IN MEMORY

In memory of Tarek Kamel
8 May 1962 – 10 October 2019

A Blog about Friendship

Read ICANN President & CEO Göran Marby's **blog** about his friend Tarek Kamel and share your stories about Tarek in the comments section. Here's an excerpt from the blog: We have a Swedish saying for when someone you love passes away: He is missed in me. As you now know, our dear friend Tarek has passed away and he is missed in me.

EDITORIAL

Mapping ICANN Participation in Latin America and the Caribbean

By Albert Daniels, ICANN's Sr. Stakeholder Engagement Manager for the Caribbean.

ICANN's Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Strategy was originally developed by regional stakeholders with the objective of prioritizing areas and efforts where staff could support the development of the multistakeholder community. Perhaps one of the most important projects of this Strategy is the systematic mapping of participation gaps in the LAC region.

The general objective of this project is to provide an empirical and objective reference to help guide decisions on where

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engagement efforts should be focused and which geographic and topical areas should be prioritized in terms of allocating financial and workforce resources.

This living systematic mapping project started with documenting LAC stakeholders' current participation rates in Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), the ICANN Board of Directors, and the Nominating Committee (NomCom). Similarly, the project is currently tracking participation of regional stakeholders in council and working group leadership positions.

Next, ideal levels of participation and engagement were defined for each of these areas to generate reference points that allow ICANN's efforts to close gaps in participation. The results of this study will inform decisions on where engagement should be reinforced such as locations for outreach and events as well as countries to target for increasing applications for ICANN's Fellowship program and the Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program (CROPP).

The LAC Strategy Working Group members and the LAC Strategy Council have discussed with ICANN org staff in order to jointly define success parameters. We expect that the ongoing updating of this map will make our engagement efforts more relevant and targeted, as well as enable the most effective use of ICANN org resources.

🔔 ICANN NEWS

ICANN'S Adiel Akplogan Inducted into Internet Hall of Fame.

Adiel Akplogan has been recognized for his outstanding contribution to the Internet's growth, reach, and security in Africa, joining luminaries inducted into the **Internet Hall of Fame**. Akplogan, the Vice President of Technical Engagement, has been with ICANN's Office of the Chief Technology Officer since 2015, where he develo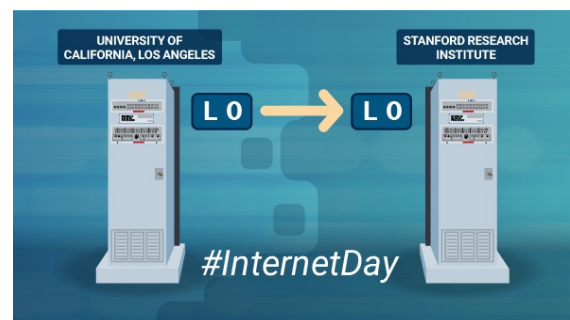ps and coordinates ICANN org's technical engagement. ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby said, "Adiel is the embodiment of ICANN's mission to work in the public interest. I know everyone at ICANN wishes Adiel congratulations on this significant achievement."

Recognized as an Internet pioneer in Africa, Akplogan contributed to technical capacity-building and the deployment of some of the first private Internet Service Providers in Africa. He helped found and was the first CEO of the African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC). Akplogan said, "We dreamed and worked relentlessly to build a regional registry that would become a catalyst for the African Internet ecosystem, tackling our challenges one at a time with diligence, discipline, and courage to build consensus."

Read more about Adiel and the Internet Hall of Fame **here**.

ICANN Commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Birth of the Internet

Fifty years ago, a **message was sent from a computer lab** at the University of California - Los Angeles (UCLA) to another machine at the Stanford Research Institute. The 29 October 1969 message consisted of the letters "LO." The intention was to spell out the word "LOGIN" but the system crashed after the first two letters were transmitted. That first message is considered the milestone that marked the birth of the Internet.

The UCLA team was led by Professor Leonard Kleinrock. The message was transmitted over the Advanced Research Projects Agency Network, or ARPANET, the precursor to the Internet. Visit this **page** to see a record of the sent message.

Ready to celebrate this important event in Internet history? Be sure to follow #ICANN on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Instagram** as we look back at how much the Internet has grown over the last 50 years, and hear from some of the pioneers who built the Internet we use today.

