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Veteran business leader Ashwin (“Ash”) Rangan joined ICANN (the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) in March 2014. He currently serves as ICANN’s SVP, Engineering and Chief Information Officer (CIO). Ash is based in ICANN's Los Angeles hub office.

Throughout his career, Ash has driven global expansion. He has been at the forefront of innovation through the skillful leverage, use and implementation of Information Technology systems, processes, infrastructure and management. Prior to joining ICANN, he served as the CIO for a variety of companies in different Industry-verticals, including Edwards LifeSciences, MarketShare, Walmart Inc., Conexant Systems, and Rockwell International.

Ash has published 2 books on the subject of serving as a CIO: @2008 - Tomorrow's CIO - Strategic Conversations that align IT with the Board Room; and @2014 - The C-Suite CIO - Aligning Relationships with Senior Peers.

Ash serves on the Board of a few companies in Southern California. He also lends his time and talent to the Board of the American Red Cross in Orange County, California; and the Board of the University of California, Irvine's Center for Digital Transformation.

Ash holds a Master's degree from National Institute of Industrial Engineering in Mumbai, India; and a Bachelor's degree from the Bangalore University, India. He is a long-standing member of the International MENSA.

Besides English, Ash is fluent in Hindi, Kannada and Tamil. He has a working knowledge of French. And claims some fluency in Swahili. His wife and he, with their twenty-something twins, make a home for themselves in the heart of Orange County, California.