



Annual Latin America & Caribbean Forum 2024

Date: 15th - 17th May 2024

Location: Panama City, Panama

Agenda: Wednesday 15 May 2024 - Small Nations Regulators Forum (SNRF)

12:00-13:45: Small Nations Regulators Forum working lunch

Tim Ringsdore, Chief Executive and Board Member, Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA)

Speakers include

Guy L. Malone, Chief Executive Officer, Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) of the Virgin Islands

Agenda: Wednesday 15 May 2024 - Regional Regulators Roundtable

14:00-17:30: Welcome & Introductions

Best practice regulation for the digital era

Digital technologies are challenging existing regulatory structures, and governments around the world are taking different approaches to respond. Well-designed regulation can have a powerful effect on driving growth and shaping a digital economy which benefits everyone. Ensuring a proportionate and agile regulatory approach can offer clarity and confidence to investors, businesses and the public. But what does this mean in practice? Regulators from across the region share experiences with structural and regulatory models, experimentation with approaches to new technologies (sandboxes/testbeds), and collaboration within and across borders.

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications

Chair:

Armando Fuentes Rodríguez, Administrator General, Autoridad Nacional de los Servicios Públicos, (ASEP) Panama

14:15: Approaches to digital regulation - case studies from converged regulators, and telco, broadcast and data protection authorities

- Most significant regulatory adaptation / new law / instrument

- Most significant structural evolution
- Example of experimental approach to new technologies eg sandbox/testbeds
- Example of collaboration within / across borders
- Greatest achievement; greatest lesson learnt

Speakers include

Lina María Duque del Vecchio, Executive Director and Communications Commissioner, Commission for Communications Regulation of Colombia (CRC)

Annie Baldeo, Executive Officer Policy, Planning and Economics, Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT)

Mauricio Muñoz Gutiérrez, President, National Television Council of Chile; Vice President, Platform of Ibero-American Audiovisual Regulators (PRAI)

Arthur Pereira Sabbat, Board Director, National Data Protection Agency (ANDP), Brazil

Carlos Molinas Ozuna, Member of the Board of Directors, Comision Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (CONATEL), Paraguay

15:30: Networking Break

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Speakers include

Ramiro Camacho Castillo, Commissioner, Federal Telecommunications Institute (IFT), Mexico

Julissa Cruz Abreu, Executive Director, Indotel, Dominican Republic

Nicole Walford, Deputy Executive Director, Broadcasting Commission Jamaica

17:15: Closing remarks

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications

17:30-19:00: Networking Reception

Networking reception - open to all conference attendees

Jade room, The Westin Panamá Hotel - (Costa del Este)

La Rotonda Avenue

East Coast

Panama City

Panama

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[More information here on the venue](#)

Agenda: Thursday 16 May 2024 - Latin America & Caribbean Forum (Day 1)

09:10-9:30: Welcome

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications

Prof. Antonio García Zaballos, Lead Specialist Telecommunications – Broadband Platform Coordinator, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Giuseppina Curreli, Director of Political Relations and Education Programs, Millicom (Tigo)

09:30-10:00: Digital infrastructure mapping tool

Enrique Iglesias Rodriguez, Telecom Sector Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Carlos Javier Moreno Sánchez, Telecommunications Director, Deloitte España

10:00-11:15: Closing the digital divide: what's really working, what isn't, and how to make measurable, sustainable progress

- Where to focus? Connectivity, coverage, devices, digital literacy....
- Perspectives from all stakeholders working to close the gaps

Moderator

Marylena Méndez Jiménez General Secretary, Asociación Interamericana de Empresas de Telecomunicaciones (ASIET)

Speakers include

Lina María Duque del Vecchio, Executive Director and Communications Commissioner, Commission for Communications Regulation of Colombia (CRC)

Jacqueline Lopes, Director of Institutional Relations LATAM South, Ericsson

Julissa Cruz Abreu, Executive Director, Indotel, Dominican Republic

Óscar Crisóstomo Llanos, Regional Governor of Ñuble, Chile

11:15-11:45: Networking Break

11:45-13:00: Closing the funding gap: quantifying the investment required and potential sources of finance / business models to connect the unconnected

- How is long-term investment being incentivised? Where can efficiencies be achieved?
- Broadband cost recovery and network fees – examining the evidence base and impact on digital inclusion

Moderator

Prof. Antonio García Zaballos, Lead Specialist Telecommunications – Broadband Platform Coordinator, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Speakers include

Hernan Colombo, Regulation & Wholesale Business Manager, Telecom Argentina

Natalia Guerra Caicedo, Director of Public and Regulatory Affairs, Telefónica Colombia

Alessandro Molon, Executive Director, Alliance for the Open Internet (Aliança pela Internet Aberta), Brazil

Dr Héctor Huici, Undersecretary of Communications and Connectivity, Secretariat of Innovation, Science and Technology, Argentina

Maribel Dalio, Digital Development Specialist, The World Bank

13:15-14:30: Networking Lunch

13:45-14:15: Lunchtime Briefing

How non-geostationary orbit (NGSO) satellites can support government and regulatory

objectives

Rebecca Hunter, Director, Starlink Global Licensing and Market Activation, SpaceX

**14:30-15:30: Promoting competition in digital markets: does one size fit all?
How are countries in LAC tailoring their approach to ex ante and ex post regulation?**

- What market failures and specific harms need to be addressed?
- How will new regulatory proposals remedy the situation?
- Considering unintended consequences
- Who will enforce the new regulations?

