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## EDITORIAL



By Silvia Vivanco, [At-Large](#) Regional Manager, ICANN

Dear friends,

It is a great pleasure for me to write my first editorial for the Latin American and the Caribbean newsletter as the At-Large Regional Manager.

This newsletter is issued while we are preparing for the ICANN 54 public meeting in Dublin, Ireland. During this important ICANN transformation and IANA stewardship transition phase, the participation of the civil society and of Internet users has been crucial. The members of the At-Large community have actively participated in the process to develop a transition proposal and have done so by providing views and comments, both the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG) as well as the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG Accountability). Currently, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) is preparing a statement about the public comment period on the CCWG Accountability's second draft.

This leads me to the role that the ICANN policy staff plays in the public comment process within ICANN. The policy development support staff has the responsibility of monitoring the ICANN public comment infrastructure on a daily basis. The public comment process is a key element in the bottom-up, consensus-driven policy development process within ICANN's multistakeholder model. This model would not be complete without the participation of end users. As evidence of this participation, the At-Large community has issued a total of 300 statements since its creation in 2003 and 11 statements only this year. This process is important because it allows At-Large structures to participate actively and to develop policies that will ultimately have an impact on them as end users. It has also allowed At-Large structures' representatives to be informed about ICANN and its policies, and to act as ambassadors taking their knowledge about ICANN, its processes and key issues to their communities around the world.

This edition of the LAC newsletter features a new permanent section that provides a summary of the currently open public comment periods as well as policy updates. The ideal engagement of the different regional stakeholders is precisely their active participation in the policy development processes. This is, in fact, at the core of ICANN's multistakeholder model.

Also, I invite you to read a summary of all our activities during July and August, with information about all important events in the region, such as the III Regional Telecommunications Congress in Cancun, LACIGF8 in Mexico City, the II Meeting on Internet Governance for Development and Social Transformation in Caracas, and the Caribbean Internet Governance Forum, organized by the International Telecommunication Union (CTU) in Trinidad & Tobago.

*Have a nice reading!*



## ICANN NEWS

### **IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal: Don't miss the opportunity to participate!**

The process to develop a transition proposal has been led and coordinated by the IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group (ICG). The transition proposal includes the proposal components received from each of the three operational communities as submitted to and evaluated by the ICG in response to its Request for Proposal. Public comment period closes on: 8 September 2015, 23:59 UTC

Link: <https://www.ianacg.org/calls-for-input/combined-proposal-public-comment-period/>

### **ICANN and the ECLAC to build a cooperative work relationship in the different Internet related areas**

ICANN and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) highlighted the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).



Read the complete announcement in your language: <https://goo.gl/YucnHb>

### **ICANN CEO Search Committee announces the criteria for the CEO position candidates. The deadline for submitting applications is 20 September 2015**

Read the complete announcement in your language: <https://goo.gl/uXoCfu>

### **ICANN Quarterly Stakeholder Call held on August 20**

This open conference call presented the developments achieved during the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY15 regarding ICANN operational and strategic plans. If you were unable to participate, you can listen to the recording in your language here: <https://goo.gl/ef7B6H>

### **Assessing the release of two-character ASCII labels with observations**

Since ICANN initiated the authorization process for release of two-character ASCII labels, more than 249,000 single-character/two-character domains have been authorized through approximately 560 new generic top-level domains (gTLD), and numbers keep on growing each week. However, around 3% of labels applied for have not been yet authorized for release due to concerns expressed by some

governments. In mid-August, ICANN published a draft process to fully consider the observations received and to evaluate the labels retained so far.

Learn more: <https://goo.gl/kiHCvw>

## ICANN to resume evaluation of DotConnectAfrica Trust application for .AFRICA

Read the complete announcement in your language here: <https://goo.gl/SL04Ap>



## REGIONAL NEWS

### Uruguay signs its country-code top-level domain (ccTLD) with DNSSEC

The news was released in August. You can read it in Internet Society web site: <http://goo.gl/jt0hcK>



### ASIET has renewed its image and is organizing the III Telecommunications Congress in Cancun

ASIET is the renewed trade mark of the Ibero-American Association of Research Centers and Telecommunication Enterprises (AHCJET). In July, besides changing its name and logo, the association organized the III Telecommunications Congress in Cancun

(<http://www.congresotelecomunicaciones.org/es/>). ICANN

had a joint booth with LACNIC and Internet Society, and its Regional Vice-Chair, Rodrigo de la Parra, was one of the invited expert speakers.



