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## EDITORIAL



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It is a pleasure to be writing this month's editorial, not only as an ICANN staff member, but also as a Brazilian. This month the spotlight is on my country, with activities that brought our President and CEO, 2 Board members and 10 ICANN colleagues to this part of the world.

ICANN was proud to sponsor the 27th annual meeting of LACNIC, the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry, which took place in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, from 22-26 May 2017. LACNIC 27 had a record attendance, with more than 600 participants from around the world and from different backgrounds and sectors. It was the first time Göran Marby, ICANN President and CEO, visited South America, and the first time he participated in LACNIC's annual meeting. His keynote presentation dealt with ICANN since the Internet Assigned

Numbers Authority (IANA) stewardship transition (also referred to as post-IANA transition). Marby thanked the Latin American and Caribbean community for its support and engagement throughout the transition process and highlighted the unique level of cooperation in the technical community. He also addressed the process of rolling the Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) key signing key (**KSK rollover**) this year. LACNIC is supporting our awareness efforts regarding this important issue - its April newsletter featured a **story on the KSK rollover**, and Carlos Martinez, CTO of LACNIC, made a presentation about the KSK rollover during LACNIC 27.

We urge you to stay involved. Don't hesitate to contact me or any member of our team if you want more information about post-transition IANA functions, the KSK rollover or any other topic.

*Obrigado* for your continuous support and *Ate logo!* I look forward to our continued partnership.



## ICANN NEWS

### Register Now! Pre-ICANN59 Policy Update Webinar, 15 June

To prepare community members for the upcoming Policy Forum in Johannesburg, the Policy Development Support Team is hosting a Pre-ICANN59 Policy Update Webinar on 15 June. Subject matter experts will provide brief updates on cross-community topics and the policy and advice development work of the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees



We will conduct two 90-minute sessions at 10:00 and 19:00 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) to accommodate participants from different regions and time zones.

Read the **full announcement** and **register now!**



## Get Ready for ICANN59

Johannesburg, South Africa, 26-29 June 2017

It's not too late to **register** for the ICANN59 Policy Forum. Before you book your travel, please read the ICANN59 **travel and visa information**. If you still need to obtain a visa, check with your nearest South African mission to see if there's still time.

Can't travel to the meeting? Find out how you can **participate remotely**.

Be sure to check out these useful meeting tools:

- **ICANN59 Meeting Schedule.** You'll find session descriptions, dates, times and locations - and how you can participate remotely.
- ICANN59 Mobile App. You can create your own meeting schedule, network with fellow participants, view the venue map, get information about Johannesburg and more. You can find the app in the App Store, Google play, Windows Store and BlackBerry World.
- **ICANN59 Guide.** This handy guide contains a map of the Sandton Convention Centre, health and safety information, lists of notable sessions, and more.

We hope to see you in Johannesburg!

## Numbers Community Assists in Key Roll Outreach

ICANN has enlisted the help of our partners in communicating the upcoming change to the cryptographic keys that help protect the Domain Name System (DNS). The five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) have agreed to work with ICANN to increase awareness among Internet service providers and network operators in their respective global regions.

"The RIRs clearly realize how important it is that network operators are ready for this change on October 11," said Matt Larson, ICANN's Vice President of Research. "We're grateful to them for helping us get the word out and we stand ready to support the RIRs' outreach in whatever way they think will be most beneficial."



Internet service providers, network operators and others can determine if their systems are ready for the pending key change by going to <http://go.icann.org/KSKtest>.

To learn more about the key roll, go to <https://www.icann.org/kskroll>.



## ICANN Launches Gender Diversity Survey

The ICANN organization is conducting a survey to determine current perceptions of gender diversity in the ICANN community and to identify potential barriers to participation. The purpose of this survey is to inform community discussions on diversity, following calls for additional data on this topic.

We invite all community members to take part! Responses will be anonymous and used in accordance with ICANN's **Privacy Policy**. The survey will be available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

It takes just ten minutes to support diverse and meaningful engagement. To make your voice heard, please **complete the survey** before 8 July. Your input matters!

