

# The NextGen Experience, ICANN59

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## The ICANN59 NextGen Participants



The NextGen experience at ICANN59 will be a lasting memory for all who were involved. After the meeting was over, the NextGen participants took it upon themselves to create a report highlighting their experiences. The meeting gave them a deeper idea of what ICANN is all about. Their individual interactions with the various stakeholders and community members brought to light how the NextGen Program is making a difference in these young people's lives and is helping to shape the future. We hope that before long, the ICANN community will benefit from their involvement.

In the report, you'll meet the NextGen participants of ICANN59 and experience what they encountered during their week at ICANN59.

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# Nomsa Mlambo

Zimbabwe

**Occupation:** Fellow at African Leadership Academy

**Background:** LLB, University of Cape Town



I was encouraged to apply for NextGen by my peers, who were previously part of the program. Overall, I have found that the community within the Internet governance space to be friendly and encouraging. Many people share opportunities and notify you if they think you would be suited for or interested in something. I have benefited greatly from this culture, and I hope to do the same for the people in my network.

My presentation was on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and whether they can increase access to the Internet for African countries. IDNs are domain names that are written in a local script, which is an alphabet that is different from Latin alphabet.

While most Sub-Saharan countries use the Latin alphabet, North African countries typically do not. If Africa is to rise as one unified continent, we cannot ignore our North African countries on the basis that their problems are not ours. A large population of North African countries use Arabic as their first language, yet only Egypt, Tunisia, and Morocco have country code top-level domain (ccTLD) IDNs. If IDNs have the power to increase Internet usage in their respective regions, their implementation should be a top priority for North African countries.

Moreover, IDNs have the power to change the perception of the Internet. Some communities view the Internet as an English tool beneficial only to English speakers. This perception limits their willingness to make the best use of the Internet. In order to achieve the goal of getting the next billion people online, social and cultural contexts must be taken into account. While building infrastructure is good and necessary, demystifying the Internet is just as important for creating a sense of co-ownership and co-authorship. The “next billion” will not be empowered by Internet access if they believe that it is “borrowed access” and that the Internet “belongs” to English speakers. IDNs can change this, and my hope is that they will encourage those that use the Latin alphabet in Sub-Saharan Africa to register more domain names in Swahili, Shona, Ndebele, Luganda, and more.

I was very impressed by my peers in the NextGen program. They are intelligent and fun-loving. They are open and honest, and ask difficult questions. They are engaged and attentive. I am convinced that they will be the authors of milestones in the Internet governance space.

My most valuable lesson has been to be proactive in this space; seek out people who can help you, build your network, and make your voice heard. Pick something you are interested in and find those who will partner with you on this.

My plans after ICANN59 involved doing a lot of reading and research and building my network. I hope to be able to attend more ICANN meetings and to contribute to policy development in Zimbabwe. I would also like to obtain a master’s in either tech law or the social science of the Internet.

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## Josephine Eyre

Cape Town, South Africa



I was born in the U.K., but have spent the past eight years living in Ghana and South Africa. I've been working in the mobile Internet space in Africa for six years, with an expertise in marketing and communications. I'm currently based in Cape Town and travel regularly throughout the rest of the continent as I prepare to launch a mobile entertainment app. I first became aware of ICANN through my involvement in South Africa's Internet community. I applied in the hope that my passion for the future of Africa's Internet would shine through, and I was delighted to be selected.

Outside of work, I am completing my master's degree in intelligence and security, where I'm focusing on online propaganda, Internet psychological operations (PSYOPs), and Internet governance. The topic I chose to focus on for my ICANN presentation was the personal journey that has brought me to ICANN59. It concluded with a discussion around the paradox of the various levels of privacy for domain registrant data. On the one hand, the more open it is, the easier it is to hold individuals accountable for their domains, thus discouraging the spread of misinformation and fake news sites. On the other, it may inadvertently stifle freedom of expression.

I have been immensely impressed by the ICANN community's passion and dedication to the overall vision of a secure, stable, and interoperable Internet. There wasn't a single conversation I had this week that didn't inspire me, and while the multistakeholder model has its challenges, it appears to be providing a positive platform for a diversity of views and voices.

I am truly honored to have spent the week with my fellow NextGeners, learning about them and their stories. I now intend to continue learning! I have a lot of research and reading to do. I would like to get involved with certain working groups under the GNSO and continue my ICANN journey by engaging with different communities in my work and academic life.





