
ICANN76 | Prep Week – What to Expect at ICANN76: A guide for Newcomers
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DANIEL FINK:

Hello, everyone. This is Daniel Fink speaking. I think we can start our Prep Week Session. Thank you.

So, welcome, everybody, to the What to Expect at ICANN76: A guide for newcomers. This is preparatory week for ICANN76 meeting. The Prep Week is happening during this week, so you are welcome to join many sessions. We will talk about it.

First of all, let me thank all the interpreters and the IT support and the speakers that gladly join us for the session today. There is an interpretation button on the bottom of your screen which you can select your most preferable language, either to listen or to speak making questions. We hope to make a very informal session here. You can also ask anything anytime in the chat.

Last but not least, I want to follow Siranush a big welcome to all newcomers, fellows, and NextGens, for our ICANN76 meeting. It's great to have you here. We hope the session will be useful for you.

My colleague, Rodrigo Saucedo, has some message for you. While I put the slides in the screen, Rodrigo will address all participants. Rodrigo, please.

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RODRIGO SAUCEDO:

Thank you very much, Daniel. Hello and welcome to What to Expect at ICANN76: A guide for newcomers session. My name is Rodrigo Saucedo and I will be the remote participation manager for this session. Please note that this session is being recorded and is governed by ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior.

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With that, I will hand the floor over back to you, Daniel. Thank you.

DANIEL FINK:

Thank you very much, Rodrigo. So, are you all ready? Hope you have your coffee or water at hand and let's go. So, this is our agenda for today. We will start with the welcoming ceremony. Then I will speak about what is ICANN and then Carlos Reyes will speak about policy development at ICANN. Also we will discuss all the topics of interest during the ICANN76 meeting and about the newcomers, opportunities in ICANNLearn and about the NextGen and fellows during the session, together with Fernanda Lunes and Deborah Escalera.

So, now I have the pleasure to invite our Chair of the Board of Directors, Tripti Sinha and Rodrigo De La Parra for the Welcoming Session. We will start with Rodrigo, who is our host in ICANN76. Also, a citizen of Mexico, so we will receive very good guidance from Rodrigo for Cancun and for the meeting itself. Rodrigo, welcome.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA:

Hello, Daniel. Thank you very much and welcome, everyone. I am so excited that we are here for the preparation for ICANN76. I cannot believe this is indeed happening. As you know, we were waiting. We were expecting to have this meeting prior to the pandemic back then in 2020. We were very close to having the meeting, but unfortunately we

had to move this meeting to a virtual forum, where by decision back then. Let me try to use the interpretation feature. I think it would be nice to use the Spanish channel for me. Since the meeting is happening in Mexico, maybe it's a good idea. So I will switch not to Spanish. To do that, I will go to the interpretation icon and we click on Spanish. So please do the same and choose the language you would like to hear this. Thank you.

Okay. So now speaking in the Spanish channel. Welcome you all once again. I am really very excited of being here close to ICANN 76 because we are ready to welcome you, either personally or remotely. You know that this is a hybrid meeting, so we have lots of tools so as to facilitate the participation of all of you coming to the face-to-face meeting or all of you joining us from the virtual world, remotely as we say.

In Cancun, we have all tests ready. Everything is ready. We have worked really very hard, so that the whole Mexican community and Latin America and the Caribbean community participate in this meeting. There will be lots of events for this region.

I hope all of you may take advantage of the myriad of sessions we are going to have particularly during this prep week for ICANN76. If this is the first time that you are joining an ICANN meeting, the idea is to guide you in your participation in this organization because we have some technical issues and we also have some form of interaction in this multi-stakeholder model that we have.

This is one of the many tools that we have with us, so that you may surf the meeting. Additionally, you see there is an ocean of acronyms, so you

will learn how to speak ICANN language, but please let's not use too many acronyms. Let's be flexible and describe each of these acronyms.

So, welcome once again. Me and my team in Latin America and the Caribbean, we are part of the Global Stakeholder Engagement Team, so we are here to help you and during the meeting as well for everything that you may need.

