

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



APRALO Newsletter, August 2019



Members of the APRALO Leadership Team (LT) @ APRIGF 2019. From (L-R): Lianna Galstyan,

ICANN Update



ICANN66 Prep Week will take place 14-17 October.

This month, ICANN:

- Published the [ICANN65 Fellowship Program Post-Meeting Report](#), which was authored by ICANN65 Fellows to provide an overview of the ICANN65 Fellowship process.
- Published the [Accountability and Transparency Review \(ATR3\) Survey for community Input](#) by 13 September.
- Announced the selection of [China Internet Network Information Center \(CNNIC\)](#), the [Canadian Internet Registration Authority \(CIRA\)](#), and [Nominet](#) as its Emergency Back-end Registry Operator (EBERO) providers.
- [Co-organized](#) the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) in Seoul, South Korea from 12 - 16 August.
- Announced the [ICANN 2019 Leaders selected by the Nominating Committee](#).

In addition, ICANN will host a webinar on [Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model](#), on 11 September 23:00 UTC and 12 September 16:00 UTC.

ALAC/At-Large Update

During the ALAC Monthly Meeting on [27 August](#), incoming ALAC leaders were welcomed.

This was followed by a discussion on At-Large policy activity including recently ratified ALAC statements and responses to ICANN Public Comments currently being drafted.

In addition, there was a review of At-Large membership applications, an update on the At-Large Review Implementation (ARIWG), ATR3 survey, Board Seat 15 Election, ATLAS III, ICANN66 schedule and a preview of At-Large in 2020.

During the meeting, the ALAC endorsed the BCEC and BMSPC members, and announced Kaili Kan as the ALAC Representative on the IANA Naming Function

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](#).

Current Statements (ALAC Advice, Comment or Correspondence):

Drafting [Next Steps to Improve the Effectiveness of ICANN's Multistakeholder Model](#) 14 October

Comment [CPWG SubPro Comment](#) (ongoing workspace)

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 (5) policy statements:

[Proposed Definition of Name Collisions and Scope of Inquiry for the Name Collisions Analysis Project](#)

The ALAC considers the issue of Name Collision in the DNS an area of importance for the minimization of unintended consequences for Internet end users. The ALAC appreciates the need to have a Name Collision definition for purposes of scoping the inquiry for the Name Collision Analysis Project (NCAP), in order for the NCAP Study One to be manageable and on point, and therefore supports the Proposed Definition of Name Collision and Scope of Inquiry for the Name Collision Analysis Project of 1 July 2019. Of particular importance to us are:

- (1) The recognition and inclusion of Type B situations (ie. B. In scope but not intended to be the subject of data studies) which provides built-in peripheral consideration of such situations with decision for examination through data analysis at a later stage if a compelling case were to arise within Study One; and*
- (2) The possibility of amending the Definition of Name Collision and Scope of Inquiry for the Name Collision Analysis Project should further pertinent information come to light at a later stage either through the ongoing work of the NCAP DG, NCAP Working Party and/or input obtained from the party/ies eventually contracted to undertake NCAP Study One.*

[Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System](#)

The ALAC strongly supports the overall proposal and appreciates the opportunity to comment. The RSS, according to RRSAC37, needs to evolve so it remains a reliable, resilient, and sustainable service in the face of increasing traffic and cyberattacks. However, the ALAC finds it difficult to accept that ICANN is not considered a primary stakeholder with regard to the RSS, given that the Domain Name System and its reliable and trusted operation is a prime reason for ICANN's existence. The ALAC also encourages that Internet users, the ultimate user and beneficiary of the DNS, should be listed as having a stake in the existence and evolution of the RSS.

The financial model is also of some concern to the ALAC. No figures are provided to allow even order-of-magnitude estimates. It is surely time that we begin to understand exactly what level of funding will be required and hypothesize on where such funding will come from.

[Draft Financial Assumptions & Projections and Operating Initiatives for the](#)

development of Fiscal Years 2021-2025 Operating & Financial Plan

The ALAC considered the Draft Financial Assumptions, Projections and Operating Initiatives, and offered comments on the following topics among others:

- The ALAC is not optimistic that Financial Assumptions A (Roll-out of New gTLDs) and B (New Business Models - Geographic gTLDs and Brand gTLDs) will be highly successful vehicles to new revenue. Although the first round of new gTLDs did bring in considerable revenue, the ALAC notes that these earlier rounds represented the "low hanging fruit" in the new gTLD market.
- The ALAC agrees that ICANN continue to put money towards the an urgent need to resolve current challenges around Universal Acceptance, as well as the primary strategic goal of security, stability and trust.
- The ALAC agrees that work which needs to be done on evolving the multistakeholder system is substantial and complex and that it must be ongoing with adequate resources directed towards its completion. The objectives related to diverse and inclusive participation in policy making in an efficient and effective way are essential to improving the system, underlining that face-to-face meetings are essential to the functioning of the multistakeholder model.
- The ALAC/At-Large community propose some clarity via a listing of priorities and statements on the impact of each project on ICANN org and on each of the unique ACs and SOs. The community believes that while policy development and implementation activities are integral to the planning process, so are other activities, such as those that enable communication, collaboration, and outreach, between RALOS, At-Large members and other constituencies.

