

# **Building Sustained Business Constituency Participation in Latin America**

**Environment, Challenges and Opportunities** 

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### About the Study

- The Study Team
- Why the Study?
- Understanding the Challenges → Recommendations
- Why the BC should care?
  - To truly represent international business
  - To protect our members and agenda



1. Outreach is hard for the BC to do alone

 Our existing model of participation is demanding and even more demanding for most Latin American businesses

3. We need to be creative to reach Latin American business more on their own term



#### Challenges to Membership and Participation

- Logistics: Time, money and language
- Agenda: we just don't talk about Latin America
- Business culture: most firms aren't directly involved in policymaking outside of ad hoc engagement
- Participation is hard: many issues, dense nomenclature, hard to show results/translate value to management



### **New Participation Models**

The Teamed Membership Model

The Association Model

Bundled Sectoral representation

Local Ambassadors



#### Actions we can take NOW

- Make more of our relationship with ICANN
  - 1. Data + Fellowship/other programs
  - 2. BC inputs on regional ICANN strategy
  - 3. Coordinated BC/ICANN outreach
- Make the BC more LA (and non-OECD) friendly
  - 1. Address language constraints directly
  - 2. Build opportunities for LA members Hear the BC



## New models, new participants – true integration of new markets into the BC

Smarter internally and stronger externally as the voice for global business