Please email any questions to [gendersurvey@icann.org](mailto:gendersurvey@icann.org).

## ICANN Introduces New Empowered Community

### Resources

On 25 May 2017, ICANN launched three new resources to support the Empowered Community:

- [Empowered Community](#)
- [Empowered Community Administration](#)
- [Correspondence related to the Empowered Community](#)



These resources will enable ICANN to provide the community with clear information about any powers currently being exercised, and how those processes are progressing.

[Read the full announcement.](#)



### Want a Career at ICANN?

Do you know someone who is interested in making a difference in the future of the Internet and wants to work for a dynamic global organization? If so, ICANN could be a great fit. Take a look at our [new careers webpage](#), now available in six languages. We have an exciting range of career opportunities to explore. View [current job openings \(English\)](#).

### A Look Back: The ICANN History Project

If Vint Cerf is considered one of the "fathers of the Internet," then Ira Magaziner could easily be considered "the father of ICANN." It was Magaziner who spearheaded the formulation of a plan for an international, multistakeholder organization, the likes of which few had ever seen. And it was this organization, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, that would manage the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS).

Magaziner related his little-known story in a [video interview](#) that is part of the new ICANN History Project, which can be found at <https://www.icann.org/history>. There, you will find a growing number of video interviews.



*Ira Magaziner talks to ICANN's Brad White.*

[Read more...](#)



## LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

### Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between LACRALO and LACNIC: An Important Milestone

*Maritza Y. Agüero Miñano, Secretary of the Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO)*

LACRALO will now commemorate 24 May because of the signing of the MOU between LACRALO and LACNIC at the LACNIC 27 meeting held in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil.

The MOU, like any document of this nature, expresses a collaborative agreement and a general intention of both parties to



Oscar Robles (LACNIC) and Humberto Carrasco (LACRALO) signing the MOU, 24 May 2017, Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil

undertake projects that allow them to benefit in skills, knowledge and experience, in their respective roles.

In addition, the MOU includes important lines of action to promote Internet standards, infrastructure development and services in order to promote the development of the Internet in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region. The MOU also refers to capacity building, an issue that LACRALO has been promoting through its webinars and monthly calls. In fact, LACRALO has focused on expanding and generating a more active and informed participation as an effective way to share experiences and collaborative learning in benefit of the regional community.

[Read LACNIC's announcement.](#)

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## Good Practices for the Registration and Administration of Domain Name Portfolios (Part I)

*Carlos Alvarez, Security, Stability and Resiliency (SSR) Technical Engagement Senior Manager, ICANN*

It's always wise to remember good practices related to the registration and administration of domain names, especially when referring to portfolios with tens or hundreds of domain names. Good practices allow companies to have their online operations uninterrupted and prevent them, for example, from losing their domain names due to expiration or hijacking. On the other hand, poor practices can lead to disruptions in business, loss of customer confidence and harm to reputations, among other negative consequences.

This blog post, the first in a series, covers three good practices - and more will come in upcoming posts.

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## Internet Days

Our regional VP Rodrigo de la Parra participated in the 2017 Internet Day International Congress held in San Salvador, El Salvador, on 17 May 2017. He talked about participation opportunities in the LAC region within the multistakeholder model. The congress, held at the University Gerardo Barrios (UGB), started with some remarks by Lito Ibarra, ICANN Board member, also considered the father of the Internet in El Salvador.

After the event, Rodrigo then flew back to Mexico to attend the Internet Day celebrations in his hometown. This event was organized on 18 May 2017 by the Institute of Legal Research of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).

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## Workshop: An Introduction to Internet Governance

The event, organized by members of ICANN's community, was held on 31 May 2017 at the Law Faculty of the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) with the support of the ICANN organization and ICANN Learn. Among the topics discussed were the Internet ecosystem and how to survive its acronyms, and ICANN and the multistakeholder model - and how to get involved.

