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EDITORIAL



León Sánchez was selected by the At-Large Community as its next ICANN Board Director.

Understanding the Election Process for the At-Large Community (ALAC) Board Director

As established in ICANN's Bylaws, the ALAC appoints a Director to the Board every three years. The ALAC's current Director, Rinalia Abdul Rahim, will conclude her term at the end of ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi. ICANN60 runs from 28 October to 3 November 2017.

After a six-month electoral process, the ALAC has appointed a new Director to the Board. The Board Candidate Evaluation Committee (BCEC) received a total of six completed Expressions of Interest. After completing its evaluation process, the BCEC published a final slate of two candidates. I was one of the two final candidates; the other was Alan Greenberg from the North American Regional At-Large Organization (NARALO). I am

Mexican, so I represented my region through the Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO). The At-Large community had many opportunities to interact with us through calls and written questions posted to the dedicated wiki space. Some RALOs conducted internal voting processes to direct their Presidents to vote for a specific candidate. Other RALOs agreed to allow their Presidents to vote freely in the election. The electorate comprised 15 ALAC members and 5 regional Presidents. The voting concluded in its first round with my appointment - with a result of 13 votes for me versus 7 votes for Alan Greenberg.

My term will begin at the end of ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi and will conclude at the end of ICANN69 in 2020.

Read announcement:

[León Felipe Sánchez Ambía Selected by At-Large Community as Next ICANN Board Director](#)



TOP STORY

ICANN Launches Testing Platform for the KSK Rollover

ICANN is offering a testing platform for network operators and other interested parties to confirm that their systems can handle the automated update process for the upcoming Root Zone Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) Key Signing Key (KSK) rollover. The KSK rollover is scheduled for 11 October 2017. [Read the full announcement.](#)

[Click here to watch the interview with CTO David Conrad.](#)



KSK Quick Guide Is Now Available

We've created materials to help you understand the upcoming root zone key signing key (KSK) rollover. The KSK Quick Guide is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Japanese and Korean translations are coming soon.

Download the [KSK Quick Guide](#).



ICANN NEWS



Watch Wrap-Up Interview of ICANN58 Copenhagen

As ICANN58 concludes in Copenhagen Denmark, Luna Madi, ICANN's Communications Director in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, sits down with Stephen Crocker, Board Chair, and Göran Marby, President and CEO. Crocker and Marby talk about ICANN58's highlights and takeaways, and expectations for the Policy Forum in Johannesburg, South Africa. Watch what they have to say! [Click here to watch the interview.](#)

CCWG-Accountability Co-Chairs Issue Statement at ICANN58

On 10 March 2017, the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) held a full-day meeting at ICANN58 to further discussions on Work Stream 2. Ninety members and participants attended in person, and many others joined remotely through the virtual meeting room. The CCWG-Accountability received updates from its subgroups and informed the ICANN community about the status of its work. Co-Chairs Thomas Rickert, León Sánchez and Mathieu Weill issued a statement on behalf of the CCWG. Read the statement [here](#).

Read the Post-ICANN58 Reports

The ICANN58 Community Forum concluded in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 16 March 2017. As part of ICANN's commitment to transparency, we publish reports after every ICANN Public Meeting. The data in these reports will help ICANN improve future meetings. The post-conference reports are now available in English, and will soon be posted in Arabic, Chinese, French, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Turkish.



[Post-ICANN58 Policy Report](#)

Read updates from our Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. Our community develops and refines policies that ensure the security, stability, and resiliency of the global Internet, and the ICANN organization is proud to facilitate this work.



[ICANN58 Community Feedback](#)

Find out the outcome of the survey that asked you to rate aspects of ICANN58 - the Community Forum format, sessions, venue, and networking opportunities. You can also read constructive feedback from attendees in their own words.

ICANN gathers metrics and examines data and survey results so we can continue to improve your meeting experience.

Register Now for ICANN59!

Registration is open for ICANN59, which will be held from 26-29 June, in Johannesburg, South Africa. This meeting will be a

Policy Forum, where the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees focus on topics that contribute to policy development and cross-community dialogue.

Please check to see if you need to obtain a visa to travel to South Africa before you book your travel. [Register here.](#)



Apply to be Considered for the Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3)

How well has ICANN implemented community recommendations from the second Accountability and Transparency Review? Is ICANN effectively facilitating public comments in its decision-making process? Apply to be considered for the **Third Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT3)** Team which will explore these questions and others. This is your chance to help improve ICANN accountability and transparency by assessing its existing initiatives and making recommendations for how it can improve. Application Deadline: Friday, 21 April 2017 23:59 UTC.



