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Information Transparency Initiative (ITI)

ITI Status Update
October 2018

ITI Update: New Content for Feedback

- Launch of six new pages for your input on: https://feedback.icann.org.
  - Announcements, Advanced Announcement Search.
  - Blogs, Advanced Blog Search.
  - For Journalists, What’s New.
- New features include:
  - Advanced search filters by date range, author, Board region, and topics.
  - Consistent language navigation for Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.
  - Quick links to similar content.

ITI Update: Audit and “Tree Testing”

- Audit of all files and pages on https://icann.org is complete.
  - 21,000 pages and files.
  - 19,000 registry agreement pages and files.
  - 75,000 registry report files part of ODI.

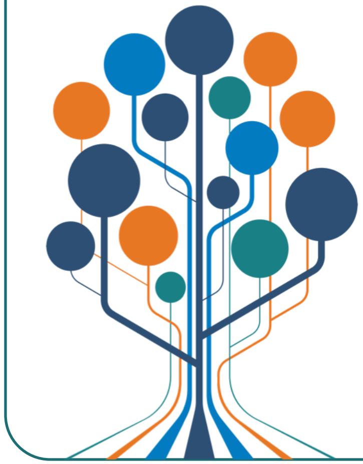
- Audit involved adding categories, topics, and other metadata (taxonomy) to improve content findability.

- Launching “tree testing” exercise for community input.
  - Tree testing is a usability exercise to assess the effectiveness of a taxonomy.
  - Websites are organized into a hierarchy (or tree) of categories, topics, and subtopics.
  - The test shows how easy it is for a user to find content in the tree.

ITI Update: Example of Tree Testing Task

- Task - You are looking for resolutions passed at the most recent Board meeting. Where would you look?

- Choose one topic from the list below the homepage.
  - ICANN.ORG homepage
    - Resources
    - What We Do
    - Who We Are
    - How We Work



ITI Update: Upcoming Work

Registry Agreements

Board Materials

Accountability Mechanisms

Benefits to the ICANN Community

Improves findability, transparency, security, and quality of content.

Decreases yearly maintenance costs, and consolidates 15 separate external content properties.

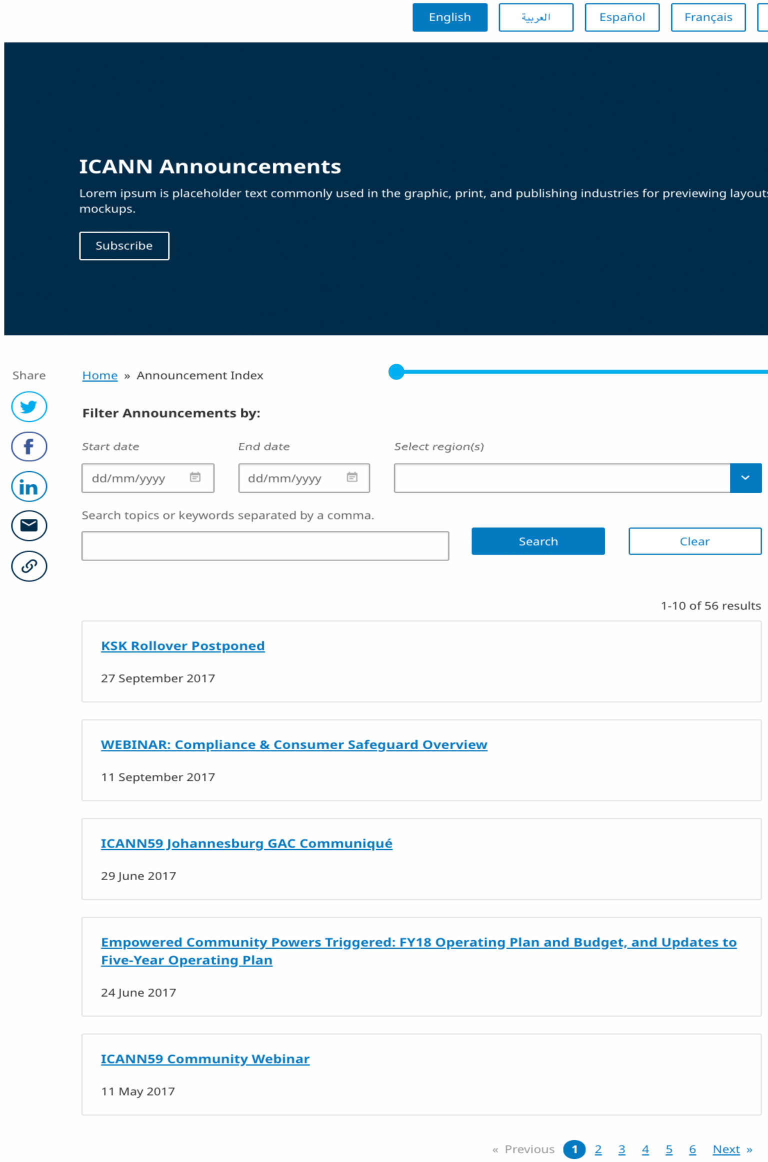
Ensures content is future-proof and transferable to other platforms.

