

A couple of weeks ago ICANN53 came to an end, and we didn't want to miss the opportunity to share with you all the highlights of this meeting that took place in our region, more precisely in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina. With thousands of participants from all over the world, it was exciting to see our community attending more than 10 sessions with content from and for Latin America and the Caribbean (access the [LAC Participant Guidebook](#) to see all the sessions that were organized).

Special Post-ICANN53 Latin America and the Caribbean Newsletter

Below, we highlight some of the milestones of this meeting.

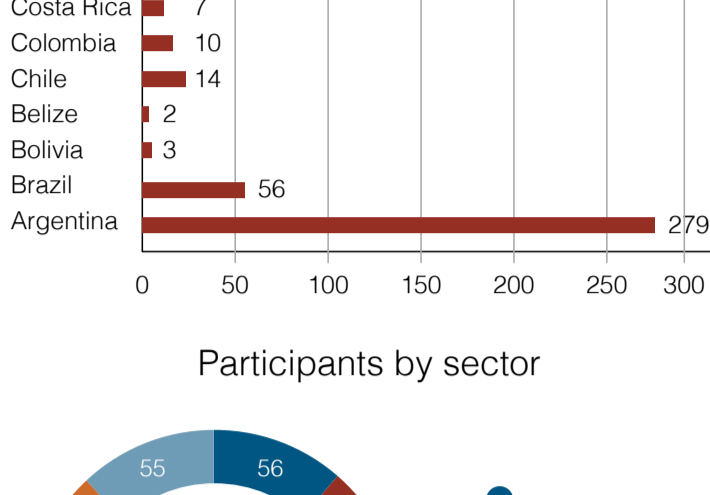


LAC participants with ICANN LAC pins and stickers during #ICANN53

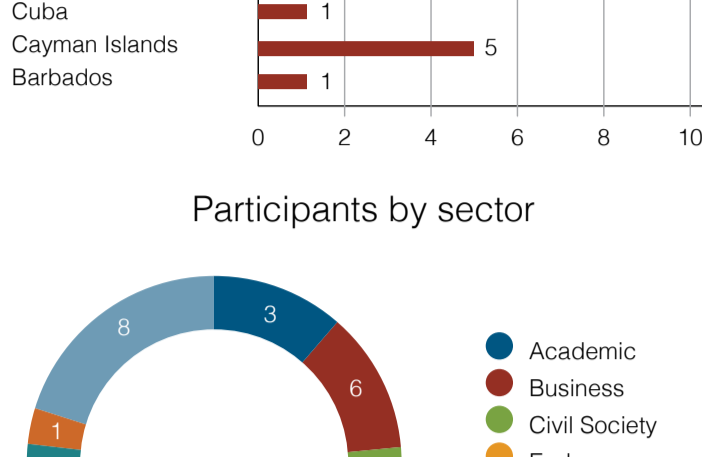
LAC participation in numbers

29 regional countries were present at the event, except for Suriname and French Guiana, all countries from Central and South America participated. LAC participants amount to 27.9% of total attendance.

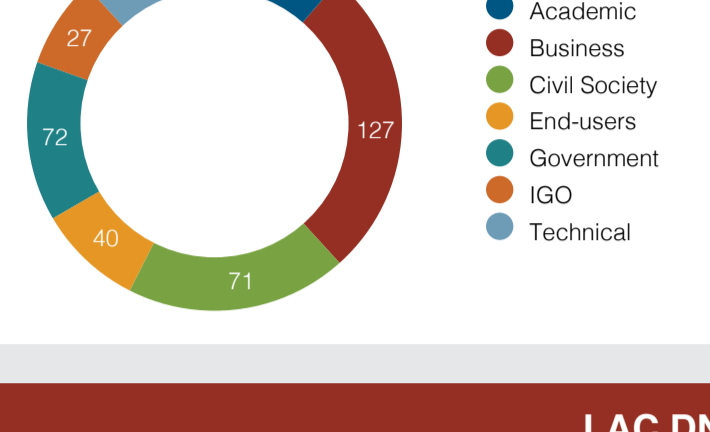
448 Participants of South America, Central America and Mexico



