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✒ EDITORIAL

Sally Costerton, Senior Advisor to the President and Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement, attends the CEI LAC inauguration on 12 November in Asunción, Paraguay.

I am delighted to write this month's editorial after my recent visit to your region.

First of all, let me say that I am amazed by the incredible synergies you have been able to build - enabling the launch of the Entrepreneurship and Internet Center in Latin American and the Caribbean (CEI LAC) in Asunción, Paraguay. Thank you especially to our partners at *Secretaría Nacional de Tecnologías de la Información y Comunicación* (SENATICs) and the Latin American and Caribbean Country-Code Top-Level Domains Association (LACTLD) for their involvement, their leadership and their vision. Many interesting things are happening in this part of the world that wouldn't be possible without the hard work of the regional Internet community. As I said during the opening of this initiative, I'm confident that this center will raise awareness about the opportunities that it can bring for the region. The Internet is a catalyst of opportunity, and CEI LAC will foster just that.

It was also exciting to be able to visit the *Casa de Internet* in Montevideo, Uruguay, the hub where our LAC engagement center is located, and home to the Latin America and Caribbean Network Information Centre (LACNIC) and many other Internet organizations in the region. This is quite unique in the world, and I think it is a must-see for everybody in our community. I'd like to thank every organization of the Casa for your well-known hospitality. I hope to be back soon!

🔍 TOP STORY

Watch the ICANN57 Wrap-Up Interview

At the end of the recent ICANN57 Public Meeting in Hyderabad, India, Liana Teo, ICANN's Head of Communications in the Asia Pacific region, sits down with Stephen Crocker, Board Chair, and Göran Marby, President and CEO. Crocker and Marby look back on the seven-day event that showcased ICANN's work to a broad global audience. **Find out what they have to say!**

🔔 **ICANN NEWS**

We Want Your Feedback!
Complete our two ICANN57 surveys.

Take the ICANN57 Surveys!

Tell us what you thought about ICANN57 by taking the **ICANN57 surveys**. Your feedback is important to us - it helps us improve future meetings.

Call for Volunteers

Has ICANN lived up to its commitments to ensure accuracy and compliance with WHOIS? You can participate in the Review of Registration Directory Service (RDS) - also known as WHOIS.

Apply to join the ICANN Review Team that will analyze WHOIS and make recommendations to make it more effective. Click **here** to learn more and apply.

Missed the Recent Quarterly Stakeholder Call?

On 18 October, ICANN held its Quarterly Stakeholder Call for the quarter ending 30 September. In keeping with the new format, the call highlighted the Asia-Pacific region. This new focus (including a region-friendly start time) encourages greater local engagement and participation. If you couldn't attend live, you can access the **presentation materials and recordings**.

✏️ **LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS**

Governance Primer participants - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Governance Primer participants - Montevideo, Uruguay

Governance Primer comes to the Rio de la Plata
by Agustina Callegari (Argentina)

"The Governance Primer is a youth-led, free and open Internet governance course that seeks to explain the subject to anybody who is interested in it, regardless of their background - be they undergraduate teenagers or electrical engineer grandparents," says Mark Datysgeld, Founder of the Governance Primer.

The Governance Primer is the creation of ICANN NextGenner Mark Datysgeld, developed with other young leaders of ICANN's NextGen and Fellowship programs. After two successful courses in São Paulo, Brazil, at the Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP), the course was taken to Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the University Torcuato Di Tella, and to Montevideo, Uruguay, at the ObservaTIC (University of the Republic) this October. ICANN sponsored all of the courses.

The Brazilian experience was a success, with over 60 participants - and feedback showed that the course was on the right track. The next course in Buenos Aires also had impressive numbers in every measurable category. On the other hand, the Montevideo course was aimed at a smaller audience of up to 30 people - allowing a more interactive experience with open discussions and role play.

The Governance Primer is in the region to stay. We hope to see more courses next year!

ICANNWiki logo: Giving everyone a voice in the future of the Internet

Spanish ICANNWiki Launched for LAC Community
ICANNWiki has been a great resource for the ICANN community for over ten years. This past year, we expanded our presence into other languages and regions. We launched the **Spanish ICANNWiki** this past summer and have slowly been building it up with high-quality articles.

Like all of our other initiatives, the Spanish ICANNWiki is a community-led effort. To build it into a comprehensive resource for the LAC region, we will all need to work together to contribute content and spread the word. We partnered with *Dominios Latinoamerica* and the South School on Internet Governance to launch this initiative. We're now seeking to engage the wider community.

