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EDITORIAL

Thank You for Your Engagement in 2020!

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Dear friends,

It is with great pleasure that I write this editorial to close an incredibly challenging year for all of us. As in the rest of the world, our Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) community has been fighting the global pandemic, trying to overcome its socio-cultural impact and the resulting economic recession.

As a response to COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions, our regional team revamped the ICANN LAC Talks series. We want this initiative to help our community keep participating, learning, and connecting with each other during the health crisis. With nearly 400 participants, the ICANN LAC Talks series held from March to November 2020, featured topics like DNS security and threats during the COVID-19 health crisis, 5G technology, Universal Acceptance, new gTLDs in LAC, the impact of COVID-19 on LAC organizations, and the future of the Internet identifier system.

In March 2020, Nicolas Antoniello joined ICANN's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) as a Technical Engagement Manager, working in close collaboration with our regional team to enhance ICANN's technical knowledge-sharing efforts in the region. This addition helped our region keep the number of technical workshops in 2020 at the same level as FY19 despite the current travel restrictions. You can read more about our capacity building efforts from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 in our regional annual report, available [here](#).

Finally, another important regional 2020 milestone was achieved with the revision of the LAC Strategic Plan. In order to align ICANN's FY21–25 Strategic Plan with regional needs and demands, the LAC Strategic Council with support of the LAC Global Stakeholder Engagement team developed a new regional strategic plan for engagement. Members of the LAC Strategic Council identified trends, risks, and suggested actions for each area of focus of ICANN's new FY21–25 Strategic Plan. This process helped ensure that key areas of interest of the regional strategic plan were aligned with ICANN's new strategic plan. You can read the final draft that was published for Public Comment on 1 June 2020, [here](#).

I want to take this opportunity to thank our amazing regional community for their commitment to

continuing participation in ICANN processes and regional events, even in these challenging times. We look forward to a new year, with new opportunities and hopefully a face-to-face reunion somewhere in the world.

Stay safe! Happy holidays, my friends.



TOP STORY

Improving Our Public Meetings



ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby recently **outlined** how the ICANN Board and organization are working together with the community to assess the effectiveness of our Public Meetings and determine how the org can improve support for the community's work both now and in the future when we return to in-person meetings.

Read this blog from David Olive, the Senior Vice President of Policy Development Support, and Sally Costerton, the Senior Vice President of Global Stakeholder Engagement, for an update on timelines and milestones.



ICANN NEWS

New Infographic: Learn How to Limit Your Risk of Online Fraud

Learn the many steps you can take to protect your domain name from common scams in this new publication aimed to help educate domain name registrants.

Click here to view the infographic.



New Resources Available for Domain Name Holders (Registrants)

Read the latest blog from the Registrant Program team highlighting the fourth edition of its "Issues and Challenges Impacting Domain Name Registrants" reporting series, an ICANN69 webinar updating the community about recent work, and a reminder to take the registrant-focused ICANN Learn course where domain name holders can learn how to leverage best practices for their domain name.



Click [here](#) to read the full blog.

Call for SO/ACs to Nominate Fellowship Program Mentors and Selection Committee Members

ICANN org invites Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SO/ACs) to nominate volunteers to serve as mentors in its Fellowship Program and to serve on the Fellowship Program Selection Committee.

Read this [announcement](#) for more details on the roles and how to apply.



LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

ICANN's Board Member Lito Ibarra Receives LACNIC 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award

The ICANN Board and organization extended their warmest congratulations to ICANN Board member, Lito Ibarra, LACNIC's 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

You can watch the video that LACNIC prepared for Lito, [here](#).



Strong Attendance for ICANN LAC Talks Events



COVID-19 Impact on LAC Internet Organizations

The 24 September edition of ICANN's LAC Talks focused on how the COVID-19 pandemic impacts LAC Internet organizations. During the conversational and interactive session, [LACNIC](#) CEO Oscar Robles, [LACTLD](#) General Manager Ignacio Estrada, [CaribNOG](#) Program Director Stephen Lee, and ICT Sector Specialist at [ECLAC](#) Alejandro Patiño discussed the impact of the global

pandemic in their respective organizations. You can access the [recordings here](#).

New Generic Top-Level Domains in LAC

The objective of this edition of ICANN LAC Talks, held on 20 November 2020, was to provide a space for some regional new gTLDs (.bar, .rest, .LAT, .bradesco) to share their experience and successes in the past year with the members of the LAC community. You can access the [recordings here](#).

Nearly 100 people participated in these sessions.

The 20th Meeting of the Caribbean Network Operators Group

The Caribbean Network Operators Group (CaribNOG) held its 20th meeting virtually on 11 November 2020 in collaboration with its partners ICANN, the North American and Latin American and Caribbean Regional Internet Registries (ARIN and LACNIC), the Internet Society (ISOC), and Packet Clearing House (PCH).