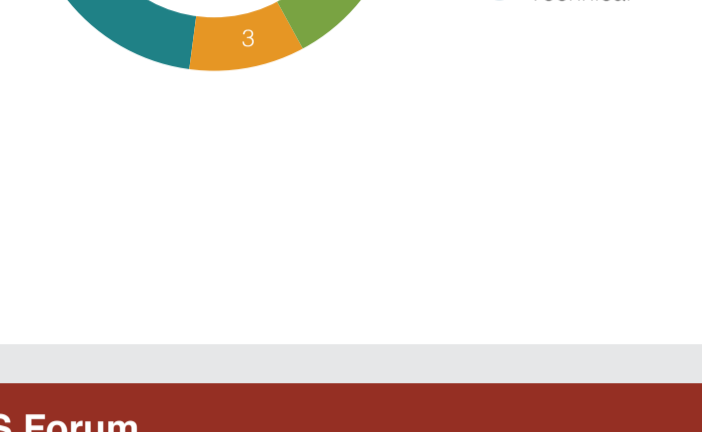
37 Participants of the Caribbean



Participants by sector

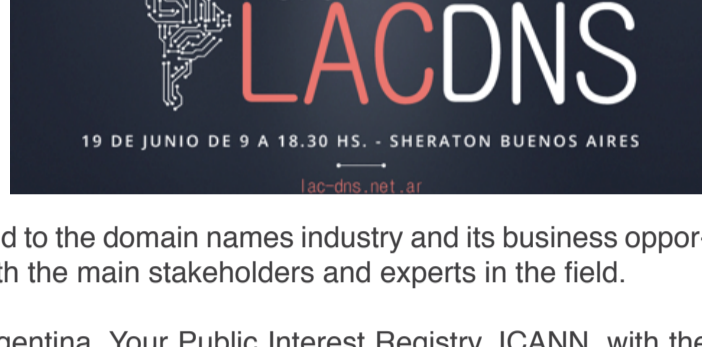


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LAC DNS Forum

The second edition of the LAC DNS forum gathered around 80 industry, Internet policy and technical stakeholders.



The event took place on June 19 in the city of Buenos Aires, to continue working on the proposal presented in 2013 for the promotion of a regional space for discussing DNS related issues.

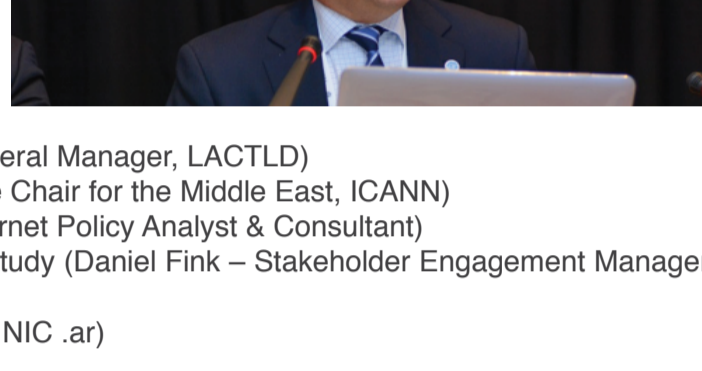
The forum was open to anyone interested in topics related to the domain names industry and its business opportunities, as well as in engaging and getting in contact with the main stakeholders and experts in the field.

The organizers were: LACTLD, ISOC, LACNIC, NIC Argentina, Your Public Interest Registry, ICANN, with the support of the Argentina Internet Association (CABASE).

Couldn't you attend? [Click here](#) to see the agenda and [here](#) to access all presentations

LAC Space

The LAC Space is one of the projects of the Regional Strategy and was designed to create a space within ICANN meetings for the Latin American and the Caribbean community to discuss issues relevant to the region.

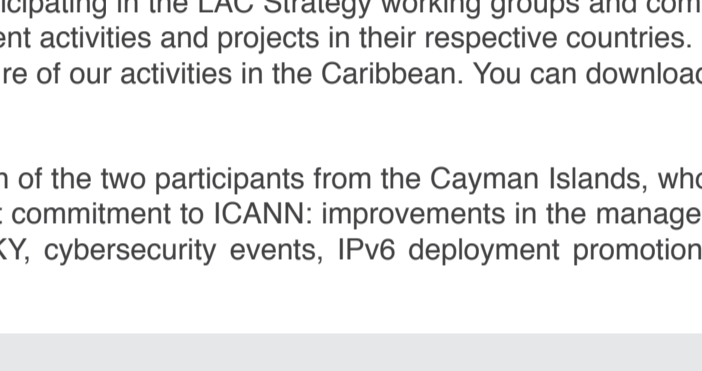


In this fifth edition we had 105 participants from more than 15 countries. The main topic of the session was "The DNS industry", with the following presentations:

- DNS LAC Forum conclusions (Carolina Aguerre – General Manager, LACTLD)
- DNS Initiatives in the Middle East (Baher Esmat – Vice Chair for the Middle East, ICANN)
- Business Strategies for ccTLDs (Wim Degezelle – Internet Policy Analyst & Consultant)
- Regional Strategy project for conducting a LAC DNS study (Daniel Fink – Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Brazil, ICANN)
- The .ar experience (Gabriel Brenta – General Manager, NIC .ar)

Caribbean working session

The meeting included short introductions from the representatives of the following organizations, explaining their work in the region: ISOC, the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU), LACNIC, ARIN, LACTLD, IGF, and the Organization of American States (OAS). ICANN Vice-Chair for Business Engagement, Chris Mondini, also addressed the attendees to explain his role at expanding the DNS industry participation in the region.

