ICANN and Internet Governance

This talk will give an inside look at the inner workings of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). It will cover ICANN’s mission to coordinate the unique identifiers of the Internet (mainly domain names and IP addresses), ICANN’s role in the broader Internet ecosystem, and the ICANN policy development process. The presentation will look at ICANN’s diverse volunteer community and offer insights into how they further ICANN’s mission.

Finally, we will examine some of the most prominent issues ICANN is dealing with, including: the new generic Top-Level Domain program, the transition of ICANN oversight from the U.S. Government to the global multistakeholder community, and the changing of the Root Zone Key Signing Key.

About the speaker: Joe Catapano is with the Stakeholder Engagement team at the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the coordinating body of the Internet’s unique identifiers (most notably IP addresses and domain names).