Fellowship Program Post-Meeting Report ICANN66

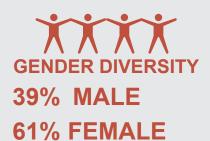


FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM - ICANN66 OVERVIEW

The Fellowship Program expands the diversity of the multistakeholder model. People from underserved and underrepresented communities are given unique access to the ICANN community and the opportunity to become more active participants in the Internet ecosystem.

Here is a snapshot at the latest group of ICANN Fellows. To learn more about the program, go to http://www.icann.org/en/fellowships.

















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What is the Fellowship Program?

The goal of the ICANN Fellowship Program is to strengthen the diversity of the multistakeholder model by fostering opportunities for individuals from underserved and underrepresented communities to become active participants in the ICANN community.

Fellows are exposed to the workings of the ICANN community, are assigned a mentor, and receive training across different areas of knowledge and skill building before, during, and after an ICANN meeting. Travel assistance to attend the meeting is also provided.

To apply or learn more about the Fellowship Program, go to http://www.icann.org/en/fellowships.

ICANN66 Fellowship Participants

The ICANN66 Fellowship Program had 28 fellows and five mentors. Mentors are appointed by ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs).

For this report, fellow profile metrics are derived from data provided during the Fellowship Program application process.

Fellows

Name	Country or region of residence	Working sector and/or area of interest
Abdel Gaffar Ouro-Agoro	Togo	Academia, ccTLD Operations, Internet End User
Andrii Nabok	Ukraine	Government or Intergovernmental Organization
Austin Ruckstuhl	United States	Academia, Civil Society
Benjamin Akintunde Akinmoyeje	Namibia	Academia, Internet End User
Decima Corea	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Internet End User
Elizabeth Orembo	Kenya	Academia, Civil Society
Fidya Shabrina	Indonesia	Business & Commerce, Civil Society
Gabriel Jimenez-Barron	Puerto Rico	Academia, Internet End User
Isaura Mariel Aranda Ortellado	Paraguay	Civil Society, Security, Technical
Jean Nahum Constant	Haiti	ccTLD Operations, Technical
Jenifer Lopez	Panama	ccTLD Operations, Technical
Katarine Gevorgyan	Armenia	ccTLD Operations
Lilian Kamara	Uganda	Internet End User
Maria Juliana Lopera Gomez	Colombia	Government or Intergovernmental Organization

Mariana Palma Vidotti De Andrade	Brazil	Internet Service and Connectivity Providers
Martin Dlouhy	Czech Republic	Business & Commerce, Security, Technical
Mary Rose Rontal	Philippines	Business & Commerce, Intellectual Property
Mili Semlani	India	Civil Society, Internet End User
Mohamed Yazid Akanho	Benin	Civil Society, Security, Technical
Mohit Batra	India	ccTLD Operations, Security,
		Technical
Natalia Dulkowska	Poland	Intellectual Property
Nikesh B Simmandree	Mauritius	Technical
Oreoluwa Abiodun Lesi	Nigeria	Civil Society
Rocio Agustina de la Fuente	Argentina	ccTLD Operations
Rolla Hamza	Egypt, Arab Republic of	Government or Intergovernmental Organization
Suada Hadzovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Government or Intergovernmental Organization
Viviane Gomes Vinagre	Brazil	Academia, Intellectual Property

Mentors

- Alejandra Reynoso Barral appointed by the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)
- Andrew Mack appointed by the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)
- Mistura Aruna appointed by the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)
- Rao Naveed Bin Rais appointed by the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC)
- Sarah Kiden appointed by the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)

Key Takeaways

The Fellowship Program particularly helped the ICANN66 fellows to better understand ICANN's core processes, ICANN's structure, and the roles of each stakeholder group. The Newcomer session was very helpful, with its presentations from each stakeholder group.

At this Annual General Meeting (AGM), particularly at the Public Forum, fellows received some clarifications on the tremendous efforts the ICANN organization is making to ensure people can get visas to attend ICANN meetings, especially volunteers from developing countries.

Fellows learned that ICANN's legitimacy is built on multistakeholderism. There are many agendas that the community may raise, but it can only hold a few if the policy work from the volunteers and from the communities is to be sustained. This therefore calls for streamlining of working groups and deciding when one should end. Communities also need to set priorities and decide where they can allocate time and money resources.

