions leading large teams and is a leader in the formulation and implementation of public and regulatory policies for the ICT industry. She is a lecturer on topics related to digital business and entrepreneurship and a professor on postal issues at the Department of Telecommunications Law at Universidad Externado in Colombia. She is a member of the board of directors of ASOPOSTAL, a member of the Presidential Advisory Council of Businesswomen of Colombia, and the co-founder of the civil society group *MujeresTIC* (ICT Women).

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