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# Walter Moyo

Lilongwe, Malawi

**Occupation:** Student (Masters of Science in Public Health, Virtual University of Uganda)



I am Walter Moyo from Malawi, and I am currently studying for my Master of Science (MSc) in public health. My area of interest is healthcare informatics and the role of technology, including Internet-based ones, in improving health and preventing disease. I have published a book titled *Harnessing Technology for Healthcare Improvement*, which can be downloaded for free [here](#).

I learned about ICANN and its NextGen program from the website [opportunitydesk.org](http://opportunitydesk.org). While I was initially reluctant to apply, thinking that I was not eligible, I eventually gathered the courage to apply, and I ended up being selected.

The topic of my presentation was "Digital Medicine, the Internet as a Healthcare Tool." I discussed how the Internet plays a role in facilitating the exchange of health information among users, professionals, and scientists. I also discussed the merits of being sensitive in selecting website names for health-focused websites.

I was quite impressed with the organization of activities at this meeting. Everything started on time, and the programs and speakers were relevant to the topics at hand. We were also given updates in good time, and the logistics were also well coordinated.

Thanks to the NextGen program, I have learned a lot about the need to use multiple stakeholders in Internet-related policymaking. My goal now is to influence policymakers and others in my country to accommodate Internet issues when formulating healthcare policies.



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# Eric Mwobobia

Kenya

**Occupation:** Risk Analyst, Safaricom LTD

**Passion:** IoT, Tech, Leadership and Communities



For me, ICANN59 was a life-changing experience, an eye-opener, and a path for inner discovery. I live and work in Nairobi, Kenya, and before majoring in computer science, I had no information whatsoever regarding technology or Internet-related matters. Five years down the line, this has been a motivator for me to become more aware and establish my own community. Volunteerism is key and the essence of sharing must be stressed, especially given how limited resources are.

Having learned about the NextGen program from a previous NextGenner, the experience has been a remarkable one, leading to my shift of interest from development to a focus on security and privacy concerns in Internet of Things (IoT) platforms. The meeting offered up a rich network of references, a community ready to help, and a library of like-minded change-makers.

The IoT is a growing issue in the tech industry, and comes with plenty of complications. For example, security and privacy concerns must be addressed immediately, otherwise these issues could grow into a painful, stressful, and expensive future. There is a real need for interoperable, standardized, compliant, innovative, secure, and private IoT systems, especially with billions of devices getting connected to the Internet every year. This will require more participation in the Internet governance ecosystem and related policy development.

This was the biggest and most diverse gathering I have ever been to, and the representation of the various community groups within ICANN was very impressive. Time and space for networking and youth participation was also a key element emphasized during the meeting. I was honored to be a part of this brilliant group of NexGen participants, carrying out amazing things, identifying and addressing current problems.

Attending ICANN59 has really changed my view of how I see the Internet and has helped me realize that there is so much more I can do to get involved. Meeting the great pool of ICANN community members has also helped me forge new interests in the realm of Internet governance, participation, and policy development. It has challenged me to seek innovative ideas, spread the word, and seek out more insight into ICANN's involvement in this ecosystem.

With all of this in place, I can't wait to share the experience with my own communities, act as an ICANN ambassador and push for more participation in Internet sustainability, management, and organization. As a new member of the ICANN community, I'll constantly seek out opportunities to learn, grow, and work in in furtherance of ICANN's policies and visions. The future is already here! ICANN is here to make the world a better place in all the ways that it can.

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# Nelson Kwaje

South Sudan

**Occupation:** IT Consultant, WEB4ALL Ltd



My name is Nelson Kwaje. I am from South Sudan, but I currently live in Nairobi, Kenya. I came to Kenya in 2013 to pursue my university education at the Technical University of Kenya. I currently work as an ICT consultant for a startup company that I founded with my friend in June 2015. You can learn more about our company at <http://web4all.co.ke/>.

I am an avid Twitter user and follow @ICANN, which is where I found out about the NextGen program. After seeing a tweet about applying for the ICANN59 NextGen program, I spent two hours working on my application, reading all of the questions twice before answering them.

I also found out about my selection on Twitter, as the official email came two hours after it was announced there.

My presentation at ICANN59 was on “Conflicts and Connectivity, the problem of Internet shutdowns in Africa.” I am very passionate about access and ensuring that the Internet remains open for all, which is why I am against Internet shutdowns. In 2016, there were 56 documented Internet shutdowns [according to the #KeepItOn campaign](#).