The ICANN66 fellows value networking because once involved and with a "support" group of people with different backgrounds, it is easier to feel confident enough to start participating effectively.

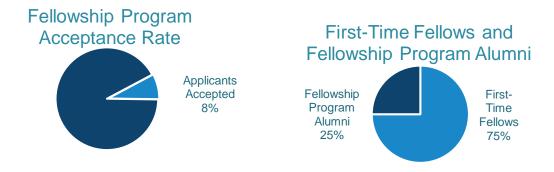
This program is one of the most important examples of community participation in ICANN.

Program Statistics

In this section, the metrics are derived from data provided by fellows during the application process and fellowship post-meeting survey.

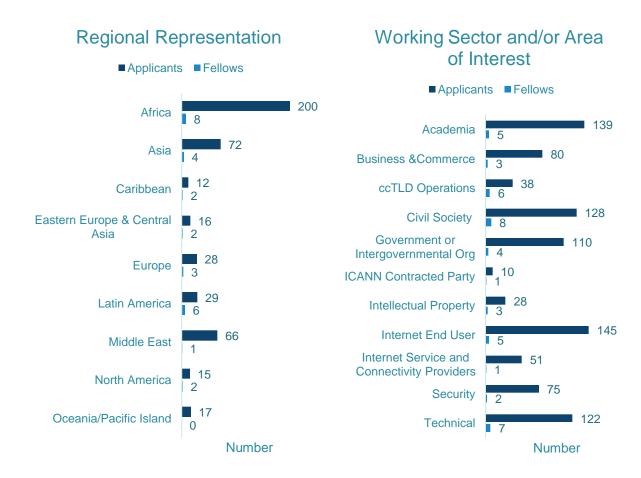
Application & Fellowship Cohort Profile

455 applications were received. 35 individuals were selected to participate as fellows; 28 fellows were able to attend ICANN66.



ICANN66 applicants and fellows came from a variety of regions, with Africa being the most common, followed by Latin America. Applicants and fellows also represented a wide diversity of sectors, with civil society, the technical sector, and ccTLD operations being the most popular.

The regions reflect the 9 Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) regions. Note that applicants and fellows could select multiple stakeholder groups.



Community Engagement

SO/AC Affiliations

In total, 22 of fellows are affiliated with at least one ICANN community group (Supporting Organization, Advisory Committee, Stakeholder Group or Constituency), four have identified at least one group they would like to join, and two fellows are still exploring which group to join.



Regional Engagement

All 7 returning fellows have attended regional events sponsored by ICANN after their first fellowship, with a total of 18 events attended by this cohort of fellows.

After your first fellowship, have you attended any regional events sponsored by ICANN?

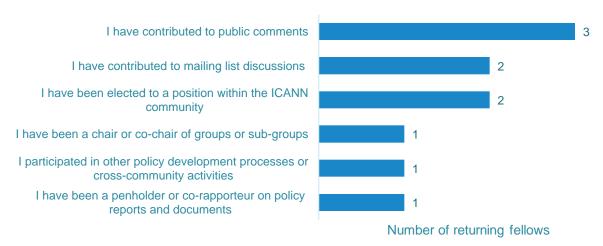


5 returning fellows participated in the organization of 8 regional events where ICANN was featured. Events include Regional Internet Governance Forum (IGF) initiatives in Asia Pacific and East Africa; local IGFs in Haiti and Nigeria; ICT4Social Innovation in Nigeria; ICANN Readout in India; Workshop on Engaging with ICANN in India; and a webinar about ICANN Fellowship Program in Haiti.

Policy Development Processes or Cross-Community Activities

4 out of 7 returning fellows participated in ICANN's policy development process or cross-community activities after their first fellowship. Specifically, returning fellows participated in the following ways:

After your first fellowship, how have you participated in PDPs or cross-community activities?



ICANN66 returning fellows have contributed to several public comments, including Draft ICANN Africa Strategic Plan 2016-2020; Independent Review of Trademark Clearinghouse Services

Draft Report; Draft Final Report of the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) Review; and Proposed gTLD-Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP).