Proposed IANA SLAs for Publishing LGRs/IDN Tables

The ALAC supports the recommendations of the CSC and PTI for the proposed IANA SLAs for publishing the LGRs/IDN Tables.

Fundamental Bylaws Amendment Proposal - IANA Naming Function Review

The ALAC supported the current version of the ICANN Bylaws Section 18.7(a) and 18.7(b), but understands that it has now proven to be difficult to implement. The ALAC agrees that the proposed change preserves the intent of the original Fundamental Bylaw and supports the change. Subject to any new information being brought to the ALAC's attention, the current intention is that the ALAC will support this Fundamental Bylaw change when it is presented to the Empowered Community.

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

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

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

ATLAS III Update



by Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair

Many APRALO members will be attending ATLAS III at ICANN66 in Montreal, Canada. There will be at least 19 travellers who were selected from the Asia Pacific region from among the 60 travellers who were selected globally. That was a great achievement and it means that APRALO is going to continue to be the forward thinking RALO that we have gained a reputation for within the global RALO network. The purpose of ATLAS III is different from the earlier two ATLAS meetings that have been held. This has been specifically limited to people who are committed to spreading the word in their regions about the importance of ICANN and its work. There will also be a focus on policy development in ICANN and why this policy is important to end-users like all of us. We need more people to understand that ICANN doesn't meet for the sake of it, the policy that is developed to ensure that ICANN achieves its mission.

The mission of ICANN is to coordinate the stable operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems. In particular, ICANN:

1. Coordinates the allocation and assignment of three sets of unique identifiers for the Internet:
 - Domain names (forming a system referred to as "DNS");
 - Internet protocol (IP) addresses and autonomous system (AS) numbers; and
 - Protocol port and parameter numbers.
2. Coordinates the operation and evolution of the DNS's root name server system.

Although we won't be looking at the mission specifically, it is important that APRALO members understand what their role is within At-Large. It is our job to help ICANN carry out its obligation to the Internet community.

The ATLAS III organising team has been working really hard to make sure that the program is going to be both interesting and fun. ALAC and Leadership Team members will also be joining in with the ATLAS. They will bring some of their own experience into the break-out sessions where groups will be discussing a particularly important issue for ICANN and bringing different community perspectives to a major debate. There will be some preparatory work in the weeks before the meeting - not too much but something to prepare you for the discussions. I'm sure that our APRALO participants will do well. I can't remember how many weeks to go, but it's not that long and to prepare for both the trip and the ATLAS event. I look forward to seeing those of you who are in the ATLAS team, in Montreal in November.

Please visit the ATLAS III Workspace [here](#).

APRALO Update

The APRALO Monthly Meeting was held on [22 August](#).

The call featured an update on new ALS and individual members, the announcement of NomCom 2019 Leadership selections, and the Board member selection process committee (BMSPC) and BCEC appointments.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr presented an update on progress of the At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG) and ALAC policy activity.

From the APRALO perspective, there was an update on the Extraterritorial Legislation Working Group, APRALO's next General Assembly (GA), an ATLAS III update from Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair, and an update on APSIG 2019, APriGF 2019 and APIGA 2019 meetings from Satish Babu.

NomCom Update

by Nadira AL-Araj, APRALO Delegate to the 2019 NomCom

On 19 August 2019, the ICANN 2019 Nominating Committee was pleased to announce selections for the ten leadership positions mandated for the team this year. These selectees will begin their terms after the ICANN66 Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2-7 November 2019 in Montréal, Canada.

You can find the selectees and their bios [here](#).

Congratulations to all selectees and thanks to all candidates that applied.

The NomCom Report and the Chair message can be found [here](#).

The 360 Peer Reviews are also available on the NomCom page.

APSIG Update

The fourth edition of APSIG was convened at AIT, Bangkok, during 7-10 July 2019. The event had a total of about 50 participants and speakers, and covered sessions on emerging topics in Internet Governance, ranging from AI/ML Governance, Social Media Governance, and Cybersecurity, in addition to the traditional topics such as names, numbers and protocol parameters.

APSIG has recently adopted its bylaws which were created through a bottom-up, community-driven process, and also conducted its elections. It is notable that the first Executive Committee of APSIG has significant representation from the APRALO community. The newly-elected EC members are Satish Babu (Chair), Mubashir Sargana & Dr Govind (Vice Chairs), Shreedeeep Rayamajhi (Secretary) and Nadira AlAraj (Treasurer).

