



LACNIC, the Internet Address Registry for Latin America and the Caribbean, is the organization responsible for allocating and administrating IP Addresses and other related resources (Autonomous System Numbers and Reverse Resolution) for the region of Latin America and the Caribbean. It is one of the five Regional Internet Registries that exist worldwide.

Vision

To be a leader in the construction and articulation of collaborative efforts for Internet development and stability in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Mission

To administrate Internet numbering resources, contributing to the creation of collaboration and cooperation opportunities that will benefit the regional Internet community, committed to:

- ♦the excellence and quality of the services provided to our clients,
- ♦constantly perfecting an impartial, participative and transparent self-regulation model,
- ♦the adoption and promotion of technological advancements and standards within the industry,
- ♦strengthening the relationships with the main stakeholders of the Internet within the region,
- ♦the development of regional capabilities through training and the transmission of Internet-related technology.

As part of this mission, **LACNIC** administrates these resources in a responsible manner, guaranteeing equal access for all of the region's Internet operators and the application of community service criteria. **LACNIC**'s main objectives include contributing to the development of the Internet within the region through an active cooperation policy, promoting and defending the interests of the regional Internet community, and contributing to generate conditions for the Internet to become an effective instrument of social inclusion and economic development for all the countries and citizens of Latin America and the Caribbean.

LACNIC Activities and Services:

- ♦Allocation of IP Addresses and Related Resources
- ♦Training Activities
- ♦Public Policy Forum
- ♦Annual Member Assembly
- ♦Coordination and Participation in Cooperation Projects

LACNIC bases its operation on a self-regulation model according to which the policies for Internet resource administration are developed openly and transparently, based on participative processes.

Organizational Structure:

LACNIC is an international non-profit organization established in October 2002 with headquarters in Uruguay. It is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of six members elected by member organizations.

Region Covered by LACNIC

Dutch Antilles	Argentina	
Aruba	Belize	
Bolivia	Brazil	Chile
Colombia	Costa Rica	Cuba
Ecuador	El Salvador	French Guiana
Guatemala	Guyana	Haiti
Honduras	Falkland Islands	
Mexico	Nicaragua	Panama
Paraguay	Peru	Dominican Republic
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands		Surinam
Trinidad and Tobago	Uruguay	Venezuela

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Registration Service:

www.lacnic.net/en/registro/

Policies and Procedures:

www.lacnic.net/en/politicas/

About LACNIC:

www.lacnic.net/en/sobre-lacnic/

Mailing Lists:

www.lacnic.net/en/lists.html

Announcements:

www.lacnic.net/en/anuncios/

Events:

www.lacnic.net/en/eventos/

Policy Development Process

LACNIC's Policy Development Process is open, participative and accessible to all interested parties; it allows any person or organization the opportunity to participate on a level playing field.

Through the free participation of the different stakeholders LACNIC aspires to ensure that policies respond to regional interests, safeguarding the interests of the community as a whole.



Cooperation

One of **LACNIC**'s objectives is to promote the development of Internet and information technologies within the region, as well as to support the training of human resources capable of translating technological advances into concrete benefits for the Latin American community.

With this objective in mind, **LACNIC** has adopted an active cooperation policy, participating in different research support projects seeking to complement resources and actions among regional and international organizations. This cooperation policy also aims to promote the consolidation of institutional networks that will generate a critical mass capable of sustaining and driving Internet development within the region.

Within this framework, the Regional Fund for Digital Innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean (**FRIDA**) has been created jointly with other organizations (www.programafrida.net). This fund annually summons the presentation of Research and Development projects from institutions around the region. **FRIDA** has supported initiatives submitted by organizations from different countries within our region; the subject matter covered by these initiatives range from purely technological matters to issues relating to the human development of different communities and their use for solving social problems.

In preparation for the World Summit on the Information Society, the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean met in Rio de Janeiro in June 2005 at the Information Society Regional Conference and approved a plan containing 30 goals and 70 verifiable action items having to do with the development of the Information Society within the region. This plan received the name of eLAC2007.

After the plan's approval, **LACNIC** assessed all its activities in view of the goals that were established and was able to verify that, either individually or through joint actions with other stakeholders, it contributes to the achievement of more than 30% of these goals.

This conclusion strengthens the notion that only through the permanent collaboration / cooperation between the public and private sectors will significant advances be attained for the development of the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean.

LACNIC is also involved in other cooperation activities such as:

- Project + Raíces: Installation of anycast copies of root servers within the region covered by **LACNIC**
- Agreements with universities of the region,
- Cooperation agreements with other regional organizations: **CLARA** (Latin American Coordination of Advanced Networks), **Ecom-LAC** (Latin American and Caribbean e-Commerce Federation), **LACTLD** (Organization of Latin American and Caribbean ccTLDs).

Participation within the International Community

LACNIC actively participates in regional as well as in international events, examples of which include participation in ICANN, IETF, and CITELE meetings, and regional meetings such as WALC and NAPLA. This participation aims at fulfilling the goal of contributing to the representation of regional interests before the international community.

LACNIC has been intensely involved in the entire process of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), and also within the new arena created as part of the WSIS resolutions – the Internet Governance Forum (IGF). The IGF is a forum summoned by the United Nations with the aim of creating a meeting place for stakeholders to discuss and debate the issues related to Internet governance.

LACNIC is also a member of the Number Resource Organization, (www.nro.net), an organization created by the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) in 2003.

LACNIC is highly committed to its participation in the NRO, thus recognizing this organization's importance in the coordination of the different activities carried out by Regional Registries.

Since 2004, the NRO is in charge of the role of the Address Supporting Organization (ASO), an ICANN supporting organization devoted to issues related to Internet Numbering Resources.