LACNIC and the Internet Society teamed up with the “Telecommunicatie Autoriteit Suriname/TAS” (Telecoms Regulator in Suriname) on 15 and 16 August 2013 to host a community building and technical assistance workshop for the establishment of an Internet Exchange Point (IXP) in Suriname. There were twenty two participants from Government, academia, telecommunications operators, Internet service providers (ISPs), the National Security Bureau, the E-Gov Department, and consumers. The workshop focused on IXP technical and business best practices, including challenges specifically applicable to the Surinamese community. This workshop should be seen as the first step towards assisting Suriname to achieve their objective of deploying an IXP in November 2013.

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**Next steps**
Suriname is committed to an operational IXP by 25 November 2013, their Independence Day. LACNIC and the Internet Society will be finalizing the Surinamese IXP assessment very soon, indicating the exact path to be followed to ensure that the IXP is operational by 25 November 2013. The assessment will include: a proposed business
model, IXP location, role of partners, equipment procurement, and management of the IXP.

Participants @ IXP Workshop Suriname

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