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✒ EDITORIAL

Introducing the Entrepreneurship Center for the Caribbean Region

This month we are happy to introduce the Virtual Domain Name System (DNS) Entrepreneurship Center of the Caribbean, or simply, VDECC. This center is a space dedicated to professionals from the Caribbean region. It will serve as a knowledge and networking resource for digital business opportunities.

VDECC is a joint effort of the Caribbean Network Operators Group (CaribNOG), CANTO, the Latin American and Caribbean Country Code Top-Level Domain Association (LACTLD), and ICANN. On 19 February, we are getting together in Trinidad and Tobago to launch the center with our community and to conduct sessions on two fundamental aspects of digital presence: websites and domain names. Join us by registering your physical or remote attendance at www.vdecc.online.
We are seeking partnerships and ideas from all levels in the community to craft VDECC operations and plans. Be in touch and help us to expand this project.

Because it is virtual, VDECC will use online tools to reach out to digital industry leaders to share their messages to Caribbean communities. Topics will be organized in tracks to support best practices for experiencing the benefits of a digital presence and economy. To start, we will explore two topics: "What is a good website and domain name?" and "How to provide sustainable services with internet tools."

Join us in this journey!

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☼ SPOTLIGHT

Register Now! Pre-ICANN61 Policy Open House, 1 March

Join ICANN`s Policy Development Support Team at one of two Pre-ICANN61 Policy Open Houses:

Thursday, 1 March 2018
10:00 and 19:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)
Register via
this form by 26 February!

The format of each 60-minute session will be interactive. We invite you to submit your questions in advance through the registration form or by email to **policyinfo@icann.org**.

To prepare for this webinar and for ICANN61, download and review the "Pre-ICANN61 Policy Report" and "Generic Names Supporting Organization Policy Briefing: ICANN61 Edition,"to be published by 26 February.

ICANN61 Countdown

Join us in San Juan, Puerto Rico, 10-15 March, for this year's Community Forum. Come network with other community members, discuss issues face-to-face, and be a part of the policymaking process. The **ICANN61 website** has up-to-date information on the schedule, travel, and accommodations.

Before booking your travel, please review the travel and visa requirements on the ICANN61 website.

Register now!

🔔 **ICANN NEWS**

Public Comment Opens on Plan to Restart the Root Key Signing Key (KSK) Rollover

Click **here** to find out how you can participate.

FY19 Budget and Operating Plan Open for Public Comment

Focusing on ICANN's commitment to the multistakeholder model, ICANN's Draft FY19 Operating Plan and Budget and the current year's update to the Five-Year Operating Plan are provided for Public Comment. Voice your opinions and participate in discussions.
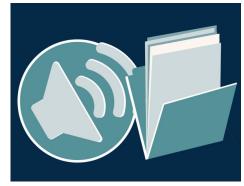
Learn about this and all open Public Comment proceedings.

Data Protection/Privacy Update

On 2 February, the ICANN organization held a webinar to give an update on data protection and privacy activities and to discuss proposed interim models. The feedback from the webinar will factor into an assessment of what may be a viable interim model moving forward.

Stay up to date:

- Access the **webinar recording and presentation materials**.
- Read regular updates about **data protection and privacy issues**.

Learn What's New with the Information Transparency Initiative

Read our latest blog about ICANN's Information Transparency Initiative (ITI), which officially kicked off in January. Learn about the content audit, taxonomy, next steps, and how you can provide feedback.

IANA Functions in the Spotlight

Find out what's been happening with the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions post-transition. Read about our survey, new oversight mechanisms, and recent leadership changes.

Kim Davies, ICANN Vice President of IANA Services and President of Public Technical Identifiers, reflects on these topics and the focus for 2018. **Read his recent blog**.

LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

LACNIC Representatives to the ASO and Review Committee

The Latin American Network Information Centre (LACNIC) announced that Jorge Villa renewed his term as LAC region representative to the NRO Number Council (NRO NC/ASO). His new term will conclude on 31 January 2020.

Meanwhile, Esteban Lescano began his term as LACNIC community representative to the Address Supporting Organization (ASO) Review Committee on 1 January 2018. **Read LACNIC's announcement**.

Do You Want to Host a LACNIC Meeting in Your Country?