Visualizing ICANN's Multistakeholder Advice Development

A new animated video illustrates ICANN's multistakeholder advice development. The video identifies the key steps within each of the four Advisory Committees and provides a high-level explanation of what occurs at each stage, from identification of the issue to finalization of advice. Learn more and watch the video **here.**

LAC ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

Stay Up-to-Date on the LAC Strategy Evolution

On Thursday, 26 September, ICANN's LAC team held a webinar updating the LAC community about the progress on evolving the LAC Strategy. During this opportunity, Rodrigo Saucedo, ICANN's Sr. Manager for Strategic Initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean, gave an update on some of the LAC Strategy projects. 28 community members participated in the webinar. If you missed the webinar, you can access the recordings, **here**.

CARIBNOG18: Building Internet Resiliency

ICANN's Sr. Stakeholder Engagement Manager for the Caribbean, Albert Daniels, joined members of the Network Operators Group community in the Caribbean for CARIBNOG18. The forum took place in Antigua and Barbuda from 25-27 September 2019. During the event, Caribbean stakeholders discussed enhancing regional participation in groups and events that contribute to the resiliency of the Internet. Daniels shared his perspective on the Domain Name System (DNS) and new generic top-level domain trends. ICANN also joined partners to advise young people on how to make their voice heard in the Internet ecosystem and to reinforce the importance of their contributions to the Internet's resiliency. Check the **agenda** to read more about the event.

ICANN at the Internet Governance Forum in El Salvador

ICANN's Regional Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), Rodrigo de la Parra, joined Internet community members in El Salvador at the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). During the day-long Forum on 11 September, de la Parra addressed the importance of the technical community and the multistakeholder model in ensuring the resiliency, security, and stability of the Internet. Missed the event? Find more information about the panelists and the agenda, **here.**

Rodrigo de la Parra, ICANN's Regional Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), at the IGF in El Salvador

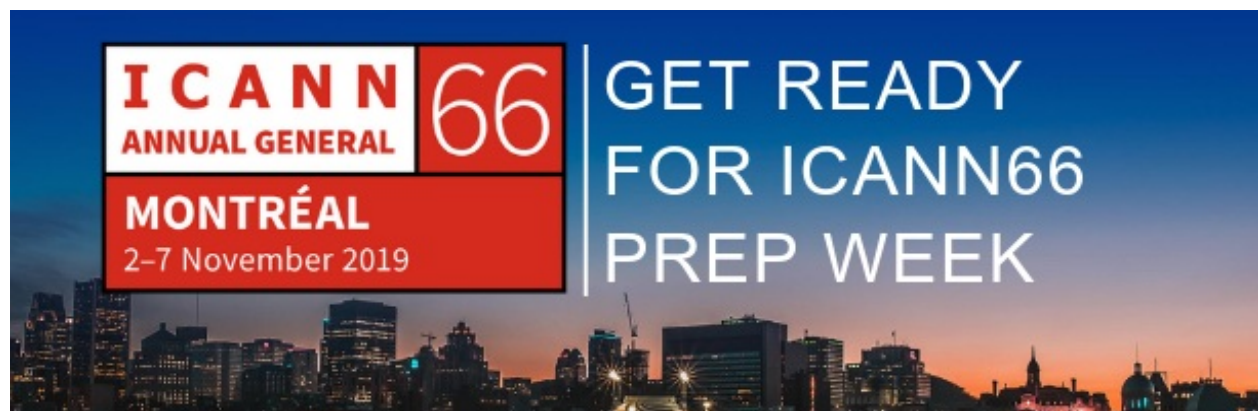### ICANN joined the LAC community in Panama City for LACNIC/LACNOG 2019

ICANN's Latin American and Caribbean team joined the regional Internet community in Panama City, Panama, from 7-11 October for the LACNIC32-LACNOG2019 meeting. Each year, the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC) and the Latin American and Caribbean Network Operators Forum (LACNOG) partner to host this joint meeting to discuss important issues and find solutions to common challenges related to the critical infrastructure of the Internet. ICANN's regional team talked about DNS privacy, collaborative efforts with law enforcement agencies, and engaged at a more significant level with some of them through the new ICANN booth initiative. Find more information **here**.