Lays foundation for ICANN shared ecosystem, which enables system-wide search and governance, further reducing maintenance costs.

Improves accessibility in the six U.N. languages.

Helps meet our commitments, reduces financial risk.

Announcement Search



ICANN Announcements

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Filter Announcements by:

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Select region(s)

Search topics or keywords separated by a comma.

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[KSK Rollover Postponed](#)
27 September 2017

[WEBINAR: Compliance & Consumer Safeguard Overview](#)
11 September 2017

[ICANN59 Johannesburg GAC Communiqué](#)
29 June 2017

[Empowered Community Powers Triggered: FY18 Operating Plan and Budget, and Updates to Five-Year Operating Plan](#)
24 June 2017

[ICANN59 Community Webinar](#)
11 May 2017

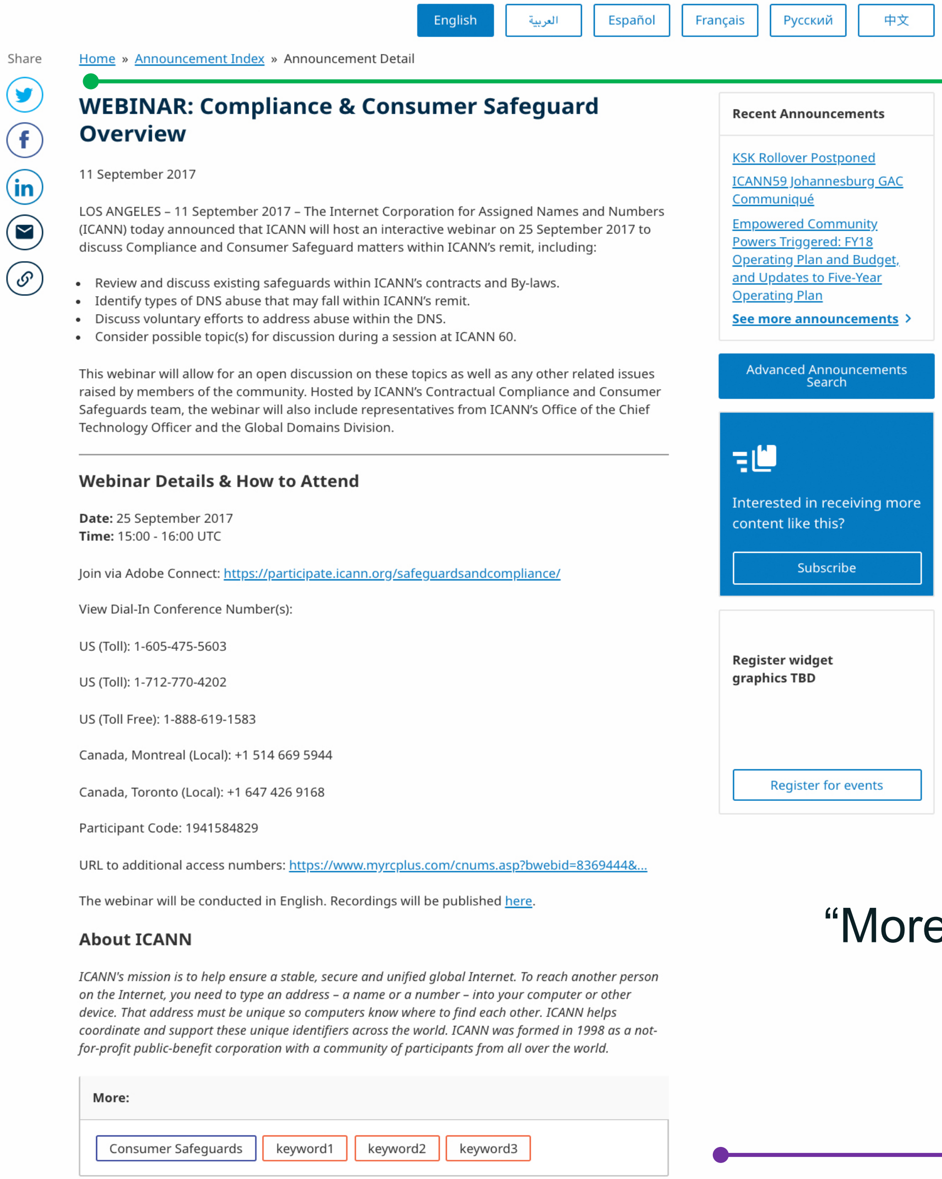
Consistent navigation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.

