



ICANN Leaders to Give Update on New Generic Top-Level Domain Name Program

CEO and Board Chair Will Answer Journalists' Questions At Costa Rica News Conference

Rod Beckstrom, ICANN's President and Chief Executive Officer will join Board Chair Dr. Stephen Crocker at a news conference following the opening ceremonies of ICANN's 43rd public meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica on Monday, 12 March.

Among other issues, the ICANN leaders will discuss what will happen after April 12, the date when the current round of applications for new generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) will close.

The new gTLD program marks one of the biggest changes ever to the Internet's Domain Name System.

In addition to taking questions on gTLDs at the Monday news conference, the two ICANN leaders will also answer questions on other subjects, ranging from Internet governance controversies to cyber-security issues.

Journalists who will not be present at the Costa Rica meeting are invited to participate in the news conference via a live video web stream or an international toll-free telephone connection.

A recording of the news conference will be posted to the press page of the ICANN web site (<http://www.icann.org/en/news/press>) as soon after the event as possible.

Here are the details:

WHAT: News Conference

WHO: [Rod Beckstrom](#), President and CEO and [Dr. Stephen Crocker](#), Chair of Board of Directors.

WHEN: Monday, 12 March 2012, 1200-1300 San Jose, Costa Rica (1800-1900 UTC).

WHERE: Room - Las Americas, [Ramada Plaza Herradura](#), General Cañas Highway, San Jose, Costa Rica (5 km. South of San Jose International Airport).

OFF-SITE ACCESS: Journalists from around the world can participate in the news conference via remote access.

- A live video webcast may be accessed at <http://icann.adobeconnect.com/sjo43-press>.
- Telephone access may be obtained by dialling an international toll-free number obtained from this list www.adigo.com/icann. The toll free access number in the U.S. is +1.800.550.6865. Once you have reached the conferencing center, dial 25594.

LANGUAGE: The news conference will be in English, but there will be simultaneous Spanish translation available in the room.

INFORMATION ON gTLD PROGRAM:

- In English - <http://archive.icann.org/en/topics/new-gtlds/faqs-21oct11-en.pdf>
- In Spanish - <http://archive.icann.org/es/topics/new-gtlds/faqs-21oct11-es.pdf>

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