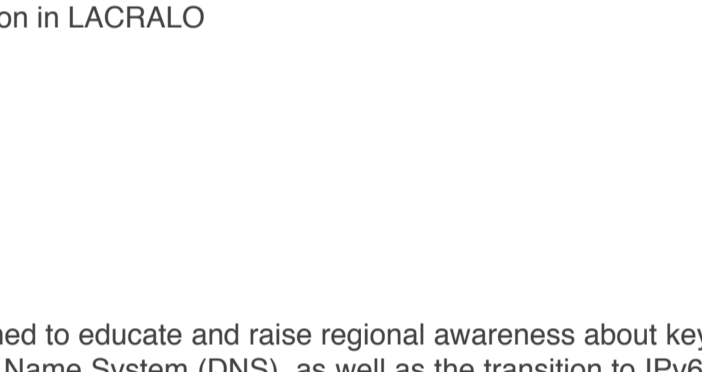


The meeting agenda also included an update on the Caribbean participation in the Regional Strategy and related projects. Several attendees showed their interest in participating in the LAC Strategy working groups and committed themselves to support the promotion of the different activities and projects in their respective countries. It was a great opportunity to distribute a bilingual brochure of our activities in the Caribbean. You can download it [here](#).

One of the highlights of the meeting was the introduction of the two participants from the Cayman Islands, who described several initiatives underway since their recent commitment to ICANN: improvements in the management of the country code top level domain (ccTLD) .KY, cybersecurity events, IPv6 deployment promotion, among others.

Regional Strategy update and discussion

The goal of the session was to provide the Latin American and the Caribbean community with an update on the progress of the different projects within the Regional Strategy.

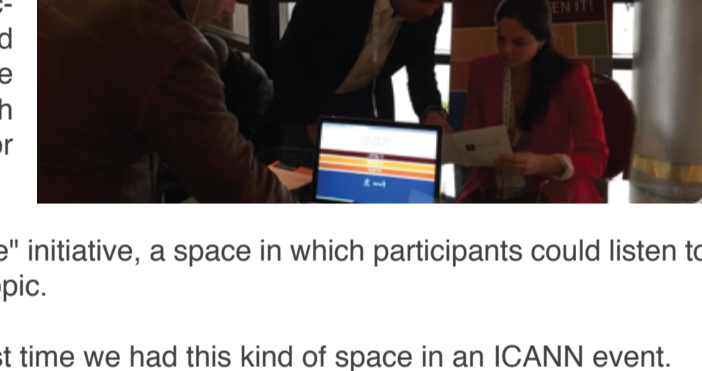


Rodrigo Saucedo, ICANN Project Manager, provided a general summary of the strategy progress. Then, the following LAC community members provided an update on the projects in which they are participating:

- Carolina Aguerre – General Manager, LACTLD
 - Strategies for ccTLDs in a new business environment
 - Internship program for ccTLDs
 - Creation of e-learning training courses on ccTLD
- Alberto Soto – LACRALO Chair
 - Creation of a webinar program for 2015
 - Creation of e-learning training courses for end users
 - Trivia Contest project to trigger more participation in LACRALO
- Hugo Salgado – NIC .cl
 - DNS observatory for the LAC region
- Dev Anand - CROPP Program Chair
 - Outreach support program
- Anthony Harris – Managing Director, CABACE
 - LAC-i-Roadshow, a series of workshops designed to educate and raise regional awareness about key topics related to the critical infrastructure of the Domain Name System (DNS), as well as the transition to IPv6, Security, Stability and Resiliency (SSR) and the impact of the New gTLD Program

Our first LAC Lounge - a successful experience that needs to be repeated!

The LAC Lounge was a space open the whole week in which participants could meet and talk with members of other regional Internet organizations.



