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EDITORIAL

Sara Fratti, Public Policy Director of IPANDETEC, was one of the participants of the ICANN62 Readout session held in the LAC Regional Office in Montevideo, Uruguay in July. Here's what she had to say about her experience in ICANN62 as a NextGen:

"ICANN is committed to the creation of new leaders in the region. Thanks to the NextGen program, I had the opportunity to attend ICANN62, where I met the community and learned about the policy development process (PDP). Participating in the program was very enriching and inspiring because of the synergy that is created among the participants and the interesting things they are doing in their countries in the Internet field. I appreciate ICANN's effort for gender balance in its scholarship programs: there were 10 women and 5 men. The program is an excellent opportunity to hear new voices and perspectives, which allows the community itself to be constantly renewed and opens the doors for these new leaders to assume an active role within their Internet communities. Keep an eye on this group of great young Latin Americans who will work together to make the Internet free and open for all."

Sara Fratti, Public Policy Director of IPANDETEC, Panama.

SPOTLIGHT

Get Ready for ICANN63

Register now for ICANN63! The Annual General Meeting will be held from 20-25 October 2018 in Barcelona, Spain. Come and network with your peers, engage in face-to-face discussions, ask questions, and help develop and implement Internet policies.

Before booking your travel, make sure to check the travel and visa requirements needed for Barcelona. Please note that Spain requires at least two blank pages in your passport for entry and three months validity remaining on your passport.

More ICANN63 details can be found **here**.

ICANN NEWS

Data Protection/Privacy and General Data

Protection Regulation (GDPR) News and Updates

Read the most recent **ICANN announcements and latest blog posts** since the adoption of the **Temporary Specification for Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Registration Data**. Multiple announcements are focused on the ICANN org's efforts to preserve WHOIS data as well as blogs sharing guidance from the European Data Protection Board, seeking community feedback on the proposed unified access model, and enforcing the Temporary Specification.

Stay up to date with the latest ICANN organization data protection and privacy news **here**.

Methodology Review of the Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) System

On 20 July, ICANN announced the publication of a paper describing the methodology used in the Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) system and two reviews of that methodology. DAAR was designed to provide the ICANN community with reliable, persistent, and reproducible data from which security threat (abuse) analyses could be performed. Read more **here** and share your comments on the reports and reviews.

Minimal User Impact Expected from Root Zone Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollover

As a result of recent analysis, the ICANN organization believes that the Key Signing Key (KSK) rollover is expected to affect only a very small number of DNS users. The decision to roll the root zone Key Signing Key (KSK) is being made after a significant outreach effort and careful consideration of all available data.

Read more in the latest blog from Matt Larson, ICANN VP of Research, Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), **here**.

Second Annual ICANN DNS Symposium

The ICANN organization's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) organized the second annual ICANN DNS Symposium (IDS), a one-day event focused on all aspects of the Domain Name System (DNS). IDS 2018 was held on 13 July, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada with the theme: "Attention, Domain Name System: Your 30-year scheduled maintenance is overdue." Read more about the presentations, feedback from participants, and the plans for the next edition, **here**.

LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

Partnership Between ICANN and NIC.br Grows Stronger
Daniel Fink, ICANN Sr. Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, Brazil

I was honored to be invited by **NIC.br** to participate in the **IX Fórum Regional** held on 12 July in Goiânia, Brazil. The IX Regional Forum is a platform for dialogue among participants of the Brazilian Internet Exchange Points (IXP). The large infrastructure created by NIC.br is composed of 30 IXP's and was named **IX.br**. IX.br points are deployed in 30 cities all over Brazil, offering reduced costs to network operators due to traffic rationalization and higher performance for the end user. This initiative is very

important for the Brazilian Internet ecosystem because of the large number of small and medium ISP's present in almost every municipality (figures estimate over 5,000 operators). ICANN's partnership with NIC.br and IX.br is strong and fruitful. Since 2003, 14 L-root instances were installed and hosted in IXP's strategic locations around the country. We would like to highlight our appreciation for the smart investment of funds and competent personnel dedicated by NIC.br on this initiative.

