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# North America Space | Finding Your Path in ICANN: From First Steps to Community Leadership

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# Agenda

- Welcome Remarks
- Your ICANN Journey
- Panel Discussion
- Q&A
- North America Engagement Updates
- Concluding Remarks



# Your ICANN Journey

# Panelists



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# Questions?

# Q&A

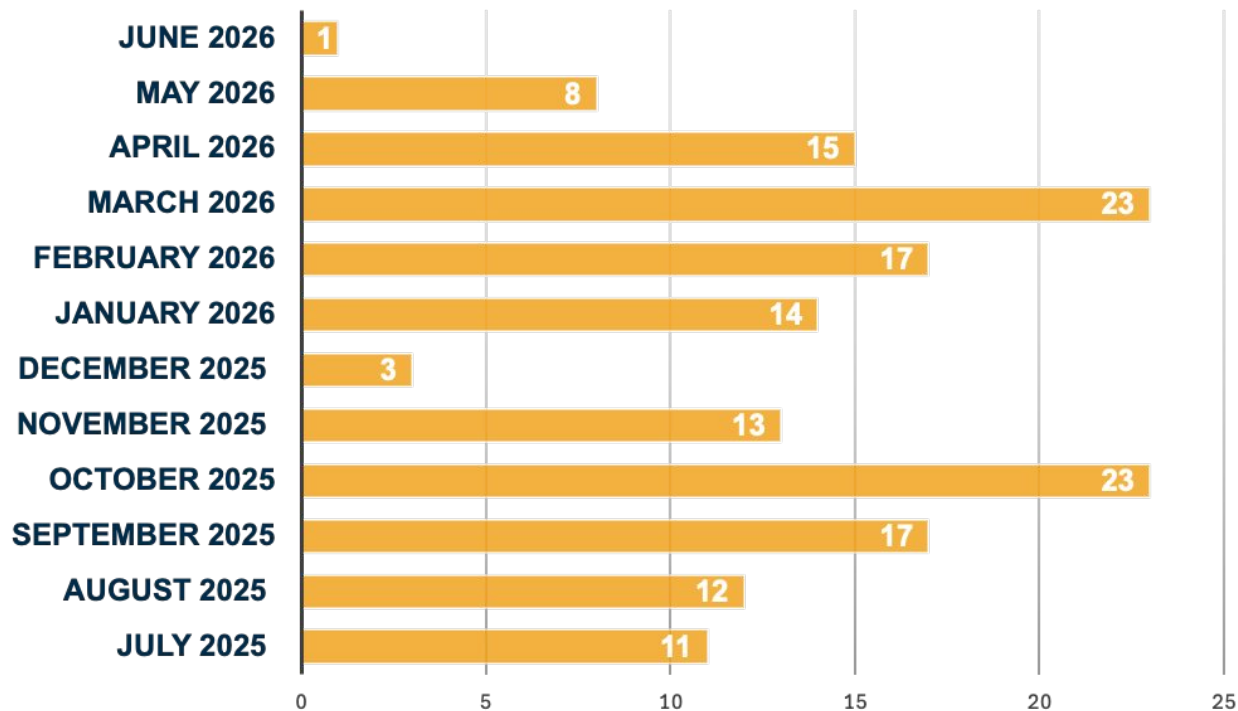
# North America Engagement Update

## FY26 (1 July 2025–Present) Activities and Highlights

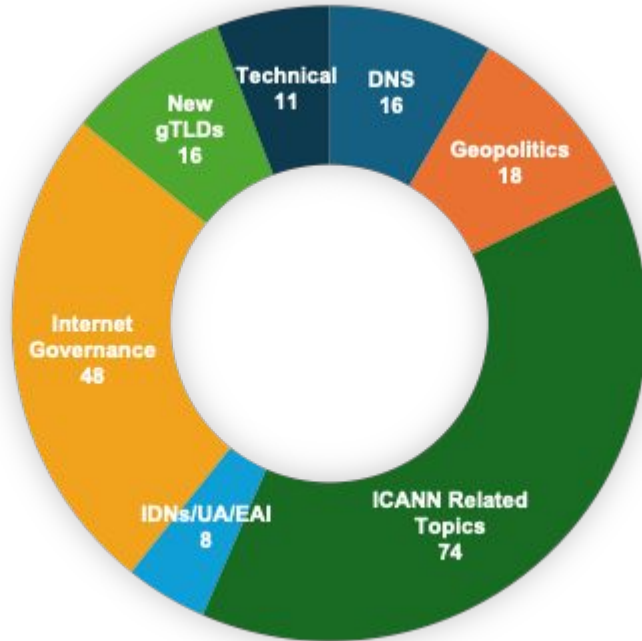
# North America FY26 Engagements

TOTAL  
**157**  
ENGAGEMENTS

## Total North America Engagements by Month



# Engagements by Topic and Audience (1 July 2025–Present)



“ICANN Related-Topics” can include general updates on engagements, capacity development programs, engagements introducing audiences to ICANN and the multistakeholder model of Internet governance, and other regional plan updates.

# The 2026 Round/ASP Across North America

**Events in major markets including:**

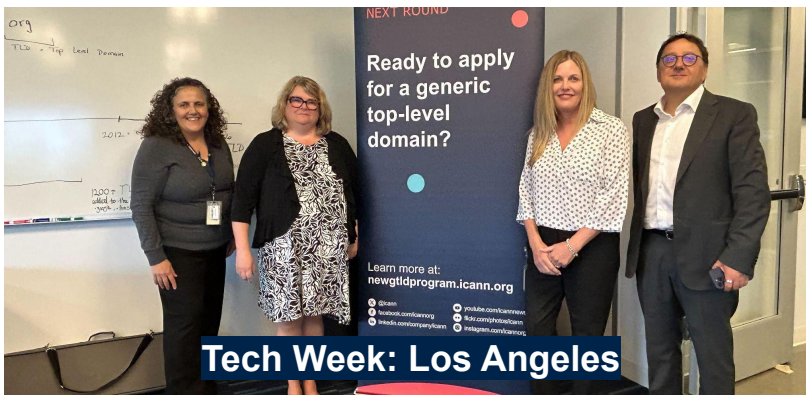
**Austin**  
**Honolulu**  
**Las Vegas**  
**Los Angeles**  
**Miami**  
**Nashville**  
**Ottawa**  
**Toronto**



# Regional Highlights



Community Reception at Washington, DC Office



Tech Week: Los Angeles



USTTI, Washington, DC



Indigenous Connectivity Summit, Ottawa

# Regional Highlights

ICANN Webinar for NA & LAC

## The Rise and Fall of Undelegated TLDs

23 April 2026

