ICANN AND HUMAN RIGHTS

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

ICANN 53 – SINGAPORE
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11
10:30 – 12:00
ROOM SOPHIA

A COMMUNITY WIDE DISCUSSION

AN OPEN AND INCLUSIVE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS
TO FURTHER THE DEBATE ON
ICANN AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (commonly known as the Ruggie principles) provide that companies should comply with human rights and due diligence. This would include for ICANN:

- Assessing the human rights implications of its policies and procedures
- developing strategies to ensure that staff and other stakeholders understand this impact;
- developing and articulating a human rights policy, and make sure employees and other stakeholders know it, understand and implement it;
- develop metrics to monitor human rights performance.

The session will discuss how ICANN can serve the public interest consistent with human rights and what this means in practice.

This discussion how ICANN's policies and procedures can be developed and implemented consistent with internationally recognized human rights standards builds on sessions held in London and Los Angeles and is informed by new research and publications that will be presented during the meeting.

Agenda:
- Welcoming words by Fadi Chehadi (TBC)
- Introduction by Marilia Maciel (GNSO / Center for Technology and Society – FGV Rio) and Rafik Dammak (NCSG)
- Presentation on Corporate Responsibility of ICANN to Respect Human Rights by Monika Zalnieriute (European University)
- Discussion on future steps
- Closing remarks

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