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A Different Latin America and Caribbean Internet Governance Forum (LACIGF)

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Social distancing and quarantining in our homes are some of the measures that governments have taken to mitigate the advance of the COVID-19 pandemic. These measures have led to greater use of the Internet in some of our daily activities. But, what do we need so that the Internet continues to offer the benefits of development that it offers us today?

At LACIGF 13, the Program Committee has structured a discussion agenda on topics such as how to build a more inclusive Internet using new technologies, human rights, gender and technology policy, infrastructure and regulation challenges, and much more.

Learn more about this online edition held from 8 to 10 September 2020, at:
<https://lacigf.org/lacigf-13/>



TOP STORY

Get Ready for ICANN69!

Register now for the **ICANN69** Virtual Annual General Meeting. **Community Days will take place from 13-15 October** and **Plenary Week from 19-22 October**.

The ICANN69 **schedule** will be published on 28 September 2020. Sessions will be held online between 08:30-18:00, Central European Time (CET). All public sessions will have a Zoom meeting link posted in the event schedule.



ICANN69 was originally scheduled to be held in Hamburg, Germany, but moved online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ICANN thanks the Hamburg host committee and our regional partners in Europe for their input during the planning process.

To facilitate participation during the virtual ICANN69 among community members with limited Internet capacity, ICANN will offer financial assistance to increase Internet bandwidth for the Virtual Annual General Meeting.



ICANN NEWS



Strengthening ICANN Org and Enhancing Collaboration

ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby announced the next steps in an organizational evolution to improve efficiencies, strengthen collaboration, and maximize resources. ICANN org has integrated Global Domains Division (GDD) and Multistakeholder Strategy & Strategic Initiatives (MSSI) into a new function called Global Domains Strategy (GDS). This function is led by Senior Vice President Theresa Swinehart.

Xavier Calvez now leads planning and implementation operations, in addition to his role as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

[Read Göran Marby's recent blog](#) about these changes and [read an earlier blog](#) for more background information.

Updated Coronavirus Guidance

ICANN org has extended its suspension of face-to-face meetings, business travel, and returning to the workplace until 31 December 2020. ICANN org has a dedicated team monitoring COVID-19 developments and will keep the community updated on any changes to this guidance.

ICANN Announces the Location for ICANN75

ICANN selected Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as the location for ICANN75. The Annual General Meeting will be held 17-22 September 2022 at the [Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre](#). Read more in this announcement [here](#). You can find more information about upcoming ICANN Public Meetings on ICANN's Meeting [website here](#).



2020 Nominating Committee (NomCom) Update

Read 2020 NomCom Chair Jay Sudowski's [update](#) on NomCom's progress selecting qualified candidates for open ICANN leadership positions.



LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

ICANN CTO Featured at ICANN LAC Talks

The fifth edition of ICANN LAC Talks featured David Conrad, ICANN's Chief Technology Officer, talking with LAC stakeholders about the Internet's system of unique identifiers.



During the session on 26 August, Conrad addressed challenges and opportunities posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and engaged with participants in a deeper conversation about the Internet's current state. Missed this session? Watch the recording [here](#).

Stay tuned for the next editions of ICANN LAC Talks! Follow this and other discussions by following us on Twitter ([@ICANN](#)).

LAC Community Experts Discuss the COVID-19 Crisis in the Region

ICANN joined other organizations and institutions in the Latin America and the Caribbean region to discuss the legal and technical implications of the COVID-19 crisis on the region. The webinar on 26 August was hosted by the Center for Internet Governance Studies from the University of San Martín de Porres in Peru and featured panelists from Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Chile, Uruguay, and Argentina.

Check out some of the highlights, [here](#).



DNSSEC and Hyperlocal Online Hands-on Session

On 26 August, the ICANN organization participated in the **Capacity Building Week** promoted by **NIC.br** to deliver a tutorial on how to configure Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and hyperlocal in recursive servers. Students were able to prepare their computers in advance and followed the live tutorial to configure a virtual machine with Berkeley Internet Name Domain (BIND) and Unbound recursive servers. A recording of the session is available [here](#).

Congratulations to CEPTR.br team for this activity and thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your work.



LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS

LAC Strategic Plan FY21-25 On Track

To ensure that ICANN's regional engagement work in Latin America and the Caribbean is aligned with ICANN's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, the LAC Strategy Council developed the LAC Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2021-2025. The regional plan went through a Public Comment period which closed on 28 July 2020. Next, the action plan of the strategy was presented to the LAC Strategy Council which in turn provided feedback to the ICANN org. Stay tuned for more updates on the upcoming deployment and implementation of the plan.