Breadcrumbs: secondary navigation that shows users their location within a website.

Advanced filter search by Board region, date range, or topic.

https://alpha.icann.org/en/comms/announcements?page=1

Announcements



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WEBINAR: Compliance & Consumer Safeguard Overview

11 September 2017

LOS ANGELES – 11 September 2017 – The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) today announced that ICANN will host an interactive webinar on 25 September 2017 to discuss Compliance and Consumer Safeguard matters within ICANN's remit, including:

- Review and discuss existing safeguards within ICANN's contracts and By-laws.
- Identify types of DNS abuse that may fall within ICANN's remit.
- Discuss voluntary efforts to address abuse within the DNS.
- Consider possible topic(s) for discussion during a session at ICANN 60.

This webinar will allow for an open discussion on these topics as well as any other related issues raised by members of the community. Hosted by ICANN's Contractual Compliance and Consumer Safeguards team, the webinar will also include representatives from ICANN's Office of the Chief Technology Officer and the Global Domains Division.

Webinar Details & How to Attend

Date: 25 September 2017
Time: 15:00 - 16:00 UTC

Join via Adobe Connect: https://participate.icann.org/safeguardsandcompliance/

View Dial-In Conference Number(s):

US (Toll): 1-605-475-5603

US (Toll): 1-712-770-4202

US (Toll Free): 1-888-619-1583

Canada, Montreal (Local): +1 514 669 5944

Canada, Toronto (Local): +1 647 426 9168

Participant Code: 1941584829

URL to additional access numbers: https://www.myrcplus.com/cnums.asp?bwebid=8369444&...

The webinar will be conducted in English. Recordings will be published here.

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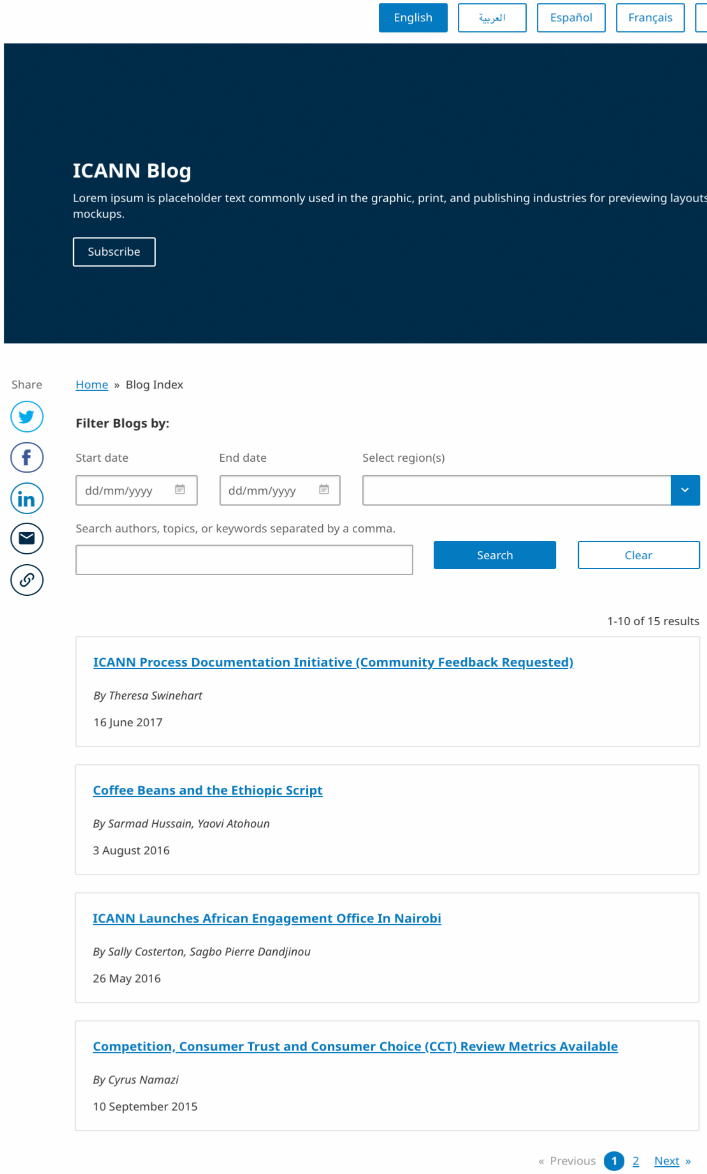
Subscribe feature, which will allow users to sign up for the content they are interested in receiving to their email inbox.

