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Internet Groups Discuss New Priorities In Latin America and Caribbean

Montevideo, Uruguay... The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and the Internet Address Registry for Latin America and the Caribbean (Lacnic) are discussing how to expand the availability and quality of Internet services in the area.

"Lacnic is honored to host ICANN at its facilities and to be able to contribute to the work of a sister organization," said Raul Echeberria, Lacnic's Executive Director. "We are committed to supporting initiatives that will result in more and better Internet services for our region."

ICANN's Latin American and Caribbean Working Group is meeting at the Internet Hub for Latin America and the Caribbean in Montevideo, Uruguay, 6-7 February 2013.

During the two-day gathering, Internet users will join representatives from government, business and the technical community in a planning workshop aimed at identifying ways to advance the development of an ICANN strategy for the region. Among other things, this strategy is intended to improve the Internet resource infrastructure such as domain names and IP addresses.

"For ICANN, it is extremely important that the Internet community itself defines its strategic objectives, which allows us to support regional initiatives that meet the region's needs," said Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean.

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To join the meeting remotely, go here:

<https://community.icann.org/display/lacstrty/LAC+Steering+Commitee+Retreat+in+Montevideo>

To find out more about the Internet Hub for Latin America and the Caribbean go here:

<http://www.lacnic.net/web/lacnic/casa-de-internet>

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About ICANN: ICANN's mission is to ensure a stable, secure and unified global Internet. To reach another person on the Internet you have to type an address into your computer - a name or a number. That address has to be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN coordinates these unique identifiers across the world. Without that coordination we wouldn't have one global Internet. ICANN was formed in 1998. It is a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers. ICANN doesn't control content on the Internet. It cannot stop spam and it doesn't deal with access to the Internet. But through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet. **For more information please visit:** www.icann.org.

About LACNIC: LACNIC is the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Address Registry. It is a non-government organization that contributes to Internet development in the region through an active cooperation policy, promoting and defending the regional community's interests and helping create conditions that will allow the Internet to become an effective instrument for social inclusion and economic development in benefit of all Latin American and Caribbean countries and citizens. **For more information please visit:** www.lacnic.org.