So, without further ado, I want to say that I'm very happy to say that we have here with us in this session the chair of ICANN's Board, Tripti Sinha. So, Tripti, welcome. You have the floor now. Thank you very much. Welcome, Tripti.

TRIPTI SINHA:

Gracias, Rodrigo. Thank you very much. First, I'd like to welcome all of you to ICANN. We are absolutely delighted to have you join our community. As Rodrigo just said, my name is Tripti Sinha and I am the Chair of the ICANN Board.

I'd like to start by saying a few words about the Board and what we do and who we are. It is a group of 16 voting members including the ICANN CEO and four liaisons from ICANN constituencies. Board members are fiduciaries and stewards of the ICANN corporation. And what does that mean? It means we provide high-level oversight of the corporation. We ensure the high standards of corporate governance are maintained. We ensure fiscal responsibility and sustainability and also that the corporation has the right resources to advance its mission.

Rodrigo just mentioned that it's a global multi-stakeholder community, and our mission is to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems and those identifier systems come as domain names, IP addresses, and protocols.

What this involves is procedures that maintain several databases related to the Internet's namespace and numbers space while ensuring that the network is stable and operates securely.

I'd like to say a few words about what the multi-stakeholder model is and what it is and who we are. This model is a form of governance that brings together multiple stakeholders under one umbrella—in our particular case, ICANN—to partake in supporting the mission of ICANN. The mission of ICANN is realized through processes that develop policies for the DNS and procedures that maintain the Internet's unique identifier systems.

The multi-stakeholder model is supported by rich, vibrant, and disparate community that arrive at consensus when solving problems together. So no matter what your background is and expertise is, you likely have a place or a constituency within ICANN that will enable you to participate. So you can have a technical background or you can have a policy background, have a skill set in the commercial sector in business development, interface with governments or be from the government or perhaps you have an end user of Internet services. Each of you will find a home at ICANN.

So, ICANN's continued strength relies on its community being sustained by a constant flow of new faces and new blood and that is who you are. So we are delighted to have you join us at ICANN76 in Cancun.

The community has developed a very diverse agenda for the ICANN76 meeting and it spans a spectrum of topics that range from technical fundamentals of DNS to work sessions inside the numbers community, to discussing and mitigating and managing DNS abuse, to work on the next round of top-level domains, to joint sessions with the Board and ICANN constituencies and many, many other sessions.

So I urge you to attend as many sessions as you can and soak in the content and experience. Again, a very, very warm welcome to each of you to the ICANN community from us. Rodrigo and Daniel, back to you. Thank you.

DANIEL FINK:

Thank you very much, Tripti, for your words, your participation, your time to join us today and thank you very much, Rodrigo. This was our Welcoming Ceremony for all the participants and now it's my turn. This is my picture. I hope you see that it is similar to me or not. Please let me know in the chat. I will do the presentation from now on in Portuguese. I am changing my language here. So I'll switch over to Portuguese. Thank you, Glenn and Alex. This is me. Yes, we are very much alike.

I'm the manager of the stakeholder group in Brazil. I am part of a group of Rodrigo De La Parra in Latin America and Caribbean region. So, let me explain to you how ICANN works. Here we see why we have ICANN and why its function is so relevant for the Internet.

ICANN is important because it works with the domain name system of the Internet. It's one of the protocols and the oldest systems that help Internet work. They distribute IP numbers for each engine, each mobile phone or computer connected to the Internet and each one of the devices that need to access Internet need to have unique identifier in order to communicate with other devices and create a network of computers.

And apart from the numbers in each one of the devices, these are the IP numbers, we have other devices that also have names, which are easier to recall than numbers. So when you need to access a URL, what you do is you insert a name and the DNS translates this name into an IP number, so your computer will know to which IP number you want to connect. It's like a translation from names to numbers and this is what the DNS does. So, all the Internet webpages or services in the search engine need to be translated in this way.

There is a very important function of the organizations working with the DNS which is maintaining the unique identifiers, a unique address, for every device. So this needs to be coordinated on a global level. That's why we have ICANN and many other organizations that work in partnership with ICANN to keep the system working. This is the oldest systems in the Internet world and it's still existing. It's still very important. I mean it's fundamental in a certain way to keep unique global and accessible system. So that's why it's so important to participate in each one of these organizations.