ATRT3 Third Accountability and Transparency Review



SSR2 2nd Review of the Security, Stability and Resiliency of the Domain Name System



Follow progress of the 2nd Security, Stability and Resiliency of the DNS Review Team (SSR2)

What improvements can ICANN make to its security efforts to meet future challenges and threats? Follow the latest progress of the Second Review Team focusing on the Security, Stability and Resiliency of the Domain Name System and share your input on the security issues you feel need to be addressed by emailing: input-to-ssr2rt@icann.org. The SSR2 Review Team kicked off with their first face-to-face meeting at ICANN58 and heard from the community on issues and topics to consider incorporating into the SSR2 review. The next face-to-face meeting will be in Madrid, 14-15 May 2017. [View the SSR2 wiki](#) for participation details.



LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS

New Communications Materials for the LAC Region

We're pleased to announce the release of the following:

- **LAC Strategy trifold - available in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese**
This brochure presents the LAC strategy and some of our project. It's designed to engage new community members. Access the print and web versions on the [community wiki](#).
- **KSK rollover educational video - available in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese**
This short video introduces complex technical concepts simply - with visuals. Take a look in our [ICANN LAC YouTube playlist](#) and feel free to share with others.

Publication of the LAC Domain Name System (DNS) Marketplace Study

ICANN announces the publication of the [final report](#) on the LAC DNS Marketplace Study. The study was finalized after receiving feedback from the [Public Comments](#) process.

Read more in [ICANN's Daniel Fink's blog](#).



Raising Awareness in Guatemala on Key Topics Related to Critical DNS Infrastructure

ICANN's community launched its fourth Central American edition of the LAC-i-Roadshow* in Guatemala City on 22 March 2017. It was part of three days of regional activities that also featured the "On the Move" event put on by the Latin American and Caribbean Network Information Centre (LACNIC) and various Internet Society presentations. Check out the [agenda](#).

This edition focused on the importance of the multistakeholder model, the root zone key signing key (KSK rollover), the New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Program, Universal

Acceptance, the Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO), and other topics of interest to the local community.

*In collaboration with a range of ICANN community stakeholders from across the region, the LAC-i-Roadshows are held annually in each of the four key regions of Latin America - the Caribbean, Andean region, Central America/Mexico and South America. The aim is to present a unified perspective on ongoing work and issues related to the DNS infrastructure and management that are affecting the region. Each meeting is led by local experts who partner with additional leaders and collaborators drawn from across the LAC region.

LAC SPACE at ICANN58 Copenhagen

The program of this well attended edition of the LAC SPACE included:

- ICANNWiki and the new content being developed in Spanish and Portuguese
- [LAC Entrepreneurship and Internet Center](#) recently opened in Asunción, Paraguay
- Publication of the [LAC DNS Marketplace Study](#)
- European Domain Name System (DNS) market, presented by [Michele Neylon](#)

The LAC community instituted the LAC SPACE as part of its regional strategy. A permanent feature at ICANN meetings, this session gives the community an opportunity to get together and discuss topics of interest to the LAC region.

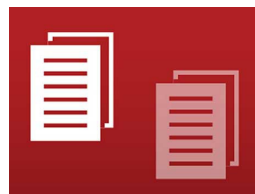
Take a look at the [photos of the LAC SPACE at ICANN58!](#)



Eduardo Santoyo, LACTLD President; Lito Ibarra, ICANN Board Director; and Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN's VP for Latin America and the Caribbean; at ICANN58's LAC SPACE, 13 March 2017, Copenhagen, Denmark.



POLICY UPDATE



Governmental Advisory Committee Issues ICANN58 Communiqué

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communiqué from ICANN58 is available for review [here](#). ICANN receives input from governments through the GAC. Its key role is to give advice to ICANN on issues of public policy, especially where there may be an interaction between ICANN activities or policies and national laws or international agreements. The GAC meets three times a year at ICANN Public

Meetings, where it discusses issues with the ICANN Board of Directors and other ICANN Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees and other groups.

Just Published: A Lexicon for DNS Root Server System Terminology

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On 14 March 2017, the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) published [RSSAC026: RSSAC Lexicon](#). This document standardizes the terminology related to the Domain Name System (DNS) root server system. The lexicon will benefit technical and non-technical audiences alike: RSSAC members, RSSAC Caucus members, and the ICANN, Board, organization and community.

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group Seeks Public Comment

The leadership team of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group (WG) is seeking input. The WG has created a set of four sub-team work tracks (WTs) that are addressing several subjects within the WG charter. The WG is soliciting feedback on certain questions and issues that stem from the charter and the initial deliberations of the WTs. Community input is critical in enabling these subjects to be considered fully and achieving a thoughtful outcome, which could include new policy recommendations, amendments to existing policy recommendations, or implementation guidance for future consideration. The public comment proceeding is open through 1 May 2017. [Provide your feedback today!](#)

Geographic Names at the Top Level

The leadership team of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group is seeking input on the issue of geographic names at the top level. All are welcome and encouraged to participate and contribute their perspectives.

