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DNS Week Puerto Rico

With the excellent excuse of joining .PR to celebrate its 30th anniversary, we invite you to the DNS Week in San Juan, Puerto Rico for activities dedicated to DNS.

The DNS Week will begin with a two-day LACTLD workshop on 20 and 21 August. We invited all Caribbean ccTLD administrators to discuss problems in the region and seek joint solutions. At the same time, Internet Society's Puerto Rico chapter and .PR will host an open training on IPv6 featuring Alejandro Acosta from LACNIC as guest trainer.

On Thursday, 22 August, ICANN will host the LAC DNS Forum, an event dedicated to the domain name industry, featuring the participation of regional organizations and speakers.

The week will conclude with a training for registered registrars and registries, led by ICANN specialists.

For more details, I invite you to visit the DNS Week website: <https://dnsweek.pr/>

See you soon in Puerto Rico!



Miguel Ignacio Estrada, General Manager of the Latin American and Caribbean Association of ccTLDs (LACTLD)



TOP STORY

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Identidad en Internet, Emprendimiento e Innovación

Don't Miss the 2019 LAC DNS FORUM in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Join the [LAC DNS Forum](#) in San Juan, Puerto Rico on 22 August. Jointly organized by LACTLD, ISOC, LACNIC, PIR and ICANN, the 2019 Forum will feature a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the .PR top-level domain. The Forum is part of the [DNS Week 2019](#) organized by LACTLD. Stay tuned for the agenda and registration at <http://lacdnsforum.la>



ICANN NEWS



ICANN66 Registration is Now Open

Meet the NextGen at ICANN66

Among those attending ICANN66 in Montréal, Canada (2-7 November) will be some relatively new faces representing ICANN's NextGen program.

"The 11 individuals are students at North American universities," said Deborah Escalera, NextGen Program Manager. "This is a diverse cohort, their fields of academic study span computer science, law, and international security."

Also attending the meeting, are three former NextGen selectees who will be serving as ambassadors for these newcomers. They will help NextGeners get a sense of ICANN and guide them through an ICANN Public Meeting.

"The NextGen program is aimed at looking for the next generation of individuals who are interested in becoming actively engaged in their regional communities and in shaping the future of global Internet policy," said Escalera.

An independent selection committee assessed the NextGen candidates based on their current studies and several other factors. One key consideration was the candidate's interest in the Internet ecosystem, global policy, and Internet governance.

The individuals selected as ICANN66 NextGen participants are:

Abdeali Hatim Saherwala	York University, Toronto
Akshay Broota	University of Colorado Boulder
Lukas Paul Bundonis	Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
Diler Cavdar	Berkeley Law School
Josh Gold	University of Toronto
Austin Bollinger	Grand Rapids Community College
Kushagra Bhargava	University of Southern California
Arjun Sanya	University of Toronto
Ariane Nakpokou Houessou	HEC Montréal
Lilia Dawn Herdegen	Ferris State University
Shreya Richharia	University of Southern California

The individuals selected as ICANN66 ambassadors are:

João Pedro Damas Martin	ICANN63
Jaewon Son	ICANN64
Stefan Filipovic	ICANN63

[Click here for more information about the NextGen program.](#)

Can We Save the Global Internet? Find Out by Helping ICANN Get to SXSW 2020

The Internet is still expanding, but will the next billion users get the same global Internet we take for granted? How can we all work together to keep the Internet stable, growing, and interoperable? One way is to vote! ICANN's panel "Can We Save the Global Internet?" is on the ballot for South by Southwest 2020. Partnering with the Internet Society and Access Now, we plan to be in Austin, Texas next March discussing innovative models for policy development and stakeholder collaboration. We need your help to get there! Please vote here: <http://panelpicker.sxsw.com/vote/99999> before August 23.



New Pilot Program Aims to Help Ease Childcare Costs at ICANN Public Meetings

Unable to attend an ICANN Public Meeting because of the costs associated with childcare? If so, ICANN is launching a pilot program that might help.

The Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program will award a limited number of grants of up to \$750 per family to eligible community members. The grants are intended for families with children up to 12 years old.

"We are always searching for ways to facilitate people attending our public meetings," said Sally Costerton, Senior Vice President to the President & Senior Vice President of Global Stakeholder Engagement. "This new pilot program will give the grant recipients the ability to choose their own childcare provider."