LACNIC is calling for proposals to host their upcoming meetings: LACNIC31 (May 2019), LACNIC32 (September 2019), LACNIC33 (May 2020). **Read the terms and conditions**.

2018 Agenda for LACTLD Workshops

LACTLD shared its approved agenda for its working groups workshops during 2018. **View the list**.

LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS

This year, we are starting with a renewed LAC Strategic Plan, as discussed and approved by the newly created council. The council is a well-balanced multistakeholder regional group which includes participation from folks from the region currently working in ICANN´s Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations.

We launched an **open call for volunteers** to join the (also newly created) Implementation Committee of the LAC Strategic Plan. This committee will be responsible for executing the plan's projects. We expect many participants from different countries, organizations, and stakeholder groups from the region to join this committee.

GDD UPDATE

IANA Satisfaction Survey Posts Positive Results

ICANN recently published the results of an annual survey conducted by Ebiquity, an independent marketing and media consultancy firm, that measures the perception of satisfaction among customers of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions regarding the services they receive. In its fifth year, this survey is the first completed since Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) started performing the IANA functions on behalf of ICANN. **Read the announcement** and **review the full report**.

New Consensus Policy Protects Certain Specific IGO and INGO Identifiers

ICANN announced that all ICANN contracted parties for generic top-level domains (gTLDs) must implement the new Consensus Policy concerning the protection of certain specific names of identifiers of intergovernmental organizations (IGO) and international nongovernmental organizations (INGO) in all gTLDs. **Read the full announcement**.

Ambassadors Needed to Promote Universal Acceptance

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) is looking for industry leaders to help create awareness of Universal Acceptance (UA) and Email Address Internationalization (EAI) among software developers, systems architects, and senior IT executives. These UA ambassadors, to be selected by the UA Coordination Group, will hold their positions for one year.

The UASG is also seeking a software developer practitioner and technical marketing specialist. **Learn about open opportunities.**

POLICY UPDATE

GNSO Council Plans for 2018

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council met in Los Angeles from 29-31 January to

plan for the year. A priority for the year is to better understand the GNSO's role under the new bylaws and to develop plans for performing this role more efficiently, effectively, and collaboratively. Other goals are documenting expectations, developing new strategies, and updating operating procedures.

Read more in GNSO Chair Heather Forrest's recent **blog.**

GNSO Seeks Survey Providers

Last month, ICANN launched a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek qualified providers to develop and conduct survey(s) to assess Sunrise and Trademark Claims services for trademark owners. The deadline for submitting proposals is 9 March 2017. **Learn more**.

At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) Approves Five ALAC Statements

In January 2018, the ALAC approved ALAC Statements on these topics:

- Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team
- ICANN's Office of Ombudsman
- ICANN Jurisdiction
- ICANN Staff Accountability
- Enhancing Accountability - Recommendations for Diversity

At-Large Hosts First of 2018 Educational Webinars

Based on At-Large community suggestions for over 45 topics, At-Large is offering a series of webinars in 2018. The first webinar was held on 24 January and dealt with data protection and the GDPR. **Learn about future webinars**.

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ccNSO Needs Volunteers to Prepare for Upcoming Review

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) needs members to volunteer for a working group that will do a self-assessment of the ccNSO. This effort is part of the preparation for the Organizational Review that will resume soon.

If you're interested in joining, email **joke.braeken@icann.org**.

WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

New! Reviews Status Update Page

We've created a page that gives a high-level summary of the status of all active reviews, along with links to key resources for each of the Specific and Organizational Reviews. Click **here** to view the page.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Alexis Anteliz is an ICANN58 Fellow and a self-taught "hacktivist" with studies in anthropology and law. He is member of the Internet Society and in ICANN he participates in working groups in the Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Association (LACRALO).

These working groups promote capacity building in the LAC region and the responsible, safe, open, and productive use of the Internet. Anteliz was also the co-organizer of the first Internet Governance Forum held in Venezuela.

Alexis Anteliz (Venezuela)

📅 UPCOMING EVENTS

19 February	**Launching of VDECC**	Trinidad and Tobago
13-15 March	**VII Regular Meeting of the Assembly of CITEL**	Buenos Aires, Argentina
30 April-4 May	**LACNIC 29**	Panama City, Panama
30 April-2 May	**Cyber South School on Internet Governance (SSIG) 2018**	Washington DC, USA

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