Two ICANN66 returning fellows have held leadership positions such as a Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) Executive Committee (EC) representative for Africa, and an NCUC EC representative for Australia and Asia Pacific.

Returning fellows from this cohort also participated in policy discussions related to ICANN"s Evolving Multistakeholder Model, territory names regarding to Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Work Track 5 (WT5), and issues of security, Universal Acceptance, and Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs). One of the fellows is a member of the RSSAC Caucus Resolver Study Work Party.

See the What is Next? section of this report for more information on fellows' current involvement and their plans for future engagement.

Fellows' Feedback

Overall, all fellows reported high levels of satisfaction with the program, with 96% believing that the amount of information received prior to the ICANN meeting was the right amount for efficient consumption.

Fellows Satisfied with the Program



ICANN66 Fellowship Program Activities

Pre-Meeting Activities

The Fellowship Program is designed in such a way that it requires fellows to start preparing for the meeting months ahead of time. Thus, before the meeting, fellows completed many ICANN Learn courses, with an overwhelming percentage expressing positive feedback about the courses and the mentoring they received prior to the meeting (as was shown by the approval rates on the Fellow's Feedback section above). The fellows also benefited from the Pre-ICANN66 Prep Week and the ICANN Wiki resources. The mentoring by the community members tremendously contributed to the preparation of the fellows since many were newcomers into the community, with the mentoring process having improved since the ICANN65 Fellowship (see ICANN65 Fellowship Post-Meeting Report).

On-Site Activities

Day 1 – Saturday, 2 November 2019

Day 1 Highlights

- Fellowship Meet & Greet
- Community Meetings and Sessions
- GAC: Opening Plenary
- Fellowship Social Networking Event

ICANN66 started with a Meet & Greet session in which the fellows were able to introduce themselves to the community and could express their hopes for the meeting; this was a very good opportunity to network with other community members. After that, they were provided with the program rules and the list of sessions they must attend (the obligatory sessions), as well as the recommended ones.

After that, the fellows had the opportunity to join sessions of their own choices during the rest of the day. On the first day, the sessions with the most interest to the fellows were Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) sessions, with significant participation in the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and At-Large environments, thus highlighting the diversity of interests within this fellowship cohort.

The major session choices were divided into:

GAC sessions:

- Opening Plenary and Updates on Current Issues (International Governmental Organizations (IGO) Protections)
- Roots Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) Co-Chairs briefing to the GAC
- Focal Group on New gTLDs (Generic Top Level Domains) Subsequent Rounds
- Joint ALAC (At-Large Advisory Committee) GAC NPOC (Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency) Session

GNSO sessions:

- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG (Policy Development Process Working Group)
- Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms in gTLDs
- GNSO NCUC (Non-Commercial Users Constituency) Meeting
- GNSO NPOC EC (Executive Committee) Meeting
- EPDP (Expedited Policy Development Process) Phase 2 Meeting

ccNSO sessions:

- Internet Governance Liaison Committee
- Retirement of ccTLDs (Country Code Top Level Domains) PDP Working Group

At-Large-sessions:

- Sub-Committee on Outreach and Engagement: Elevating Engagement in a Multi-Stakeholder Environment
- Joint ALAC GAC NPOC Session
- Regional Leaders meeting

The first day finished with the Fellowship Social Networking Event, a great opportunity to meet community members and ICANN organization staff in a convivial ambiance.

Day 2 - Sunday, 3 November 2019

Day 2 Highlights

- GAC: Plenary Updates
- Newcomers Day
- How It Works: Root Server Operations
- DNSSEC for Everybody: A Beginner's Guide (Domain Name System Security Extensions)
- NextGen 5 Year Anniversary Celebration

The second day of the meeting featured Newcomers Day, which a significant number of fellows attended; this selected series of introductory presentations served as an expedited overview of ICANN, its structure, and ongoing policy development processes. Also, returning fellows, mentors, and more experienced community members were free to follow sessions about their interests.

The sessions followed the same pattern of the day before, with fellows attending meetings mainly from GNSO and GAC. Another highlight was the DNSSEC for Everybody: A Beginner's Guide, which was of particular interest since many were newcomers. From the technical community, the session was fruitful for overall knowledge regarding security patterns on the domain name system (DNS).