The 2020 APSIG edition of APSIG is scheduled to be held at Kathmandu, just after the APriGF Meeting there in May 2020.



APSIG 2019.

APIGA Update

The fourth edition of the Asia-Pacific Academy on Internet Governance (APIGA), co-hosted by the Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA) and ICANN, and co-sponsored by the Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT); Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC); Internet Society (ISOC); DotAsia Organisation; Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Name Association (APTLD); Korea Internet Governance Alliance (KIGA); Japan Registry Services (JPRS); and Taiwan Network Information Center (TWNIC), was organized at Seoul, South Korea, during 12-16 Aug 2019. The program saw 53 participants from 19 countries in APAC come together for intensive interactions and learning.

Wide-ranging discussions at APIGA2019 included the Multistakeholder model and its evolution, data protection legislation, Cybersecurity, AI Governance, and IDNs & Universal Acceptance. The mock ICANN meetings provided a great means of experiencing the multistakeholder process for participants. The event was widely covered in tweets, pictures, FB/IG posts and blogs.



Glimpses from APIGA 2019.

APRALO Vice Chair Interview on Bahrain TV

by Ali Almeshal, APRALO Vice Chair

On the interview on Bahraini TV, I discussed the credit card industry and explained differences between various cards - i.e., credit cards, debit cards and pre-paid cards.

I also elaborated on the benefits and risks of using the cards, including face to face environments vs online (e-commerce) business transactions. This included detailing fraud and risks associated with online shopping, and how to ensure you are navigating a trusted and secure website, verifying that it is not a fake domain name.



Ali Almeshal providing insight on Bahraini TV.

ALS Highlights

CCAOI & The Dialogue Stakeholder Consultation on Enabling a Progressive Privacy Regime

The Dialogue & CCAOI conducted a Stakeholder Consultation "Enabling a Progressive Privacy Regime: Discussing the Road Ahead" on 5 August. The consultation was divided into two sessions. The first session revolved around 'Global Technology Development: Privacy and Data Protection' while the second session discussed Privacy and Security risks of Digital Payments. The event was well attended by over 80 community members. The report of the event can be viewed [here](#).

Fifth edition of pkSIG successfully concludes in Quetta

21-23 August 2019, Quetta

The fifth edition of pkSIG was organized from 21-23 August at National Incubation Centre, Quetta. A total of 60 participants (33% female) and 15 speakers participated in the school. The Programme featured lectures /discussions covering political, legal, economic, socio-cultural, technological and other dimensions of the Internet Governance. In addition to theoretical sessions, role play on Privacy and its societal implications was also conducted. Mr. Tariq Qamar Baloch, Secretary IT, Government of Balochistan presided over the closing ceremony and distributed shields/certificates among participants.

pkSIG2019 received support and sponsorship from Cybernet, Facebook, Multinet, Asia Pacific Alliance for Schools and Academies for Internet Governance (APASA), E-Commerce Gateway Pakistan, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA), Internet Society Asia-Pacific Bureau and Internet Society Pakistan Islamabad Chapter.



pkSIG2019

Internet Society Mumbai in collaboration with Delhi Chapter organizes Round Table discussion on DNS

Internet Society India Mumbai Chapter in collaboration with Delhi Chapter, organized an online round-table discussion on Domain Name System (DNS) on 17 August. The panelists for the session included Professor Rodney D. Ryder, Partner with Scriboard; Mr. Manmeet Pal Singh, CEO, Reappoint Internet and Vice-President, ISOC Delhi Chapter and Mr. Vinay Murarka: Partner, V2technosys. The session saw the panelists introducing the various facets and nuances of DNS to the participants. They deliberated upon the issues ranging from evolution of DNS system to issues of security and property and trademark in DNS to DNS squatting. The panel discussion saw a healthy participation from various ISOC chapter representatives, ICANN APRALO Community, Internet Governance professions, Technology enthusiasts, academicians, researchers and students. The livestream recording of the session can be viewed [here](#).

Upcoming Events and Other Announcements



- The [ICANN66 Annual General Meeting \(AGM\)](#) will be held in Montreal, Canada from 02-07 November 2019.
- The [Third At-Large Summit \(ATLAS III\)](#) will take place during ICANN66, from 04-07 November 2019. Staff have submitted the travel database for the ATLAS III travelers. A call of the Program Committee is being planned for the week of 22 July. They will advance their work on developing the details of the case study of the ATLAS III focusing on EPDP Phase 1.
- The third edition of Armenian School of Internet Governance ([ArmSIG2019](#)) will be held on 11-13 September in Yerevan, Armenia.
- 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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