Where do you come from? A participant put a pin on her country at ICANN's booth

POLICY UPDATE

ICANN66 Prep Week Starts Today!

Mark your calendars! ICANN66 Prep Week will feature seven webinars from 14-17 October to help the ICANN community prepare for the Annual General Meeting. Visit the **ICANN66 Prep Week page** to see the full list of webinars, presentation topics and materials, and call details.

ASO AC Opens Monthly Teleconferences to Observers

All Address Supporting Organization Address Council (ASO AC) teleconferences will now be open to observers in line with **recommendation 15** from the 2017 ASO Organizational Review. ASO AC teleconferences take place at 12:00 UTC on the first Wednesday of every month. For more information, including the teleconference schedule, observer privileges, and remote participation details, **read here.**

New Workshop on Business Continuity for Small ccTLD Operators

At ICANN66, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) **Top-Level Domain Operations (TLD-OPS) Standing Committee** will hold a workshop to test its draft disaster recovery and business continuity playbook. The document serves as a basic business continuity implementation guide for small

country code top-level domain (ccTLD) operators. The workshop will be held on Sunday, 3 November 2019, and is open to TLD-OPS community members. Participants are expected to actively contribute. Pre-registration is required and attendance is limited to a maximum of three persons per ccTLD. Contact the **ccNSO Secretariat** for further information.

EPDP Update

In mid-September 2019, the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team met for three days at ICANN's headquarters in Los Angeles. The EPDP Team made progress on the overall framework for a System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) to non-public gTLD registration data, the centerpiece of their Phase 2 work. The EPDP Team also met with ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby and the ICANN org staff that are in consultation with the European Data Protection Board. **Learn more.**

GNSO Council Update

- The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council responded to the Public Comment proceeding on **Next Steps to Improve the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model**.
- The GNSO Council provided an implementation status overview of an effort to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Policy Development Processes (PDPs), a project known as "PDP 3.0". The GNSO Council determined which improvements are related to the issues identified in the report that was published for Public Comment. The GNSO Council is currently reviewing the final documents for the implementation of 8 out of 14 PDP 3.0 improvements.
- Besides managing GNSO PDPs, the GNSO Council has been working on projects, including:

  - Scoping policy work related to Internationalized Domain Name variant TLD management.
  - Reviewing Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team recommendations and Transfer Policy.
  - Providing input for the implementation of the updated Independent Review Process of ICANN's accountability mechanisms.
  - For all current GNSO Council Action Points, **read more here**.

RSSAC Workshop Focuses on Root Server System Metrics

The Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) recently held a workshop in Reston, Virginia, USA. The primary purpose of the three-day workshop was to advance the work of Root Server System (RSS) Metrics Work Party charged with defining system-wide metrics and measurements to ensure the RSS is online and meeting a minimum level of performance. Both RSSAC and RSSAC Caucus members participated in person and remotely, discussing thresholds of availability, latency, correctness, and staleness for the RSS. The Work Party will

soon present its report to the RSSAC. Learn more about RSSAC Caucus work parties **here**.

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ALAC Cooperation with the GAC

Ahead of ICANN66, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) have discussed cooperation on policy issues as part of a larger goal to strengthen the relationship between them. During ICANN66, the two committees will talk about the production of a joint resource kit aimed at broadening newcomers' knowledge about ICANN and how end users are affected by ICANN's policies. In addition, the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group will continue a more focused discussion with the GAC on issues related to Phase 2 of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, New gTLD Subsequent Procedures, and governance of ICANN's multistakeholder model.

At-Large Election Process for ICANN Board Seat 15 Begins

The ALAC election process for ICANN Board Seat 15 has begun. The Board Candidate Evaluation Committee (BCEC) and Board Member Selection Process Committee (BMSPC) met to discuss procedures and timelines. The results of the election will be announced by early April 2020.

🔔 GDD UPDATE

Updated Lookup Tool Now Available

ICANN recently launched an updated version of its **lookup tool** that makes use of Registration Data Access Protocol, known as RDAP, to query, parse, and display domain name registration data in a human-friendly format. The ability to look up publicly available contact and other information related to a domain name has been provided as a free public service by ICANN since 2013.