The session selections were separated into:

GAC sessions:

 Plenary Updates (IGO Protections) and Discussions on New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures Work Track 5

- Plenary Updates (.Amazon) and Discussions on WHOIS and Data Protection Policy
- Universal Acceptance Discussions and GAC Communique Review

ccNSO sessions:

- Technical Working Group
- TLD-OPS Standing Committee
- TLD-OPS DR/BCP (Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Planning) Workshop

How It Works:

- Understanding DNS Abuse
- Root Server Operations
- Regional Internet Registries
- Understanding RDAP (Registration Data Access Protocol)

GNSO sessions:

- GNSO NCSG (Noncommercial Stakeholder Group) EC Meeting
- RySG (Registries Stakeholder Group) GeoTLD Group Sharing Session
- EPDP Phase 2 Meeting
- Working Session with ICANN Board
- NPOC Policy Committee Meeting

The second day ended with fellows attending the Internet Society Social and celebration of the 5-year anniversary of the NextGen@ICANN program.

Day 3 – Monday, 4 November 2019

Day 3 Highlights

- ICANN66 Welcome Ceremony
- High Interest Topic: EPDP Phase
- Fellowship Daily Session
- Policy Development Process Mary Wong, Carlos Reyes, and Ozan Sahin (ICANN organization staff)
- Public Forum 1
- Tech Day (ccNSO)
- Joint NCUC At Large outreach: Policy Chill-out at ICANN
- Quebec Night A Performance by FLIP Fabrique!

Monday started with the ICANN66 Welcome Ceremony, featuring official speeches. Alongside community members, fellows paid due attention to cross-community sessions, such as the Joint NCUC-At-Large ICANN66 Outreach: Policy Chill-out at ICANN, and high-interest topics. The participants were also able to attend the sessions of their preferences/interests.

The day also was productive for the fellows who wanted to work with their regional communities, with some participating in the LAC (Latin America and Caribbean) Space, with a focus on Universal Acceptance.

Fellows with technical backgrounds highly appreciated the presentations provided within Tech Day. The first ICANN Public Forum, as always, served as an open platform for the community to

address their questions to the Board. Fellows made good use of that opportunity by asking a few provocative questions.

The session choices for this day were:

GAC sessions:

Operational Matters Discussions

ccNSO sessions:

- Tech Day PM Session
- TLD-OPS Standing Committee
- TLD-OPS DR/BCP Workshop

At-Large:

- Joint NCUC-At-Large ICANN66 Outreach: Policy Chill-out at ICANN
- ATLAS (At-Large Summit) III Plenary: Thought and Change Leadership; Effective Communication

GNSO sessions:

- EPDP Phase 2 Meeting
- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG

LAC Space: A networking among LAC stakeholders that participate in the ICANN environment, reporting and sharing information and views on different aspects and processes of ICANN and debate on relevant, ongoing ICANN processes.

The day finished in the informal atmosphere of the ICANN66 Quebec Night - A Performance by FLIP Fabrique!, a circus show which replaced the Gala Night. It was a great networking opportunity for both newcomers and returning fellows.

Day 4 – Tuesday, 5 November 2019

Day 4 Highlights

- ATLAS III Plenary: Conflict and Influence
- Joint Meeting: ICANN Board meets with different community groups
- ICANN66 Fellows Group Photo
- Fellowship Daily Session
- ICANN Global Stakeholder Engagement Team from North America with Chris Mondini and Joe Catapano
- Community Meetings and Sessions
- A Tribute to Tarek Kamel

On Tuesday the community had the Constituency Day, and thus fellows were able to observe community leaders and discussions within their respective stakeholder groups and constituencies. Based on such observations, fellows could make informed choices as to which groups to join.

