



Raúl Echeberría

*Chair of the Number Resource Organization (NRO)
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Raúl Echeberría, the Chair of the Number Resource Organization (NRO) during 2011, has been Executive Director of LACNIC (the Internet Address Registry for Latin America and the Caribbean) since 2002. Born in Uruguay, he is 45 years old, married and has four children.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from the University of the Republic of Uruguay and a Master's Degree in Information Technologies.

Starting in the early 90s, for several years he was responsible for Information Technologies at the National Agriculture Research Institute of Uruguay, where he played an important role in the start up and development of the Internet in Uruguay.

He has worked as a private consultant both at national as well as at international level for private companies, governments, and international organizations.

He has taught courses at different universities and events held within the region.

Mr. Echeberría is frequently a presenter at numerous forums around the world.

Between 1998 and 2002 he was member of the Board of Directors of the Latin American Network Forum (ENRED), and he was also member of ICANN's Name Council on behalf of the non-commercial constituency when it was first created in 1999.

Mr. Echeberría was one of the founders of LACNIC and he has played a key role in bringing together several organizations to support this endeavor. He was Chairman of the Board of LACNIC between 2000 and 2002, when he was appointed as CEO of LACNIC, a position he holds to this day.

Based on his experience and strong involvement in the early stages of ICANN, Mr. Echeberría was hired by Oxford University in 2000 as researcher, to be part of a group (NAIS project) that prepared and in-depth analysis of ICANN's experience with its At-Large Election in the year 2000. This project was a milestone in the evolution of the discussion on public participation in ICANN.

During 2001 -2002 Mr. Echeberría worked as the Coordinator of the APC program "ICT Policy Monitor in Latin America and the Caribbean", an experience which allowed his increased involvement in the development of the information society from a civil society perspective.

Mr. Echeberría has authored numerous published articles and researches relating to different aspects of the Information Society, covering various technical and policy topics.

During the past few years, Mr. Echeberría has been actively involved in the entire process of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

Between 2004 and 2005, he participated in the Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) created by the United Nations Secretary General and played a relevant role in the negotiations that took place in relation to this issue at the Summit in Tunis as a member of the Uruguayan delegation present at the Summit.

In May 2006 he was once again distinguished by the United Nations Secretary General, being chosen to be a part of the Internet Governance Forum's Multistakeholder Advisory Group, and in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 he was appointed again by the new Secretary General to continue working as a member of this group.

Raúl Echeberría is very active within the Latin American community in all matters relating to the Information Society. He regularly participates in regional intergovernmental and non-intergovernmental forums.

Since 2008 Echeberría is a member of the Board of Trustees of Internet Society (ISOC). In July of 2009 he was designated as Chairman of the Board, turning him the first Latin American to occupy this position. In July of 2010 he was reelected as the chair of the Board.

He is well-known for his contributions to the development of the Internet within the region. His leadership has been key in placing LACNIC in a central role both at regional as well as at international level.