EDITORIAL

ICANN is Ready to Strategize in 2020!
By Rodrigo de la Parra, VP, Stakeholder Engagement for Latin America and the Caribbean and Managing Director.

We close another year at ICANN. The year 2019 was full of great experiences and growth opportunities at ICANN for our regional community. As 2020 approaches, our community and regional team are preparing for the alignment of the regional strategic plan with ICANN's **Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025,** adopted by the Board in June 2019. This is essential for ICANN's planning for the next five years as the work we all collaborate on needs to resonate with regional goals. We will work towards ensuring that our regional strategy is aligned to ICANN's Mission and vision. All of our new regional goals will contribute to reaching one of ICANN's new strategic goals and objectives. Also, we will all strive to ensure the region's reality is considered and that the regional projects continue to be instrumental in achieving the region's objectives.

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From 2-6 December 2019, ICANN's regional team, members of the executive team, and other functions at ICANN met at LAC's Montevideo regional office for our annual meeting. During this time, we discussed the next steps of the implementation of the strategy and possible effects on regional dynamics. ICANN's President and CEO Göran Marby highlighted the importance of regional engagement in ICANN to contribute to the evolution of the Internet.

We are excited for what's coming for our regional and global community in 2020! Stay tuned.

TOP STORY

Mandy Carver Appointed Senior Vice President of ICANN's Government & IGO Engagement Team

Mandy Carver has been appointed to the position of Senior Vice President, Government & Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Engagement. Carver, whose 30 years of experience includes 13 years of global engagement work at ICANN, is a seasoned international consensus-builder with deep roots in multistakeholder processes. She will lead the Government & IGO Engagement function that identifies and works to address the opportunities and risks governments and IGOs pose to ICANN's mission.

Read the full announcement **here**.

.ORG Update

ICANN stakeholders have questions about the proposed acquisition of Public Interest Registry (PIR) by Ethos Capital, and what it means for .ORG.
Read ICANN's latest blog by President & CEO Göran Marby and Board Chair Maarten Botterman that explains ICANN's role and where we are in the process.

Read President & CEO Göran Marby, and Board Chair Maarten Botterman's Latest Blog

Click **here** to read the blog.

ICANN NEWS

IGF 2019 in Berlin: Toward an Open and Inclusive Internet

Internet stakeholders from around the world met to discuss Internet policy at the fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Berlin, Germany, from 25 to 29 November. Hosted by the German government, the IGF attracted over 3500 participants this year, reflecting more interest in the challenges and opportunities of an open and inclusive Internet.

With the theme "One World. One Net. One Vision.", attendees examined data governance, digital inclusion, and ensuring the security, safety, stability, and resiliency of the global Internet. Members of the ICANN community, Board, and organization actively participated in the dialogue. Also, the ICANN booth provided an opportunity for ICANN org members to interact with Forum participants and raise awareness of ICANN and its constituencies. More information on ICANN's participation, can be found **here**.

Session transcripts, videos, and output documents from the event are available **here**. **Digital Watch from the Geneva Internet Platform** also provided daily briefs and session reports from the event.

Poland will host the next IGF Annual Meeting in 2020, and ICANN looks forward to participating.

Domain Abuse Activity Reporting System Expands

Country code top-level domain (ccTLD) operators will now be able to actively participate in the Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) system. ICANN's DAAR system is used to study and report on domain name registration and security threat behavior across top-level domain (TLD) registries. The data is obtained from a curated list of Domain Name System (DNS) reputation providers.

Now, ccTLD operators can pull their own aggregated DAAR data via the Monitoring System Application Programing Interface (MoSAPI). The MoSAPI interface allows registry operators to retrieve information collected by the ICANN Service Level Agreement Monitoring (SLAM) system. While ccTLD operators will not be subject to the SLAs the SLAM system monitors, using MoSAPI will allow a consistent interface for all registries participating in DAAR. The aggregated data counts security threats broken down by threat type (e.g., phishing, botnet command and control, malware distribution, and spam) per TLD. These data sets will be similar to those of the generic top-level domains (gTLDs) that are currently provided via MoSAPI. Having access to such data will enable ccTLD operators to monitor the DAAR security threat levels per threat type per month in the same way as gTLD operators.

The ICANN organization invites all ccTLD operators to participate in the DAAR project to promote a greater understanding of abuse across the global DNS. To participate, ccTLD operators should send a request to **globalsupport@icann.org** to begin the process.

Register Now for ICANN67

Registration for the ICANN67 Community Forum in Cancún, Mexico, from 7 to 12 March 2020 is now open. Click **here** to register now. You can find travel and visa information on the **ICANN Meetings website**.