Most fellows attended the following sessions:

- 1. NCUC Open Meeting
- 2. NCSG Open Meeting
- 3. BC (Business Constituency) Open Session
- 4. NPOC Open Meeting
- 5. CSG (Commercial Stakeholder Group) Opening Meeting
- 6. ccNSO: Members Meeting Day 1

Also, an open microphone was available and participants shared their thoughts and memories of Tarek Kamel, who sadly passed away on 10 October 2019. Mr. Kamel was well respected across the Internet ecosystem and beloved by his colleagues within the ICANN organization and community. As ICANN's Senior Advisor to the President and Senior Vice President of Government and Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Engagement, he spearheaded efforts to build stronger relationships between ICANN org and governments, ministries, and IGOs on Internet governance issues. He was passionate about the multistakeholder approach to building one strong, stable, and interoperable Internet for all people across the globe.

Day 5 – Wednesday, 6 November 2019

Day 4 Highlights

- High Interest Topic: DNS Abuse
- APAC (Asia-Pacific) Space
- Fellowship Daily Session
- DAAR (Domain Abuse Activity Reporting) Improvements
- GAC: Human Rights WG and CCWP (cross-community working party) Plenary session on Human Rights and ATRT3 (Accountability and Transparency Review Team) Review Update
- GAC: DNS Abuse Mitigation Plenary Discussion and Communique Drafting Session
- ICANN's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan and the Africa Strategy
- "Middle East Space Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model, A Middle East Perspective"
- ATLAS III Plenary: Time Management and Delegation and Meeting Facilitation
- DNSSEC Workshop
- Registrant Program Update
- IDN (Internationalized Domain Name) Program updates
- GNSO NCSG Policy Committee meeting
- GNSO Council Meeting
- GNSO New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group

On Wednesday, the fellows showed a lot of interest in the GAC plenary, which had a focus on community-wide efforts to improve anti-abuse efforts within the Domain Name System (DNS). An ongoing debate over the precise definition of 'DNS abuse' and what forms of abuse fall within the scope of ICANN's mission and registry and registrar contractual obligations. The exhibitors of the plenary session examined the proportionality of the abuse, the differences, and

advantages of each implemented mechanism (suspension vs. removal), and the possibility of implementing incentive schemes for registrations and registrars, among other topics.

Community members also had the opportunity to share their views on the discussion. Some of the comments tried to strengthen the difference between technical abuse and content abuse and emphasized that registries, registrars, and ICANN should limit their scope to the logical layer of the Internet. The fellows had an amazing participation on the open mic, giving real inputs and thoughts to the discussion.

The DNSSEC sessions also had interesting hands-on experiences and information.

ICANN's strategic plan and the Africa strategy were other highlights of the day, as was the evolution of ICANN's multistakeholder model.

Day 6 – Thursday, 7 November 2019

Day 4 Highlights

- ICANN Public Board Meeting 21st Annual General Meeting
- High-Interest Topic: Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model Session
- Fellowship Week Wrap Up
- Meeting with ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby
- Q&A with ICANN Organization Executive Team
- Public Forum 2
- ICANN66 Wrap-up Cocktail

The fulfilling but exhausting week ended with a wrap-up session with ICANN CEO and President Göran Marby. The fellows had the opportunity to share their opinions, plans, and impressions and could even ask questions about some subjects that were debated during the year, such as the .Org lift of price caps. All the fellows' inputs seemed very much appreciated and recognized by the CEO.

The last day also had another two highlights: the second session of the Public Forum, which gathered interesting insights and questions from the community, and the ICANN Public Board Meeting. The first held an open microphone session that afforded community members the unique opportunity to make comments and compliments and ask questions directly to the Board about ICANN's overall business and issues, receiving direct answers.

The ICANN Public Board Meeting was also useful to fellows to understand how the Board discusses and debates issues on PDPs to reach consensus on the community and pass resolutions on various PDPs to make DNS policies.

The meeting ended with a farewell Wrap-Up Cocktail, in which fellows had the opportunity to network with each other and the community for one last time during the meeting.

Post-Meeting Activities

Many of the ICANN66 fellows were already involved and engaged with a constituency inside ICANN or in working groups engaged in the policy development process. The newcomers, on the other hand, used the fellowship experience to find suitable communities to which to contribute, based on their interests, skills, and knowledge. After the meeting, many of these fellows expressed their interest in joining particular groups as observers.

The returning fellows are now confident and empowered to take on leadership roles, with some already holding leadership positions in their constituencies. The fellows in general also showed interest in contributing more locally with ICANN and other Internet governance groups (at the regional, national and international levels) such as Internet Governance Forums (IGFs), Schools of Internet Governance, registries (such as the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC)), and others.

