

A little over a year ago, the regional community represented in ICANN – governments, the technical community, the private sector and end users – decided to create a Strategic Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean. This Strategic Plan, which represents the joint effort of many stakeholders in the region, is part of a new era at ICANN where our relationship with the community is closer and, above all, focused on the regional needs. This genuinely multistakeholder, bottom-up approach was presented by the Community Working Group during ICANN 46 in Beijing.

In a first stage, it was decided to start implementing some pilot projects which are already yielding concrete and very positive results for the region. For instance, we already have underway the LAC-i-Roadshow, a project designed to raise awareness across the LAC region on key issues related to the Domain Name System (DNS) critical infrastructure. The first of these gatherings took place in the Caribbean, and during the next months there will be others in Guadalajara and San Pablo in the context of important events like WITSA and Futurecom.

Another project that is really important is the Regional Communication Plan, which is allowing us to get closer to a growing number of stakeholders and interest groups by means of relevant ICANN information in the languages of the region, including, of course, this bimonthly newsletter, our relationship with the press, the activity in the social media, and other activities developed jointly with the regional community (development and distribution of contents, planning of a regional web site, etc.).

And last but not least, our LAC space in the ICANN meetings, which has been present since ICANN 48 in Buenos Aires and is consolidating as an opportunity for regional stakeholders to share experiences and contribute to the ICANN meeting agenda so that it includes activities more relevant to the region's priority issues.

Although we are advancing the implementation of the Strategic Plan with a confident stride, it is necessary to redouble the efforts now that we have the challenge of more than 35 projects in progress.

My recent incorporation to ICANN and to the regional team as Project Manager responds directly to the need to develop, implement and follow-up the Strategic Plan, and to support the community work to get the projects in progress to a safe and successful landing.

I am at your disposal and invite you to read and subscribe to our regional newsletter to get the latest news about our Regional Strategic Plan as well as other news relevant to the LAC community.

Have a nice reading!

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Editorial by Rodrigo Saucedo

ICANN News

IANA functions stewardship transition.



A priority issue and historic opportunity to influence on the transition of the IANA functions stewardship from the US Department of Commerce. The IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) continues to advance its work. The Group members (<http://goo.gl/16xkn3>) have met in person the first time and then held several conference calls open to the community and available in the six official UN languages (<http://goo.gl/RABM73>).

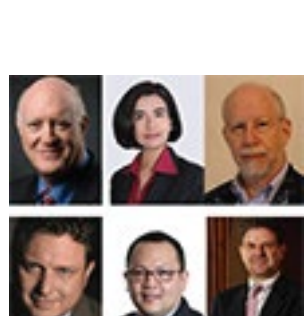
The Group also opened a public comment period on its draft charter, which closed on August 15 (<http://goo.gl/zSyqq5>).

To learn more about the IANA functions, see the following graphic: <http://goo.gl/itMIhb>. Shortly, we will present an explanatory video in the region's languages to facilitate understanding and promote greater participation.

We need to get the interests of our region embodied in this process. Even though there are prominent representatives of LAC in the ICG, it is important that ALL get involved in the process. The Global Internet Community is all of us.

ICANN's accountability and governance process.

In parallel with the transition process described above, the community has undertaken a process to examine ICANN's current accountability mechanisms in order to verify if there are in fact solid revision processes in place. Since this topic may be complex to understand, we have created a graphic that visually explains this process (<http://goo.gl/AWfGlu>). On August 14, the four members of the Accountability and Governance Expert Group were announced (<http://goo.gl/FQ4oaT>). Finally, Theresa Swinehart, Senior Adviser to the President on Global Strategy, wrote an article with an update on that process: <http://goo.gl/hmti3Q>.



New leadership members in the community.

The Nominating Committee (see more on the NomCom, in English, at <http://icannwiki.com/index.php/NomCom>) has appointed six new members who will start their term of service in the next ICANN meeting in Los Angeles (October 2014). It is worth mentioning the election of our current Board Chair, Dr. Steve Crocker, one of the Internet pioneers, and, of course, the appointment of Carlos Raúl Gutiérrez from Costa Rica to the GNSO Council (see more on the GNSO at <http://gnso.icann.org/en/>). Learn more here: <http://goo.gl/18SZt5>.

