



Press Release

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MMTC APPLAUDS NTIA-LED TRANSITION ON IANA OVERSIGHT

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 18, 2014): Last week, the Commerce Department’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced that it would transition its key Internet domain name functions to the global multi-stakeholder community. The Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) applauds NTIA for this significant step in a transition that has been 16 years in the making.

Under the proposed process, no one government will have control over the Internet Assigned Names Authority (IANA) functions, which cover the distribution of protocol parameters, global IP address allocation, and processing changes to DNS root zone, all critical to the functioning of the Internet. NTIA has called on the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) to convene global stakeholders to develop a proposal to transition the current role played by NTIA in the coordination of the Internet’s domain name system (DNS).

MMTC commends NTIA staff for their extraordinary work in ushering this transition forward. This long-anticipated step ensures the continued openness and freedom of the Internet throughout the world and is a move toward ensuring that the Internet will remain open and accessible for all the world’s people.

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About MMTC:

The Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) is a non-partisan, national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media, telecommunications and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation’s leading advocate for minority advancement in communications.