

SUMMARY REPORT

THIRD REGIONAL FORUM ON INTERCONNECTIVITY, CYBER SECURITY AND IPV6

Panama, Panama, September 10 and 11, 2015

Specialists on interconnectivity from 17 countries of Latin America met in Panama at the Third Regional Forum on Interconnectivity, Cyber Security and Ipv6 organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) at the kind invitation of the National Authority of Public Services (ASEP), in close collaboration with the Regional Technical Communications Commission of Central America (COMTELCA) and of the Latin America and Caribbean Network Information Centre (LACNIC). The event counted with the participation of 25 international speakers and 81 participants. The participating delegates came from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panamá, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Additionally, representatives from Regional Organizations attended: COMTELCA, ICANN, ISOC, LACNIC, and OEA.

The Forum was held on Thursday 10 and on Friday 11, September 2015. The first day was focused on interconnectivity, its benefits, the role of the regulator, national necessities, a regional overview, and steps forward a regional interconnection. It was highlighted the benefits of public-private partnerships towards deployment of networks and the infrastructure, it was remarked as well the necessity of deploying IXPs and of applying internationally recognized interconnectivity rules.

During the second day was discussed topics like Broadband, IPV6 and its implementation in the region, the necessity of collaboration on Cybersecurity, the necessity of regulations and common actions to fight against cyber attacks and the work towards Child Online Protection, the implementation of national CIRTs (Computer Incident Response Teams) and the cooperation between them. It was highlighted that campaigns on computer user awareness on cybersecurity will strengthen the trust in the use of the networks and the offered services, which will be reflected in the increase of external investment.

The Telecommunications National Director of ASEP, Mr Edwin Castillo, and the head of the ITU Area Office for Latin America, Mr Sergio Scarabino, opened the sessions pointing out the importance to look towards a more efficient integration which will benefit the whole population.

Mr Edwin Castillo indicated that the achievement of interconnectivity goals will produce a greater social and economic development in the countries of the region.

The Third Forum of Interconnectivity has recognized the region as an ideal space to discuss and analyze initiatives and get beyond great challenges that the Latin America industry on ICT faces.

Participants recognized the necessity of the implementation of IPV6 to guarantee sustainable growth of Internet which is reaching its limits on IPV4.

Panama, as well as other participating countries, expressed its commitment to encourage multi sectorial public-private initiatives to be developed in the region towards the reduction of the Digital Divide 2020.

Mr Oscar Estrada, COMTELCA's Executive Secretary, is necessary Central American countries go aligned with the progress of other regions to benefit the population. Mr Estrada mentioned that the Forum's goal is to define the necessary and harmonized strategies on ICT to reduce the Digital Divide. To achieve this goal, several efforts have been coordinated with Regional and International Organizations, private sector, civil society, and Organizations from the Internet community, among others. Additionally, several multi-sectorial action lines have been encouraged to identify the requirements to conduce the necessary investment towards reducing the Digital Devide.