An Internet shutdown happens when someone, usually a government, intentionally disrupts the Internet or mobile apps, often to control what people say or do. Because of the unilateral approach taken, Internet shutdowns tend to undermine the multistakeholder model, the very framework that makes the Internet sustainable and open.

## ***About My ICANN Experience***

I have seen many organizations with impressive visions and a genuine desire to change the world, but translating such a vision into daily life activities is always a challenge; many times we find a disconnect between what is said and what is done. At ICANN, that is not the case. I have seen the vision, mission, and values of ICANN in action.

Inclusion and diversity is seen in the number of communities and nationalities present during the meeting. I have met people from the smallest to the largest nation states. In fact, my very presence is evidence of that. Accountability and openness is demonstrated at every corner of ICANN meetings. Every person we met was willing to answer our questions and we were at liberty to enter any session that was of value to us. From the CEO to the community members, each person showed a genuine desire to share information and advise us the best way he or she could.

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In short, at ICANN, every voice counts and inclusion is an essential part in achieving the vision. Below are some of my takeaways from attending ICANN59:

1. ICANN needs you the same way you need ICANN. See how you can be part of this great community and make a difference through your participation.
2. ICANN depends on volunteers. It is the work of dedicated and committed individuals that make the multistakeholder model work.
3. The multistakeholder model matters. Every voice counts in the development of the Internet.
4. NextGen gives you the chance to meet some of the best people in Internet governance and development. Make use of this opportunity by talking and sharing ideas with them.
5. There are no silly questions. Ask lots of questions and approach as many people as you can.
6. Don't worry about not understanding the lingo, you will understand it later. Just try to be in the moment, make the best out of it and take notes.
7. ICANN consists of the Board, the community, and the organization
8. Love or hate them, acronyms are here to stay, so get used to them!

I am currently working on programs to advocate for Internet development in South Sudan. I am planning to organize a National IGF there and I hope to share the knowledge and experiences I gained at NextGen with my peers. I will start participating in more ICANN meetings and make meaningful contributions to Internet policies in Africa.



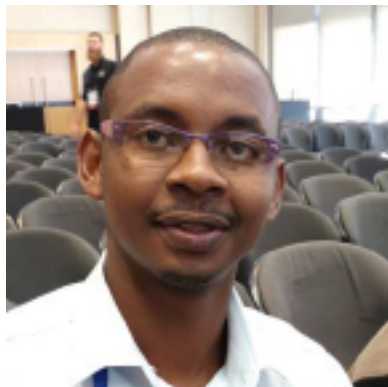


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# Joash Ntenga Moitui

Nairobi, Kenya

## Occupation: Researcher and Analyst, Carter Center



Joash is an analyst and a researcher on the nexus between ICT, security, and human rights, based at the Carter Center in Nairobi, Kenya. ICANN59 in Johannesburg, South Africa, was his first ICANN meeting as a NextGen participant. In the past, he has been involved in the ICANN Wiki Swahili Translation Project in East Africa, which was focused on creating a pool of Swahili translators and contributors to promote capacity building. He is also an alumni of the African School of Internet Governance (AfriSIG), the Kenya School of Internet Governance (KeSIG), and a member of the Kenya Internet Governance Forum (KIGF) multistakeholder advisory group (MAG). You can read more about Joash on his [ICANN Wiki page](#).

ICANN59 was a great introduction to the world of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and its role in the Internet governance ecosystem. During the event, he learned about the different constituencies that exist in ICANN and found out that NCUC and NPOC are constituencies that he would like to contribute actively in to help keep the Internet free and open. He also learned about the ICANN Fellowship program, which aims to create a broader and more diverse base of knowledgeable participants, with priority given to candidates living with underserved and underrepresented communities around the world. This includes those who represent diversity of gender, sector, region, experience, and expertise.

His presentation on the "Role of social media on social media on political violence" was of particular relevance in Kenya, where elections have repeatedly been flashpoints of violence, and where crowdsourced violence reporting via social and new media has been a feature of peacebuilding and violence mitigation.

In various ways, he discovered that the multistakeholder approach, as advanced by ICANN, calls for constant engagement. Engagement is something he has been interested in for a while, both within the Kenya Internet community and the greater Internet community. He also left the meeting with a variety of questions, such as: How do we engage with people who know nothing about how the Internet is managed? How are end users represented at ICANN? Who speaks for human rights, diversity, youth engagement, and education at ICANN? What is the role of human rights in ICANN ecosystem?