RDAP was developed by the technical community in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) as an eventual replacement for the WHOIS protocol. ICANN-accredited registrars and registry operators are now required to provide registration data directory services through RDAP in addition to the WHOIS services.

More information on the new tool is available **here**.

Check Out the New UASG Resources

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) has recently published two new reports related to global email acceptance and Email Address Internationalization (EAI):

Global Evaluation of Websites for Acceptance of E-mail Addresses in 2019 (UASG025)
This report evaluates the Universal Acceptance (UA) compliance of the top 1,000 websites in the world (according to **Alexa**) by sampling the practices and development approaches to the e-mail field in forms on the web and testing them.

EAI: Evaluation of Major Email Software and Services

(UASG021B)
This report details the second phase of the UASG's project to evaluate and measure the Email Address Internationalization (EAI) capabilities within the email software ecosystem.

Wonder what UA and EAI mean? UASG worked with TechTarget to include the definitions in their **_WhatIs_** glossary. Click here to view: **Universal Acceptance**; **Email Address Internationalization**.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ICANN COMMUNITY

José Alberto Barrueto has eight years of experience in the information and communication technology (ICT) sector in his country, Cuba, working as a legal advisor at the Ministry of Commerce (MINCOM) and the _Empresa de Telecomunicaciones de Cuba S.A._ (ETECSA). He is a fellow of the Carolina Foundation, a graduate of the University of León and the National Cybersecurity Institute of Spain (INCIBE) Master program in Cybersecurity and Digital Law. Barrueto attended ICANN63 in Barcelona, Spain, as an ICANN fellow, the first Cuban to take part in the program. He has participated remotely in ICANN61, ICANN62, ICANN64 and ICANN65. He

Jose Alberto Barrueto (Cuba)

currently contributes to the New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures Working Group and the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG), in addition to participating in the Latin American and the Caribbean Regional At-large Organization (LACRALO) and the European Regional At-Large Organization (EURALO). He believes that it is vital for the Caribbean countries to get involved in ICANN activities so they can contribute to the maintenance and revitalization of its multistakeholder model.

WHAT'S NEW IN REVIEWS

Opportunities to Participate in ICANN Reviews
Specific Reviews are led by teams of community volunteers to assess the performance of the ICANN organization and make recommendations for improvement. All Specific Review team plenary meetings are open and available for observers to join. You may share your feedback and input any time to the team's public mailing list. Details of meeting schedules and mailing lists are available on the team wiki pages.
Upcoming Specific Review team meetings include:
The third Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT3)
20 - 22 October (face-to-face meeting, Singapore)
1 November (face-to-face meeting at ICANN66, Montréal)
3 November (community engagement session at ICANN66, Montréal)

The second Security, Stability, and Resiliency (SSR2) Review Team
1 - 2 November (ICANN66 in Montréal)
4 November (community engagement session at ICANN66, Montréal)

Organizational Reviews are led by independent examiners who assess the extent to which ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs), Advisory Committees (ACs), and the Nominating Committee (NomCom) fulfill their purpose, are accountable to their stakeholders, and whether any changes in structure or operations are needed.

- **Take part in the NomCom Review Implementation Working Party (NomComRIWG) Outreach Session at ICANN66.** Click **here** to learn more.

- **The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Final Report is now available.** Click **here** to read it. Next, the ccNSO will draft its Feasibility Assessment in response to the recommendations issued in the Final Report.

Contribute to the Evolution of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model.

Join a **Prep Week webinar** for an update on the **Evolution of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model** on 16 October at 1600 UTC. At ICANN66, a plenary session on Thursday, 7 November will include a discussion about the input received in a recent **Public Comment proceeding**. Session leaders will also provide details on the next steps towards developing a work plan that address the issues the community has identified as hampering the effective and efficient functioning of ICANN's multistakeholder model of governance.

IANA Naming Function Review Team Formed

A 13-member global team from Advisory Committees, stakeholder groups, and Supporting Organizations was formed to conduct the first IANA Naming Function Review. The IANA Naming Function Review Team (IFRT) will conduct the review in accordance with the scope identified in the ICANN Bylaws. Read the announcement to learn more about the role of the IFRT, details about the review, and see the member list **here**.

📅 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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