CaribNOG 20 immediately followed the 6th Caribbean Peering and Interconnection Forum (CarPIF) virtual event and continued the focus on building and strengthening Internet Exchange Points. CaribNOG is a unique forum in the Caribbean, bringing together network engineers, computer security experts, telecommunications specialists, regulators, and tech aficionados to exchange ideas and share experiences.

ICANN's presentation at CaribNOG 20 centered around relevant policy topics covered at ICANN69 and the need for the Caribbean technical community to follow policy developments within ICANN.

LAC Domain Names Week

The theme of this year's LAC Domain Names Week is "Understanding the Ecosystem and Learning New Opportunities." The week of activities included an entire day for the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community, two days dedicated to policy, technical, and business issues, and two days dedicated to interactive exchanges.



This year's event was jointly organized by the Latin American and Caribbean ccTLDs Organization (LACTLD), the Latin American and Caribbean Address Registry (LACNIC), the Internet Society (ISOC), the Public Interest Registry (PIR), and ICANN.

For more information, visit the event website here: <https://dnsweek.lat/>

ICANN and LACNIC Joint Tutorial for LACNIC34-LACNOG2020



LACNIC34 and LACNOG 2020 were both held virtually from 2 to 9 October 2020. During the combined event, LACNIC's Chief Technology Officer Carlos Martinez and ICANN's Nicolas Antonello held a tutorial and a hands-on session on the Domain Name System (DNS).

With more than 180 attendees from all over the LAC region, this entertaining and enriching exchange addressed the general operation of the DNS, Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC), and the hyperlocal concept.

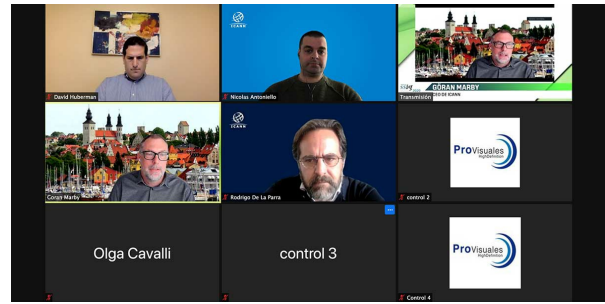
Afterwards, each participant could go step-by-step through the installation and complete configuration of a recursive DNS server with DNSSEC validation and a hyperlocal implementation.

ICANN Participation at the 2020 South School

on Internet Governance (SSIG)

The ICANN organization delivered a series of presentations during the South School on Internet Governance (SSIG 2020), with attendance of more than 500 participants from all over the world.

The 6 October session began with an initial address by ICANN's President and CEO, Göran Marby, followed by a presentation about ICANN by ICANN's Latin American and Caribbean Vice President, Rodrigo de la Parra.



ICANN's Office of the CTO (OCTO) hosted two technical presentations: one on the Domain Name System (DNS) by ICANN's Regional Technical Engagement Manager for LAC, Nicolas Antoniello, and the other one on the Root Server System governance by ICANN's Technical Engagement Manager, David Huberman.

ICANN69 Readout



Our regional stakeholder engagement team, together with its regional community, organized an ICANN69 readout session to review some of the most relevant topics discussed during the Public Meeting. The WHOIS changes under GDPR and the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures were among the topics covered in this virtual session. Nick Tomasso, ICANN Vice President of Global Meeting Operations, recapped key statistics from the meeting. You can

take a look at an infographic in our latest ICANN69 newsletter, available [here](#).

We were honored to have the participation of all three ICANN Board members from Latin America and the Caribbean: Lito Ibarra, León Sanchez, and Patricio Poblete. They gave an overview of the ICANN69 Board resolutions and main activities.

You can watch the session, here:

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3onVjj8>

Audio:

EN Audio: <https://go.icann.org/2lepcTz>

ES Audio: <https://go.icann.org/3omSTkM>

PT Audio: <https://go.icann.org/2lialSO>

LAC Strategic Plan News

LAC SPACE at ICANN69

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.

In this edition of the LAC Space at ICANN69, with nearly 50 participants, NIC.PR's Executive Vice-President, Pablo Rodriguez, presented a case study of Domain Name System Security Extension (DNSSEC) and many community leaders in new positions had a chance to talk about their expectations in their new roles.

You can watch the session here:

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POLICY UPDATE

GNSO: Review of All RPMs Phase 1 Final Report

On 25 November, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLD) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group submitted its Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council. If approved, the GNSO Council will forward the report to the ICANN Board for consideration and potential action in accordance with the ICANN Bylaws. The primary objective of this Final Report is to document the work of the PDP working group in several areas, including:



- Recommendations for new policies or procedures.
- Recommendations to maintain the status quo.
- Recommendations to modify existing operational practice.
- Implementation guidance.
- Associated consensus levels of all final recommendations.

This Final Report also documents the deliberations of the working group, input received on its Phase 1 Initial Report and its subsequent analysis, and other pertinent information that provides background, context, and rationale for its total of 35 final recommendations.

