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AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ALAC Statement on the Announcement Regarding the Transition of the Stewardship of the IANA Functions

Introduction

Leon Sanchez, ALAC member from the Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization (LACRALO), composed an initial draft of this Statement after discussion of the topic within At-Large and on the Mailing Lists.

On 26 March 2014, this Statement was posted on the At-Large Announcement Regarding the Transition of the Stewardship of the IANA Functions Workspace.

On 27 March 2014, this Statement was discussed in the ALAC and Regional Leadership Wrap-Up Meeting in Singapore. During that meeting, the draft Statement was discussed by all the At-Large members present at the meeting.

The Chair of the ALAC then requested that a ratification vote be held on the Statement. Staff then confirmed that the vote resulted in the ALAC endorsing the Statement with 15 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.

You may review the result independently under: https://community.icann.org/x/-irRAg.

Summary

1. The ALAC welcomes the announcement recently made by the National Telecommunications and Information Authority (NTIA) and celebrates the designation of ICANN as the organization in charge of convening the global stakeholders to develop a proposal to transition the stewardship over the IANA functions by designing a multistakeholder mechanism.
2. We expect that the design process will be open and inclusive allowing the various communities, within and outside of ICANN, to be properly considered and taken into account by adequately incorporating and addressing their concerns and thoughts in the final outcome of this collaborative effort.
3. The ALAC believes that the end user community has a vital role in the Internet governance ecosystem and must be a part of any process going forward.
4. We call on ICANN leadership to ensure that any mechanism that replaces the stewardship over the IANA functions is based on enhancing the multistakeholder model, maintaining the security, stability and resiliency of the Internet's DNS, and several other principles and requirements.
5. We commit to contributing to the process so that any outcome is a result of a bottom-up, consensus driven and multistakeholder effort in which the interests of the end users are properly taken into account.

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The ALAC welcomes the announcement recently made by the National Telecommunications and Information Authority (NTIA) and celebrates the designation of ICANN as the organization in charge of convening the global stakeholders to develop a proposal to transition the stewardship over the IANA functions, so far performed by the NTIA, by designing a multistakeholder mechanism that allows said stewardship to be carried out by the broader Internet community.

We expect that the design process will be open and inclusive allowing the various communities, within and outside of ICANN, to be properly considered and taken into account by adequately incorporating and addressing their concerns and thoughts in the final outcome of this collaborative effort.

Based on discussions with the At-Large Community, the ALAC believes that the end user community has a vital role in the Internet governance ecosystem and must be a part of any process going forward.

Furthermore, we call on ICANN leadership to ensure that any mechanism that replaces the stewardship over the IANA functions is based on:

- Enhancing the multistakeholder model;
- Maintaining the security, stability and resiliency of the Internet's DNS;
- Meeting the needs and expectations of the global customers and partners of the IANA services;
- Maintaining the openness of the Internet;
- Providing full and effective accountability for the new stewardship responsibility to the broader stakeholder community by establishing an adequate set of checks and balances; and,
- Guaranteeing the common good and the public interest as principles to better serve the end users.

We commit to contributing to the process so that any outcome is a result of a bottom-up, consensus driven and multistakeholder effort in which the interests of the end users are properly taken into account.