"More" feature that provides access to similar content by topic.

Blog Search



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Search authors, topics, or keywords separated by a comma.

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ICANN Process Documentation Initiative (Community Feedback Requested)

By Theresa Swinehart

16 June 2017

Coffee Beans and the Ethiopic Script

By Sarmad Hussain, Yaovi Atohoun

3 August 2016

ICANN Launches African Engagement Office In Nairobi

By Sally Costerton, Sagbo Pierre Dandjinou

26 May 2016

Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice (CCT) Review Metrics Available

By Cyrus Namazi

10 September 2015

Similar advanced filter search as Announcements, with added ability to search by blog author.

Number of search results.

Number of pages of search results.

https://alpha.icann.org/en/comms/blogs?page=1

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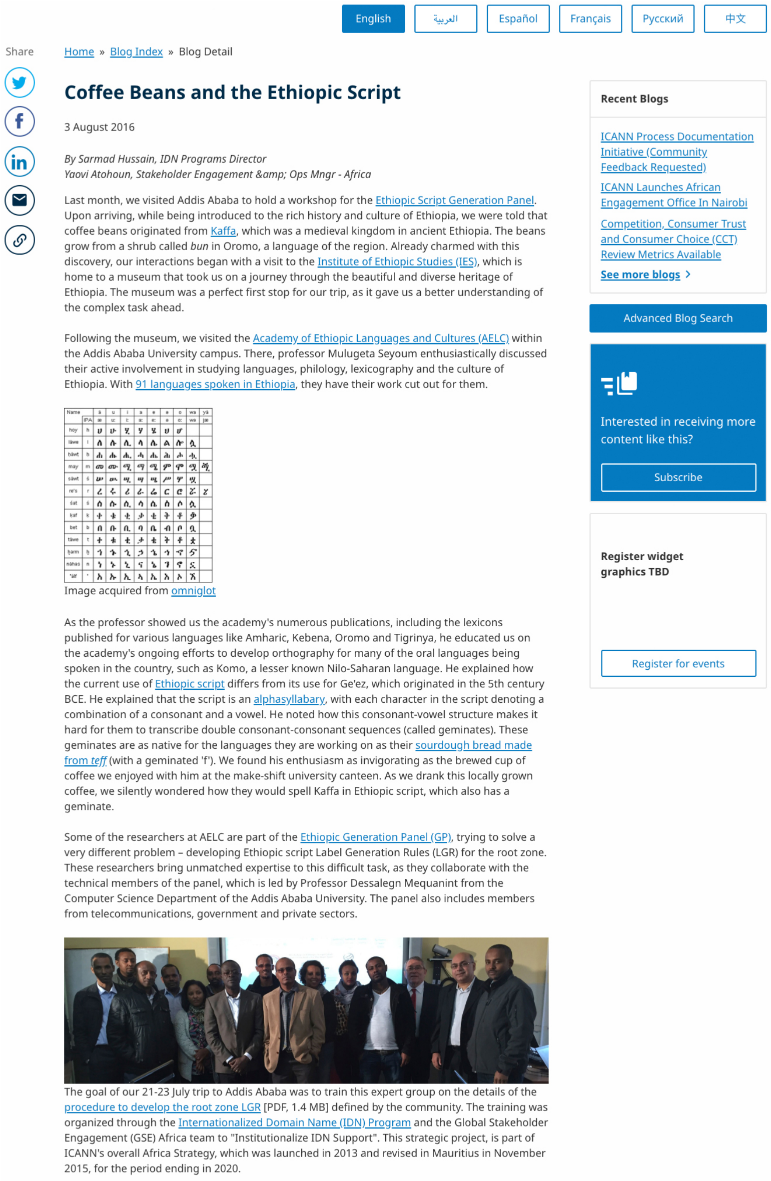

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Coffee Beans and the Ethiopic Script

3 August 2016

By Sarmad Hussain, IDN Programs Director
Yaovi Atohoun, Stakeholder Engagement &amp; Ops Mngr - Africa

Last month, we visited Addis Ababa to hold a workshop for the Ethiopic Script Generation Panel. Upon arriving, while being introduced to the rich history and culture of Ethiopia, we were told that coffee beans originated from Kaffa, which was a medieval kingdom in ancient Ethiopia. The beans grow from a shrub called *bun* in Oromo, a language of the region. Already charmed with this discovery, our interactions began with a visit to the Institute of Ethiopic Studies (IES), which is home to a museum that took us on a journey through the beautiful and diverse heritage of Ethiopia. The museum was a perfect first stop for our trip, as it gave us a better understanding of the complex task ahead.