[Learn more.](#)

GNSO Council Holds Virtual Strategic Planning Session



In November, the GNSO held its fourth Strategic Planning Session (SPS) over the course of a four-week period. For the last few years, the annual SPS has allowed the GNSO Council to onboard new councilors and to develop a strategic work plan for the upcoming year.

This year, the SPS focused on two topics: empowering the GNSO to deliver on its

priorities and commitments and aligning program management with resources. These two topics were introduced in an initial plenary session and further discussed among councilors during

breakout sessions. In addition, the SPS also included an opportunities and threats brainstorming session, which involved leaders of GNSO stakeholder groups, constituencies, and former councilors. Stay tuned for the SPS Final Report to review the details and outcome.

ccNSO Nominates Katrina Sataki to ICANN Board Seat 12

The members of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) recently nominated Katrina Sataki for ICANN Board Seat 12. Sataki will begin a three-year term at the conclusion of ICANN72. Although the ccNSO Council is responsible for the nomination, ccNSO members select nominees to serve on the ICANN Board. Sataki is the current chair of the ccNSO Council and chief executive of NIC.LV, the registry of the country code top-level domain of Latvia.



[Learn more](#) about the election process, including the public call for nominations, the election results, and information on the candidates.

ccNSO Council Welcomes New Members

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The ccNSO Council is preparing to welcome newly selected members. Once the ccNSO Council has formally appointed Jiankang Yao (Asia-Pacific), Hadji Mmadi Ali (Africa), Irina

Danelia (Europe), Jenifer López (Latin America-Caribbean), and Sean Copeland (North America), their three-year terms will begin at the conclusion of ICANN70.

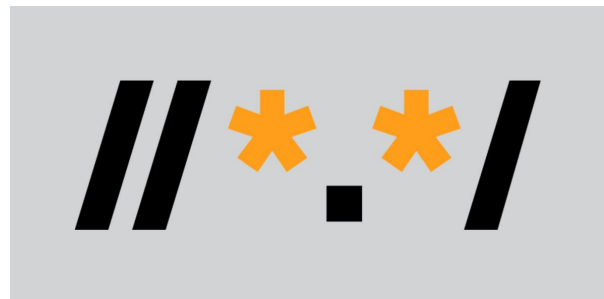
[Learn more](#) about the ccNSO Council election process.



GDS UPDATE

Working Towards an #Internet4All

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG), through its various working groups, Local Initiatives, and UA Ambassadors, is working to develop a more digitally inclusive and multilingual Internet. By ensuring that all domain names and email addresses – in any language, script, or character length (e.g., .pф, .PHOTOGRAPHY) – are accepted equally by all Internet-enabled applications, devices, and systems, users can experience a true #Internet4All.



As 2020 comes to a close, the UASG has published three blogs highlighting recent UA activities and progress made towards an #Internet4All:

- [ICANN69 Highlights Universal Acceptance Initiatives and Global Momentum](#)
- [Support for Email Addresses in Local Languages Grows with Major Tech Companies](#)
- [Making Global Progress Towards an #Internet4All | Universal Acceptance Local Initiatives](#)

The UASG looks forward to expanding its efforts and reach in 2021. If you would like to get involved, please visit <https://uasg.tech/>. And continue to stay informed on everything UA by following the UASG on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

Access to Registration Data via RDAP



Domain name registration data lookup leveraging the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) has been available from ICANN since last year. RDAP was developed by the technical community in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) as a potential replacement for the WHOIS protocol.

You can now access ICANN's Domain Name Registration Data Lookup tool [here](#).



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Natalie Rose (Jamaica)



Natalie Rose attended her first fellowship at ICANN48 in Buenos Aires where she was inspired to join the ICANN At-Large community. During ICANN67, her third fellowship, she was elected as co-chair to the Caribbean Working Group. This group serves the ICANN communities and discusses issues that will be vital to policy development in the Caribbean.

After attending her second fellowship in London at ICANN50, Natalie was inspired to help build the Internet Society (ISOC) chapter in Jamaica in 2018. In 2019, she was elected as the first president for the ISOC Jamaica chapter and continues to work tirelessly with her team to encourage community engagement and development in Internet governance and security.

Natalie's fellowships helped her introduce ICANN and Internet governance as two courses at the university where she lectures. She hopes her continued work within the ICANN community has a positive impact on communities throughout the Caribbean.

Natalie is a mobile app developer with a passion for computer programming. Natalie joined the faculty at the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean (UCC) in 2000 as an adjunct lecturer in the Information Technology department. With more than ten years of experience teaching, she led her team to win the 2014 Microsoft Imagine Cup for Jamaica & The Caribbean for mobile application development. Since 2016, Natalie Rose has been the Head of Department for Information Technology at UCC. She is currently writing her doctoral thesis on education in social media and virtual tourism at the University of Technology.

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