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## **ICANN Leaders to Brief Internet Governance Forum Attendees in Azerbaijan**

### **CEO and Board Chair to Provide Updates on Increased Internationalization and New Domain Name Program**

**Los Angeles, California...** ICANN Chief Executive Officer Fadi Chehadé and Board Chair Dr. Stephen Crocker will join other ICANN executives in conducting an 'Open Forum' session at the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) meeting, 6-9 November in Baku, Azerbaijan.

During the session, ICANN leaders will brief attendees on a wide variety of issues, from the increased efforts to internationalize the non-profit organization, to the status of the new generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) program.

"The IGF meeting in Baku will afford us a fantastic opportunity to talk further with the broad Internet community about our global stakeholder engagement initiatives," said CEO Chehadé. "It also allows us a chance to work hand-in-hand with other key organizations in the Internet ecosystem."

ICANN will join with the Packet Clearing House (PCH) to conduct a session explaining the technology and practices required for successful Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) deployment for country code top-level domain (ccTLD) operators.

During another session, "The Multi-stakeholder Model and the Evolving gTLD Space," ICANN will team up with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to provide an update on the current status of the new gTLD program and its evaluation process. The session will also highlight potential opportunities for the introduction of top-level domains in multiple languages and scripts, and how they can contribute to the development of a more inclusive, and multi-lingual Internet.

"We've been an active participant in IGF meetings for the last six years," said Board Chair Dr. Stephen Crocker. "But with our increased emphasis on internationalization and collaboration with other Internet organizations, we are particularly looking forward to the Baku meeting."

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To learn more about the IGF meeting in Azerbaijan, go here:  
<http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/component/content/article/114-preparatory-process/927-igf-2012>

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