As you got mission, values, and role, we have some images that explain what ICANN does. ICANN doesn't do everything in the Internet; only an

important part which is limited. And here in this slide, the main role of ICANN is to assure the stability and a secure operation of unique identifier system of the Internet, which needs to be very stable and very reliable. It should be a very good system and people need to believe it. That's why we need it to be very reliable.

And besides this specific mission, we have five main points here on the specific functions of ICANN. The first one is to coordinate the allocation and assignment of names in the root zone of the domain name system. The root zone is the first server that your computer consults to carry out this translation from an IP number to a name or the reverse. ICANN needs to keep this root zone in a stable and secure way.

Secondly, ICANN—and we are leaving aside the technical aspect and getting into the contractual one—ICANN coordinates the policies for the registration of domain names, second-level domain names, which are those that people register for the businesses and organizations and Internet websites. Each time you register your company webpage, you sign an agreement with a company and these agreements, these contracts, are agreed upon with all the operators in the system. That's why users don't remember sometimes where they bought the domain name. But ICANN is here behind all this process helping to coordinate it.

Then another important point here is a distinction between generic names and country code names. [Speaking Portuguese]

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Sorry, my mistake.

DANIEL FINK:

And then, third. So the root name server system of the domain name systems, there are many operators of root service in the DNS. Officially, there are 12 that are distributed around the world and there are many copies of these servers and their function is to make the root server to be as close as possible of the end users. So ICANN aids this coordination to make the resolver system be very fast to the end users.

So, number four, we're going to talk again about the IP numbers. So we have a department that coordinates the allocation and assignment of top-level domains to regions and countries. In Latin America and the Caribbean, we have LACNIC that distributes IP numbers to our Internet providers and LACNIC works together with ICANN to receive a large list of IP numbers dedicated to our region to allow the Internet to expand here. The same happens in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America.

As to five, we work with the technical bodies for the specification of new protocols for new services. So ICANN has also an important function in the adoption of these new standards, in order to serve all users.

So, in this next slide, as Tripti mentioned, ICANN engages with several other organizations. ICANN only works because many organizations cooperate in decision making in a very collaborative manner, as we call them multistakeholder collaboration. And here just a few examples of organizations that interact with us all the time to make the DNS work.

In addition to organizations that are members of different groups in ICANN, we also participate in other fora and organizations to support their functions and for them to contribute to ICANN's development. For

instance, during an IGF, an Internet Governance Forum, you will surely find ICANN members there, other members of the community, as well as others, Diplo Foundation, Internet Society. We spent most of our working time interacting and visiting these colleagues in other organizations and in meetings.

What is ICANN then? We have here a graph that shows the three pillars of our organization we have of our ecosystem. In fact, we have the ICANN Org or Organization, which is the ICANN staff. ICANN is a corporation, and as any other company has a staff to help management. I am part of ... I am an employee of ICANN. I have other colleagues that help to organize the meetings. We have other people that help policy making. Etc. So these are the members of ICANN organization.

Then we have this large circle on the top which is the community where the stakeholders meet to help decision making in ICANN. And then we have the Board. Most of the board members are also members of the stakeholder groups. They have worked for long in their fields and it is the Board that approves the recommended policies suggested by the community.

Some further details as to this ecosystem. We called this community a multi-stakeholder community. We have people with a technical profile, legal profile. We have business people, researchers, and the more diverse this group is, the better for the multi-stakeholder model.

In addition of the different industries and segments that we have, we also have a good diversity in terms of culture and country. Everybody is

welcome to participate in ICANN's decision-making processes. So whatever your interest or expertise, pay attention, see which stakeholder group has to do with you, with your profile and your interests. You're very welcome to participate, to ask questions.