You can read the special newsletter about the Congress by [clicking here](#).

### CANTO organizes its 31st Annual Conference in Miami

CANTO continues to be an important regional organization where ICT key issues for the development in the Caribbean territories are discussed. From the 26th through the 31st of July, new conversations with CANTO took place in order to increase collaboration between that organization and ICANN. Albert Daniels, our Stakeholder Engagement Senior Manager for the Caribbean, participated and was an invited speaker.

Learn more: <http://canto.org/events-conferences/annual-conference-and-trade-exhibition/>



## Brazil hosted several events of interest in July and August

Our colleague Daniel Fink, Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Brazil, participated in the following events held in different Brazilian cities. Follow the links to learn more:

- **Broadband Latin America** (São Paulo, July 1-2)
- **FISL 16 - 16th International Free Software Forum** (Porto Alegre, July 8-11)
- **V Brazil Internet Forum** (Salvador, July 15-17)
- **School on Internet Governance CGI.br** (São Paulo, August 17-21)
- Video training course on Internet governance for the Law Association in Pernambuco (Recife, August 19-20)
- **NETCOM 2015** (São Paulo, August 26-27)



## The 8th edition of the LAC IGF was held in Mexico City together with the 5th Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean

The 8th edition of the LAC IGF was a true success in terms of attendance: more than 200 in-person participants and more than 2,000 remote participants attended the event. For the first time, it was held together with the Ministerial Conference organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in order to create synergies between the two organizations.

Videos of LACIGF8 sessions: <http://www.lacigf.org/en/lacigf8/index.html>

Learn more about the 5th Ministerial Conference: <http://conferenciaelac.cepal.org/>

Access the press articles generated in Mexico and the interviews with Fadi Chehadé, ICANN President and CEO, and Rodrigo de la Parra, our Regional Vice-Chair, in the media section below.

## Venezuela held the II Meeting on Internet Governance for Development and Social Transformation

Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN Vice-Chair for Latin America and the Caribbean, was one of the key speakers of this event, held in Caracas on August 13-15. Learn more: <http://www.internetvenezuela.net.ve/>

## CTU and CARICOM launch the 11th edition of the Caribbean Internet Governance Forum

This edition, which took place in Trinidad & Tobago on August 26-28, had Albert Daniels as speaker in each of the three days of the event. Albert talked about the Domain Name System (DNS), the LAC strategy, and the IANA stewardship transition and ICANN accountability enhancement process.

Learn more: <http://www.ctu.int/event/11th-caribbean-governance-forum>



## LAC STRATEGIC PLAN NEWS

The web site [icannlac.org](http://icannlac.org) is now available in Portuguese. Please visit our regional site already available in Spanish, English and Portuguese: [www.icannlac.org](http://www.icannlac.org)

The server for the LAC DNS Observatory project has arrived to NIC Chile facilities and is being configured.

Rodrigo Saucedo, LAC Project Manager, participated in the LACRALO monthly call in order to explain the community the project for creating online education courses and how to participate.

The "ICANN Structure" seminar was held on July 7 in the context of the end-user training program.

The "DNS Security" seminar, organized together with CITEL, was held on July 23 under the government capacity building program.

The following projects are progressing, and a call for volunteers was made for the LAC community:

- Establishing a program for incorporating the LAC academic community into the ICANN ecosystem.
- Establishing programs for the promotion of ICANN within the academic activities of LAC universities.

Creating a regional remote participation hub to help participants during ICANN-related events.



## POLICIES / PUBLIC COMMENTS

### **GNSO Policy and Implementation Working Group proposed changes to the ICANN Bylaws now open for public comment**

Following the ICANN Board instructions, ICANN staff has opened a public comment period to seek community input on whether certain recommendations by the GNSO Policy and Implementation Working Group should be adopted, which will require amendment of the ICANN Bylaws. These recommendations include certain new processes for guidance and development of gTLD policies that the GNSO Council had unanimously recommended for adoption by the Board. The public comment period closes on September 12, 2015.

[Más información.](#)

### **ALAC creates new taskforce to review At-Large structures participation and criteria**

The ALAC has established the At-Large ALS Criteria and Expectations Taskforce to recommend the ALAC a revised set of criteria for all ALSes, including expectations on how RALOs, the ALAC and ICANN at-large staff will participate in ALSes, and expectations on ALS participation in At-Large and ICANN. For more information, visit the taskforce [work space](#).