We're planning more outreach in the coming year and could use your help. If you're interested in collaborating with us, or contributing or translating content, visit the **Spanish ICANNWiki** or reach out to Dustin Phillips (**dustin@icannwiki.com**), Jackie Treiber (**jackie@icannwiki.com**) and Anahi Menendez (**anahitxt@gmail.com**).

🔔 LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS

First Entrepreneurship and Internet Center Opens in Latin America
The opening of the first Center for Entrepreneurship and Internet in Latin America and the Caribbean (CEI LAC) was launched in

the city of Asunción, Paraguay on 12 October. This is the second center worldwide, the first one being in Egypt. This opening is a joint initiative of ICANN, SENATICs and LACTLD.

The inaugural event took place at the local headquarters of SENATICs, where the center is located. It began with speeches by Sally Costerton, ICANN's Senior Advisor to the President and Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement; Andrés Piazza, LACTLD General Manager; and Minister David Ocampos, Nicolas Caballero and Leticia Romero from SENATICs.

Graduates of CEI LAC's first course

"We are confident that CEI LAC represents an important milestone for Latin America and the Caribbean, and will bring new opportunities to strengthen the sector," said Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN's VP for LAC, speaking to journalists.

After the inauguration ceremony, the first training course on the Domain Name System (DNS) - called "DNS Industry - Business, Marketing, Operations and Legal Aspects" - was conducted by Michele Neylon from Blacknight Solution and Leon Sanchez from Fulton & Fulton SC. The course attracted 25 trainees from 10 LAC countries.

Learn and know more about **CEI LAC** (including full videos of the training course).

LAC-i-Roadshow Caribbean 2016

The Caribbean Network Operators Group (**CaribNOG**) and ICANN hosted CaribNOG12 and the 2016 Caribbean edition of the LAC-i-Roadshow* in Philipsburg, Sint Maarten from 24 to 26 October. CaribNOG joined with LACNIC, the Internet Society, and Bureau Telecommunications and Post Sint Maarten for "Internet Week Sint Maarten." The week started with CaribNOG 12 and the LAC-i Roadshow, and was followed by **"Sint Maarten On The Move"** from 27 to 28 October 2016.

The three events jointly targeted senior policymakers and government officials, regulators, IT professionals, university students, and technology journalists and bloggers. The range of topics included cloud computing, content delivery and peering, management of Internet Protocol (IP) networks, Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6), DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC), Internet Exchange Points, Resource Public Key Infrastructure (RPKI) and cybersecurity.

* The LAC-i-Roadshow is part of the LAC Strategy, which was developed by the different stakeholder groups from the Latin America and Caribbean region represented at ICANN. Its goal is to raise awareness across the region on key topics related to the DNS critical infrastructure.

💬 POLICY UPDATE

Governmental Advisory Committee ICANN57 Communiqué

The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Communiqué from ICANN57 is available for review **here**. ICANN receives input from governments through the GAC. Its key role is to give advice to ICANN on issues of public policy, especially where there may be an interaction between ICANN activities or policies and national laws or international agreements. The GAC meets three times a year at ICANN Public Meetings, where it discusses issues with the ICANN Board of Directors and other ICANN Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees and other groups.

GNSO Council Approves Proposed Framework for Future Cross-Community Working Groups

Up to now, cross-community working groups (CCWGs) have been formed on an ad-hoc basis, without a consistent framework of underlying operating principles that take into account the different working methods of the various Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. In March 2014, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council and Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council **approved the charter** for a CCWG to develop a framework for future CCWGs. The proposed framework identifies key principles and process steps to be considered during each phase of the CCWG life cycle (initiation, formation, operation, decision-making, closure, and post-closure). The CCWG submitted its proposed framework to the ccNSO and GNSO Councils on 19 September 2016. The GNSO Council **approved the proposed framework** at its meeting on 13 October 2016.

Extended Process Review Panel Working Group (EPSRP) - Final Report

In June 2015 the ICANN Board of Directors requested that the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) - in consultation with other stakeholders, including the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) - provide further guidance on and refinement of the methodology for the second string similarity review process. This includes the interpretation of split recommendations, to be applied to the relevant, current and subsequent cases in the Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) Country Code Top-Level Domains (ccTLD) Fast Track process, as well as to inform the proposed policy for the selection of the IDN ccTLD strings. In October 2015, the ccNSO established a working group with participants from the ccTLD community and the GAC.