So, talking about the multi-stakeholder community in ICANN, I am not going to spend a lot of time here because you'll learn this naturally. All groups of the community are distributed in these two large families—those that develop policies and the other groups that provide advice for the proposals that are being made. Those that write the policies, they are called supporting organizations. For instance, we have here Generic Name Support Organization for numbers, for generic top-level domains. This group's mission is to evolve the DNS, and as to providing advice, we have four advisory committees that bring their experience, their cultures from their countries, from their industry to contribute for policy making. One of these groups, which is very famous, is the Government Advisory Committee. We have others. Those that bring the opinion of the end users, root server operators, etc. So this is the most important difference for the newcomers in order to understand how ICANN works.

Finally, this is my last slide. We have the distribution of ICANN offices around the world. We have our headquarters in Los Angeles in the US. We have offices in Brussels, Belgium, and Istanbul, Turkey, in Singapore, and our wonderful office in Montevideo, Uruguay, which is the house of the Internet. If you are from Uruguay, probably you have visited us already and anyone is welcome to come and have some coffee with us.

We have engagement centers around the world and partnership centers. For instance, in [inaudible] Paraguay. Together with the government of Paraguay to advance entrepreneurship in the Internet, Cairo and Egypt and Seoul in Korea.

Well, friends, this would be what I had to tell you, so I'd like to invite my colleague, Carlos Reyes, which is Director of Policy and Strategy, to talk about policy making in ICANN. So be very welcome, Carlos. The floor is yours.

CARLOS REYES:

Thank you, Daniel, and hello, everyone. My name is Carlos Reyes, as Daniel mentioned. I'm part of the policy development support function within ICANN. And I'm based out of the Washington, DC Engagement Center which is one of the offices that Daniel just described.

Today I'm going to provide an overview of the policy work of ICANN which is one of the core tenants of our mission. Next slide, please.

So, within the framework of ICANN76, I think it's important to understand that there are three types of ICANN public meetings right now. The first is the Community Forum which is what ICANN76 will be. We also have a Policy Forum and an Annual General Meeting.

I'm going to focus today on the Community Forum since that is starting in about two weeks or so. It will feature six days of programming. You'll mostly see sessions dedicated to the work of the ICANN community. But you will also see an ICANN Board meeting and a public forum. There will also be updates from the ICANN organization. Next slide, please.

So, the ICANN community consists of three supporting organizations. The supporting organizations are dedicated to different communities that develop different policies for the domain name system.

The first is the Address Supporting Organization. This is the Supporting Organization that develops policies for Internet number resources. Daniel talked a little bit about our relationships with the regional Internet registries which are part of the Internet community. So that's one of the communities that develops policies for ICANN.

The other supporting organization is the Country Code Names Supporting Organization. This is the group that develops policies for country code top-level domains. For example, dot-BR for Brazil or dot-MX for Mexico, dot-UK for the United Kingdom. So this supporting organization only focuses on global policies for country code top-level domains.

Then finally this is where you see most of the work at ICANN. That's the Generic Names Supporting Organization. That is the supporting organization that develops policies for gTLDs, Generic Top-Level Domains, such as dot-com, dot-org, etc. Next slide, please.

So, at a high level, these are some of the highlights of what ICANN76 will entail for the three supporting organizations. We're very excited about the ASO because this is the first time the ASO is participating in an ICANN public meeting in three years. The last time we saw ASO sections on the schedule was in Montreal for ICANN66. So the ASO is making a comeback and you'll see a few work sessions for their Address Council. That is the group that manages the global policy development of the

ASO. They are actually revising their operational procedures. So you'll see some sessions dedicated to that.

There will also be a session in conjunction with our IANA team, specifically to focus on the numbers and the IANA numbering function and how the RIRs interact with IANA. So if you're interested in the numbers, the second "N" in the ICANN name, I recommend you take a look at that session.

Of course, ASO will have a joint session with the ICANN Board. Tripti talked about those interactions. Those are standard interactions between the ICANN Board and the ICANN community. It's an opportunity for both sides to really reflect on priorities and forward planning.

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization is advancing their work on their fourth policy development process. This is looking at internationalized domain names and certain decisions around the delegation of IDNs—IDN ccTLDs specifically.

The ccNSO also has standing committees that will be convening throughout the week. The DNS Abuse Standing Committee. What's important to note is that the ccNSO Standing Committees do not have a policy remit, so it's really just an opportunity for ccTLDs managers to exchange views on best practices for the various issues that they commit to discussing. In this case, DNS abuse.