Following the museum, we visited the Academy of Ethiopic Languages and Cultures (AELC) within the Addis Ababa University campus. There, professor Mulugeta Seyoum enthusiastically discussed their active involvement in studying languages, philology, lexicography and the culture of Ethiopia. With 91 languages spoken in Ethiopia, they have their work cut out for them.

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As the professor showed us the academy's numerous publications, including the lexicons published for various languages like Amharic, Kebena, Oromo and Tigrinya, he educated us on the academy's ongoing efforts to develop orthography for many of the oral languages being spoken in the country, such as Komo, a lesser known Nilo-Saharan language. He explained how the current use of Ethiopic script differs from its use for Ge'ez, which originated in the 5th century BCE. He explained that the script is an alphasyllabary, with each character in the script denoting a combination of a consonant and a vowel. He noted how this consonant-vowel structure makes it hard for them to transcribe double consonant-consonant sequences (called geminates). These geminates are as native for the languages they are working on as their sourdough bread made from *teff* (with a geminated 'f'). We found his enthusiasm as invigorating as the brewed cup of coffee we enjoyed with him at the make-shift university canteen. As we drank this locally grown coffee, we silently wondered how they would spell Kaffa in Ethiopic script, which also has a geminate.

Some of the researchers at AELC are part of the Ethiopic Generation Panel (GP), trying to solve a very different problem – developing Ethiopic script Label Generation Rules (LGR) for the root zone. These researchers bring unmatched expertise to this difficult task, as they collaborate with the technical members of the panel, which is led by Professor Dessalegn Mequanint from the Computer Science Department of the Addis Ababa University. The panel also includes members from telecommunications, government and private sectors.

The goal of our 21-23 July trip to Addis Ababa was to train this expert group on the details of the procedure to develop the root zone LGR [PDF, 1.4 MB] defined by the community. The training was organized through the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Program and the Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) Africa team to "Institutionalize IDN Support". This strategic project, is part of ICANN's overall Africa Strategy, which was launched in 2013 and revised in Mauritius in November 2015, for the period ending in 2020.

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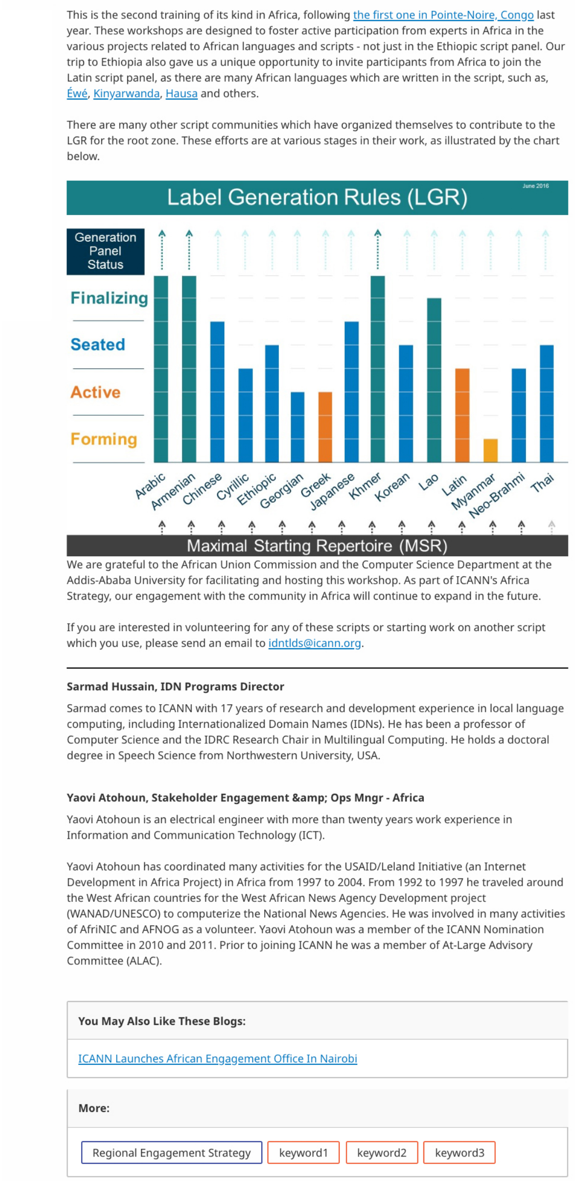

This is the second training of its kind in Africa, following the first one in Pointe-Noire, Congo last year. These workshops are designed to foster active participation from experts in Africa in the various projects related to African languages and scripts - not just in the Ethiopic script panel. Our trip to Ethiopia also gave us a unique opportunity to invite participants from Africa to join the Latin script panel, as there are many African languages which are written in the script, such as, Éwé, Kinyarwanda, Hausa and others.

