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## **President Bill Clinton Voices Support for ICANN's Multi-Stakeholder Model of Internet Governance**

### ***Emphasizes Link between Internet and Job Creation***

**San Francisco, California.** President Bill Clinton, the 42<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States, praised the success of ICANN's multi-stakeholder model by pointing out that when he took office in 1992, there were about 50 Internet web sites. When he left office eight years later, there were roughly 36 million.

"We've seen an enormous amount of success," said President Clinton. "All of you played a role in that and I am grateful. We have in its new incarnation, the international community, governments and the private sector working together to get information to people all over the globe and I think it's a good model."

The Clinton administration was instrumental in 1998 in helping to form the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) as a unique non-profit multi-stakeholder organization to coordinate the global Internet addressing system.

President Clinton stressed the link between job creation and information technology during his address Wednesday evening to about thirteen hundred people at ICANN's on-going Silicon Valley-San Francisco international public meeting.

Discussions during the weeklong meeting have delved into a wide range of subjects, including the possible addition of new generic top-level domains. Participants have also considered issues ranging from expanding IPv6 Internet address protocols to the best way in which to deal with online cyber security threats.

The meeting will draw to a close on Friday with a series of votes by ICANN's international board of directors.

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To see the entire schedule for ICANN's Silicon Valley/San Francisco meeting, go here:  
<http://svsf40.icann.org/full-schedule>

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