

## 43. ICANN in San Jose, Costa Rica, on 03/12/2012

### **I Have a Dream**

"**I Have a Dream**" is the name of the historical public speech delivered by the American political activist Martin Luther King, in which he called for union and harmonious coexistence between black and white people. The speech, delivered on August 28, 1963, from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., as a part of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, was a decisive moment in the history of the American Civil Rights Movement.

Far from considering myself a new Martin Luther King, but with great satisfaction, deep conviction, and also very humbly, I come before you to defend the principles that I consider relevant and fundamental to the Internet. I have attended the ICANN meetings 40 times and have always had the same goal in mind - to ensure the Internet is made **by all and for all.**

**This meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica, is my 41<sup>st</sup> attendance.**

My purpose is still the same; **I dream and work towards a truly universal (for all) and self-regulated Internet -i.e. without governments' and external agents' intervention.**

I believe that Internet use should be steered by **principles of freedom of speech, individual privacy and respect for human rights**, as I believe these are critical to ensure a fair and democratic society. Internet governance must be **transparent, multilateral and democratic**, involving several segments of society, as well as preserving and fostering its **collective creation nature**. Internet access should be **universal** in order to be an instrument to social and human development, contributing to the creation of an inclusive and non-discriminatory society that benefits all. **Cultural diversity** must be respected and preserved, and its manifestation should be encouraged, whereas beliefs, customs and values should not be imposed. Internet governance must promote ongoing development and the spread of new technologies and models for Internet use and access. Solely technical and ethical criteria, preventing political, commercial, religious and cultural reasons, or any other form of discrimination or favoring should rule filtering or traffic privileges. ***The fight against Internet crime must ensure that responsible individuals are accountable, not penalizing means of access and transport and ensuring that the highest principles of protection of freedom, privacy and respect for human rights are complied with.*** The **stability, safety and functionality of the global network** must be actively protected through technical measures compatible with international standards and by promoting best practices. The Internet should be based on **open standards** enabling interoperability and everyone's involvement in its development. The **legal and**

**regulatory environment must preserve the dynamics of the Internet as a space for collaboration.**

**The Internet's main worth is its social value.** Much more than being a technological environment, the Internet creates an atmosphere for human communication, commercial transactions and knowledge share opportunities. This environment must be available to **everyone**, regardless of the hardware, software and network infrastructure available, or the culture, geographical location, physical or mental skills, socioeconomic status or the level of education of every individual.

The **universality and diversity of the Internet** must be sustained and further developed, **as intended by the Brazilian Internet governance model, which is based on a democratic, transparent and pluralistic model,** whereby the participation of different sectors of society is ensured. This **Governance model** is also based on principles of collaboration, collective creation, ethics and human rights.

Ensuring that individuals with visual, hearing, mobility and mental impairments, or any other disabilities, have the necessary means to understand, browse, interact and develop in the Web environment, is a prerequisite for the evolution of the Internet into a **universal and inclusive design**. Inclusion must also reach new generations and the elderly, taking into account the training required to produce new digital skills.

More than transforming the **way** in which we communicate, the Internet has changed the **nature** of our social relations. The Internet is an environment that creates new meeting places. Business transactions and personal relationships often take place without personal meetings. **Confidence on the Internet is a direct product of being granted the full right to freedom of speech, searching and browsing,** through technological standards and models that ensure user privacy and security.

The Internet has become a space where disputes, closure of corporate and proprietary services and invasion of privacy occur and confidentiality is broken.

As the ICANN, we have been challenged to find a **consensual space** among principles and guidelines that will ultimately ensure that the Internet remains as an open and universal platform.

I hope for excellent meetings to all participants, with high level discussions and decision-making that truly stands for an Internet **made by all and for all**.

I hope that this event in San Jose is a landmark in the "march" for an Internet based on **principles of freedom of speech, individual privacy and respect for human rights**, becoming a **decisive moment in the history of an 'international movement' of digital inclusion of the more than 7 billion people living in our planet.**

Thank You Very Much ...!!!