In the new phase of this partnership, we had the opportunity to engage in direct talks with IX.br participants. We engaged in important discussions about the KSK rollover, Universal Acceptance (UA), and participation in the Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency (ISPCP). In the months of June and July, we visited the cities of Teresina, Belo Horizonte, and Goiania. We also reached out to over 300 AS operators and discussed these important ICANN community topics with them.

Presentations and upcoming meetings can be found at **http://regional.forum.ix.br/**.

Special thanks to NIC.br members Milton Kaoru Kashiwakura, Antonio Moreiras, and Eduardo Morales for making this partnership a productive one.

More than 300 People Come Together to Discuss Regional Internet Governance Priorities

The 11th edition of the Latin America and Caribbean Preparatory Meeting for the Internet Governance Forum (LACIGF) was held from 31 July to 2 August in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The LACIGF is a space for multistakeholder dialogue in which the civil society, technical community, academia, and private and public sectors, present and discuss their perspectives on Internet governance.

The LACIGF agenda, developed by the regional Internet community, was made up of more than 10 sessions that included the following topics: data protection, net neutrality, digital economy, and community networks.

ICANN is a longtime sponsor of the LACIGF. Learn more by visiting the LACIGF11 webpage, **here**.

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ICANN62 Readout in Montevideo Brings Regional Leaders and Community Together

The ICANN62 Readout was held in Montevideo in July, where LAC regional leaders reviewed policy developments and important topics debated at ICANN62. The readout was livestreamed and connected to different hubs in Latin America and the Caribbean. Participants from Uruguay, Mexico, Brazil and Bolivia, and other countries, engaged in discussions on the impact of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) on the WHOIS system, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP), and other important

Remote participation hubs in Mexico, Bolivia, and Brazil

policy developments. ICANN Board members Lito Ibarra and León Sanchez participated in these discussions, while a total of 66 people attended the session.

Special thanks to those who attended the session on-site and remotely. Missed the ICANN62 Readout? Access the recording **here.**

POLICY UPDATE

GNSO Council Launches EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data

On 19 July 2018, the Generic Names Supporting

Organization (GNSO) Council commenced the GNSO's first Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP): the EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The EPDP must be completed within 12 months of the implementation effective date of the Temporary Specification (25 May 2018), which was an interim measure to bring existing WHOIS obligations in line with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements. The Council **voted** to pass the EPDP **Initiation Request** and then adopted the EPDP Team **Charter.** The Council also appointed Kurt Pritz as the Chair of the EPDP team, following a unanimous recommendation from the selection panel. While the EPDP team has limited membership composition, the wider ICANN community can closely follow its deliberations and provide input through various channels.

Read the **ICANN organization announcement** and **GNSO Chair's blog** for more information.

Study Group on the Use of Emoji as Second-Level Domains Begins Work

Following an **ICANN Board Resolution**, the study group was established by the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council to provide the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community and the Council with:

- A comprehensive overview of the issues associated with the use of emoji as second-level domains.
- Current practices by ccTLD managers who allow emojis as second-level domains.

Although the terms of reference were adopted in February 2016, the study group started its work following ICANN62. Further details about the background and scope of activities of the study group can be found **here.**

The study group has participants from diverse backgrounds and is made up of members from the broader ccTLD community, the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) - who will participate in an individual capacity, and ICANN staff from the Office of the Chief Technology Officer.
The study group is expected to present its findings to the broader ccTLD community and ccNSO Council by ICANN64.

IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP Submits Final Report to GNSO Council

On 9 July 2018, the International Governmental Organization and International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group submitted its **Final Report** to the GNSO Council. The Final Report contains five consensus recommendations. Since October 2012, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has issued advice on the topic of IGO identifier protections. Several inconsistencies between the GAC advice and PDP consensus recommendations have yet to be reconciled, including on the topic of appropriate protections for IGO acronyms. The Council **determined** to review the PDP Final Report with a view toward facilitating the resolution of the outstanding inconsistencies between existing GAC Advice and prior GNSO policy recommendations on the overall scope of IGO protections. In the meantime, the Council informed the ICANN Board and the GAC that the PDP Working Group has completed its work.
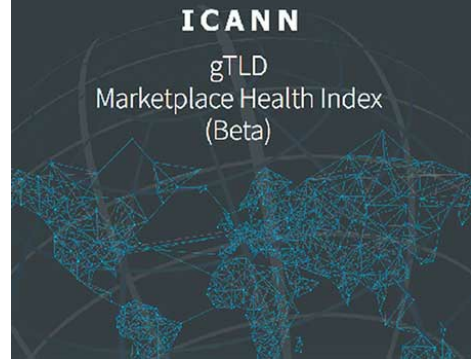
GDD UPDATE