The Guidelines Review Committee is a committee within the ccNSO that looks at their operations and how to improve those operations. So that committee will be meeting. And of course the ccNSO also has recently

adopted a roadmap for universal acceptance to encourage how ccTLDs share information about their universal acceptance practices. So there's a lot of activity in the ccNSO during ICANN76.

The GNSO, there are two policy development processes that will have sessions during ICANN76. One is looking at the transfer policy which is the oldest consensus policy at ICANN and looking at reviewing that to ensure it's fit for purpose. The GNSO is also looking at IDNs, Internationalized Domain Names. So you see some overlap there between the ccNSO and the GNSO. Obviously, the Generic Names Supporting Organization is looking at internationalized domain names from the perspective of generic top-level domains. But the ICANN Board has asked them to coordinate their efforts, so you'll see some similar activities on the ccNSO and GNSO side.

The GNSO recently initiated the first GNSO guidance process on applicant support and this relates to the outputs of the new generic top-level domain subsequent procedures policy development process. So that GGP is the acronym for that. It's looking at applicant support in a more focused way.

The GNSO recently started convening small teams. These are teams that are looking at specific issues without a policy development process. So they also have a DNS abuse small team and a gTLD registration data accuracy scoping team which is an exercise to explore the various issues of an issue and determine if there's a need for policy development process.

And finally, you'll see a lot of work sessions dedicated to the council. The GNSO Council has a full agenda and there's a lot of activity and work happening throughout the week. Next slide, please.

So now we're transitioning to the four advisory committees. The four advisory committees provide advice to ICANN, the ICANN community meaning the board, the community, or even the organization on the policies that the supporting organizations develop.

And the four advisory committees have different functional perspectives or represent different stakeholder views. End users are represented by the At-Large Advisory Committee which expresses the interest of end users. Governments participate in the Governmental Advisory Committee. Daniel talked about the GAC. Daniel also talked about the root server operators in the context of their partnership with ICANN. Within ICANN, the operators—the root server operators—convene through the Root Server System Advisory Committee and provide advice on the root server system. And then finally we have security experts in the Security and Stability Advisory Committee. Next slide, please.

So, the advisory committees are also quite active during the community forum. You'll see some common themes throughout the advisory committees and the supporting organizations. Both the At-Large Advisory Committee and the Governmental Advisory Committee are looking at new gTLD subsequent procedures. The At-Large Advisory Committee is also hosting a session on the role of the ODP, the Operational Design Phase. So if you're interested in contributing to those conversations, take a look at the schedule and add that session

to your calendar. The At-Large community is also conducting outreach and engagement.

On the topic of universal acceptance, as you may know, Universal Acceptance Day is coming up and the end user community is an important stakeholder in those conversations.

Finally, since we're in the Latin America and Caribbean region, the Latin American and Caribbean regional At-Large Organization, which is the umbrella organization for all of the At-Large structures in Latin America and Caribbean will be conducting its general assembly. This is an opportunity for all those end users as part of the At-Large structures to come together. So it'll be an exciting program for them.

The GAC, the Governmental Advisory Committee, also has a capacity building workshop targeting GAC member representatives from the Latin American region. So any government representative who participates in the GAC from the LAC region can participate in that government capacity building workshop really to ensure that they can contribute effectively to GAC proceedings.

The GAC is also looking at WHOIS and data protection policy inaccuracy much like the GNSO. In fact, a lot of GAC advice is usually in response to ongoing policy discussions in the GNSO. And like the ccNSO and the GNSO, the GAC is also looking at DNS abuse and how to mitigate it.

On the technical side, the Root Server System Advisory Committee has several work sessions. Really looking at their publications and potentially updates from various work parties. the Root Server System Advisory Committee is also tacking very closely the work of the Root

Server System Governance Working Group. Some of you may be aware that in 2018 the RSSAC published advice to evolve the governance of the root server system. Since then, the ICANN Board has convened a working group to develop a model that's based on that RSSAC advice. So that working group is making progress and also has sessions and the RSSAC tracks that.