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## Internet Development in the LAC Region: 2017 Call for Proposals

The Regional Fund for Digital Innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean (FRIDA) provides funding and recognizes initiatives that promote Internet development and encourage the adoption of digital solutions to address socioeconomic challenges in the LAC region.

FRIDA has announced its 2017 call for proposals. The application period is open from 10 May to 23 June 2017. Read more [here](#).

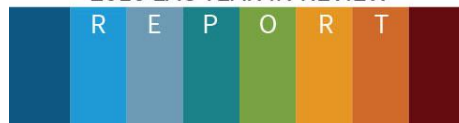


## 2016 LAC Year in Review Report Is Out!

Relive all our activities in the LAC region during 2016 by downloading this comprehensive report put together by ICANN's regional team. This resource is available in [English](#) [PDF, 2.14 MB], [Spanish](#) [PDF, 3.69 MB] and [Portuguese](#) [PDF, 3.69 MB].

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### LACRALO Capacity-Building Webinar

As part of the capacity-building project of the LAC Strategy, on 15 May 2017, we held the second webinar for the LACRALO community. Mary Wong, ICANN's Senior Director, Special Advisor for Strategic Policy Planning, spoke about the review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs) Policy Development Process.

Below, you will find links to the audio recordings:

[Spanish](#) | [English](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [French](#)

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### News from the Caribbean Working Group

*Albert Daniels, Senior Manager for the Caribbean, ICANN*

The Caribbean is expanding its participation and contribution to the projects of ICANN's LAC Strategy, particularly through the Caribbean Working Group project. This project seeks to connect stakeholders with the ICANN regional manager to find ways to expand and deepen the Caribbean's participation in the work of ICANN. Initially chaired by ICANN veteran Carlton Samuels to get it going, the project has now taken on a life and vibrance of its own with experienced ICANN stakeholders Dev Anand Telucksingh as Chair and Bartlett Morgan as Vice-Chair. The working group is now reviewing its overall objectives and metrics for measuring success and has been strengthened by several new members, including first-time ICANN Fellows, recent American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) Fellows and stakeholders who have been working with ICANN to organize local outreach events in the Caribbean.

On 9 May 2017, the working group held a well-attended [conference call](#) with a strong agenda that covered work that has been completed.



## POLICY UPDATE

### GAC Prepares for ICANN59

The GAC leadership created an agenda that aligns with the issues raised by GAC members and responds to meeting requests from the ICANN community.

In Johannesburg, the GAC will meet with the GNSO, ccNSO, ALAC and the ICANN Board. Additionally, the GAC will discuss its role in the Empowered Community, new gTLDs, and the protections in second-level domain names for international governmental and nongovernmental organizations such as the Red Cross and Red Crescent. The GAC will also discuss internal matters, and each working group will meet.

Before ICANN59, the co-chairs of the GAC Underserved Regions and Public Safety Working Groups - in cooperation with the ICANN Government Engagement team - are hosting a workshop for law enforcement agencies to raise awareness about the DNS and its impact on public safety.

See the GAC sessions in the [ICANN59 Schedule](#).



### Next Steps on the Use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs

The Cross-Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as Top-Level Domains (TLDs) - CCWG-UCTN - sought public comment on the draft conclusions and recommendations in its [Interim Paper](#).

The comments received support the CCWG-UCTN's major recommendations: close the working group, create a new effort with a broader mandate, and embed the work in a comprehensive context. However, there was great divergence in suggestions for how to embed the next effort.

The CCWG-UCTN is further reviewing the comments. The goal is to complete the final report by ICANN59 and submit it to the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Councils for discussion and adoption.

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### GNSO Initiates Policy Amendment Process on Red Cross and Red Crescent Names

The GNSO Council passed a [motion to initiate a policy amendment process](#) on the protection of specific Red Cross and Red Crescent names at the top and second level of all generic top-level domains (gTLDs). The Council requested reconvening the Policy Development Process Working Group (PDP WG), which developed the original policy recommendations.