ICANN org will conduct research prior to each meeting to form a list of local potential childcare providers, though ICANN is not in a position to sanction or recommend specific childcare providers. All efforts will be made to identify providers close to the meeting facilities. Families may choose a provider from the list or find a provider that best meets their needs.

The program will be initiated at the ICANN66 meeting in Montréal, Canada. Interested parties have until 3 September 2019 to apply for the grants.

For more information and details about the program and how to apply, please visit: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/community-childcare-grants>

ICANN | LEARN

How Does Your Background and Experience Influence Your Decisions?

ICANN Learn, our online capacity development platform, has a new course that provides an introduction to the concept of "unconscious bias".

Unconscious biases are assumptions we make automatically and unintentionally, often without being aware. The course explores how these quick, implicit judgments or assumptions may create challenges for working in a multistakeholder community.

"As the name implies, unconscious bias occurs at a level that few of us recognize," said Ergys Ramaj, Vice President of Public Responsibility Support. "With this ICANN Learn course we want to help community members increase their ability to detect unconscious bias."

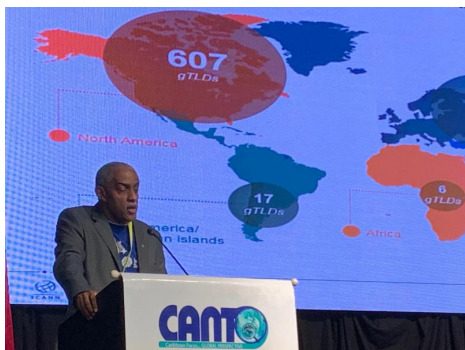
The course will introduce you to related concepts such as "fast thinking" and the "Stroop effect," which is a demonstration of the way our minds process information, and aid in the development of tools to better manage unconscious bias and its impacts. The course aims ultimately improve effectiveness among groups in the global multistakeholder environment.

Interested? Sign up for free at <https://learn.icann.org> and explore our training catalog.



Interest Grows In LAC Readouts

The readout session to update the community on what happened at ICANN65 brought together more than 40 people from different countries in Latin America and the Caribbean joining the LAC team at La Casa del Internet in Montevideo, Uruguay. The ICANN64 and ICANN65 sessions have been among of some of the most attended since the start of the initiative. The LAC Team is excited to bring the readouts to stakeholders in every corner of the region, encouraging meaningful participation from the community in ICANN processes.



Albert Daniels, Global Sr. Manager, Stakeholder Engagement - The Caribbean at CANTO35

FOCUS ON THE CARIBBEAN

ICANN Visits Trinidad and Tobago for CANTO 35th Conference & Trade Exhibition

Stakeholders from all over the Caribbean convened in Port Spain, Trinidad and Tobago at the 35th Conference & Trade Exhibition of CANTO on the 21st to the 24th of July. This year the theme 'Transitioning to a Digital Region - Opportunities and Challenges' provided stakeholders with the opportunity to debate solutions aimed to improve the Caribbean's future prospects for participation in the global digital ecosystem. ICANN joined the conversation with over 350 stakeholders from the Caribbean region and beyond to engage on topical issues related to information and communications technologies and the Internet.

Missed CANTO35? Check the highlights of the conference, [here](#).

LAC Registry and Registrar training day

Following the **LAC DNS FORUM**, 23 August 2019 will be dedicated to training activities for ICANN LAC contracted parties in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This training is jointly organized by GDD, LAC GSE, and community members to make sure our contracted parties are up to speed in registry and registrar operations and contractual procedures.

IX Regional Forum in Brazil

We are on the road with **NIC.br** to deliver the **IX Regional Forum** covering Brazil from North to South engaging ISP's connected to the **Brazil Internet Exchange**. Congratulations IX.br for the 15 years of good services. This first semester we have traveled to Campo Grande, Curitiba, São Paulo, and Belo Horizonte. We have issued **205 ICANN Learn** certificates for participants on topics related to ICANN, Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers (ISPCP) and cybersecurity. Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and hyperlocal promotion are key topics for this community. Next stops are the cities of Manaus, Macapá, and Vitoria.



Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System

Today the number of hosts on the Internet is thousands of times larger than when the Root Server System

(RSS) for the Domain Name System (DNS) was originally designed. The network has evolved to billions of hosts, billions of users, new governance structures, and new business models, that all place new expectations on the infrastructure. The Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) has been engaged in an ongoing process to adopt new governance structures and business models to meet the more rigorous requirements of governance, accountability, and transparency in this new era.

