Dear Friends,

The recent weeks have been very eventful in the Internet Governance sphere, including very important issues that impact the Caribbean and Latin American region. Of particular relevance was the March 14th historic Announcement by the US NTIA regarding the transition of the steward-ship role of the IANA functions which has attracted global interests and reaction from individuals, organizations and countries worldwide. On the heels of this announcement was the ICANN Singapore meeting where stakeholders from a cross section of communities impacted by the Inter-net, met to discuss a range of issues that will impact the application of this most precious resource which we know as the Internet.

In this edition of our newsletter we highlight various events which have taken place recently in our region and matters which we hope will be of interest to our regional and global readers. This is an important time of transition in the management and oversight of the Internet and we must all familiarize ourselves with the issues, and more importantly the mecha-nisms by which we as individuals, the organizations in our region, and our countries can and should participate in the national, regional and global dialogues on what happens next!

Please let us have your reactions to the articles in this issue, input for future content, and overall comments on the LAC Newsletter.

Albert Daniels
Stakeholder Engagement Manager for the Caribbean, ICANN.

NB- Other translations available here:
https://community.icann.org/display/lacstrtgy/LAC+Newsletter

What´s new in ICANN?

On March 14th, a historical announcement made by the government of the United States stated that the govern-ment was ready to transfer its stewardship of the import-ant Internet technical functions to the global community. The transfer to the global community of the supervising role was something that had been planned a long time ago and this announcement shows that the United States government recognizes ICANN's maturity as a multistake-holder organization. ICANN was then tasked to convene the global community to develop the transition process of the United States government stewardship to a global community consensus-driven mechanism.

"We are inviting governments, the private sector, civil society, and other Internet organizations from the whole world to join us in developing this transition process", said Fadi Chehadé, ICANN's President and CEO. "All stake-holders deserve a voice in the management and gover-nance of this global resource as equal partners."

For more information on this topic, see the following resources in your language:

Call for Public Input: Draft Proposal, based on Initial Community Feedback, of the Principles and Mechanisms and the Process to Develop a Proposal to Transition Stewardship of the IANA Functions
http://www.icann.org/es/about/agreements/iana/transi-tion/draft-proposal-08apr14-es.htm

Scoping document:
http://www.icann.org/es/about/agreements/iana/iana-tran-sition-scoping-08apr14-es.pdf

Fact Sheet on the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority functions
http://www.icann.org/es/about/agreements/iana/transi-tion/iana-factsheet-24mar14-es.pdf

Questions and Answers regarding the transition:
http://www.icann.org/es/about/agreements/iana/func-tions-transfer-faqs-14mar14-en

Public Consultation Process:
http://www.icann.org/es/about/agreements/iana/func-tions-transfer-process-14mar14-en

Announcement:
http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announce-ment-14mar14-en.htm

Press Release:
http://www.icann.org/en/news/press/releases/re-lease-14mar14-en

Another important event that took place in the last weeks was the ICANN 49 meeting in Singapore, 23-27 March 2014, which gathered almost 2,000 participants from 150 countries all over the world. Even though 240 sessions were held, some of the main topics worth noting are the IANA transition process, Internet governance and ICANN's efforts in terms of responsibility and transparen-cy. Our region, as part of the LAC strategy, now has its own permanent space in the ICANN global meetings. This time, making use of the participation of several actors from Asia Pacific, we held an exchange to get to know more about the DNS ecosystem in Asia. Below you will find a series of resources that may be of interest:

Listen to the Opening Ceremony audio in your language here:
http://singapore49.icann.org/en/schedule/mon-welcome

See the video including Fadi's and Steve Crocker's wrap-up speech (English):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VY3DbUVzyHQ&fea-ture=youtu.be

Listen to the audio from the LAC space in your language and download the documents:
http://singapore49.icann.org/en/schedule/tue-lac-space

Also, on the week of April 14th, the transition to the new ICANN website (new.icann.org) began to take place. We invite you all to explore and discover the translation efforts we are making (https://new.icann.org/es).
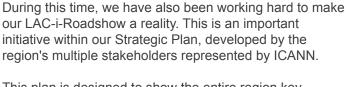Don't forget to send us your comments!

Finally, we invite you to read about the latest activities regarding the development of ICANN policies included in the April 2014 "ICANN Policy Update":
http://www.icann.org/en/resources/policy/update/up-date-apr14-en.htm

Update on the LAC Strategic Plan

During this time, we have also been working hard to make our LAC-i-Roadshow a reality. This is an important initiative within our Strategic Plan, developed by the region's multiple stakeholders represented by ICANN.

This plan is designed to show the entire region key aspects related to the DNS's critical infrastructure, such as the transition to IPv6, SSR (Security, Stability and Resiliency) and the impact of the New gTLD Program. To ensure a good distribution of the events, there will be four editions each year: in the Caribbean, the Andean region, Mexico and Central America, and South America.

In this framework, this year we will be developing promo-tional materials and we will be visiting on a standby basis the following countries on the stated dates:

Trinidad and Tobago: April 25th, 2014.
Colombia: September, 2014.
Mexico: September, 2014.
Sao Paulo: October, 2014.

In regards to other improvements, we invite you to down-load the presentation made by Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN VP for the Latin American and Caribbean region during the ICANN 49 event held in Singapore:
http://singapore49.icann.org/en/sched-ule/tue-lac-space/presentation-lac-strategy-25mar14-en

As a final remark, we want to emphasize that we will have a new Project Manager that will be in charge of managing the initiatives related to our region's Strategic Plan. We will be making the announcement very soon.

What´s going on in our region?