Moderator

José María Rodríguez Ovejero, Associate Director Telecommunications Practice, Frontier Economics

Speakers include

Delreo Newman, Vice Chairman, CANTO

Ramiro Camacho Castillo, Commissioner, Federal Telecommunications Institute (IFT), Mexico

Christian O’Flaherty, Regional Vice President – Latin America and The Caribbean, Internet Society, URUGUAY

15:30-16:00: Networking Break

16:00-17:00: Fulfilling the creative economy’s potential to drive socio-economic development and soft power: policy and regulatory levers

- What are the essential components of a national audiovisual strategy to drive a creative powerhouse?
- Policy foundations – governance / public-private collaboration / evidence-led strategy
- Enabling environment – incentives / funding / regulation
- Strategies and tactics for enhancing performance in anti-piracy programs

Moderator

Dr. The Hon. Allyson Leacock OR Chairman, Barbados Broadcasting Authority; Director, National Transformation Initiative, Government of Barbados

Speakers include

Mauricio Muñoz Gutiérrez, President, National Television Council of Chile; Vice President, Platform of Ibero-American Audiovisual Regulators (PRAI)

Rodrigo Arrigoni, CEO, Ether City

17:00: End of day one

Agenda: Friday 17 May 2024 - Latin America & Caribbean Forum (Day 2)

09:00-09:15: Welcome

Lynn Robinson, Director General, International Institute of Communications

09:15-09:45: Keynote conversation with:

Izabela Matusz, Ambassador, Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to Panama

In conversation with

Giuseppina Curreli, Director of Political Relations and Education Programs, Millicom (Tigo)

09:45-11:00: Creating an enabling but safe environment for the use of Artificial Intelligence for social and economic good. How are regulatory models developing in LAC?

Moderator

Rodrigo De La Parra, Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean, ICANN

Speakers

Raúl Echeberría, Executive Director, Asociacion Latinoamericana de Internet (ALAI)

Stephan A Lang, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Information and Communications Policy, U.S. Department of State

Arthur Pereira Sabbat, Board Director, National Data Protection Agency (ANDP), Brazil

Marlon Fetzner, Assistant General Counsel, Microsoft Latin America

Giuseppe Marrara, Public Policy Senior Director, Latin America, Cisco Systems

11:00-11:30: Networking Break

11:30-11:45: Keynote

Rocío Lorenzo, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, Cable & Wireless Panama / +Móvil

11:45-12:15: Session to be confirmed

12:15-13:15: Trust and authenticity in online content: tackling misinformation and disinformation; protecting media plurality; media literacy initiatives

Moderator

Raúl Echeberría, Executive Director, Asociacion Latinoamericana de Internet (ALAI)

Speakers include

Andrea MuñozGómez, Audiovisual Content Commissioner, Commission for Communications Regulation of Colombia (CRC)

Paloma Szerman, WhatsApp, Messaging & Connectivity Policy, Latin America, Meta

Laura Sboarina, Principal Media Analyst, Cullen International

13:15-14:00: Networking Lunch

14:00-15:00: Cybersecurity risks and realities: Building alertness and resilience to the growing cyber threat landscape

Moderator

Teresa Wankin, Secretary General, CANTO

Speakers

Ivana Kriznic, Head of Public Policy Canada, Latin America, Emerging Markets, Verizon Communications

Adriana Servín Villada, Government Affairs Director for Mexico, Central America and

some countries of Latam, Cisco Systems

Lucas Gallitto, Head of Latin America, GSMA

Juan Ramón Anría, National Director of Cybersecurity, Autoridad Nacional para la Innovación, Gubernamental (AIG), Panama

Edwin Pereyra, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Advisor, Government Office of Information and Communication Technologies (OGTIC), Dominican Republic

15:00-1615: Connectivity and infrastructure workshop - focusing on rural, unserved and underserved communities

Moderators

Enrique Iglesias Rodriguez, Telecom Sector Specialist, & **Nicolás Albornoz Basto**, Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Speakers include

Gonzalo de Dios, Head of Global Licensing, Project Kuiper, Amazon

Lucas Gallitto, Head of Latin America, GSMA

Giuseppe Loprete, Director of the Panama Administrative Centre (PAC), Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM) Panama

16:15-16:30: Closing remarks

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