At the advice of his NextGen Ambassador, he decided to follow At-Large sessions, as well as discussions occurring within the Generic Names Supporting Organization. The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) acts in the interests of Internet users, and is made up of Internet-related consumer groups, academic organizations, and private individuals.

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# Falobi Oluwafemi

Nigeria

## Occupation: Graduate, Computer Science, University of Jos



I found out about the ICANN59 NextGen program through a friend, and then put in my application.

I'm really passionate about networks and cybersecurity, and my presentation during ICANN59 was titled "Evolution of Cybersecurity with the emergence of IPv6 and IoT." I'm driven by my passion to make networks, and cyberspace as a whole, a safer place.

My love for networks and how they work made me plunge further into the field of networking and cybersecurity. I am currently pursuing a career securing networks and devices, as well as fighting online crimes, with a lot of focus on influencing my local community. All of these cannot be achieved without a deep understanding of how the Internet works and being actively involved in Internet-related communities. Participating in ICANN through the NextGen program has started to make that dream come true for me, which was my primary motivation for attending ICANN59.

I really found the multistakeholder model, as it has been implemented within the ICANN community, to be interesting, as it features people from diverse geographical regions, sectors, tribes, and cultures, irrespective of race and religious beliefs. The atmosphere was a very friendly one, and meeting other NextGen participants, with their unique backgrounds and passions, to be fascinating. Their knowledge and expertise in their various fields, alongside their awesome personalities, had a great impact on me. I'm really grateful to the ICANN team for allowing me to experience all of that.

ICANN59 in Johannesburg, South Africa was my first meeting, and I am a fresh participant in the ICANN community. I hope to further my participation and contribution to the Internet governance ecosystem through ICANN's various communities and subsequent meetings, my local ISOC chapter, and the IGF.

Again, I want to extend a big thank you to ICANN for such a wonderful experience. I'll press on and continue to make positive contributions to Internet policies and governance even as I work towards my goal of making the Internet more secure.

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# Oumou SANGARE

Mali

**Occupation:** Computer science student and developer at the TUWINDI Foundation



I am an aspiring entrepreneur who is very active in increasing the accessibility of the Internet in my community, as well as the development of women in ICT fields. I am passionate about new technologies and cybersecurity.

I first found out about the NextGen@ICANN program when I participated in the 11th Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Mexico. I participated in this forum through an ISOC (Internet Society) program called Youth@IGF, in which ISOC selected a few young people under the age of 25 to attend. I knew about the application for the NextGen@ICANN59 through my friends on Facebook, Twitter, and the website [www.opportunitiesforafricans.org](http://www.opportunitiesforafricans.org). My selection was a wonderful surprise, because it meant that I could continue my evolution within the Internet governance ecosystem.

My presentation revolved around the theme of the Internet and how it is used for education in Mali. Education in Mali faces many problems, and the Internet can be a tool to help Malians, especially young citizens, in their studies to study well. To achieve this, we must first achieve the following:

1. Improve Internet access throughout Mali.
2. Teach Malian Internet users to use the Internet in a useful and productive way.
3. Create learning tools adapted to the current needs of Mali.
4. Set up workspaces well equipped with computer tools and an Internet connection.

The education of young people, especially young girls, is something that is very close to my heart because, as Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon that can be used to change the world," and I want to help bring positive change to my country.

We young people are the future of the Internet, but most of the time, when it comes to policy issues, we don't participate, and our views are not taken into account. So what impressed me most is the multistakeholder model and how decisions are made based on the participation of everyone, including us young people, knowing that we are the future of the Internet. It was motivating to see that we are listened to in the Internet governance ecosystem, and that our voices count in decision-making.

During the week of the meeting, I was able to learn a lot about ICANN, shared some of my experience during NextGen presentations, and met a wide array of people involved in the development of the Internet. I have learned about ICANN's multistakeholder model, and I am now confident that my little voice can go a long way in making decisions, that my contribution is welcome, and, most importantly, that it is solicited. I also now know where to go to get help answering specific questions.

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After this wonderful experience, I am ready to share my knowledge with other young Malians, and all those that I can touch through my publications and experience-sharing sessions. I want to teach them about the other side of the Internet that they don't see. Above all, I want to take the example of ICANN's multistakeholder model to improve the Internet in Mali. Now that I have had an overview of how it works, I will be even more active, and I hope to attend other ICANN meetings.