## SSAC publishes SAC070 document

The SSAC has published the document SAC070: SSAC Advisory on the Use of Static TLD/Suffix Lists. This document looks into the security and stability needs related to the growing use of public suffix lists (PSL) in the Internet. See the advisory [here](#).

## Issues currently open for public comment

Currently, there are several public comment periods open on issues of interest for the ICANN community.

### **Proposal for Armenian Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules (LGR)**

The Armenian script community has formed the Armenian Generation Panel (GP), which in turn has developed a Proposal for an Armenian Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules (LGR). This proposal is being posted for public comments to allow those who have not participated in the Armenian GP to make their views known to the Armenian Generation Panel so it can finalize the proposal for integration into the Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone.

*Public comment period closes on: 31 August 2015, 23:59 UTC*

### **Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services to Replace WHOIS Preliminary Issue Report**

This public comment proceeding seeks to obtain community input on the Preliminary Issue Report concerning Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services (RDS) to Replace WHOIS.

*Public comment period closes on: 6 September 2015, 23:59 UTC*

### **Initial Report on Data & Metrics for Policy Making**

This public comment proceeding seeks to obtain community input on the Initial Report from the GNSO's Working Group (WG) on possible recommendations for the use of data and metrics for policy making.

*Public comment period closes on: 7 September 2015, 23:59 UTC*

### **IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal**

See "ICANN News".

### **Removal of Searchable Whois Service from .SHARP Registry Agreement**

This public comment proceeding aims at gathering community input on the proposed amendment to the .SHARP Registry Agreement to remove Searchable Whois service from the Exhibit A (Approved Services) of the .SHARP Registry Agreement.

*Public comment period closes on: 11 September 2015, 23:59 UTC*

### **Proposed ICANN Bylaws Amendments-GNSO Policy & Implementation Recommendations**

Per its resolution of 28 July 2015, the ICANN Board has directed that proposed changes to the ICANN Bylaws, as proposed by the GNSO policy and implementation recommendations, be posted for public comment prior to ICANN Board consideration.

*Public comment period closes on: 12 September 2015, 23:59 UTC*

### **Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability 2nd Draft Report (Work Stream 1)**

The CCWG-Accountability requests community feedback on its 2nd Draft Proposal of proposed enhancements to ICANN's accountability framework it has identified as essential to happen or be committed to before the IANA Stewardship Transition takes place (Work Stream 1).

*Public comment period closes on: 12 September 2015, 23:59 UTC*

### **Design Team Review of Plan for DNS Root Zone KSK Change**

This public comment proceeding seeks to review the Design Team's findings to date related to issues and plans for changing the cryptographic key used to originate the DNSSEC chain of trust.

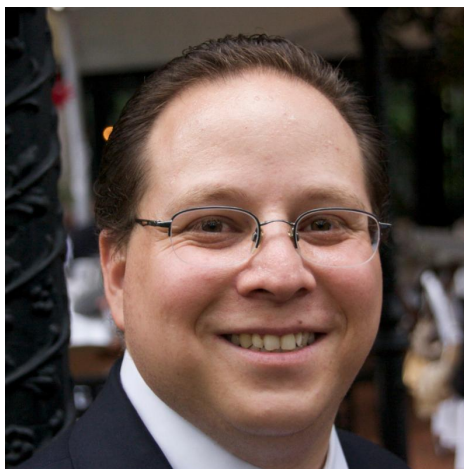
*Public comment period closes on: 15 September 2015, 23:59 UTC*

To access at any time the complete list of open, recently closed and archived public comment proceedings, please visit the [Public Comment web site](#).

Also, the ICANN staff periodically updates a web page that anticipates potential "upcoming" public comment proceedings. The [Upcoming Public Comment Proceedings](#) offers information on potential upcoming public comment opportunities. The page is updated after each ICANN public meeting in order to help people and the community establish priorities and plan future work loads.



## COMMUNITY: "WE GIVE YOU THE FLOOR"



### **"My participation in the transition process" by León Felipe Sánchez**

I've been lucky to participate very actively during the transition process because the ALAC, of which I'm a NomCom-designated member for Latin America and the Caribbean, has appointed me co-chair of the Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability.