ICANN68 Fellowship Application Round Now Open

The application round for the ICANN68 Fellowship Program is open for the 22-25 June 2020 Policy Forum in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This round is open only to those who have previously completed an ICANN Fellowship because ICANN68 is a Policy Forum. The deadline to apply is 15 December 2019, 23:59 UTC. Successful candidates will be announced on 24 February 2020 on **https://icann.org/**.

The **Fellowship Program** seeks out individuals who are interested in, or already engaged in, the various aspects of ICANN's work in policymaking, the operation of the Domain Name System (DNS), and the security and stability of the global Internet. The goal of the ICANN Fellowship Program is to strengthen the diversity of the multistakeholder model by fostering opportunities for individuals from underserved and underrepresented communities to become active participants in the ICANN community.

For more information, please visit **this page.**

ICANN66 Post-Policy Report

The **Post-ICANN66 Policy Report** captures updates from the more than 200 sessions at ICANN66 dedicated to community policy development and advisory work by Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, and Empowered Community. ICANN66 featured three plenary sessions and the third At-Large Summit. Also, **58 community leaders** were recognized upon conclusion of their terms of service.

ICANN Participates in Paraguay's Internet Governance Forum

ICANN's regional team visited Asunción, Paraguay, for the **6th Internet Governance Forum Paraguay (IGFPy)** held at Universidad Americana from 7-8 November 2019.

This year, IGFPy focused the dialogue over the formation of a national multistakeholder model for Internet governance. In addition, the event set the stage for discussions around possible data protection legislation. Sessions on Internet infrastructure and cybersecurity capacity building were among the highlights offered to participants.

Organized by the Paraguayan Internet Society (ISOC) Chapter, the Forum was attended by representatives from all sectors of the Internet community in Paraguay. Our regional team has been invited by the local community to participate in this event since its launch in 2014. We thank the local community for their invitation and we are honored to have joined you on the 6th edition of IGFPy!

The LAC Community Meets in Montréal

The Latin American and the Caribbean community met at ICANN66 in Montréal at the LAC Space session and the LAC session on ICANN's Policy Development Processes (PDPs). During these sessions, the community discussed recent developments in ICANN's LAC strategy, how to fill gaps in region participation in ICANN processes, and the next steps of the regional plan. The LAC community and staff from the ICANN organization engaged in conversations that not only gave updates to the participants, but also highlighted new opportunities for close collaboration in terms of strategic planning and policy development.

Missed any of these sessions at ICANN66? You can watch the recordings here:
LAC Space and **LAC Session on PDPs**.

LAC Space participants at ICANN66 in Montréal

Your Community Has a Story to Tell You in the New LAC PDP Experiences Report

During ICANN66 in Montréal, ICANN's regional team published its second LAC PDP Experiences report. The exercise aims to increase awareness and knowledge about the participation of LAC community members involved in policy development processes (PDP), their experiences, and their expectations on the future of regional contributions to ICANN. After the success of ICANN's first LAC PDP Experiences report in 2018, the LAC regional team decided interview more members of the regional community. Read your colleagues' stories and anecdotes about developing Internet policy at ICANN and its importance for the region.

Access the publication in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French **here**.

ICANN Connects with Legal Stakeholders at LACTLD's Online Content Workshop

On 23-24 October 2019, ICANN's Vice President for Global Stakeholder Engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean, Rodrigo de la Parra, visited Bogotá, Colombia, to engage with members of various countries of the region, law enforcement agencies, judges, and prosecutors during LACTLD's Online Content Workshop. The event, organized by the Latin American and Caribbean Association of ccTLDs (LACTLD) and .CO (Colombia's ccTLD manager), gathered experts from the domain name industry to help facilitate their work when dealing with abuse and misuse of the Internet and the DNS. Other participating organizations were the Public Interest Registry (PIR), the Brazilian Network Information Center (NIC.br), the Network Information Center (NIC), the Internet Addresses Registry for Latin America and the

Caribbean (LACNIC), Philip Morris International, Mercado Libre, and Twitter.

Find more information on this workshop on **LACTLD's latest story.**

Revised ASO MoU Signed

ICANN, the Number Resource Organization (NRO), and the five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) - African Networking Information Centre (AFRINIC), American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC), and Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC) - **signed a revised Address Supporting Organization (ASO) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** on Thursday, 7 November 2019. Over 20 members of the numbers community and ICANN Board members Chris Disspain, Ron da Silva, Lito Ibarra, Akinori Maemura, and Kaveh Ranjbar attended the signing ceremony at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. The revised MoU addresses multiple recommendations from the **most recent organizational review of the ASO**. The revised ASO MoU affirms and strengthens the relationship between the names and numbers communities.