To facilitate a broad, community-wide dialogue on this topic to feed into the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP, a webinar will be held on 25 April 2017. Two sessions will take place at 15:00-17:00 UTC and 22:00-0:00 UTC. All community members are welcome to submit positions on the treatment of geographic names at the top level to be presented in the webinars.

The webinar will be the beginning of a discussion that will continue at ICANN59. The leadership team will be holding an extended session in Johannesburg to work through the positions presented in the webinars and to propose solutions seeking common ground on a way forward. For additional information please visit [this page](#).



GDD UPDATE



Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review

It's Not Too Late! Share Your Input on the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Draft Report

The draft report examines the extent to which the introduction of new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) has promoted competition, consumer trust and consumer choice in the domain name system. It also assesses the effectiveness of the safeguards ICANN has implemented to mitigate issues related to the introduction new gTLDs. [Read the draft report](#) and [submit a comment](#).

Help Wanted! Preparing for Billions of New Internet Identities

The Internet has changed. Users can now register names on more than 1,200 new generic top-level domains, as well as create email addresses using Arabic, Chinese, Devanagari, Thai and other scripts. You can join the Universal Acceptance

Steering Group to prepare for billions of new Internet identities. Visit www.uasg.tech to find out about volunteer and paid opportunities to get involved. The website also features learning resources and case studies to help software developers and website owners understand how to update their systems to keep pace with an evolving domain name system.

If you've found an application or system that's not Universal Acceptance-ready, [report the issue](#).



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Register Now for the ICANN DNS Symposium!

The inaugural ICANN DNS Symposium, co-located with OARC 26, is a one-day event focused on all aspects of the Domain Name System (DNS). Join members of the ICANN organization to explore ICANN's current initiatives and projects relating to DNS research, operations, threats and countermeasures, and technology evolution. This event is geared to those who have a foundational understanding of the DNS and an interest in DNS operations, engineering, research and standards development or operational security. The 6th Registration Operations Workshop will be held on Friday 12th May in the same venue prior to the DNS Symposium. [Learn more](#) and [register!](#)

Meet and Greet Welcome Reception: Friday 12 May (evening)

Sessions: Saturday 13 May

Venue: Hotel NH Madrid Eurobuilding, Madrid, Spain



DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

No New gTLDs Were Delegated in March

[See the full list here.](#)



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

María Milagros Castañón Seoane was born and currently lives in Lima, Peru. She holds a master's degree in international law from the University of Chile and a master's degree in international relations from Deakin University in Australia. She is the Minister, Director of Science, Technology, Innovation and Information Society, of the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has over 30 years of experience in the diplomatic service. During that period, she held different positions around the world (in Chile, Ecuador, the Soviet Union, Indonesia, Australia, Mexico, El Salvador and Peru). Castañón's publications include books and booklets related to Peru's borders.

Since coming to ICANN48 in Buenos Aires in 2013, Castañón has not missed a single meeting! She got involved in the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) during her first meeting, and has been involved ever since. In November 2016, she was elected as one of the vice-chairs of the GAC for a one-year period (ICANN58 through ICANN60). ICANN58 was her 11th ICANN Public Meeting.



*Milagros Castañón, Vice-Chair,
Governmental Advisory Committee
(GAC)*



PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

Spanish

[Así es el cambio mundial en el sistema de nombres de dominio](#)

[El Sistema de Nombres de Dominio en internet se extiende](#)

[Así es como el Internet del futuro le dará más poder a las personas](#)

[Las compañías españolas innovan gracias a los nuevos dominios de...](#)

[Cambios mundiales en el Sistema de Nombres de Dominio y sus beneficios, se darán a conocer en Guatemala](#)

[El 96 por ciento de escuelas públicas guatemaltecas carecen de internet](#)

French

[On analyse les nouveaux noms de domaine sur l'internet au Guatemala](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

9-11 May	<u>Global Domains Division (GDD) Industry Summit</u>	Madrid, Spain
13 May	<u>ICANN DNS Symposium</u>	Madrid, Spain
18 May	<u>Regional Regulators Forum</u>	Miami, Florida, USA
15-16 May	<u>CABASE Internet Day</u>	Buenos Aires, Argentina
24-25 May	<u>Telecom & Media Forum</u>	Miami, Florida, USA
22-26 May	<u>LACNIC 27</u>	Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil



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