

A brief update for the month of April 2019, from the APRALO perspective



APRALO Newsletter, April 2019



APRALO Leadership during APAC Space @ICANN64.

ALAC Update

During the [At-Large Advisory Committee \(ALAC\) Monthly Call on 23 April](#), the ALAC discussed policy activities including current ALAC statements being drafted, a review of current ALS and Individual Member applications, the latest developments regarding the Third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) and At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG), as well as ICANN65 preparations and At-Large elections and selections.

During the call, the ALAC confirmed [Yrjö Lansipuro as Board Candidate Evaluation Committee \(BCEC\) Chair and Alan Greenberg as Board Member Selection Process Committee \(BMSPC\) Chair](#) for the upcoming Board Member Selection Process, 2019-2020. This is for Board Seat 15 and this position is selected by At-Large (ALAC Chairs and RALO Chairs).

The application period for the third At-Large Summit (ATLAS III) is now open till 31 May. ATLAS III is scheduled to take place 4-7 November 2019 during ICANN66 in Montreal. For more details, refer the the [ATLAS III Application Guidelines](#).

The ATLAS III Capacity Building Sub Group invites you to join the ATLAS III Webinars, running through the month of May. The webinars themselves are not mandatory, as participants can take them through ICANN Learn. Please visit the ATLAS III [Online Training Courses](#) page for more details.

The 2019 ALAC and RALO Elections, Selections and Appointments are underway.

APRALO Selection Timetable:

- 29 April 2019 - Announcement of call for nominations and Nominee's Statement.
- 29 April - 10 May 2019 - Nomination period (nominations accepted for 10 working days).
- 17 May 2019 - Deadline for nomination acceptances
- 20 May - 22 May 2019 - Calls with the candidates if desired by the RALOs.
- 23 May - 30 May 2019 - Elections (If required, elections will begin no later than one week after the deadline for nomination acceptances and end no later than two weeks after that deadline).
- 2019 AGM [ICANN 66] - Newly elected ALAC Members and RALOs Leaders shall be seated at the end of the 2019 AGM following the close of the Board Meeting on 7 November 2019.

Please see [2019 APRALO Regional Selections](#) for more information.

[Additional Budget Requests \(ABRs\)](#): RALOs had their request for RALO discretionary funding approved and At-Large had the request for up to 10 hours monthly of RTT services.

At-Large/ALAC Policy Comments & Advice

All of APRALO and the At-Large community are invited to contribute to ICANN public comment proceedings. For more information, please visit the [At-Large Policy Advice Development Page](#) or contact [At-Large staff](#).

Vote [Proposed Renewal of .asia Registry Agreement](#) 07 May 2019

Drafting [Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model](#) 04 June 2019

Drafting [Process Proposal for Streamlining Organizational Reviews](#) 15 July 2019

Have your say! To contribute to ALAC public comment, please comment on the wiki space or volunteer as penholder, and join the weekly [At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#) meetings.

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) submitted (2) policy statements:

Comment: [ALAC Statement on Registry Agreement Renewals .org, .biz and .info](#)
The ALAC generally refrained from commenting on these prior proposed Registry Agreement renewals, with the exception of the proposed renewal of the .NET Registry

Agreement in 2017. The ALAC in general favors standardizing Registry Agreements as this allows for transparency and predictability, as well as ease of review and compliance monitoring of one standard contract (with necessary but controlled variations through Addendums) instead of managing many disparate/varying contracts. Being supportive of this approach, the ALAC has not objected to the base Registry Agreement, or to its use in prior renewals.

In respect of the intent to standardize the said 3 proposed Registry Agreement renewals (.org, .biz, .info), the ALAC welcomes the following proposals:

- (i) inclusion of Public Interest Commitments (per Specification 11),
- (ii) inclusion of Minimum requirements for Rights Protection Mechanisms (per Specification 7),
- (iii) adoption of the Registry Code of Conduct (per Specification 9), and
- (iv) amendment of the relevant section in Specification 5 to govern the allocation of two-character labels at the second level to avoid confusion with corresponding country codes.

The ALAC also noted there are differences in opinion within At-Large regarding the omission and quantum of price caps.