We encourage you to stay tuned for the NomCom invitations to apply for a leadership position at ICANN. We need more Caribbeans and more Latin Americans.

Global Domains Division (GDD) update.

.In this field, we want to highlight two important announcements recently made by the GDD team:

ICANN Tells U.S. Court That ccTLDs Are Not "Property" | Files Motion to Quash in U.S. Legal Action Aimed at Seizing Top-Level Domains: <http://goo.gl/vDDMa>

ICANN Approves Name Collision Occurrence Management Framework | Special IP Address (127.0.53.53) Alerts System Administrators of Potential Issue: <http://goo.gl/vDDMa>.

The Global Domains Division is holding a three-day, interactive workshop roadshow. Remote access will be available, but onsite participation is highly recommended. The next workshop in the Americas will be held in Los Angeles from September 9-11. Learn more about these workshops here: <http://goo.gl/OHHNCE>.

Finally, we invite you to watch ICANN 51-London videos showing the New gTLD Program from an applicant's point of view (in English): <http://goo.gl/nTZloj>.

For more information about the GDD, follow this link: <http://goo.gl/4A7wDQ>.



Latest posts by Fadi Chehadé in the ICANN blog.

The President and CEO of our organization usually shares with his community at least one monthly article, whether on ICANN internal issues or about important news to the Internet ecosystem as a whole. Therefore, we want to share with you the links to the last two posts:

5 things you need to know about the ICANN budget for 2015: <http://goo.gl/uuW7aF>

An initiative for action: <http://goo.gl/sX5T5B>

Policy development update.

Since our last newsletter, two ICANN policy development updates have been published. We invite you to read about the latest ICANN policy development activities in the ICANN Policy Update newsletter:

July: <http://goo.gl/ruOHcZ>
August: <http://goo.gl/dkOUd7>

ICANN 51 is round the corner!

In this edition of the Fellowship Program, 11 representatives of our region were selected to receive financial support to attend ICANN 51, to be held in Los Angeles in October this year. The countries represented are Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Guatemala, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Haiti, Dominican Republic, and Aruba. We invite you to submit your application for the application round of ICANN 52, to be held in Marrakech: <http://goo.gl/zmdT7>

Regional News

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. In our case, a picture is worth 10 countries in only two months. We participated in so many events and visited so many countries during July and August that we thought it would be a good idea to invite you to visualize our activity in the map created to that end.



It is worth noting our participation in the preparatory regional meeting for the Internet Governance Forum (read the press highlights here: <http://goo.gl/dhFQTP>), in national multistakeholder dialog processes in Venezuela (see press releases in "Press Highlights" below) and Paraguay, in the School of Telecommunications in Brazil, in Regulatel (with video participation of Fadi Chehadé: <http://goo.gl/CpZfx1>), CITELE, the Caribbean IGF and the CANTO in Bahamas, the 25th anniversary of the .pr domain in San Juan and, finally, the Second Regional Telecommunications Congress in Panama (see press releases in "Press Highlights" below).

Also, we want to highlight that the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC) has opened the consultation process with its community about the IANA functions stewardship transition. Read more about this important process here: <http://goo.gl/btXCPL>.

LAC Strategic Plan News

July brought the expected consolidation of the ICANN regional team. All members of the team met at our organization's Participation Center, located in the House of the Internet for Latin America and the Caribbean. Now ICANN has five members serving the region, namely: Rodrigo de la Parra (Communication Manager for Vice-Chair, Mexico), Albert Daniels (Liaison Manager for the Caribbean, Santa Lucia), Alex Dans (Communication Manager for LAC, Uruguay), Daniel Fink (Liaison Manager for Brazil, Brazil), Rodrigo Saucedo (Project Manager – LAC Strategic Plan, Bolivia).



