To Our Meeting Attendees—

Welcome to Cartagena and ICANN's 39th international public meeting.

We have the potential to do great work here to enhance the Internet's security, stability and resiliency. We also rely on your participation as we strive to improve the Internet’s governance and globalization.

Nurturing a secure and stable global Internet remains our top priority, as we showed with the DNSSEC root zone signing in July. Deployment is moving fast, and we fully expect to see more than 50 percent of all registered domain names under DNSSEC in 2011. Other efforts to ensure the security, stability and resiliency of the Internet are also under way.

Every part of the ICANN community grew in size, numbers and outreach this past year, reflecting our commitment to making ICANN as international as its stakeholder communities. Thus, our discussions at this meeting will encompass, among other topics, Internationalized Domain Names in the DNS root; a recently signed cooperative agreement between ICANN and UNESCO that outlines possible future collaboration (including their support for introducing IDNs); and ways to help developing nations enhance their capacity to create a multilingual Internet.

One aim of this movement toward internationalization is to link people by culture, language, interest, need, history, and other commonalities, founded on our belief that all voices should be heard in the Internet’s development and governance. The ICANN multi-stakeholder model opens the door for all who wish to participate. That means whether you attend in person, or participate through our array of remote participation mechanisms, you are welcome here!

So enjoy Cartagena and enjoy this meeting. But most of all, I congratulate you for choosing to participate. Ensuring a secure and stable global Internet is too important for any of us to sit on the sidelines as mere observers.

Rod Beckstrom
CEO and President
At ICANN meetings, we want to hear what you think.

ICANN has a long history of bottom-up consensus building, which means that issues are introduced and discussed by those who come and participate in meetings. That includes you—even if you choose to participate remotely.

Only after attendees reach a broad consensus on a topic can it progress, which means that everyone’s views are listened to and taken seriously. So do speak up.

Most meeting sessions are open and time is typically set aside for people to raise points at the end of each presentation or session. In addition to these meetings, several of the workshops include question-and-answer periods. Please note that unless you are a presenter, there is no assigned seating at an ICANN meeting. Everyone is encouraged to participate by sharing their thoughts at the table or by using the hand-held microphones placed around the room.

In some cases you will need to be a member of a particular group—such as a constituency or committee—to speak. If you are uncertain of the rules during a given session, simply ask the session leader whether you are allowed to speak.

The Public Forum on Thursday afternoon in the main meeting room is a key part of all ICANN meetings. Any member of the community can raise a point, ask a question or make a comment directly to the ICANN Board at the Public Forum. In fact, several hours are set aside in the schedule so that participants can comment or raise questions on any aspect of ICANN’s work.

ICANN’s Chairman leads the meeting, and attendees take turns commenting or asking questions. Immediate responses are given where time and information allow.

You can ask questions or make comments in two ways:

1. Queue up behind the public microphone and wait to address the Board directly.
2. Follow the directions for submitting questions remotely, described on ICANN’s Remote Participation page at http://meetings.icann.org/remote-participation.

ICANN tries to ensure as many questions are asked and answered as possible.

The Meeting of the ICANN Board on Friday morning in the main meeting room wraps up the week. It begins with representatives from the Board committees and the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees reporting progress on the issues of most importance to them and to the entire community. They also share their thoughts and opinions on each topic.

Then the meeting is opened to the public and anyone is welcome to attend as an observer.

We hope you find this a simple system to use and encourage you to play your part by participating directly in ICANN’s processes.

If you have any questions on how to participate, please contact ICANN’s Senior Director of Participation and Engagement at participate@icann.org.
How do I participate remotely?

Suppose you are in Cartagena and wish to have a colleague who cannot attend in person follow what is happening at the meeting. Or, perhaps you plan to attend a future ICANN meeting from your home or office. Check out the many remote participation services provided at ICANN meetings by going to http://meetings.icann.org/remote-participation. The power of participation is just a click away!

Remote participation supports ICANN’s commitment to maintain and improve robust mechanisms for public input and transparency by providing the opportunity to participate in meeting discussions, from your own location. Once the ICANN meeting schedule is posted on the ICANN website, http://cartagena39.icann.org/sched-overview, you can identify remote services and check out low- and high-bandwidth services on each session page. An example session page is shown on the facing page.

Remote Services Guide - Example Session

Date: Mon 15 Feb 2010 - 14:00 – 16:00
Room: ICANN Room A

Meeting Leaders
Discussion Facilitator:
Remote Participation Facilitator:

Transcript to be provided
Two-Way Audio (Remote Dial-In/Teleconference)
1-444-123-4567
passcode: 891011

Remote Participation - Low Bandwidth
Audiostream:
English 16kbps
Español 16kbps
Français 16kbps
Chat Room:
http://nbo.icann.org/chat/example

Remote Participation - High Bandwidth
Audiostream (archive):
English 64kbps
Español 64kbps
Français 64kbps

Chat Room:
http://icann.na3.acrobat.com/example/

Virtual Meeting Room (archive):
http://icann.na3.acrobat.com/example/

Summary
What Is This? | A sample meeting page that illustrates the availability and location of remote participation services.

Why Is It Important? | To acquaint remote participants with audio, video, chat, telephone and other options.

Who Should Attend? | Everyone who is interested in participating in the ICANN Cartagena meeting from a remote location.

Agenda Details
1. Introduction
2. Speaker One
3. Speaker Two
4. Break
5. Speaker Three
6. Speaker Four
7. Question & Answer
8. Conclusion
Venue map

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Delegates should report crimes to the Tourist Police (identified by green uniforms with white armbands) who patrol the walled city and Bocagrande.

Crimes should be reported to the Colombian authorities as soon as possible. A police report, or denuncia, should be filed in person at the nearest Unidad de Reacción Inmediata (URI). Be sure to take a copy of your report with you when you leave.

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- Fire: 119
- Police Emergency: 112
- Crime reports:
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