I did want to highlight the Root Server System Information Session. This is something that the RSSAC hosts and it really explains how the root server system works for any of you who are new to the ICANN community and you'd like to learn more about the root server system, take a look at that session.

Finally, the SSAC conducts and hosts the DNSSEC (or Domain Name System Security Extensions) Workshop. This is quite standard feature of ICANN public meetings. So if you'd like to learn more about DNSSEC and the deployment of DNSSEC, look for that on the schedule. The SSAC will also conduct a public session to review its recent publications.

That's an overview of what the supporting organizations and advisory committees are up to for ICANN76. I think my next slide, please, covers some other sessions. I already spoke about ... oh no. But first, if you want to prepare specifically for the SO and AC sessions take a look at these web links. This will be published with slides. It breaks down the different resources for the supporting organizations and advisory committees.

My next slide actually looks at other sessions. I already mentioned the Root Server System Governance Working Group so I'm going to focus

on the plenary session. Every ICANN meeting features a plenary session that's been proposed and developed by the ICANN community.

The topic for the plenary session in Cancun during ICANN76 is looking toward the WSIS+20. How can we improve multi-stakeholder participation and Internet governance?

So this is really looking at the 20th anniversary review process of the World Summit in the Information Society and how to encourage multi-stakeholder participation in that process.

This is really not looking at how ICANN as a community contributes but how broadly ICANN's mission impacts or interacts with Internet governance and how multi-stakeholder participation can benefit the WSIS+20 review. Several speakers are planned, so again take a look. It's an unconflicted session, so if you don't have anything else going on at that point, I recommend you stop by. The planning team has put in a lot of work into that session.

Then there's Tech Day which is a standard feature of the program. But we're really excited about the plenary session and continuing Tech Day. Next slide, please.

Of course Daniel mentioned Prep Week is underway. This is the first session for newcomers, but there are ten other sessions. So if you'd like to learn more about specific issues, whether it's Workstream 2 recommendations or planning at ICANN or the policy update or IDNs, take a look at the schedule. There may be a session that interests you. Next slide.

That's it. So thank you very much. I'll stick around. If there are any questions in the chat, I'm happy to answer them and I'll toss it over to my colleague, Fernanda, for an update.

FERNANDA IUNES:

Good afternoon from Washington, DC. My name is Fernanda Iunes and I'm the Senior Program Coordinator of the Public Responsibility Support Team here at ICANN. Next slide, please.

So, while being a newcomer at ICANN can sometimes feel a little bit overwhelming, we have many resources available to help you make the most of your opportunity to participate. And of course as I'm sure you can tell from this call, there are many people who would be happy to help you find your way as well.

A great resource for you to begin your ICANN journey is our free online learning platform called ICANNLearn, which Daniel mentioned at the beginning of this session. And if you haven't done so already, you can sign up and you can start taking a few courses there. You'll find training on ICANN processes and policies as well as technical topics, skill-building courses and all of these will help you maximize your participation in the work of the ICANN community.

There are also other ways to connect and boost your knowledge of ICANN. You can sign up for your regional newsletter. That will give you ICANN information relevant to your particular part of the world. You can also follow our social media accounts, which will be listed on the final slide of the session, too.

You’ve probably already registered for ICANN76 but if you bookmark that meetings page, it’ll help you navigate the schedule a little bit better.

Please note that participation links to the sessions are only provided 24 hours in advance for security reasons. Also note that you can access the presentations from any session within the schedule as well.

If you haven’t used Zoom before, there’s information in the meetings page to help you set it up to participate more efficiently. And just a quick tip, as you probably could tell from coming into this meeting, it does take a few clicks to get into a session, so be sure to give yourself a few minutes to get settled in when you want to attend a session.

You may also want to explore our newcomers webpage, and from there learn more about our NextGen at ICANN program for university students and our fellowship program designed to help participants from all around the world participate fully in ICANN meetings. My colleague, Deborah, will be giving you some more information about those programs next.