These last couple of weeks have been very intense in terms of participation in the different events in our region. Even though we will be talking about NETmundial, the 25th anniversary celebration of the CTU and the first edition of LAC-i-Roadshow in Trinidad and Tobago in our next issue, we wanted to take the opportunity to share other recent efforts carried out regarding participation. That is why in the following list you will find the events, visited countries and links to obtain more information on these topics.

•II Peru Internet Governance Forum (organized by the Ministry of Transport and Communications) - Peru
•Internet Regulatory Framework Seminar: Economic Impacts and Governance - Brazil
•CTU ICT Roadshow – Belize
•CTU Executive Committee Meeting – Suriname
•ARIN 33 - Chicago, United States
•ICANN/CTU LAC-i Roadshow – Trinidad & Tobago
•6th edition of the South School on Internet Governance – Trinidad & Tobago
•NETmundial - Brazil

Regarding this last event in which we will be participating, Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN VP for the Latin American and Caribbean region, together with Raúl Echeberría, LACNIC CEO,, were the speakers of the preparatory Webinar for NETmundial organized by the Diplo Founda-tion. You can hear the recording by clicking on this link:
https://t.co/nD52XRzofs

Moreover, we want to emphasize another important update, this time related to a change in leadership in LACRALO. LACRALO is the At-Large organization of the Latin American and Caribbean region and it is composed by a group of people from the region that belong to and represent organizations from different countries. LACRALO is one of the four organizations selected to collaborate in the ICANN policy development process in its corresponding regions. In this opportunity, we would like to thank the outgoing President José Arce for his unflagging commitment, and to welcome and congratulate Alberto Soto, the new President of LACRALO.

Finally, and as another recent and important event in the region, we want to focus on the approval of the Civil Rights Framework in Brazil granted by the Chamber of Deputies of the Brazilian Congress on March 25th, 2014. This legislation intends to guarantee civil rights in the use of Internet in the country, and it is now awaiting the approval of the Federal Senate. For more information about the proposal, click on the links below.

Spanish translation of the final text of the Civil Rights Framework: http://www.congresointeractivo.org/traduc-cion-al-castellano-del-marco-civil-de-internet-de-brasil/

Final text of the Civil Rights Framework in Portuguese:
http://blogdotarso.files.wordpress.com/2014/03/marco-civilinternet-textofinalcamara-25mar2014.pdf

Upcoming Events in LAC

LAC-i-Roadshow, Caribbean edition, Trinidad and Tobago: 25.04.2014.

South School on Internet Governance, Trinidad and Tobago: 27.04.2014 – 02.05.2014:
http://www.gobernanzainternet.org/en/

Internet Governance: What it is and why you should care, University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago: 01.05.2014.

LACNIC 21, Cancun, Mexico: 05.04.2014 – 05.09.2014:
http://www.lacnic.net/web/eventos/lacnic21

Policies and Assembly Workshop, Cancun, Mexico: 05.05.2014 – 05.07.2014:
http://www.lactld.org/wp-content/files_mf/6%C2%BAtaller-depol%C3%8Dticas87.pdf

CTU Event "Caribbean Stakeholders' Meeting: The Importance of ICTs and their Impact on Regional Develop-ment" 05.26.2014 – 05.28.2014:
http://goo.gl/u7HQ8c

Although the next ICANN event will be held in London from the 22nd through the 26th of June, there will be, as always, a space for Latin America and the Caribbean. For more information, click on the link below:
http://meetings.icann.org/icann50

Highlights of the Regional Media Coverage

(Spanish) Interview to Olga Madruga for UN Radio - Colombia on the IANA functions stewardship transition (March 19th): http://t.co/PazmCzh9lv

(English) Questions and Answers between Albert Daniels and ICT-Pulse on Multistakeholderism (March 21st):
http://www.ict-pulse.com/2014/03/multistakeholderism-ca-ribbean-involved-shaping-future-stewardship-internet/

(Spanish) Interview to Rodrigo de la Parra by Gabriela Frías for CNN en español on the IANA functions steward-ship transition (March 26th): http://sco.lt/6zns13

(Portuguese) "Internet for all" Opinion piece by Fadi Chehadé for INFO Exame- Brazil (April 1st):
http://sco.lt/6YYvAH

(Spanish) Radio interview to Rodrigo de la Parra for FM Identidad - Buenos Aires, Argentina on Internet gover-nance (April 3rd). Download the audio here:
https://edelmanftp.box.com/s/6xzdbnwutpy2lkfismeo

(Spanish) Interview to Rodrigo de la Parra for TyN on the IANA functions stewardship transition (April 10th):
http://sco.lt/8ePaUL

(Spanish) Interview to Rodrigo de la Parra for PuntoGov on the IANA functions stewardship transition (April 10th):
http://sco.lt/6gQkO9

(Portuguese) Interview to Fadi Chehadé by Bruno Leite for Folha Sao Paulo on Internet governance (April 14th):
http://t.co/aSkoa7NyxO

(English) Interview to Albert Daniels for The Guardian Trinidad and Tobago on the LAC-i-Roadshow (April 15th):
http://www.guardian.co.tt/technology/2014-04-15/i-cann-roadshow-comes-trinidad-and-tobago

(Portuguese) Interview to Fadi Chehade for Estadao S.Paulo on Internet governance (April 23rd :
http://blogs.estadao.com.br/link/pais-ajudou-a-mudar-geo-politica-da-rede-diz-chefe-da-icann/

(French) Interview to Rodrigo de la Parra for Agence France Presse on NETmundial (April 23rd):
http://www.lepoint.fr/monde/internet-apres-l-af-faire-snowden-le-bresil-convoque-un-sommet-internationa-l-inedit-23-04-2014-1815334_24.php

(English) Interview to Albert Daniels for the Business Guardian on Internet governance (April 24th):
http://digital.guardian.co.tt/?iid=91133#folio=114