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ICANN Appoints New Vice President for Latin America

Marina del Rey… Respected Mexican telecommunications and Internet expert Rodrigo de la Parra has been selected as ICANN's Vice President for Latin America.

Rodrigo was previously Regional Liaison for Latin America, a role in which he excelled.

Rod Beckstrom, ICANN's President and Chief Executive Officer, called Rodrigo's appointment "an important development for ICANN and the Latin American region."

"During his tenure as Regional Liaison for Latin America, Rodrigo has astutely managed ICANN's relations with the Internet technical community in Latin America and effectively engaged with user groups, governments and regional organizations," Beckstrom said. "He is perfectly suited for his new role as Vice President for Latin America."

Before joining ICANN, Rodrigo served as Director General of Prospective Regulation and Director General for International Cooperation of Mexico's Federal Commission of Telecommunications (Cofetel).

He was also the Mexican representative to ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), which gives governments a voice in the organization's policy formation. He is also a member of the Consultative Committee of NIC.mx, Mexico's ccTLD.

Rodrigo has a Master's degree in political economy and international relations from the University of Essex in the UK. He is also a lecturer of International Organizations and Economic Negotiations and a consultant to the Latin American Cooperation for Advanced Networks (CLARA).

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About ICANN: *ICANN's mission is to ensure a stable, secure and unified global Internet. To reach another person on the Internet you have to type an address into your computer - a name or a number. That address has to be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN coordinates these unique identifiers across the world. Without that coordination we wouldn't have one global Internet. ICANN was formed in 1998. It is a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers. ICANN doesn't control content on the Internet. It cannot stop spam and it doesn't deal with access to the Internet. But through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet.* ***For more information please visit: www.icann.org.***