We also want to note that the Regional Strategic Plan's final document is now available in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese at the community wiki. We strongly suggest its reading: <http://goo.gl/MtK8vT>.

Other documents of interest about the Regional Strategic Plan implementation are also published in the community wiki and can be accessed through this link: <http://goo.gl/SZq1z8>.

Soon we will present to the community an Implementation Plan for the Strategic Plan. This document will group projects by category to facilitate their execution, and will specify the implementation procedure for each one.

Press Highlights

About LACIGF [in Spanish]:

In San Salvador the community discusses the roadmap for Internet governance | <http://sco.lt/5mDIH>
LACIGF: Finding a way forward to Internet governance | <http://sco.lt/66R1vt>
El Salvador, host of the regional debate on Internet governance | <http://sco.lt/92edA9>

About ICANN's announcement regarding ownership of ccTLD's [in Spanish]:

Country code domain names cannot be blocked, says ICANN | <http://sco.lt/7yKs2z>
ICANN: Country code domain names are not property and cannot be attached | <http://sco.lt/5DESzLZ>
ccTLD's are country code - Society | <http://sco.lt/4wM19l>

About the Internet Governance event held in Venezuela [in Spanish]:

Debate on the Internet as a tool for development | <http://sco.lt/8rUgqn>
Rodrigo de la Parra: Internet is the biggest collaborative invention ever - La Red | <http://sco.lt/7pdCZF>
ICANN's Vice-Chair: "Internet is nobody's property, it belongs to everyone" | <http://sco.lt/837fDF>
Telecommunications are a top priority in Venezuela | <http://sco.lt/8h3vov>
Interview with Rodrigo de la Parra / TELESUR | <http://sco.lt/5aguq9>

About the Regional Telecommunications Congress held in Panama [in Spanish]:

CRT14 - The Regional Telecommunications Congress gets started - Technology | <http://sco.lt/9CRsXp>
Panama, venue of the Regional Telecommunications Congress | <http://sco.lt/6sbvQf>
Panama – The CRT14 was launched | <http://sco.lt/9N2GHp>
Challenges in the development of telecommunications | <http://sco.lt/6ecuDx>
CRT14: Redoubling efforts to reduce the digital gap by 2020 | <http://sco.lt/7nbnw3>

Other press releases:

[in Spanish] Audio-visual document: Jorge Fernando Negrete P. in dialog with Rodrigo de la Parra from ICANN - YouTube | <http://sco.lt/8LZ7th>
[in Spanish] A tour of the House of the Internet, the epicenter of the Latin American network | <http://sco.lt/9lxPof>
[in Portuguese] Aló acadêmicos e empresários brasileiros, a ICANN quer ouvir vocês | IDG Now! | <http://sco.lt/9079S2>

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER:

11-12: XXX Meeting of the COM/CITEL Conference Preparatory Working Group to address Regional Preparations for World Conferences and Meetings (GTPC) (Buenos Aires, Argentina) <http://goo.gl/tqgQxc>

15-16: Rio Info 2014 (Rio, Brazil) <http://goo.gl/sqFMTj>

22-26: ICT week and Ministerial Seminar (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

22-26: CTO Cybersecurity (Barbados) <http://conferenciaweb.w3c.br/>

25-26: Web.br 2014 (Sao Paulo, Brazil) <http://goo.gl/tDPTW9>

29-3/OCT: LACNIC in the Caribe 6/Caribnog (Curazao) <http://www.lactld.org/>

OCTOBER:

1 October: LAC-i-Roadshow (Guadalajara, Mexico) in the context of WITSA <http://goo.gl/W1bOJw>

7-8: Dominios Latinoamérica (Mexico D.F., Mexico) <http://goo.gl/885H00>

12-16: ICANN 51 (Los Angeles, USA) <http://la51.icann.org/en/>

13-16: Futurecom + LAC-i-Roadshow (Sao Paulo, Brazil) <http://goo.gl/UF2kh>

27-31: LACNIC 22 (Santiago, Chile) <http://goo.gl/lK5KaP>