Advice (sent to ICANN Board): [GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process \(EPDP\) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Policy Recommendations for ICANN Board Consideration](#)

The ALAC provided advice to the ICANN Board, noting significant concern related to three aspects of the EPDP Report. Specifically, the ALAC is concerned not only with the outcomes, but with the process that was followed to address the issues. All three impact the ability to access registration data and the completeness of that data, specifically: "to identify the appropriate balance for a path forward to ensure compliance with the GDPR while maintaining the existing WHOIS system to the greatest extent possible". The ALAC advises the ICANN Board to:

- Request that the issue of Thick WHOIS be discussed during the EPDP Phase 2 in light of the new legal opinion;
- Request that the issue of geographic differentiation be re-opened during the EPDP Phase 2 in light of the new legal opinion and the lack of considering the competing needs of privacy vs the benefits of non-redaction on cyber-security activities and that the ensuing discussion factor in the needs of those using the data for cyber-security and other legitimate purposes;
- Request that the issue of legal/natural differentiation be discussed during the EPDP Phase 2 explicitly considering the competing needs of those using the data for cybersecurity and other legitimate purposes;
- Initiate independent studies related to the implementation of geographic and legal/natural differentiation as well as the impact of the Temporary Specification implementation on cyber-security, or request that the EPDP Phase 2 commission such studies. If the latter, the Board should ensure adequate funding for such work.

See: [At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice](#)

See: [Executive Summaries: ALAC Policy Comments & Advice](#)

See: [Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#)

ICANN Update

This month, ICANN:

- Published a [staff report](#) on the public comment proceeding regarding the First Consultation on a Two-Year Planning Process.

- Published the [updated Domain Name Marketplace Indicators, which](#) provides statistics related to generic top-level domains (gTLDs) and country code top-level domains (ccTLDs).
- Announced the [NextGen application round for ICANN66, open until 10 May](#).
- [Made a call for participants for the Name Collision Analysis Project \(NCAP\) Discussion Group, open until 6 May](#).
- Announced they are [seeking to identify a provider to develop and maintain](#) a Technical Compliance Monitoring system by 14 May. The Technical Compliance Monitoring system is intended to enable the ICANN organization to help generic top-level domain (gTLD) registries and registrars ensure compliance with ICANN's consensus policies, as well as the provisions described in the 2017 gTLD Base Registry Agreement and the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (contracted parties' agreements).

APRALO Update

During the [APRALO Monthly call on 18 April](#), after welcoming new members, there were discussions on the At-Large Review Implementation and next steps, ALAC policy activity updates, APRALO Elections, as well as the 2019 ALAC and RALO Elections, Selections and Appointments, the ATLAS III: Participant Selection Process, and NomCom updates.

NomCom Update

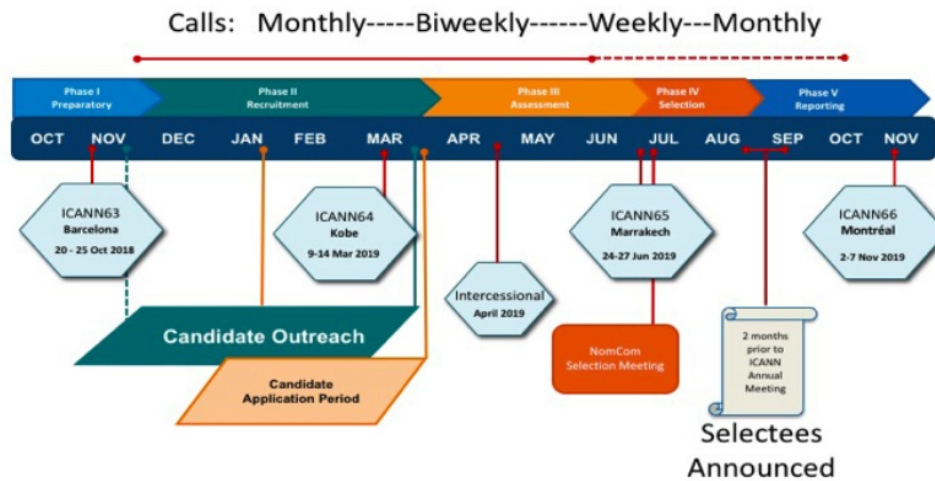
by Nadira Al-Araj, APRALO Delegate to the NomCom and Co-Chair of the Application Subcommittee

Post the closing of the application period for the open seats on the ICANN Board, PTI Board and Leadership positions, the ICANN NomCom support staff set up the new portal to make the information related to the candidates more accessible to the NomCom team for review.