There are many other script communities which have organized themselves to contribute to the LGR for the root zone. These efforts are at various stages in their work, as illustrated by the chart below.

Label Generation Rules (LGR)
June 2016
Generation Panel Status
Finalizing
Seated
Active
Forming
Arabic
Armenian
Chinese
Cyrillic
Ethiopic
Georgian
Greek
Japanese
Khmer
Korean
Lao
Latin
Myanmar
Neo-Brahmi
Thai
Maximal Starting Repertoire (MSR)

We are grateful to the African Union Commission and the Computer Science Department at the Addis-Ababa University for facilitating and hosting this workshop. As part of ICANN's Africa Strategy, our engagement with the community in Africa will continue to expand in the future.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these scripts or starting work on another script which you use, please send an email to idntlds@icann.org.

Sarmad Hussain, IDN Programs Director

Sarmad comes to ICANN with 17 years of research and development experience in local language computing, including Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs). He has been a professor of Computer Science and the IDRC Research Chair in Multilingual Computing. He holds a doctoral degree in Speech Science from Northwestern University, USA.

Yaovi Atohoun, Stakeholder Engagement &amp; Ops Mngr - Africa

Yaovi Atohoun is an electrical engineer with more than twenty years work experience in Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

Yaovi Atohoun has coordinated many activities for the USAID/Leland Initiative (an Internet Development in Africa Project) in Africa from 1997 to 2004. From 1992 to 1997 he traveled around the West African countries for the West African News Agency Development project (WANAD/UNESCO) to computerize the National News Agencies. He was involved in many activities of AfriNIC and AFNOG as a volunteer. Yaovi Atohoun was a member of the ICANN Nomination Committee in 2010 and 2011. Prior to joining ICANN he was a member of At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC).

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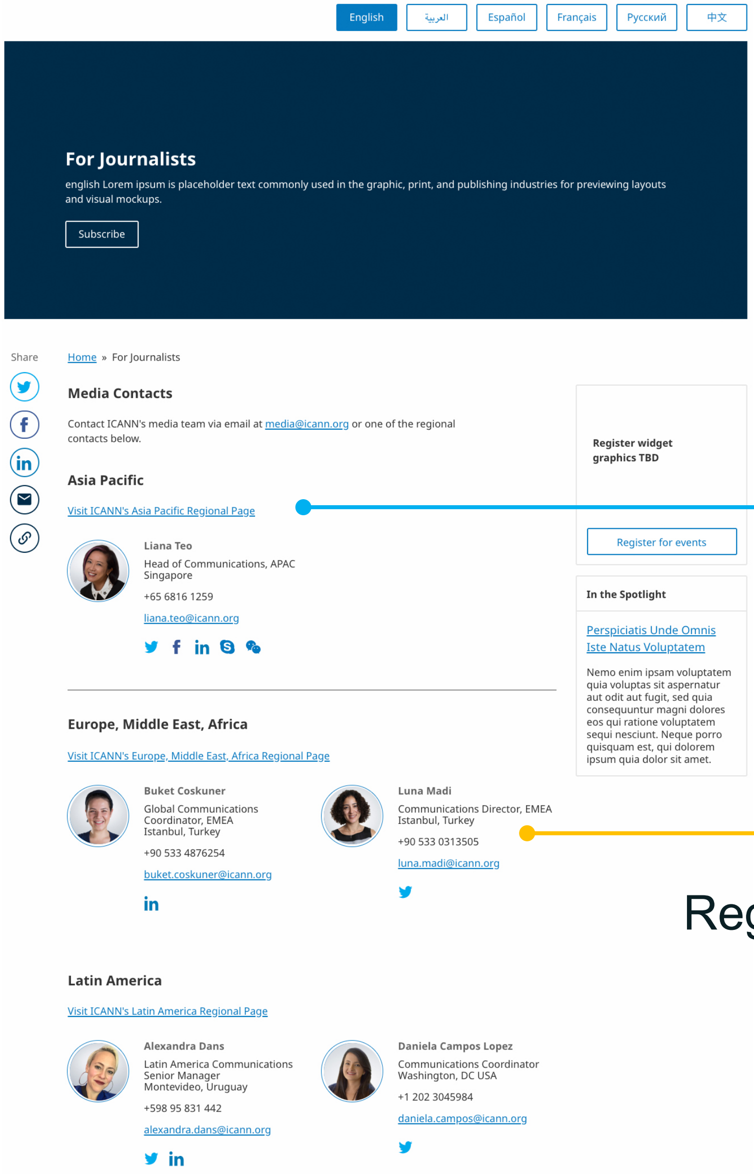