Update on the Capacity Building Initiative Between LACRALO and ICANN Org

The capacity-building initiative between the Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO) and ICANN org hosted its fourth webinar on 17 August. Miguel Ignacio Estrada, CEO of the Latin American and Caribbean Country Code Top-Level Domain Association (LACTLD), discussed threats and opportunities for ccTLDs during the COVID-19 crisis. The session had 33 attendees.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY



Carlos Sanabria (Bolivia)

Carlos Sanabria

Plurinational State of Bolivia

I am an Electronic Engineer with training and experience in telecommunications and regulation. Since 1991, I have worked in the information and communication technology (ICT) sector, from the installation of landline services and networks to generating policy for Bolivia's ICT development. In the regulatory field, I have been in charge of

price cap approvals for regulated services, preparation of the digital standard signature, and installation of the National Infrastructure for Digital Certification of the Digital State of Bolivia. This process required the implementation, design, and installation of the Bolivian Traffic Interchange Point. I was also the first administrator of the National Root Certifier Entity and coordinator of the country's Number Portability Technical Advisory Team. Currently, I am the General Manager of the Bolivian Traffic Exchange Point.

Recently, we collaborated with ICANN org and the network administrators of the main Internet access service providers in Bolivia on a series of capacity-building activities related to the Domain Name System. The workshops have allowed us to understand the operation of the domain name system, IP addresses, root servers, security, and the fundamental role that ICANN plays in the operation of the network of networks. The program took place from 23 June through 15 September 2020.



POLICY UPDATE

GNSO Holds PDP 3.0 Webinar to Discuss Implementation

On 15 September 2020, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) will hold a community webinar to discuss the implementation status of Policy Development Process (PDP) 3.0, a GNSO Council initiative designed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the GNSO Policy Development Process. The GNSO Council adopted the **PDP 3.0 Final Report** in February 2020. Many work products related to the PDP 3.0 improvements have already been deployed.

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There are three objectives for this webinar:

- Review the purposes and practical examples of the PDP 3.0 work products that have been applied in ongoing GNSO working groups.
- Kick start the preliminary assessment of PDP 3.0 impact.
- Help other Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees evaluate the applicability of PDP 3.0 improvements in their internal processes.

Participants are encouraged to join the discussions. [Learn more.](#)

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New Series of Webinars for ccNSO Members

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) has begun conducting webinars to inform and prepare members for submitting Public Comments, participating in working groups, and voting in elections. The aim of the webinars is to educate the ccNSO community and lower barriers for participation for its members. Recent ccNSO webinars include:

- A webinar on the (de-)selection of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) country code top-level domain (ccTLD) strings held in July 2020 prior to the call for volunteers to join the working group.
- A webinar on the nomination process for joining the ccNSO Council. The next ccNSO Council elections will be held in early September. The webinar aimed to encourage new

- participants so councilors can be replaced at regular intervals.
- Later this month, a ccTLD community webinar will welcome newcomers to the ccNSO, provide an overview of the ccNSO, and detail its plans for ICANN69.

Recordings of past ccNSO webinars can be found [here](#). Information about the ccNSO Council nomination process can be found [here](#).

LACRALO Adopts New Rules of Procedure

The Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO) recently approved new **Rules of Procedure (ROP)**. These rules define procedures to implement the governance structure envisioned in the 2018 LACRALO Operating Principles such as requirements to recommend an At-Large Structure (ALS) for accreditation. LACRALO leaders and members hope the newly approved ROP and 2018 Operating Principles will provide a solid foundation for LACRALO to conduct its affairs with certainty, transparency, and fairness.



GDS UPDATE



I became a UA Ambassador to help promote the use of African languages on the Internet in an effort to preserve culture and to reduce the pressure for communities to rely on English.

- UA Ambassador
Abdulkarim Ayopo Oloyede
Nigeria



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Get to Know the UA Ambassadors!

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) has kicked off a “Get to Know the UA Ambassadors” campaign on social media. Each week, a new UA Ambassador is profiled with a personal profile on why they became an ambassador, what they hope to accomplish, and why they care about UA. You can view the series by following @UASGTech on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

Find out more about the UA Ambassadors representing nine different countries, [here](#).

“How To” with RDAP

The Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP), developed by the technical community in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) as a replacement for the WHOIS protocol, allows users to access domain name and Internet identifier registration data.

Bookmark this page and access ICANN’s registration data lookup tool [here](#).



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