Colombian Association of Internet Users

The Colombian Association of Internet Users, ACUI, is in charge of the Technical Office of the World Internet Day in Colombia and, as such, it has a commitment to and responsibility for promoting the awareness, knowledge, use, and capitalization of Internet, thereby benefiting the citizens and business persons of Colombia within the Information Society context, in accordance with the General Assembly of the Federation's established decisions and Article 121 of the World Summit's conclusions on the Information Society, in which the following was affirmed: "It is necessary to contribute to a growing knowledge about the Internet so that it can convert into a world resource that is truly accessible to the public."

Colombian Association of Internet Users: Objectives

The creation, organization, and consolidation of a Colombian community that represents the people and the organizations in all aspects related with the managing and handling of information through the World Wide Web and networks and future technologies yet to be discovered. The carrying out of activities oriented with informing the country on the importance of Internet as a medium for communication, information, collaboration, integration, politics, socialization, commerce, business, education and work. The diffusion and teaching of the rights and duties of Colombian Internet users. Stimulating the development and presence of the institutions and citizens of Colombia on the Internet. Coordinating, organizing, and carrying out all kinds of educational activities aimed at getting information out, through different mediums of communication, both of our own and through third parties, and sharing knowledge and experiences, to benefit the Colombian people. Seek to have norms and laws applied in the country that do not limit or restrict the free access and navigation of Internet for Colombians. Carrying out activities aimed at the adoption of norms, measures, laws, decrees, programs, and any other kind of action that leads to facilitating, educating, utilizing, adapting, establishing, and considering of the advantages, qualities, facilities and necessities of interest in the country. Make sure that an application of rates and costs that allow for the access and connection to Internet for all populations of the country is realized. These rates are the flag of the Flat Tariff ("Tarifa Plana"). Support similar programs at the Latin American and international levels, related with the flat rate and with technologies that allow Internet connections throughout the entire national territory. Carry out seminars, forums, conferences, studies and research on the knowledge and use of Internet in the country, as well as the quality of goods and services.

Carry out, coordinate, and participate in programs of international cooperation related with the use and capitalization of the Internet and tele-work. Establish or promote the creation of Internet Service and Access Centers operated independently or under a scheme in association and or cooperation, in such a way contributing to the education, research, science, and communication of the economy of the country.

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Carry out research, studies and publications.

Promote both the creation and operation of Internet Service and Access Centers, and facilitate the interconnection of Colombian and international networks.

Transmit, through the Internet, academic and institutional meetings and events, of our own or by third parties, utilizing platforms of our own or those of companies that offer high quality for this type of service.

We believe and desire for:
• Internet to be open, simple and offering benefits to the community.
• No censorship to exist in the online communications.
• An open discussion be held for the development of standards and technology for the Internet.
• There to be no discrimination in the use of Information Technology and Communications (ITC's).
• Personal information generated through the ITC's not be used by anyone else without proper authorization from its owner.
• Internet users to have the right to encrypt their communications and information without any restrictions.
• The strengthening of cooperation between Internet users.
• The necessary facilitating of open development of standards, protocols, administration and technical infrastructure for the new ITC's.
• Supporting the education and the development of ITC's, so that it can be easier to access Internet.
• Providing trustworthy information about the Internet.
• Formation of forums for the discussion of issues that affect the evolution of the ITC's, providing for Internet's development and use in technical, commercial, social, and human-connecting aspects, in a continuous and organized manner.

Colombian Association of Internet Users: activities and accomplishments

ACUI is in charge of the Technical Office of the World Internet Day in Colombia.

On May 17 the annual World Day of the Information Society is celebrated and will serve as a way to familiarize people better on the importance that this world resource has, especially regarding the possibilities the ITC's can offer to societies and economies, and the different ways to lessen the digital gap.

ACUI coordinates the Forum on Internet Governance in Colombia.

ACUI participated in the Information Technology and Communications Law of Colombia.

Member of the Council on Domains Consultants (Dominio.co).

Member of the Sub-commission on Electronic Commerce of the Chamber of Commerce of Bogota. CCI.

We participate in the implementation of the new Regimen on the Protection of Internet Users of Colombia.

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