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Prioritizing Areas of Improvement in the ccNSO

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At ICANN66, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) held a workshop to begin prioritizing areas of improvement for the ccNSO. The ccNSO Triage Committee will lead this initiative and is developing a work plan to guide prioritization efforts over the next few months. Recommendations for improvement include topics related to diversity, good faith, and accountability mechanisms. The recommendations for improvement were gathered from the **Final Report of the Second ccNSO Organizational Review** and the **Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability Work Stream 2 recommendations**. By February 2020, the Triage Committee will present its recommended implementation plan to the ccNSO Council for next steps.

PDP 3.0 Webinar Reflects on Recent Implementation Efforts

On 27 November 2019, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) held a public webinar to review the Policy Development Process 3.0 (PDP 3.0) and related implementation efforts. PDP 3.0 is a GNSO Council initiative designed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the GNSO policy development process. This webinar provided details on the proposed implementation of PDP 3.0 improvements, including potential changes to how the ICANN community participates in GNSO working groups and mechanisms to review working group leadership. **Learn more**.

Successful ATLAS III Summit Held

During ICANN66, the At-Large community held its third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III), an assembly of future policy and outreach ambassadors. The participants will implement outcomes from the At-Large Review, such as the participation of At-Large members in the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) policy advice process.

The Summit consisted of a series of plenary sessions and six breakout groups which provided training and interactive, hands-on practice of key skills. A case study on Phase 1 of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data served as the focus for the training. Current At-Large leaders served as coaches and facilitators of the breakout sessions. ATLAS III also included networking events for participants to get to know At-Large members

from around the globe as well as other members of the ICANN community.

At the conclusion of the four-day Summit, At-Large participants were presented with the **At-Large Ambassador Journey,** a pathway for greater participation within the At-Large community going forward. The journey incorporates activities ranging from At-Large communications to policy advice development, with a focus on capacity building and increased participation in At-Large policy activities. As successful participants of ATLAS III, the At-Large Ambassadors will assume greater roles within their community, At-Large, and ICANN.

Sánchez Nominated for Second Board Term

León Sánchez was nominated by the At-Large community to the ICANN Board Director seat (#15) for a second term. Sánchez will begin his second three-year term as ICANN Board Director at the end of ICANN69 (17-22 October 2020). He also assumed a new role as Vice Chair of the ICANN Board at the conclusion of the ICANN66 Annual General Meeting in November.

The At-Large Community's ICANN Board Director nomination process for the 2019-2020 cycle began in September 2019, and started with the formation of two committees (**BCEC** and **BMSPC)** tasked with managing the timeline, calling for and evaluating candidates, and organizing the final election. The Chair of the Board Member Selection Process Committee (BMSPC) Alan Greenberg, and the Chair of the Board Candidate Evaluation Committee (BCEC) Yrjö Lansipuro, led the two working groups.

As the sole applicant, Sánchez was evaluated by the BCEC and identified as the only candidate on the BCEC slate. According to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Rules of Procedure, a single candidate is declared the winner by acclamation. The nomination process officially concluded on 14 November 2019. The ICANN Empowered Community formally designated Sanchez to a second term on 26 November 2019.

Click **here** for detailed information about the At-Large Board Seat 15 nomination process.
Click **here** for a biography and photo of León Sánchez.

🔔 **GDD UPDATE**

Have You Tried the Lookup Tool?

Earlier this year, ICANN launched an updated version of its lookup tool that makes use of Registration Data Access Protocol, known as RDAP, to query, parse, and display domain name registration data in a human-friendly format. If you haven't tried it yet, you have the ability to look up publicly available contact and other information related to a domain name. RDAP was developed by the technical community in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) as an eventual replacement for the WHOIS protocol. More information on the new tool is available **here**.

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José Clastornik

José Clastornik was appointed in 2007 by the President of the Republic of Uruguay to lead the Electronic Government and the Information and Knowledge Society Agency (Agencia de Gobierno Electrónico y la Sociedad de la Información y del Conocimiento - AGESIC). With his leadership, the Republic of Uruguay has become a leader in digital government, globally recognized as a member of The Digital Nine (D9).

Clastornik is a member of the Boards of the National Regulatory Units of Privacy, Access to Public Information, and Electronic

Certification. At the international level, he holds positions in several digital government groups, such as the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). He was a member of the Board of the Digital Agenda, both the MERCOSUR and the regional digital agenda (eLAC), and the Network of Digital Government Authorities of Latin America and the Caribbean (Red de Autoridades de Gobierno Digital de América Latina y el Caribe - Red Gealc).

He is the Representative of the Republic of Uruguay in ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC).

In 2018, **Apolitical** included him in his list of the 20 most influential people in digital government.

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