gTLD Marketplace Health Index Published

On 20 June, the ICANN org published an update to the gTLD Marketplace Health Index which presents statistics and trends related to generic top-level domains (gTLDs).

The ICANN org plans to publish these statistics twice a year to track progress against its goal of supporting the evolution of the domain name marketplace to be robust, stable, and trusted.

View the Health Index **here.**

Expanding IDNs in South Asian Scripts

NBGP meeting at the Bangla Academy in Dhaka in Bangladesh.

On 10 July, the Neo-Brahmi Generation Panel (NBGP) held a well-attended meeting in Dhaka, Bangladesh in collaboration with the Bangla Academy (the relevant government-run language organization) to discuss the current draft of the Proposal for Bengali Script Root Zone LGR with local stakeholders. This event was the last in a series of workshops and meetings organized by NBGP in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Sri-Lanka to finalize the work on relevant Root Zone Label Generation Rules for Bengali, Devanagari, Gujarati, Gurmukhi, Kannada, Malayalam, Oriya, Tamil, and Telugu scripts.

Available for Comments - Recommendations for Managing the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Variant Top-Level Domains Report

The ICANN community is encouraged to provide feedback during the public comment period for the Recommendations for Managing Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Variant Top-Level Domains(TLDs) report that opened on 25 July. This report was developed in addition to the adopted RZ-LGR procedure and presents ICANN's proposed set of recommendations for the variant management mechanisms for TLDs. It will be finalized based on community input and is anticipated to be presented to the ICANN Board in March 2019.

Please provide your comments **here.**

Universal Acceptance Steering Group - Help Wanted

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) is looking for expert assistance to help further identify audience segmentations (geographic, industry, profession, etc.) and how to engage with them. The aim of this work will be to develop and run a direct or near-direct engagement pilot program. The UASG is also looking for a senior software developer practitioner.

Learn more about these opportunities: **https://uasg.tech/help-wanted/.**

Calls to Action for Community Participation in ICANN Reviews

SPECIFIC REVIEWS:
Share your public comment on the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review (CCT) Final Report.

ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEWS:
Read the final report of the second Root Server System Advisory Committee Review (RSSAC2). **The RSSAC2 Final Report** includes an assessment of the RSSAC and six principal recommendations for improving its operations. The recommendations focus on RSSAC's purpose, effectiveness, and accountability. The RSSAC **Review Work Party** will now prepare a feasibility assessment and initial implementation plan in response to the final report.

Visit the **Review Status Update Table** for the latest status on all active Specific and Organizational Reviews.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

César Díaz has a degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, a postgraduate in High Management, and a master's degree in Business Administration from the Technological University of Panama.

Díaz has held several positions in the National Authority of Public Services of Panama (ASEP), including Chief of Administration of the Radioelectric Spectrum, Chief of Regulatory Strategies, and Deputy Director of Telecommunications Networks.

Díaz currently holds the position of strategic relations and telecommunications leader in LACNIC, and is secretariat of the LAC Internet Governance Forum (LACIGF). He is also a member of the LACNIC Technical Forum (FTL), and is a rapporteur on interoperability, infrastructure, connectivity, numbering, services and applications, and international connectivity at the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL).

Díaz is an advocate of Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) deployment, IXP exchange points creation, and Internet governance discussions in local and regional spaces (national, sub-regional, regional and youth **IGF** initiatives - NRIs).

César Díaz (Panama)

UPCOMING EVENTS

16 August	**LAC-i-Roadshow South America**	Montevideo, Uruguay
20-24 August	**33 Meeting of PCC.I, Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL)**	Washington D.C., EE.UU
24-28 September	**LACNIC30-LACNOG2018**	Rosario, Argentina

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