By the end of the meeting, fellows felt less restricted in voicing their opinions, seeking clarifications, and generally interacting with ICANN org and community members. This is of great help because it means that the Fellowship Program is still giving results in developing new leaders and contributors to the community.

What is Next?

Fellows are now even more interested in being involved with ICANN's community. Most of them want to help expand ICANN's message and work in their countries and to help others become more interested in participating more actively in the community. A few fellows plan on learning more about the current policy issues at ICANN and identifying a policy development process (PDP) to which they would like to contribute. They will continue to seek guidance on how best to contribute to ICANN's work.

Abdel Gaffar OURO-AGORO, a first-time fellow, plans to join the ccNSO to contribute to working groups and PDPs. He is also interested in the African Regional At-Large Organization and the Universal Acceptance working groups. Following this meeting, he noticed that his country was not a member of the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). He now plans to recommend a representation of his country to the GAC by following its operating principles.

Andrii Nabok, a first-time fellow, plans to engage representatives from different stakeholder groups to Internet policy development process at the regional level in Ukraine. Also, as a representative of the Ukrainian government, he wants to actively participate in GAC sessions and working groups as a GAC member.

Austin Ruckstuhl, a first-time fellow and an NCSG member, plans to continue his involvement with the Cross Community Working Party on Human Rights as a recently appointed Co-Chair. He is interested in becoming more involved in working groups and possibly in a review team.

Benjamin Akinmoyeje, a third-time fellow and the newly elected NCUC EC in Africa, plans to help to improve the participation of NCUC Africa members in a meaningful way. He also wants to create more visibility for ICANN in countries with low-level participation and non-native

English speakers on the African continent with an interest in contributing to ICANN's public comments and PDPs.

Decima Corea, a first-time fellow, plans to further promote the work of ICANN through the local ISOC (Internet Society) Chapter, which is part of the At-Large Structure. Further, as a member of ALAC, she intends to promote the awareness and understanding of the work of ICANN, so that individuals will be encouraged to actively participate in its activities.

Fidya Shabrina, a first-time fellow, plans to contribute more regarding the work of Universal Acceptance and the implementation of Internationalized Domain Names by participating in national, regional, and worldwide initiatives. Fidya would also like to get involved with NCUC and GNSO work to learn more regarding the ICANN policy development process and consensus building.

Gabriel Jiménez-Barrón, a first-time fellow, plans with other ICANN members from Puerto Rico on creating an IGF-Puerto Rico Chapter. Gabriel is also going to move forward on becoming part of the NARALO (North American Regional At-Large Organization) Universal Acceptance Working Group.

Isaura Mariel Aranda Ortellado, a third-time fellow, plans to continue to stay involved in ICANN regional groups, especially in groups related to Internet governance, security, and Universal Acceptance. Isaura is looking for ways to collaborate more at the regional level, in LACRALO (Latin American and Caribbean Islands Regional At-Large Organization).

Jacob Odame-Baiden, a first-time fellow, plans to join AFRALO (African Regional At-Large Organization) and start to engage with PDPs. He is also interested in the Universal Acceptance Steering Group and in the Intellectual Property Constituency (IPC).

Jean Nahum Constant, a third-time fellow, plans to continue his efforts in being an ICANN ambassador in Haiti to create more stakeholder engagement in his country.

Jenifer Lopez, a third-time fellow, plans in getting more involved in the ccNSO and in contributing with working groups on PDP.

Katarine Gevorgyan, a first-time fellow, plans to subscribe to the At-Large Social Media Working Group mailing list, and to get involved in more working groups and also start engagement with the ICANN organization's regional team. She is also volunteering herself in the SEEDIG (South Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance) editorial team, providing news about Internet governance and connection issues.

Lilian Kamara, a first-time fellow, plans to share knowledge from the ICANN Learn courses and ICANN meetings with her community, carrying on academic engagement while working with faculty and university students through dialogues and campaigns with local Internet service providers (ISPs) to expand the DNSSEC.