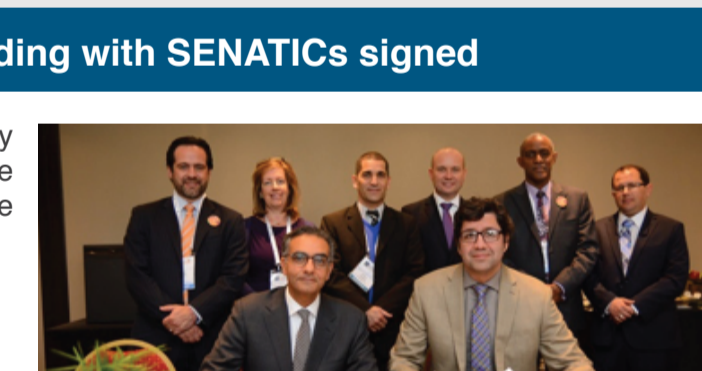
And so, many were present: LACRALO (at-large structure for end users within ICANN), the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC), the Regional Office of Internet Society (ISOC LAC), the South School on Internet Governance and the Association for Progressive Communications (APC).

It was also the scenario for the "Live the IPv6 experience" initiative, a space in which participants could listen to a song, watch an animation or play a game about this topic.

This was a really innovative initiative since it was the first time we had this kind of space in an ICANN event.

Meeting of a .uol representative with the Chair of the Global Domains Division

On June 25, Renato Targa, Project Manager of .uol, met with Akram Atallah, Chair of the Global Domains Division, to talk about the launch of the new generic top level domain by UOL, a Brazilian Internet service provider.



We encourage you to read the blog post [New gTLD Program: data collection and analysis](#) to learn more about the Program.

Memorandum of Understanding with SENATICs signed

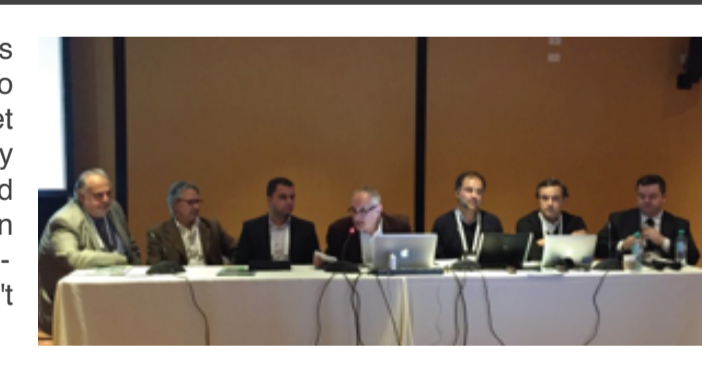
ICANN and Paraguay's National Information Technology and Communication Secretariat (SENATICs) will increase their collaboration and cooperation in the domain name space in Paraguay and regionally.



Read the press release [here](#).

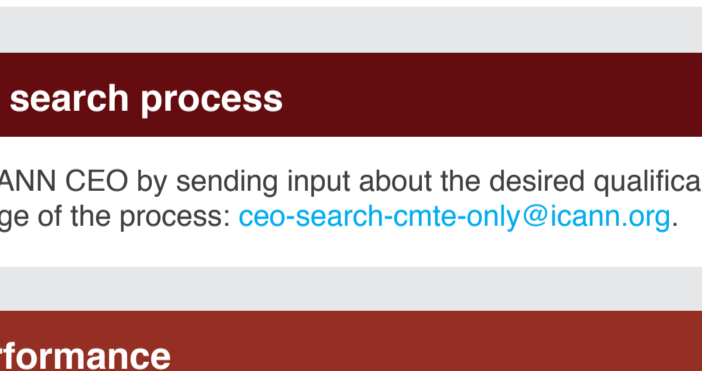
Security session

This session, held on June 24, proposed a regional look into security, stability and resiliency issues such as those being worked on by LACTLD, LACNIC, Internet Society, .Co and ICANN. The session audio files in Spanish, English and Portuguese are available [here](#).



LAC talks: infrastructure, access, interconnection and ISPs

The purpose of this session was to raise awareness through the LAC community on relevant issues related to Internet infrastructure, Internet access and Internet exchange points (IXPs). The session was attended by IXP representatives from Argentina, Costa Rica and Uruguay who shared experiences and lessons learned in their countries, with the aim of promoting and disseminating these best practices in the countries that still don't have IXPs.