Further, the face to face intercessional meeting of the NomCom took place in Los Angeles from 10-13 April, where the delegates reviewed and discussed each of the 128 applications. Post reviewing the applications the NomCom arrived at a list of 58 candidates, all of whom would be contacted for audio interviews to be concluded before 15 May. The candidates who would be shortlisted after this round would be invited to ICANN 65 for the final interviews/selection. For more details visit the 2019 NomCom website, for more information.

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ALS Highlights

CCAOI & ISOC Delhi organized a ICANN64 interactive discussion

Internet Society India Delhi Chapter and CCAOI organised the first ever interactive online discussion on ICANN 64 on 3 April, to discuss key highlights of the meeting with community members from the region who could not attend the meeting. The meeting was attended by over fifty community members from the region and moderated by Amrita Choudhury and Subhashish Panigrahi. The recording of the session is available [here](#) and the summary report [here](#).

Second face-to-face MAG meeting

On 9-11 April Lianna Galstyan attended the WSIS forum and the second F2F MAG meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland to advance the preparation process of the global IGF.



Lianna Galstyan at the second F2F MAG meeting.

ISOC Mumbai launches quarterly newsletter

ISOC India Mumbai Chapter launched the first volume of its quarterly newsletter on 17th April 2019. The first issue of the newsletter is based on the theme of "Women in leadership positions in Internet-based technology organisations". The newsletter celebrated the efforts and initiatives made by selected Chapters in Asia-Pacific (APAC)

region, as well as, other India Chapters in this direction. The newsletter also shared some interesting articles on latest developments in the world of technology in India and abroad. The newsletter can be viewed from this [link](#).

ISOC Armenia meets ccTLD Registrars

On 17 April ISOC Armenia hosted a meeting with .am/.huq ccTLD registrars to discuss emerging policy and administrative issues pertaining domain name registrations. Also mentioned that such meetings would be continuous to promote a solid working relationship.



ISOC Armenia met with ccTLD Registrars.

ISOC Armenia celebrates Girls in ICT Day

On 25 April, #GirlsInICT Day Internet Society Armenia Chapter organized an informative seminar on Cyber Hygiene or how to stay safe in Internet. The seminar took place at one of the suburb school of Yerevan, Armenia. The event hosted around 200 schoolgirls, their mothers and the school staff. The most common types of cyber attacks were represented as well the basics to recognize and avoid them. Young participants were active in their questions encouraged by the dynamic format of the meeting.



Girls in ICT Day with ISOC Armenia.

ISOC Armenia celebrates the Intellectual Property Day

On 26 April, the international Intellectual Property Day, ISOC Armenia co-organized an IP&IT Contest for students from various Universities of Armenia. Among the winners

was an Armenian IG School alumni.



Intellectual Property Day activities.

ISOC Mumbai organizes a webinar on IG in APAC: The role of ICANN

ISOC India Mumbai,organised a webinar on 'Internet Governance in Asia Pacific Region:The role of Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers' where Samiran Gupta,Head of India,ICANN was the guest speaker.The conversation was followed by an interactive discussion. The webinar was attended by nearly thirty people from the region.The recording is available [here](#).

Upcoming Events and Other Announcements



- The [ICANN65 Policy Forum](#) will be held in Marrakech, Morocco from 24-27 June 2019.
- The Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on IG 2019 (MEAC-SIG 2019) will be held in Rabat, Morocco from 8-12 July 2019.
- [10th Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum \(APrIGF\)](#) will be held from 16-19 July 2019 in Vladivostok, Russia.
- The fourth edition of India School of Internet Governance ([inSIG 2019](#)) will be held from 15-17 November in Kolkata, India

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