In July 2016, the **EPSRP working group** sought feedback, via a **public comment proceeding**, on its proposed guidelines for the methodology on the second string similarity review process, including the interpretation of a split recommendation. Feedback received during the public comment proceeding included a **statement from the At-Large Advisory Committee**, **input from Verisign** and a **statement from the SSAC**. The GAC submitted **comments** at a later stage. The ccNSO **discussed** the EPSRP **final report** at its meeting at ICANN57.
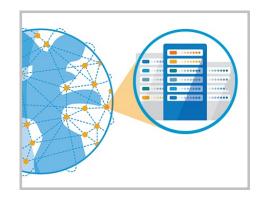

GDD UPDATE

Key Signing Key Rollover Operations Begin

On 27 October 2016, ICANN created a new root zone key signing key (KSK). This new cryptographic public/private key pair was made during the quarterly Root KSK Ceremony at our secure key management facility in Culpeper, Virginia. With this key generation, the initial operational phase of the first root KSK rollover - the process of changing the "master key" of the Domain Name System (DNS) - has begun. Network operators, Internet service providers and those who have enabled DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) validation will need to update their systems with the new root KSK once it has been published in July 2017. To learn more, visit the **KSK rollover webpage.**

Available for Comment - New gTLD Program Study Results

Reviews of the New gTLD Program are currently underway to assess whether program objectives are being met. In October, ICANN published two new reports that will feed into these reviews:

- "Phase II Assessment of the Competitive Effects Associated with the New gTLD Program" explores whether the program has affected competition in the domain name marketplace. **Read the draft report** or **submit a comment**.

- "Continuous Data-Driven Analysis of Root Server System Stability" will help the Internet community determine if additional steps are required to safeguard the root zone's security and stability. **Read the draft report** or **submit a comment**.

Internationalized Domain Names: Developing Root Zone Label Generation Rules

In October, the Lao script community finalized its proposal for root zone Label Generation Rules (LGR). The proposal is the fifth to be finalized - after Arabic, Armenian, Georgian and Khmer script

rules - and is now available for **public comment**. In addition, ICANN announced the formation of a Generation Panel to develop LGRs for the Greek script.

Root zone LGRs determine valid **Internationalized Domain Name** (IDN) labels and their variants in the world's many languages and scripts. Internationalized Domain Names include non-ASCII characters from scripts such as Arabic.

DELEGATED NEW GTLDS

Eight new gTLDs were delegated in October 2016

See the full list here.

.NEWHOLLAND	**.CASEIH**	**.IVECO**	**.BASKETBALL**
.BASEBALL	**.CASE**	**.VOLVO**	**.RADIO**

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

Nicolas G. Caballero, Executive Director of CEI LAC

Nicolas Caballero is a systems engineer with many specialties from universities in Korea, Japan and Spain. He specializes in e-government, digital applications, early warning digital systems, space engineering and satellite project management.

Caballero is the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) representative from Paraguay, founder and first President of the Paraguay Chapter of Internet Society, and coordinator of the first three national Internet Governance Forums in Paraguay (2014, 2015, 2016).

In October 2016, Caballero became the founder and Executive Director of **CEI LAC**, the Entrepreneurship and Internet Center of Latin America and the Caribbean. This center is an initiative in the LAC Strategic Plan prepared by and for ICANN's LAC community.

PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

Spanish
Nombre de dominio para el desarrollo

CEI LAC: Todo sobre el segundo Centro de Internet del Mundo

Entrenan a utilizar Internet para emprender y crear oportunidades

ICANN: En búsqueda de iniciativas digitales

Emprendedores regionales del mundo podrán capacitor en el primer Centro de Emprendimiento e Internet

Inauguran en Paraguay segundo Centro de Internet del Mundo

Se inauguró el primer Centro de Emprendimiento e Internet para Amperica Latina y el Caribe

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📅 UPCOMING EVENTS

Remote Hub ICANN57 and mini-course on Internet structure and governance - *Por detrás da Rede*, 7-8 November, São Paulo, Brazil

CEABAD Regional Hackathon - *Centro de Estudios Especializados en Banda Ancha para de Desarrollo (CEABAD)*, 15-17 November, Managua, Nicaragua

Internet Recorre (IR) - Network Information Center Argentina (NIC-AR), 21-22 November, Cordoba, Argentina

LAC-i-Roadshow South America 2016, 29 November, Buenos Aires, Argentina (more information coming soon in **icannlac.org**)

COM/CITEL - Executive Committee meeting of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL), 29 November - 2 December, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Internet Governance Forum, 6- 9 December, Guadalajara, Mexico