In June 2018, the RSSAC presented to the ICANN Board and ICANN community its proposed governance model for the RSS in "RSSAC037: A Proposed Governance Model for the DNS Root Server System" (RSSAC037). As part of the ICANN Board's consideration of RSSAC037, ICANN org prepared a "Concept Paper on a Community-Driven Process to Develop a Final Model Based on RSSAC037." The Concept Paper outlines a community-driven process to develop a final model for the RSS to be led by the Root Server System Governance Working Group (GWG). To launch the work of the GWG, ICANN org developed a draft charter and operating procedures, and a draft work plan. RSSAC037, the Concept Paper, the draft charter and operating procedures, and draft work plan for the GWG are available for Public Comment until Friday, 9 August. **Provide your input today.**

At-Large Updates

At-Large Capacity Building Working Group Co-Chair, Joanna Kulesza, and At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group Co-Chair, Jonathan Zuck, recently presented an updated **ALAC Hot Policy Topics document**, which highlights upcoming work related to Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance.

All RALOs announced the results of their leadership elections. **All elected positions** will be renewed at the end of the ICANN66 Annual General Meeting.

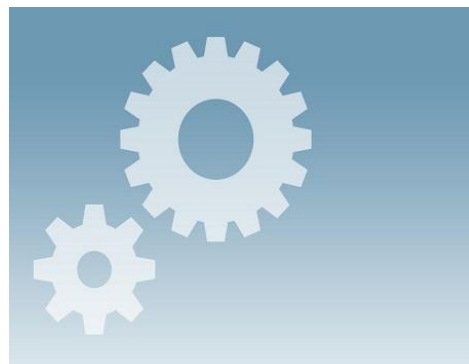
In early July, the Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) Selection Committee **announced** the names of successful candidates eligible for travel support to attend ATLAS III during ICANN66.



GDD UPDATE

Get Your Systems UA-ready!

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) has several tools available to help you get your systems UA-ready. Access the UASG **Blueprint for CIOs** for tips on evaluating and fixing your systems. **Test** your email address to see if it is compliant with internationalized email. You can also report an issue **here** and they can help resolve the problem. Visit **www.uasg.tech** for more information.



Coming Soon: RDAP Service Implementation Deadline - 26 August 2019

All generic top-level domain (gTLD) registries and registrars are required to implement a Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) service no later than 26 August 2019, according to the ICANN org's **legal notice issued on 27 February 2019**. For a complete overview of RDAP, navigate to this **page**. Details about the gTLD RDAP Profile implementation and the RDAP Response Profile created by the RDAP Working Group, can be found **here**.

New Milestone for Internationalized Domain Names

The third version of the **Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone (RZ-LGR-3)** was recently released integrating 16 new scripts. These rules define a set of criteria for determining valid Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) labels for the Root Zone of the Domain Name System (DNS) and their variant labels. Congratulations to the Generation and Integration Panel communities who have reached a milestone with these new set of scripts. Read the full announcement to [learn more](#).



PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

- [***The Internet Governance Forum of Latin America and the Caribbean will be held in La Paz - Asociación para el progreso de las comunicaciones***](#)
- [***One CEO, two dissimilar markets: cross-cultural insights on the new gTLD performance in LAC & Europe - Noticias.Itda***](#)
- [***Latin American Telecommunications Congress | July 1 to 5 - Cordoba, Argentina - El Contact***](#)



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Betty Fausta: A Life Dedicated to Global Internet Governance

Betty Fausta is the founder of IPEOS, an open source information technology company. She is also a leader of GuadeloupeTech, an information and communication technology (ICT) professional association in Guadeloupe of over 135 companies and organizations. Fausta is currently involved in expanding the Internet in underserved regions and in the development of a Caribbean platform for compliance with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Betty is passionate about teaching at University of Antilles and works on many projects aimed at growing the IT community in her region.



Betty Fausta (Guadeloupe)

Betty has a lot of experience participating in International organizations, entrepreneurship initiatives, and Internet governance, but her recent commitment with ICANN has added significant knowledge, opportunity, and experience to Betty's current work and to her passion for the ICT sector in her country and region.

Call to action: All women in tech dare to change the world and contribute a brick to build our common house for the future Internet.



UPCOMING EVENTS

5 - 9 August 2019

[**LACIGF12**](#)

La Paz, Bolivia.

22 August 2019

[**LAC DNS Forum**](#)

San Juan, Puerto Rico

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