In October 2014 we began writing the WG charter, and in December we started working. Work has been hard, and the opportunity to work with people from every ICANN organization and committee has been an extremely enriching experience, both at the personal and professional levels.

There never before was seen such a big and important effort undertaken and led by the community itself. We are privileged not only for being living a historic moment, but also for being shaping it.

The comments from all those involved will help us design a proposal that can meet the community expectations and be in line with the NTIA established requirements, giving way to a new accountability

I feel proud and honored to be working with and for the ICANN community.



## DELEGATED NEW gTLDs

### August

amica	aco	fage
stc	(news)	giving
viva	mom	boots
stcgroup	family	xperia
gea	seek	chanel
aaa	ceb	wine
stcgroup	group	vin

### July

lixil	kom (com)	ipiranga
ك& (com)	(dot net)	sanofi
كوم (com)	كوم (com)	tatamotors
■■■■ (net)	□□ (dot com)	srl
קו ק (com)	toyota	bet
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lancaster	istanbul	bentley
nokia	delta	orange
ubs	ist	studio
iinet	airtel	game
live	barcelona	forum
bcn	app	realty
jprs	sakura	



## PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

### In Spanish

- ICANN promotes multistakeholder Internet governance | <http://sco.lt/7yRcCv>
- The regional ITC sector meets with the Latin America Telecommunications Congress | <http://sco.lt/81FQFV>
- Spying on Internet amounts to attacking the system | <http://sco.lt/7tZcJN>
- "We are working to prevent Internet from being taken over" | <http://sco.lt/7VgCWH>
- The regional Internet community meets in Mexico City to discuss the issue of governance | <http://sco.lt/4o4o65>
- Preparations for an analysis workshop on Internet governance | <http://sco.lt/8dNSq1>
- Latin Americans to discuss on Internet governance | <http://sco.lt/96AHy5>



- New Internet domains, in detail | Internet | Infotechnology.com | <http://sco.lt/5DTGoT>
- What is ICANN IIS-SSR? | El Tiempo blogs | <http://sco.lt/6LEOob>
- Who governs the Internet? | <http://sco.lt/5pwv01>
- ICANN and ECLAC to collaborate in the development of ITC | <http://sco.lt/58FWvB>
- ICANN and ECLAC join efforts for the development of ITC | <http://sco.lt/5EEkwj>
- ICANN and ECLAC to cooperate in various Internet-related areas | Noticias CEPAL | <http://sco.lt/90NZjd>
- Internet on a new paradigm | <http://sco.lt/5s5d2H>
- Internet, in the process of independence | <http://sco.lt/5jDfDI>
- The organization that makes the Internet work is under a process of change | <http://sco.lt/7UDdAX>
- Internet to emancipate from USA in 2016 - Technology - CNNExpansion.com | <http://sco.lt/84YHon>
- Excélsior TV (Mexico) - Interview with Rodrigo de la Parra - YouTube | <http://sco.lt/7fgien>
- Innovation without permit is the value of the Internet: Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN - YouTube | <http://sco.lt/6gVt4r>
- There is an intense struggle over Internet control - El Poder | <https://goo.gl/hURI5V>

## In Portuguese

- A Internet vai deixar de ser interessante - Info Magazine | <https://revista.info.abril.com.br/edicoes/354/>
- Marcas nacionais lançam domínios com nomes próprios durante o Rio Info | Rio Info 2015 | <http://sco.lt/66OsOv>
- Marcas nacionais lançam domínios de web com nomes próprios na Rio Info - IDG Now! | <http://sco.lt/8UUXQ1>
- Entrevista com Steve Crocker, um dos criadores da Internet - Canaltech | <http://sco.lt/7PKTtR>

## Collaborations

- "The future of Internet governance is in your hands", Alex Dans
- ASIET Newsletter: [http://issuu.com/prensaahciet/docs/ad\\_septiembre](http://issuu.com/prensaahciet/docs/ad_septiembre)
- LACNIC News: <http://goo.gl/ZI9hLu>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Rio Info, September 15-17, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil <http://www.rioinfo.com.br/2015/>

LAC-i-Roadshow for South America, September 22-23, Asuncion, Paraguay: <https://t.co/X7cNGLTBsG>

LAC-i-Roadshow for the Andean Region, September 28, Bogota, Colombia: <http://www.lacnic.net/web/eventos/lacnic24>

LACNIC 24/LACNOG 2015, September 28 through October 2, Bogota, Colombia:



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