18:00 - 18:30UTC

### DNS

*The Rise and Fall of Undelegated TLDs: The Impact of a Global Misconfiguration*



### Academic/Youth

*Student visits to Washington, DC Office  
University Career Fairs (New York, Stanford)  
Youth IGF Canada (Ottawa)  
USTTI Leadership Trainings*



### Technical

*UA Day 2026  
CanWISP 2026 (Markham, ON)  
NANOG 95, 96 (Arlington [TX], San Francisco)  
ARIN 56, ARIN 57 (Arlington [TX], Louisville)*

# Regional Highlights



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## New gTLD Program: 2026 Round

*Tech Week: LA (Los Angeles)*

*NamesCon 2025 (Miami)*

*PTC'26 (Honolulu)*



## Internet Governance

*2025 Canadian Internet Governance Forum (Ottawa)*

*2025 Youth IGF Canada (Ottawa)*

# FY27 Look Ahead (1 July 2026 - 30 June 2027)

- 2026 Canadian Internet Governance Forum *(Nov. 2026)*
- ARIN 58, 59/NANOG 98, 99, 100 *(Oct. 2026, Apr. 2027; Oct. 2026, Feb. 2027, Jun. 2027)*
- Engagements around ITU PP-26 *(Plenipotentiary takes place Nov. 2026)*
- University/Student Engagements *(rolling throughout FY27)*
- UA Day 2027 *(Q1 and Q2 [calendar year] 2027)*
- ICANN89 in Vancouver *(June 2027)*

# Communications Highlights



Distributed **eight newsletters** reaching nearly **3,000** subscribers, featuring three **community profiles** of regional stakeholders



**NEW:**  
Published **2 Engagement Recap Reports**

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# Q&A

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