

“ICANN and Internet Governance”

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ABSTRACT:

This presentation will cover the basics of ICANN and global Internet governance, with a specific focus on the new generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) program being administered by ICANN, as well as the decision of the U.S. Government to transfer its stewardship over the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) to the global multistakeholder community, and the impending rollover of the Root Zone Key Signing Key, among other issues.

BIO:

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