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Seasoned Internet Policy Expert Named as ICANN's Latin American Representative

Cartagena, Colombia... Rodrigo de la Parra, the Director General of Prospective Regulation of Mexico's Federal Commission of Telecommunications (Cofetel) has been named as ICANN's new Latin American representative.

De la Parra has also served as the Mexican representative to ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), which gives governments a voice in the organization's policy formation.

"We feel extremely fortunate to have Rodrigo joining the ICANN team," said Rod Beckstrom, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We are impressed by his deep understanding of Internet policy issues, his familiarity with ICANN's bottom-up, multi-stakeholder model, and his stellar professional reputation throughout Latin America."

De la Parra has been an active participant in international organizations such as the Latin America Regulation Agencies Forum (REGULATEL), the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (OAS-CITEL), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC), the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the World Trade Organization (WTO).

He has a Masters Degree in Political Economy and international affairs and lecturer of International Organizations and Economic Negotiations and Consultant to the Latin American Cooperation for Advanced Networks (CLARA).

De la Parra begins his new position with ICANN on January 10, 2011.

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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.**