Liz Orembo, a second-time fellow and NCUC member, plans to work more closely and consistently with AFRALO and with her constituency. Liz also plans to engage more with PDP through public comments.

Maria Juliana Lopera Gomez, a first-time fellow and GAC member, plans to get more involved with ICANN through the Governmental Advisory Committee.

Mariana Palma Vidotti de Andrade, a first-time fellow, plans to use her knowledge gained during ICANN66 to develop her master's thesis. She also wants to organize a course for lawyers working in digital law to explain how ICANN's multistakeholder model works and how the decision process works.

Martin Dlouhy, a first-time fellow, plans to join groups or constituencies of the community, in order to participate as an observer/ambassador to gain more experience.

Mary Rose Ofianga Rontal, a first-time fellow, plans to get involved with the At-Large community and start exploring volunteer opportunities to join the working groups. She will also organize a series of meetups with tech startups and entrepreneurs to share with them basic information from the ICANN meeting and introduce them to ICANN Learn.

Mili Semlani, a second-time fellow and a NCUC EC member, plans to work more in collaboration with At-Large and RALOs (Regional At-Large Organizations) to enhance regional capacity-building programs, to take the Policy course again, and to start being a regular pen holder for a chosen track.

Mohit Batra, a second-time fellow, plans to actively continue his initiative as a regular blogger, commentator, and community builder (in India) on Internet governance issues and participation opportunities. He plans to do research on how various ccTLD and gTLD registries are solving their problems and bottlenecks in innovative ways (by adopting and leveraging modern technologies like IoT (Internet of Things), Machine Learning, Data Science etc). This research may feed into improving .IN ccTLD operations and efficiency

Natalia Dulkowska, a first-time fellow, plans to join one of the constituencies, such as IPC or BC, and will continue following and contributing to working groups (PDP Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs; Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Expedited Policy Development Process Team; PDP 'Thick' Whois Policy Development Process). Natalia also plans to observe EPDP teamwork and raise awareness about ICANN at the local and regional level as an active community member.

Nikesh B. Simmandree, a first-time fellow, plans to do his best to contribute to the Internet ecosystem and be part of ICANN and eventually the Internet Hall of Fame.

Oreoluwa Lesi, a first-time fellow and a Secretariat of NPOC's EC, plans to identify a policy area of interest to her, follow the discussions and contribute to the policy development process, especially via her new role as member of the NCSG Policy Committee, as well as being an observer on the GNSO Council mailing list

Rocío de la Fuente, a first-time fellow, plans to seek greater participation in ICANN's regional activities and initiative, to contribute to strengthening ICANN's work with the ccTLDs from Latin America and the Caribbean, and to keep participating in the Readout sessions for the LAC region, as well as to further draft and share reports on ICANN meetings among members of the regional community.

Rolla Hassan Hamza, a first-time fellow, was recently nominated as a GAC member after her active participation through the ICANN66 fellowship. She plans to review the different working groups, volunteering and open community opportunities in ICANN in order to engage and conduct a public comment on findings and recommendations. She will continue participating in national, regional, and international IGF activities such as the Internet Governance Forum, ISOC, and African IGF. She is looking to engage in the work of the Middle East perspective in evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model and African Strategy of ICANN for 2021-2025 as a volunteer. She plans to continue in developing her own capacity building through taking courses from ICANN Learn and continue applying for the ICANN Fellowship Program.

Suada Hadzovic, a first-time fellow and a GAC member, plans to continue her involvement in the GAC Working Group on Human Rights and International Law as Co-Chair and taking courses on ICANN Learn. She intends to spread the information and knowledge she gained to her local community and collect their reactions.

Viviane Vinagre, a second-time fellow and an NCSG and NCUC member, plans to contribute more with policy development process, principally in the RPMs (Rights Protection Mechanisms) Working Group.

Yazid AKANHO, a first-time fellow, plans to continue his engagement for Internet resources coordination, and development in his country and around the world. Universal Acceptance is his new area of interest and will continue the work we have started.

Acknowledgements

We would like to give thanks, on behalf of all the ICANN66 fellows, for such a wonderful opportunity to be part of this meeting and for sowing the seeds to continue working to improve the Internet and for the slogan 'One World One Internet' to be a reality for all.

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