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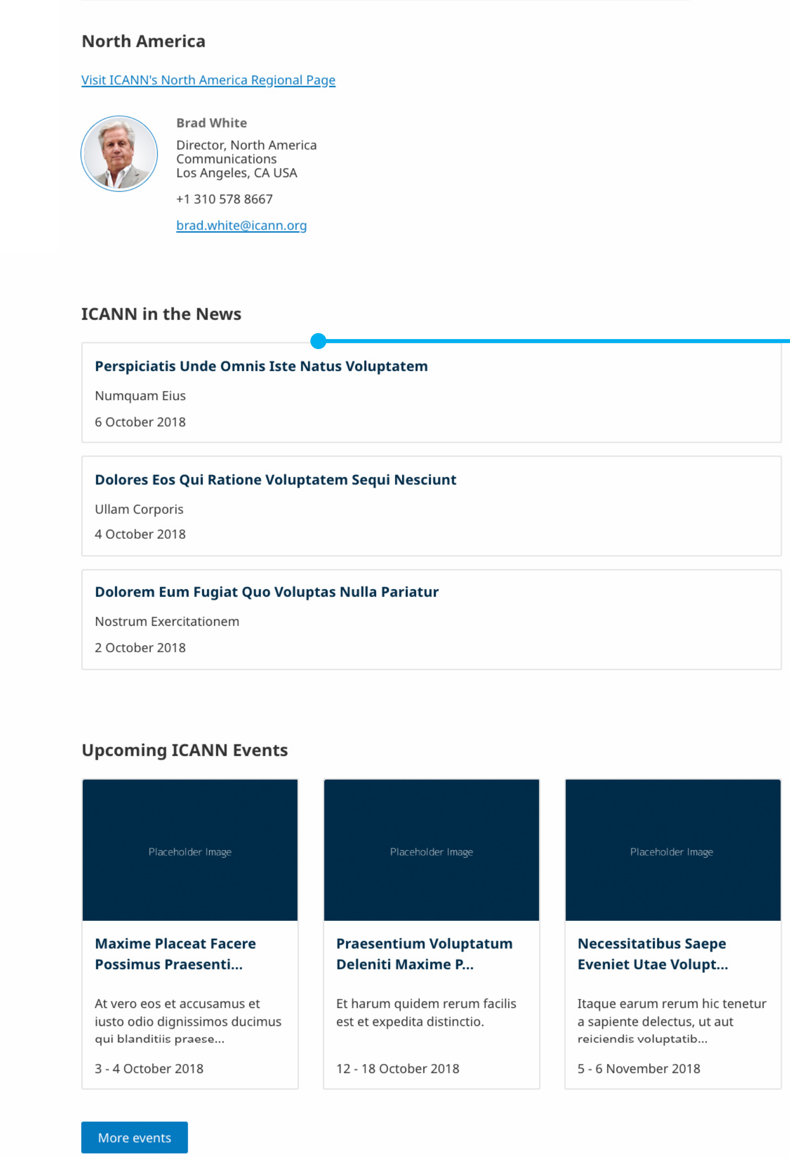

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Nostrum Exercitationem
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Upcoming ICANN Events

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Sample of recent news articles published about ICANN.

Promotion of upcoming ICANN and other Internet governance events.

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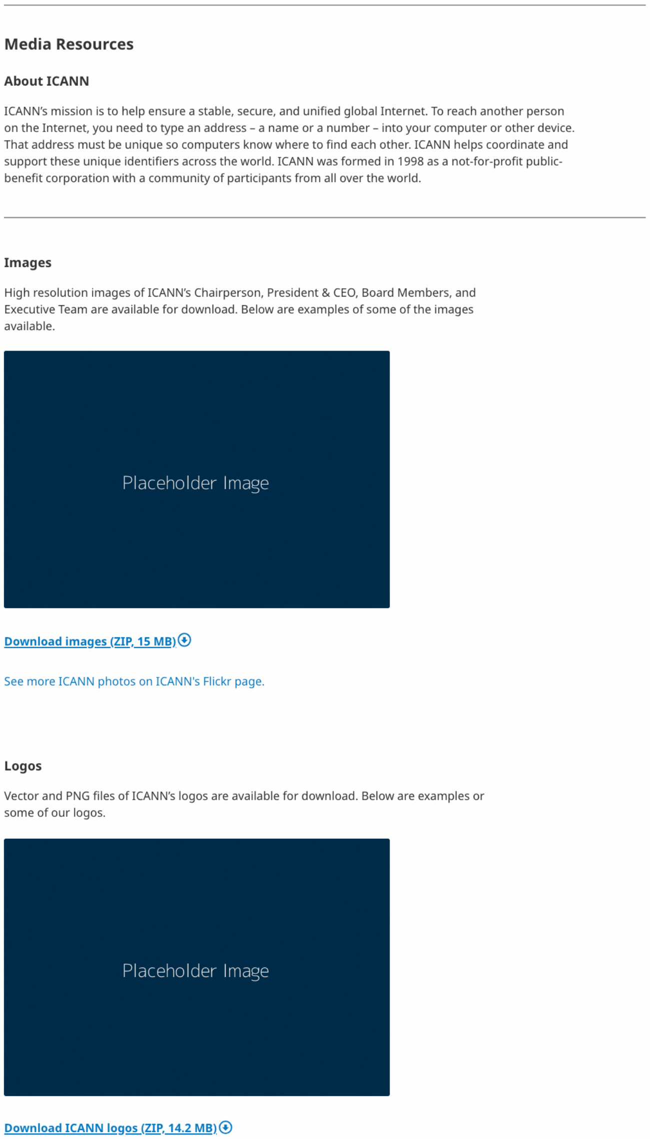

