



ICANN Leaders to Discuss New Generic Top-Level Domains and Other Issues at Prague News Conference

Rod Beckstrom, ICANN's President and Chief Executive Officer will be joined by Board Chair Dr. Stephen Crocker and Chief Operating Officer Akram Atallah in answering journalists' questions at a news conference following the welcoming ceremonies at ICANN's 44th public meeting in Prague, Czech Republic on Monday, 25 June.

On 13 June ICANN revealed who applied for which generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs) under ICANN's new gTLD program. The program will lead to some of the most profound changes ever in the Internet's Domain Name System (DNS).

The Prague meeting marks the first time some of the gTLD applicants will meet since the 1,930 gTLD applications were revealed last week.

In addition to taking questions on gTLDs at the Friday news conference, the three ICANN leaders also will answer journalists' questions on other subjects, ranging from the gTLD application batching process to overviews of Internet governance.

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

Here are the details:

WHAT: News Conference

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

WHEN: Monday, 25 June 2012, 1045 Prague (0845 UTC).

WHERE: Room - Karlin I/II Hilton Prague Hotel, Pobrezni 1 Prague, 186 00, Czech Republic.

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/prg44-press>.

- Telephone access may be obtained by dialling an international access 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.

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