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### ICANN Leaders to Answer Journalists' Questions at Launch of the Silicon Valley/San Francisco Public Meeting

Rod Beckstrom, ICANN's President and Chief Executive Officer will join Board Chair Peter Dengate Thrush at a news conference marking the opening of the organization's 40<sup>th</sup> public meeting in San Francisco on 14 March.

The pair will entertain questions on issues ranging from new generic top level domains (gTLDs), to adoption of IPv6 addresses, to issues surrounding Internet governance.

Journalists who will not be present at the meeting are invited to participate in the news conference via a live video web stream or an international toll-free telephone connection.

A recording of the news conference will be posted to the press page of the ICANN web site (<http://www.icann.org/en/press/>) as soon after the event as possible.

Here are the details:

**WHAT:** News Conference

**WHO:** Rod Beckstrom, President and CEO & Peter Dengate Thrush, Board Chair

**WHEN:** Monday, 14 March 2011, 1130-1230 PDT US (1830 UTC).

**WHERE:** Westin St. Francis Hotel, Room – Elizabethan D, 335 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA

**OFF-SITE ACCESS:** Journalists from around the world can participate in the news conference via several methods of remote access.

- A live video webcast may be accessed at <http://icann.adobeconnect.com/sfo40-press>.
- A live audio stream may be accessed at <http://stream.icann.org/svsf40-news-open-64.m3u>.
- Telephone access may be obtained by dialling an international toll-free number obtain from this list [www.adigo.com/icann](http://www.adigo.com/icann). The toll free access number in the U.S. is +1.800.550.6865. Once you have reached the conferencing center, dial 25594.

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