







With the commitment to continue contributing to connect more people and develop new talents for the digital economy, Internet Society and the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS) signed a collaboration agreement to create new community networks in rural America.

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#### WHAT WE'RE INTERESTED IN

#### We're bringing the Internet to rural areas of the Americas!

The Internet Society and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS), through its Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL), signed a collaboration agreement to promote the creation of new community networks in rural areas of the Americas. This is part of the commitment to contribute to connect 1,500 million more people by the year 2020 and provide digital training to develop new talents for the digital economy. We invite you to know all the details of the agreement here: <a href="mailto:goo.ql/heqVSB">goo.ql/heqVSB</a>



#### Project Chapterthon 2017, winner of the WSIS Prize

The Chapterthon project in digital schools was recognized as the winner of a Prize of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Prize in the category "International and Regional Cooperation" granted by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). For us, it is a valuable affirmation of the work done by our Chapters to empower their communities through the Internet. Learn about the projects of the 30 Chapters here!



The Honduras Chapter joins the celebration with this video: <a href="mailto:goo.gl/LxMhKA">goo.gl/LxMhKA</a>

#### What happens when our data is misused

The seriousness of the Facebook/Cambridge Analytica revelations call for more than mere apologies and change is needed. In a connected world, everyone is affected by everybody else's actions. We think over this topic in this article: goo.ql/hPz5ux

Las empresas deben hacer mejor las cosas cuando se trata de los datos de las personas.



#### Let's reform the IGF to guarantee a healthy future

Raúl Echeberría reflects on the need to take action to continue improving Internet Governance and promote greater participation in debates. Click here to read his opinion about this topic: <a href="mailto:goo.gl/vuybkA">goo.gl/vuybkA</a>



#### Data Protection in Panama

Currently, there is a growth in the use of mobile technologies and access to the Internet in Panama, where 83% of households have mobile devices. In this way, the greater use of this technology promotes the exchange of data and personal information through applications and increases vulnerability to cybercriminals, in the absence of a regularization or legislation regarding the protection of data. We invite you to read the article sent by Querube Urriola: bit.ly/2pB2vM5

#### The election for Board of Directors has begun!

The elections for the Board of Directors 2018 began and the representatives will have time to cast their vote until Monday, April 9. To address a favorable dialogue between the members of OMAC and the candidates for the election of Members of the Organization, and between the leaders of the Chapter and the candidates for the election of Chapters, the Election Committee has again launched an Online Candidate Forum. Here you'll find all the information: goo.gl/nV9XZ3



#### Women's Day

Within the context of International Women's Day, the Internet Society seeks to empower women who are shaping the Internet and some of our references wrote about it.

#### The power of women to change the world

Our CEO, Kathy Brown, shared her reflection on the role of women, increasingly important in our increasingly connected world. It highlights the influence of young women who are "digital natives", who lead the way in the use of the Internet. We invite you to read the full article: goo.gl/FqP2hK



### We need the Internet to connect and include more women

Currently, there is a large gap between those who are already part of the digital world and those who are not, half of the world still does not have access to the Internet and therefore doesn't have the opportunities associated with it. The majority of those people who are not connected are women and that is why we have to involve them in the development of technologies, applications and content, according to Raúl Echeberría in this opinion article: goo.ql/pRDrSW

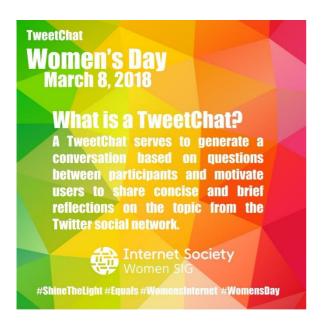
#### Six women who make a difference

There are women who are overcoming the limits through the use of technology and in the previous month, from a call to action to help create a better Internet for all, a group of women responded to the question: what does a safer Internet mean to me? Know your answers in this article: goo.gl/BBM6cC



#### Women's Day Twitter meeting!

In order to create a space for debate and a global conversation about the role of women in different areas, especially related to technology and the Internet, SIG Women organized a TweetChat in which more than 50 countries participated. You can read more about it here: bit.ly/2udKdGd



#### Exchange of experiences for Women's Day in Uruguay

The Uruguay Chapter celebrated International Women's Day by organizing a meeting with a group of women and men who exchanged experiences with three active women in the community: Mónica Soliño, Laura Márgolis and Laureana Pavón. They provided information about what their experiences have been working in the technical field, which is mostly run by men. The audience participated by asking questions and in that way they achieved a great dialogue, very enriching for both parties, opening the possibility of holding a new meeting in the future.

#### LAC CHAPTERS IN ACTION!

### The empowerment of Paraguayan students through the Internet

A new project that seeks to empower students through Internet access and the development of innovative solutions based on the Internet of Things. Learn about this great challenge that one of our Chapters carries out: qoo.ql/Sejd7M



## ISOC Costa Rica talks about the Internet and Human Rights

During this month, a conversation was held where topics of Internet Governance, Cybersecurity and Civil Society and Digital Human Rights were discussed.

On the other hand, the Costa Rica Chapter also organized an introductory talk to IPv6 with the aim of allowing users to recognize which operating systems, applications and websites currently work with IPV6. We invite you to read more about these events:

#### bit.ly/2G03fFx



#### Happy first year, ISOC Panama!

The Panamanian chapter completed one year of constitution and held its first General Assembly of members of the year 2018 to fulfill several tasks. We invite you to know the details of the meeting in this article: bit.ly/2pAil55

### ITC Week and Ministerial Meeting in St. Vincent & the Grenadines

The meeting organized with the Caribbean
Telecommunications Union was attended by Shernon
Osepa, who addressed the problem of cybersecurity in
the Internet of Things.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### eLAC 2020 - From April 18 to 20

The Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean will take place in Cartagena de Indias. All the information: <a href="mailto:goo.gl/HvcgwC">goo.gl/HvcgwC</a>

#### **EVERYDAY HEROES**

# Rodrigo Troian: creating community networks through a micro-credit system

Rodrigo Troian is Brazilian and works in different communities in the northern and northeastern regions of his country to install Internet access networks, based on his technical knowledge in free software and open protocols. We invite you to read about his work: goo.gl/K6Wxre



#### CaribNOG 15 - From April 19 to 20

The 15th Caribbean Network Operators Group regional meeting, called CaribNOG 15, the largest community of computer network engineers in the region, will take place in Miami, Florida. All the information: goo.gl/3Q1DNu



#### Cyber SSIG 2018 - From April 30 to May 2

In this edition, the Internet Governance event will be held in Washington. We invite you to read more about it here: <a href="mailto:goo.ql/XzGbHs">goo.ql/XzGbHs</a>



#### LACNIC 29 - From April 30 to May 4

The event that brings together experts and representatives of academia, civil society, the business world, governments and professionals of the telecommunications industry of the region, will be in charge of the National Agency for Government Innovation of Panama (AIG) and it will take place at the Hard Rock Hotel Panama. More information here:



Would you like to join your local Chapter? Contact the leaders of the chapter: goo.gl/q1UOul

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