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# Mauricia Abdol

South Africa

**Occupation:** MA Child & Family Studies, University of the Western Cape; Social Entrepreneur, Waumbe Youth Development



I am from Cape Town, South Africa, and I am currently pursuing a masters degree in child and family studies. I have a bachelor's degree in psychology, women and gender studies, and language and communication, as well as an honors degree in psychology.

I serve as the Secretary-General at Waumbe Youth Development and I am also an Innovation Scholar at the National Research Foundation. As a social entrepreneur, I am developing an educational support program that encourages innovative thinking by marrying academic excellence, leadership development, and digital literacy, which is on track to be implemented this year.

I am also an alum of the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children's internship program, which is an organization dedicated to making the world a safer place for children by eradicating child abduction, sexual abuse, and exploitation through specialized projects that aim to protect children against cybercrime and legislation regarding data retention.

I recently graduated from the African School of Internet Governance. I am passionate about human development in Africa, innovation, and the protection of human rights online. My primary focus is advocating for a child's right to safety and young citizens in the developing world to have access to the Internet. Through my efforts, I aim to impact the youth of Cape Town.

Following my graduation from the African School of Internet Governance, I attended the National Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Durban, South Africa. It is here where I met a wide array of people from ICANN and a conversation with ICANN Board member Mike Silver drew my attention. Bob Ochieng, an ICANN staff member from Africa, introduced me to him. They also educated me on the NextGen program and encouraged me to apply, which I did. Thankfully, I was accepted into the program.

The topic of my NextGen presentation was *"An Ubuntu Centered ICANN multistakeholder model: Challenging the parameters of the multistakeholder model to a strategic injection of the 'youth' population in Africa for Africa."*

My goals for this presentation were two-fold. First, I wanted to demonstrate the importance and relevance of incorporating the African voice into global structures like the ICANN, which aims to keep the Internet open, global and interoperable.

Second, but more importantly, I wanted stakeholders in the multistakeholder model to see the important role young community members play, how their innovative and creative energy and end user

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experience could dynamically influence policy, and how the structure could hone in on this invaluable resource.

I was quite impressed with the willingness of ICANN staff to engage in conversations with me on issues that I consider important and deserving of recognition by ICANN. Additionally, their willingness to connect me to individuals whom my vision aligned with was an encouraging experience. I wish I received the same level of attention and guidance from my own government!

Throughout this entire experience, I learned some very valuable lessons:

1. The manner in which the Internet is developed in my country and region greatly depends on how I drive change. I have a vital role to play, and it will not be easy.
2. The multistakeholder model works, but it can also be improved.
3. The next generation of Internet leaders, especially those coming within Africa, is fertile ground for creating a very positive shift in the development of the Internet.
4. Communicating with those in leadership positions above you is critical, both to listen and critically engage with.
5. There is power in collaboration and social diversity.

Following ICANN59, at the top of my priority list is the establishment of an innovation hub in the farming community of Fisantekraal, which is located within Cape Town, South Africa. This has been my key project this year, apart from a societal intervention to strengthen adolescent resilience.

Additionally, I will establish a mailing list for the NextGen Africa region to create a platform where NextGen participants from Africa can collaborate to influence ICANN policy without being tainted by any pre-existing constituency politics.

It is my hope to create a platform where the youth of Africa can use the NextGen program as a communication portal to influence policy and build an Internet that they can be proud of.



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# Seifeldin Elsehely

## Cairo, Egypt



I am a first-year student majoring in computer and communication engineering who is interested in cybersecurity and networking technology.

While I was learning about the Domain Name System (DNS), I came across the name ICANN and sought out more information from my mother, who is a communications engineer. She provided me with a brief about the organization and told me to look into the Fellowship program if I wanted to learn more. From there, I came across the NextGen program and decided to apply. By that time, I was becoming very interested in DNS operations and DNSSEC and was heading to

ICANN to give a presentation about what I have learned about these topics.

During my presentation, I gave a technical brief and brought up the issue of raising awareness about both the DNS and ICANN in general. In my opinion, such outreach would improve the domain name industry within Egypt and turn us into a more active Internet community.

I went to ICANN to pursue technical knowledge about the DNS and how the Internet works, but came back with so much more. I got to interact with some brilliant and impressive people from a variety of different backgrounds that were also participating in the NextGen program. I learned a lot from them and was motivated by their strong will and friendliness. Their presence was the reason I got the most from meeting.