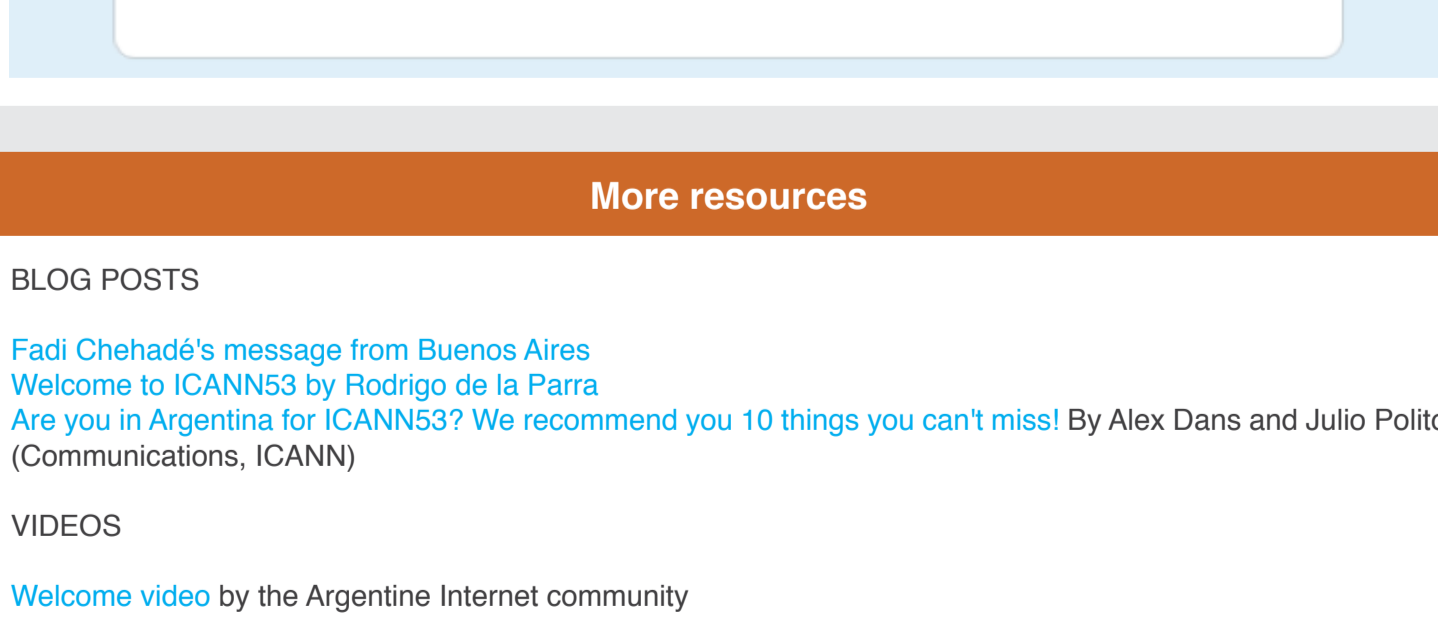
New ICANN CEO search process

We invite you to participate in the search for the next ICANN CEO by sending input about the desired qualifications and characteristics to the Board committee in charge of the process: ceo-search-cnte-only@icann.org.

Twitter performance

In the period from June 6 to July 5 2015, the @ICANN_es account received 198 favorites (a 28.57% increase compared to the previous period) and 393 retweets (a 26.77% increase compared to the previous period). The number of followers has also increased from 70 to a total of 2770. *Thank you very much!*

Tweet with the most clicks:



More resources

BLOG POSTS

- [Fadi Chehadé's message from Buenos Aires](#)
- [Welcome to ICANN53 by Rodrigo de la Parra](#)
- [Are you in Argentina for ICANN53? We recommend you 10 things you can't miss!](#) By Alex Dans and Julio Polito (Communications, ICANN)

VIDEOS

- [Welcome video](#) by the Argentine Internet community
- [The Internet House by video](#) showed at the opening ceremony
- [Closing video](#): Interview with Steve Crocker (Board Chair) and Fadi Chehadé (ICANN President and CEO), by Alex Dans (Communications Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean)

AUDIOS

Listen again to the eleven countdown to ICANN53 messages by visiting our [SoundCloud account!](#)

PRESS ARTICLES

- Buenos Aires will be the center of global debate on the future of the Internet | <http://sco.lt/66NZ9V>
- ICANN promotes a multistakeholder Internet governance | <http://sco.lt/7yRcCv>
- ICANN53: India's support consolidates the multistakeholder approach to Internet governance | <http://sco.lt/8LduS1>
- ICANN meeting in Buenos Aires: transition times | <http://sco.lt/7H7CyH>
- ICANN and SENATICs to Increase Coordination and Collaboration on the Domain Name Space in Paraguay and Regionally | <http://goo.gl/yuUleQ>
- Interview with Akram Atallah (Global Domains Division Chair) by newspaper La Nación (shortly)
- Interview with Rodrigo de la Parra (LAC Vice-Chair) by radio station El Mundo AM1070 (shortly)

PICTURES

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