Acronyms are a challenge in any new environment and ICANN in particular is full of them, so it can be helpful to bookmark the acronym and terms page so that you can quickly reference any unfamiliar terms. And as Rodrigo said, it’s also fine to encourage people to explain the acronyms they use. We are all trying to get better at that. So please feel free to ask anybody to explain if you have any doubts.

Other web pages you may want to note include our communities page, policy development support, and technical functions page, each of

which will give you some great insight into the complexity of ICANN and also how the various teams and community groups come together to achieve the great Internet policy development work that gets done here at ICANN.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please feel free to post them in the chat. I will turn it over to Deborah I think.

DEBORAH ESCALERA:

Hi, there. Thank you, Fernanda. Okay. My name is Deborah Escalera and I am the Program Manager for the NextGen at ICANN program for the Public Responsibility Support Department. I'm going to give a very quick overview. We are running out of time. I have a few sessions that are taking place, but please look to the ICANN website for a full listing of all the sessions taking place. Next slide, please.

So, as you know, today Prep Week sessions began, and on Tuesday there will be a planning and finance update session which was mentioned and a Generic Names Supporting Organization policy update. On Wednesday, March 1st, another policy update. Next slide, please.

On Saturday, 11 of March, we begin our ICANN76 week. We start with the Fellowship and NextGen meet and greet. The fellowship will be participating in the consensus playbook training with Melissa Allgood and both the fellows and the NextGen will attend the Art of Small Talk session also with Melissa Allgood. In the evening, there will be Fellowship and NextGen social hour and all are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, 12 March there will be an OCTO session with both the fellows and NextGen, a How It Works ICANN policy session, Getting to Know ICANN Community with NCSG, NCUC, and NPOC members. Please look up those acronyms. And in the evening, LACRALO will be hosting a welcome reception and all are welcome to attend. Next slide, please.

Monday, 13 March kicks off the welcome ceremony followed by a Q&A with the ICANN Org executive team and Tech Day begins. There are three sessions, so please participate in at least one. LAC Space will also be taking place and the NextGen is having the first day of their presentations. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. At-Large LACRALO General Assembly begins and there will be six sessions. In the evening, please join LACRALO networking event. Next slide, please.

Tuesday, 14 March Universal Acceptance Engagement will be taking place with the Fellows and NextGen. Plenary sessions are taking place, which Carlos mentioned. Root server systems session. And the second day of NextGen presentations will be held. Please plan on supporting this session.

On Wednesday, 15 March, the SSAC public session will be held, more plenary sessions, and the ICANN Board members will be welcoming the Fellowship and NextGen Program participants. DNSSEC security workshop, two sessions being held. Please participate in at least one of these sessions. And North America Space will be taking place. Next slide, please.

Finally, on Thursday, 16 March, Public Forum will be taking place. This is a very exciting event, so please form your questions but do not ask questions just for the sake of asking questions. So you might want to work with your groups and come up with one or two questions to be asked by one or two people from the NextGen or from the fellows. The ICANN Board meeting is also taking place, community wrap-up sessions, and finally the final ICANN76 wrap-up cocktail social event. Next slide, please.

Please check out our social media links and thank you for your time. If you have any questions, please email us. You can email me at nextgen@icann.org if you have any questions. Thank you so much for everybody attending this session and for everybody who supported the organization of this session. Thank you so much.

DANIEL FINK:

Thank you, Deborah, Fernanda, Carlos. Thank you very much for your presentations. Very informative. Actually, [inaudible] asked before what she should look at during the ICANN76 and you brilliantly answered, Deborah, in my opinion. Let's see what [inaudible] thinks. Please let me know.

Most important for fellows and NextGens and newcomers, you should not worry much about asking questions, only during the Public Forum because it's in front of everybody and it's very formal, very busy. But please ask questions all the time especially to Rodrigo who opened his video now to greet you. Yeah.

And if you want to see the very important questions sessions, please find Rodrigo and join him because he is my boss, so he'll be there. I will be there during the [fun] sessions, so it's another option for you.