In 2013, the PDP WG developed consensus recommendations for protecting the identifiers of international governmental and nongovernmental organizations. Some of the recommendations pertaining to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent are inconsistent with advice from the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). At ICANN58, the GAC and the GNSO engaged in a facilitated dialogue to resolve their outstanding differences. The ICANN Board has not yet adopted these recommendations. Recognizing the exceptional circumstances and per the ICANN Board's request, the GNSO agreed to take this extraordinary step to reconsider its policy recommendations.

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### ALAC Rescinds Advice on the Proposed Guidelines for the Second String Similarity Review Process

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) recently passed a motion to rescind its [advice](#) on the Proposed Guidelines for the Second String Similarity Review Process, which it submitted for public comment last year. The advice had supported the [recommendations](#) of the ccNSO Extended Process Similarity Review Panel (EPSRP) Working Group.

The validity of the advice was questioned after the ALAC reviewed the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) Advisory [SAC084](#). This advisory raised concerns over potential user confusion with the proposed process in relation to Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) TLDs.

After exchanging views with the SSAC and the ccNSO at ICANN58, the ALAC realized that the issue of user confusion could be resolved if registries would commit to including it in their evaluation processes. The ALAC encourages all concerned bodies to find a solution that ensures timely deployment of IDN TLDs without compromising security and stability or processes that mitigate potential user confusion.

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### GNSO Council Does Not Support Reopening Decision on Two-Character Country and Territory Codes at the Second Level

In response to advice from the GAC in the [ICANN58 Communiqué](#), the GNSO Council does not support the ICANN Board reopening its decision and subsequent implementation of two-character country and territory codes at the second level. The Council is concerned that the GAC advice essentially requires the ICANN Board to negotiate directly with individual governments on this topic. In the Council's view, this process is inconsistent with the "Consensus Advice" mechanism stated in the ICANN Bylaws. It would potentially undermine the utility of the GAC itself and violate the post-transition accountability commitment of ICANN.

In the new procedure introduced by the [ICANN Board 8 November 2016 Resolution](#), registries are no longer mandated to notify governments of their use of two-letter country codes or to seek agreements of governments when releasing two-letter country codes at the second level. Because of serious concerns expressed by some governments, the GAC advised the ICANN Board to engage with concerned governments and resolve these issues before ICANN59. Learn more in the [GNSO Review of the GAC ICANN58 Copenhagen Communiqué](#), which has been submitted to the ICANN Board.

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## **GNSO Council Supports the CCWG-Accountability Request for Extension of Mandate and Funding for FY18**

As a chartering organization of the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability), the GNSO **supports the requested extension of the mandate** and funding of its Work Stream 2 (WS2) activities for Fiscal Year 2018. The GNSO Council expects regular updates on WS2 activities and on how expenditures track against the adopted budget. The GNSO Council also reserves the right to give further input on the budget allocation for FY18 activities related to the CCWG-Accountability.

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## **Matthew Shears Selected for ICANN Board Director Seat 14**

The GNSO Non-Contracted Parties House (NCPH) selected Matthew Shears to succeed Markus Kummer for Seat 14 on the ICANN Board of Directors at the end of ICANN60. As required by the ICANN Bylaws, the GNSO Council Chair communicated the selection to the Empowered Community Administration, the Decisional Participants and the ICANN organization.

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## **ALAC Endorses Three Candidates for the Second RDS Review Team**

On 16 May, the ALAC endorsed three candidates for the Second Registration Directory Services (RDS) Review Team: Dmitry Belyavsky (Russia), Alan Greenberg (Canada) and Carlton Samuels (Jamaica). The ALAC received six applications, and the ALAC Appointee Selection Committee led the evaluation process and made the full consensus recommendation to the ALAC for ratification.

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## **ICANN Board Approves Global Amendment**

The Global Amendment is a set of revisions to the base New gTLD Registry Agreement, as negotiated by ICANN and a Working Group established by the Registries Stakeholder Group. As required by the terms of the Registry Agreement, the Global Amendment was approved by eligible registry operators following a vote that concluded on 10 April 2017, and by the ICANN Board in a resolution dated 18 May 2017.