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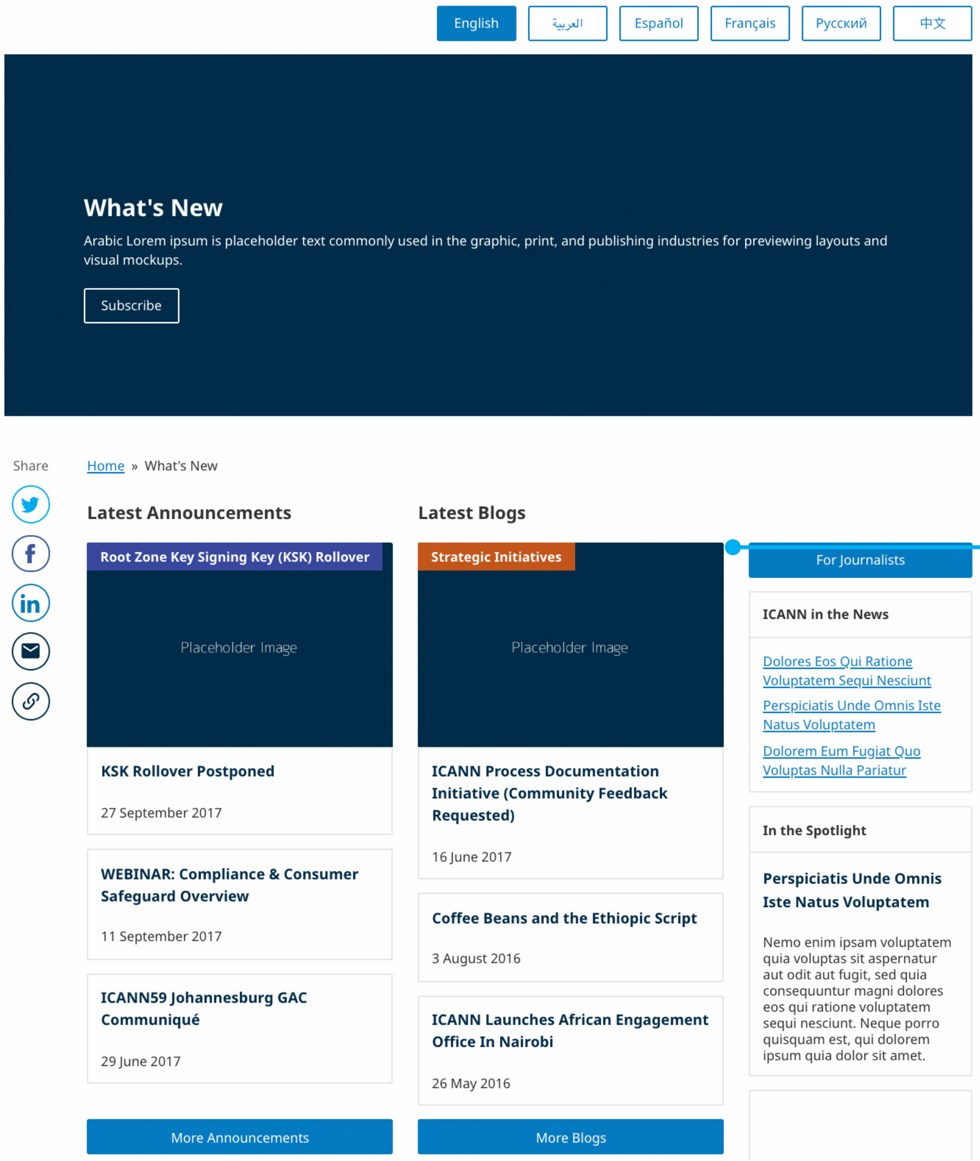
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