

# NEWSLETTER

## ISOC LAC



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### Dear members

At the World Communication Development Conference (WTDC) this month, our ask was clear. We urged the 100+ Ministers attending to implement policies on infrastructure and digital skills that enable connectivity for thousands of communities around the world.

But turning that ambition into action won't happen if we do not work together. We are pleased to announce that the Internet Society and Argentina's National Communications Agency (ENACOM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate in supporting community networks in Argentina.

These are networks built in communities, by communities, and through partnerships with a variety of stakeholders. They are a compliment to traditional models for access and are something you can promote, donate to, or even build yourself.

The agreement stands as an excellent example to other governments on how working together can help bring connectivity to some of the world's hardest to reach places.

If you think the digital gap is a critical issue, join us. Being in a connected world will take new thinking, new business models, and new partnerships

*Sebastián Bellagamba - Regional Bureau Director for Latin America and The Caribbean*

### TOPICS OF INTEREST

#### Every connection matters: help close digital divides

Countries that don't design and implement concrete strategies for Internet development and Internet-based development may not be able to fully achieve their sustainable development goals. From Internet Society we are supporting the development of community networks, as an option to connect the next billion: [goo.gl/4sT6h9](https://goo.gl/4sT6h9)



### Policy Brief: Spectrum Approaches for Community Networks

To achieve a paradigm shift and make communities actively connect, policy makers and regulators should recognize that community networks are complementary to traditional, commercial telecommunications networks. Complete the reading and download the brief: [goo.gl/GPfZEJ](http://goo.gl/GPfZEJ)



### We need more encryption on the Internet!

There are still millions of sites that don't provide security through Transport Layer Security (TLS) and are vulnerable to eavesdropping, fake content and malware injection. We need more companies and operators to use TLS and HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) to mitigate the potential impact of these threats: [goo.gl/1LLBia](http://goo.gl/1LLBia)



### The Internet of the future is feminist

For Verónica and Anaís of ISOC Ecuador, the search for freedom is intimately related to gender equality. These young women reflect on the need of an Internet where the rights of women and girls are respected: [goo.gl/5a42PY](http://goo.gl/5a42PY)



### Solutions needed! It's time to close the digital gender divide

Today 250 million fewer women than men use the Internet. If we don't act now to close this gap, we will lose out on a digital future that includes everyone. We need your work and ideas! [goo.gl/ji6iLt](http://goo.gl/ji6iLt)

### Internet Society is built from its chapters and members

Carlos Vera Quintana from ISOC Ecuador reflects on the 25 years of the Internet Society and the importance of each of the Chapters and volunteers: [goo.gl/cX71Y7](http://goo.gl/cX71Y7)



## LAST MONTH EVENTS

### Brief summary of our participation in the World Telecommunication Development Conference

The meeting took place from October 9 to 20 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The most important milestones: the alliance with ENACOM, the meeting of women, the debate about The Internet of Things and positions around privacy. Here you can find a summary: [goo.gl/kEfAVi](http://goo.gl/kEfAVi)



### ISOC Honduras begins a cycle of talks in primary schools

The Chapter shared tips of privacy in social networks with students at a local school. In addition, they invited them to use the Internet as a tool to create positive changes in their communities: [goo.gl/yWe2U2](http://goo.gl/yWe2U2)



## EVERYDAY HEROES

### #EverydayHeroes: Nicolás Pace of AlterMundi and his work in the development of community networks

AlterMundi supports the creation of community networks that provide an Internet connection to rural areas in the global south. Nicolás Pace talks about his work in the organization and the benefits for the communities: [goo.gl/5vvSDH](http://goo.gl/5vvSDH)



## THE TECHNICAL WORLD OF LAC

Do you want to be part of the technical world? The first step is to encourage yourself!

Inés Robles is an IETF Engineer and leads a working group from Finland. At LACNIC 28, she left a message for all women interested in the tech world: just be encouraged! [goo.gl/X1UVhq](http://goo.gl/X1UVhq)





## EVENTS CALENDAR

### III IGF República Dominicana - November 2nd

The Dominican Chapter is preparing for its third National IGF, in which they seek to reinforce Internet Governance in the country. The invitation: [goo.gl/QQWnLU](https://goo.gl/QQWnLU)

### Indigenous Connectivity Summit - November 8 and 9

Santa Fe, New México, will host this meeting. The objective is to examine the challenges, successes and best practices of bringing the Internet, by way of community networks, to indigenous communities throughout North America. More information: [goo.gl/it46Dm](https://goo.gl/it46Dm)

### IETF 100 - November 11 to 17

Singapore welcomes the Engineers who form the Internet at the 100th meeting! The IETF working groups will address different challenges about network development. All information: [goo.gl/V5FK7t](https://goo.gl/V5FK7t)

### 3rd National Meeting on Digital Democracy - November 14

The meeting will take place in Lima, Perú, and will deal with topics such as digital citizenship, open government, innovation, digital economy and many more: [goo.gl/k9WZYs](https://goo.gl/k9WZYs)



### VII Internet Forum in Brazil - November 14 to 17

Rio de Janeiro will host important debates on Internet Governance. All the information about the forum on [goo.gl/1A5YWx](https://goo.gl/1A5YWx)



### YouthIGF Uruguay - November 15

The youth of Uruguay meet to address issues such as the Internet ecosystem, digital economy, cybersecurity, human rights and the digital divide.



### DNS Forum Latin America and the Caribbean - November 16

The event that gathers the stakeholders from industry, technical community and policy makers will take place in Monterrey, Mexico: [www.lacdnsforum.lat](http://www.lacdnsforum.lat)



### IGF Bolivia - November 16 and 17

The Internet Governance in Bolivia will live two days of debates and exchange of experiences.

### IGF Argentina - November 16 and 17

At the IGF Argentina te stakeholders will continue the debates about the main issues that affect Internet Governance. Registrations will open soon here:

[goo.gl/zLwbrk](http://goo.gl/zLwbrk)



### ICANN LAC-i-Roadshow - November 22

The meeting will take place in Santiago de Chile. More information at: [goo.gl/GvukDR](http://goo.gl/GvukDR)

### IGF Paraguay - November 29 and 30

Registrations are open to the fourth edition of IGF Paraguay, that will take place in the World Trade Center of Asunción: [foro.igf.org.py](http://foro.igf.org.py)

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

Would you like to start a Chapter in your country? Read this guide: [goo.gl/yocJhr](http://goo.gl/yocJhr)

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