

On Saturday 20 June, the .au Domain Administration (auDA) will be hosting a series of events as part of the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) in Sydney, Australia.

These include the launch of the Australia and New Zealand Internet Best Practice Awards and three expert panel sessions discussing the United Nations' Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and related regional and national fora.

These are open sessions and all ICANN Sydney attendees, potential award applicants and stakeholders interested in learning more about the IGF are welcome to attend.

**Date:** Saturday 20 June 2009

**Venue:** Sydney Hilton, 488 George St, Sydney. Level 4, Function Rooms 4 & 5.

**Time:** Best Practice Awards Launch – 13:00 to 14:00

IGF panel discussions – 14:30 to 17:30 (1 hour each)

### **Launch of the 2009 Australia and New Zealand Internet Best Practice Awards**

In collaboration with Internet NZ, auDA is proud to announce the launch of the inaugural Australia and New Zealand Internet Best Practice Awards. The awards are based upon the four themes of the United Nations' Internet Governance Forum and recognise and celebrate organisations, groups or individuals in Australia and New Zealand that have embraced the challenge of making the Internet a secure, accessible, open or diverse experience for all. Award winners will be announced in October and promoted at the next Internet Governance Forum in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt in November.

The guest speaker at the launch will be the Rt Hon Alun Michael MP – former UK Minister for State and Industry and Chair of the Judging Panel for the UK Internet Best Practice Challenge.

### **Internet Governance Forum discussions – ICANN Sydney 20 June 2009**

Following the Awards launch, auDA will be hosting a series of three, one-hour panel sessions designed to introduce the United Nations' Internet Governance Forum, outline regional and national initiatives that build upon the global IGF event, and discuss the future of the Forum given the impending expiry of its first five-year mandate.

### **Panel 1: Introduction to the Internet Governance Forum:**

This session will provide background on the IGF – the origins of the forum, its work and achievements to-date, and various sectoral perspectives on why participation is important.

Panellists include:

- Markus Kummer – IGF Secretariat
- Theresa Swinehart – Vice President, Global Partnerships, ICANN
- Raj Singh – Regional Bureau Manager for South and Southeast Asia, Internet Society
- Ayesha Hassan – International Chamber of Commerce BASIS
- Richard Misech – GM, Palau National Communications Corporation

### **Panel 2: National and Regional IGF Initiatives**

This session will canvass the importance, and achievements, of a range of national and regional IGF initiatives. Such events provide stakeholders the opportunity to develop local perspectives on issues discussed at the global event.

Panellists include:

- The Right Hon Alun Michael MP – UK
- Nick Thorne - ICANN
- Alice Munyua - East African IGF
- Martin Boyle – Nominet / UK IGF
- Olga Cavalli – Latin America

### **Panel 3: Future of the IGF**

This session will discuss the future of the IGF, given the initiative is approaching the end of its five-year mandate. Topics will include the IGF's future structure and offer perspectives on its possible future role as a forum for dialogue on Internet-related issues.

Panellists include:

- Speakers from the previous panel sessions
- Bill Graham - ISOC
- Jonne Soininen - Nokia