I also met with technical experts who put me on the right path to learn more about what I'm interested in and guided me on how to start a career in cybersecurity. I know it will be an extremely long path, but I am passionate about achieving this goal. Moreover, I now have a much better understanding of how ICANN works and I became familiar with the multistakeholder model and the process of decision-making in ICANN, as well as knowing where I fit in the ICANN community. Apart from the knowledge I gained and connections I built, I now also understand that the Internet is ours, and that having a voice within the ICANN community means having your voice heard within the Internet governance ecosystem.

After this magnificent experience at ICANN, I am planning to be a member and participate in the ISOC chapter in Egypt. I will seek training and engagement with the Internet Engineering Task Force, and I will also start to raise awareness about ICANN and its role within the Internet. I will use my university as a platform to start building that awareness in my region.

All of these plans and goals that I hope to achieve are the products of conversations I had and sessions I attended during ICANN59. I am very much looking forward to attending another ICANN meeting as an ambassador, but the next time I will be a more experienced, more knowledgeable and more engaging.

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# Amira Mahmoud

Ismailia, Egypt



With three years' experience in print newspapers, in addition to eight years of experience in civil society, I am currently working as journalist for the *El Gomhoria* newspaper. I am also a freelance web developer. Recently I graduated with a Web Development diploma from Information Technology Institute.

I am passionate about democracy, human rights, and Internet governance in general, and have participated in a number of international and regional forums, such as the Democracy Camp. I am an active participant in the Danish Egyptian Dialogue Institute (DEDI) and Civic Education Conference (CEC) in Tunisia, which discusses the current state of civic education in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

I participated in a program on Internet governance in the MENA region, which was held by the DiploFoundation and Hivos from June to August of 2016. While there, I learned about the Internet's infrastructure and the role of ICANN. As one of the program's top alumni, I received a fellowship to attend the Igmema Summit in Tunis in September of 2016.

During the Igmema Summit, I met with a wide array of ICANN staff, including Baher Esmat, Wafa Dahmani, and Nadira Alaraj, who told me more about ICANN and its various working groups. I became very excited to join and be an active member in the ICANN community, especially in areas that impact the infrastructure of Internet. However, I did not find any opportunities to learn about this in Egypt, so I followed the ICANN website and mailing list to find out about events and webinars where I could learn more. I was then given the wonderful opportunity to participate in the NextGen program to learn about ICANN's policy development process.

As soon as you arrive at an ICANN meeting, you find out just how much you can learn not only inside conference halls but simply by listening and joining any of the interesting conversations behind held in the hallways.

Everyone who joined these discussions was welcome. There is no limit to the amount of knowledge or information you can gain during a meeting. I received a lot of answers to the many issues swirling in my head regarding civil society's role within ICANN, such as the possibility of developing an online platform which would enable citizens to express their opinions freely and participate in the decision-making process in a direct way. We need to figure out how we can strike a balance between national security and protecting individual privacy in the mass surveillance process.

It's really a wonderful feeling when you can have your voice, ideas, and suggestions heard without limits or monitoring, and participating in the policy development processes in truly meaningful ways. Only ICANN can provide such a great opportunity



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During my presentation, I discussed one of the key Internet-related issues in Egypt: Internet filtering. The amount of filtering has increased, with many websites being blocked under the rationale of national security. I explained the causes and results of this process and provided an overview of how Internet filtering works. I also talked about mass surveillance, the reasons why it is on the rise, and how we can both legitimize and reduce this process.

Some people have discussed the mass surveillance process in a general sense, but let me clarify the situation in Egypt:

Egypt has contracted with the company Blue Coat to start using the Deep Packet Inspection (DPI) technology, which enables geolocation, tracking, and extensive monitoring of Internet traffic. This is done through advanced search technology, which uses specific keywords that have either been banned by the authorities or terms that they want to monitor discussions surrounding. So if someone uses these words for a specific number of times, the authorities can begin monitoring their activity.

During ICANN59, I met with many of experts and leaders in the region, including Christopher Mondini, Mohamed Tijani, Amr ElSadr, Ines Hfaiedh, and my lovely tutor Nadira Alaraj, and many more. I want to thank them for all their information and for encouraging me to get more involved more in both ICANN and the rest of the Internet governance community.

I have already taken the first step, which was to join the "MEAC SWG," and I have also requested to join ISOC Egypt.

It was also suggested to me that I organize events, on behalf of ISOC, about Internet governance and the role of ICANN in my city of Ismailia, Egypt.

After I heard from Mr. Amr EL Sadr about the problems of organizing an Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Egypt, I plan to develop an online platform to work as an IGF for stakeholders from Egypt.