I think this is the most important skill for Fellows and NextGens. Albert, my colleague from the Caribbean certainly agrees that you should enjoy this time to know everybody, ask any questions to anybody in the coffee breaks or during the sessions. Just do so. This is the time for you to make friends because you are the ones who will become our bosses. You are the ones who will be the next board members in the near future. Don't think it will take a long time. Some board members are very young and they started like you. So enjoy your time and I'm sure Albert who opened his mic now has a very important testimony to say. Go ahead, Albert.

ALBERT:

Yes. It's very important to participate regardless of what your background is and what part of the Internet you have an interest in. We need to hear your voice. We need to understand what your needs are and we need to understand what your concerns are so that the Internet that is shared will actually be one that you can benefit most from.

So, Fellows, NextGen, young people, new persons, ICANN is very important to participate. Thank you for those few seconds, Daniel.

DANIEL FINK:

Don't mention it. Thank you for joining. Okay. So this is the time where you can raise your hand and ask your questions or send your questions

in the chat. So the game starts here. Do so. We have some minutes and many good colleagues to answer them. Please go ahead, my friends. Presentation slides, we will publish them right after this meeting. It's my job. Sorry I haven't done that before, so I will do that. Please check the schedule in the ICANN76 Prep Week website. The slides will be there in a couple of hours today. Thank you for the question.

There are many links in the presentation, so I hope it will be useful to you. Anything else? [inaudible], thank you. Yes. Thank you for joining us.

Sessions that would absolutely recommend for newcomers. Siranush, are you here or Deborah?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, I'm here. Daniel, this is Siranush.

DANIEL FINK: Hi, Siranush. Great to see you. Glad you're here.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes. Welcome, everyone. Actually, Deborah presented very nicely about all the sessions which are important and are assigned to fellows to participate. But shortly our policy team will also come up with the notable sessions. So these also are based on your sector are interest. If you, for example, are interested to learn more about At-Large, look at the agenda and see where At-Large is doing the sessions and what type of sessions they are doing.

If you are from Latin America and At-Large, there is General Assembly, so make sure you participate in General Assembly sessions. If you are from technical team, as it was mentioned, there are technical sessions there, so make sure you participate.

Go to the schedule. You definitely can do your personalized agenda based on what you want to learn. So you can start from your sector of interest if you are technical or you are Internet end user or you are a policy developer or you are business person. So based on this, try to personalize the agenda and then while you are in Cancun at the sessions, you can try joining to different community sessions to find out more about what other communities are doing.

So this will be the first tip for you as a newcomer to learn more. Feel free to ask questions as Daniel mentioned. As a newcomer, it's very hard to understand the caliber and pace of Internet ICANN meetings in general because there are more than 300 sessions during six days and it's very hard for the newcomer to understand everything. Give you a time to digest. After the meeting, all the session recordings will be available. Give the time for you to go back to the recordings, listen to the session recordings and find out more, digest information. Don't expect from you to learn everything from the first meeting in general. Just my two tip and two cents for this session. Daniel, back to you.

DANIEL FINK:

Thank you, Siranush. Wise words. Brilliant. Even for us, sometimes we are in a session and we keep thinking, "I should also be attending that one." But it's at the same time. What can I do? After we come home, we

keep listening to many sessions that we couldn't be there on the times. Sometimes a friend of yours says, "Oh, I was in that session. It was really nice. Sorry for you. You missed." No, it's in the recordings, so you can go back and watch. I think that's how we behave during the ICANN meetings. Many sessions in parallel all the time.

Who else? What are the questions, my friends?

DEBORAH ESCALERA: Daniel, I think we're over time now.

DANIEL FINK: Over time, okay. Thank you, Deborah. All right. One more from Abdul. "[inaudible] complexity, so I prefer ... " Yeah. You want to know about history, yes. Real cases. Sometimes we don't consider that during the meetings, Abdul, but there are large documentations for all the big issue that ICANN has developed. So let's talk in Cancun if you're coming or drop some message. We can give you some good amount of activities of readings for the real examples. And during the meetings, it's real example in the real time. So, enjoy.

Thank you very much, everybody, for participating. Our colleagues, speakers, ICANN Board Chair. To the interpreters, of course, and to the IT team for making this session possible. This is the end of our Prep Week session, what to expect at ICANN76. See you soon. Bye.

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