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ICANN Appoints New Vice President for Europe

Marina del Rey… Highly-experienced governmental and regulatory expert Nigel Hickson has been appointed ICANN's Vice President for Europe.

Over a thirty year period, Nigel has held various technology related posts with the governments of the United Kingdom and Bermuda, as well as positions with public sector bodies.

Commenting on Nigel's appointment, Rod Beckstrom, ICANN's President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "We're extremely pleased to announce the appointment of such an experienced professional with vast expertise in technology policy development in Europe and beyond."

"In addition to Nigel Hickson's governmental expertise," he continued, "he also has significant experience in European Union policy development."

Before joining ICANN, Nigel headed teams at both the UK's Department of Culture, Media and Sport and Department of Business, Innovation and Skills on global ICT policy and regulatory issues. Most recently, he worked on the ITU Plenipotentiary and the EU Communications and Spectrum Framework. He also represented the UK Government at the Internet discussions of the G8.

Nigel was educated in Hertfordshire, England, and holds a degree in Electronic and Electrical Engineering from the City University in London.

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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.***