With these approvals, ICANN provided registry operators with a 60-day notice of the Global Amendment's effective date of 31 July 2017. Please visit the [Global Amendment web page](#) for additional information and the most recent updates.

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## **Annual GDD Summit Brings Together Registries and Registrars**

During the second week of May, ICANN held the third annual Global Domains Division (GDD) Industry Summit in Madrid, Spain. More than 450 people from 60 countries attended in person, and dozens more remotely. Several executives and Board members attended this year's event and actively engaged with participants.

The summit provided a forum for ICANN's contracted parties to discuss issues of mutual interest and importance, share best practices and meet one-on-one with members of the ICANN organization.



*GDD Summit 2017 participants listen in on one of the many Registry breakout sessions.*

## ICANN DNS SYMPOSIUM



### Participants Explore ICANN DNS Initiatives at Inaugural DNS Symposium

The inaugural ICANN DNS Symposium took place after the GDD Summit in Madrid, Spain, as a one-day event focused on all aspects of the Domain Name System (DNS). More than 175 attendees met with members of the ICANN organization to explore its current initiatives and projects relating to DNS research, operations, threats and countermeasures and technology evolution.

More information about the event and a link to the presentations can be found at: <https://www.icann.org/ids>.

### Wanted: Trusted Community Representative Volunteers

ICANN is seeking volunteers to act as Trusted Community Representatives for managing the root zone key signing key (KSK), the trust anchor for the global DNS. By inviting recognized members of the DNS technical community to be part of the root zone KSK operations, the ICANN organization seeks to improve transparency and confidence in DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC).

If you're interested in serving as one of the multilayered safeguards that protect the key material used to secure the DNS root zone, submit a statement of interest [here](#).



### Latin Generation Panel Formed - Enabling a Multilingual Internet

ICANN recently announced the formation of the **Generation Panel to develop root zone Label Generation Rules (LGR) for the Latin script**. Because it's the most widely used in terms of number of languages and number of speakers, the Latin script or Roman script is a major writing system of the world today.

Thank you to the Arabic, Armenian, Chinese, Cyrillic, Georgian, Greek, Ethiopic, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Latin, Neo-Brahmi and Thai script communities that are currently working to enable a multilingual Internet. Learn how you can speak up for your language by visiting the [www.icann.org/idn](http://www.icann.org/idn).



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## DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

### Two New gTLDs Were Delegated in May 2017

[See the full list here.](#)





## WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS



### Participate in ICANN Reviews

**Reviews** are critical tools that provide performance evaluations of ICANN, its Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. Help ICANN by participating in Reviews and driving continuous improvement through the findings and recommendations that they deliver.

What's Happening?

- The members of the Registration Directory Service (RDS) Review Team **have been announced**. This announcement includes diversity data for the team. The Review Team welcomes observers to **sign up** to follow its meetings.
- The Security, Stability, and Resiliency of the DNS (SSR2) Review Team has announced its **Terms of Reference**. This follows their second face-to-face meeting in Madrid, a summary of which can be found **here**.
- The Nominating Committee (NomCom) independent reviewer has been announced. Click **here** to learn more.
- The Final Report on the Review of the At-Large Community has been translated into Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish. For more information, click **here**.



## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Flavia Lefevre is a Brazilian lawyer who has a master's degree in procedural law from Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (PUC-SP). She specializes in consumer law and public services. Since 2001, she has been a member of the Board of PROTESTE, the Brazilian Consumers Protection Association. Since 2014, she has been a member of the Board of the Internet Steering Committee in Brazil, representing civil society, with a term running until 2019.

Lefevre's participation and involvement in ICANN discussions support the good performance of the noble causes that she defends in Brazil.



*Flavia Lefevre, Brazil*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

20-23 June

**Latin American Telecommunication Congress (CLT 2017)**

Cartagena, Colombia

22-23 June

Barbados Internet Governance Forum

St. Michael, Barbados

26-29 June

ICANN59 Policy Forum

Johannesburg, South Africa

16-17 July

CANTO's 33rd Annual Conference & Trade Exhibition

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic



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