



## APRALO Newsletter, January 2019



*The APRALO family during ICANN60 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Abu Dhabi, October 2017.*

**The APRALO Monthly Newsletter is now one year old.  
On our first anniversary, our leaders share their thoughts.**



**Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair**

Congratulations APRALO - for providing ICANN with 12 months of exciting APRALO news in 2018. It was a great achievement. We look forward to another year of great outreach within our region by our active ALSes and hopefully a new set of contributors from APRALO to At-Large policy comments and discussions.



**Satish Babu, APRALO Chair**

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish the entire APRALO community a very productive year ahead. APRALO is looking forward to enhanced participation from our community, both in responding to ICANN policy and in building and enhancing our community.



**Lianna Galstyan, APRALO Vice Chair**

Throughout the year, we worked on a lot of issues within the ICANN community, and shared activities at the local level. We welcomed new ALS and Individual members. We are truly champions in new initiatives, and inspire other regions in many ways. Continue rocking, #APRALO!



**Nadira Al-Araj, APRALO Delegate to the NomCom**

Congratulations to APRALO for successfully completing one year of its community driven initiative of the monthly newsletter. Special thanks go to the curator and all contributors for updating the community on regular basis. The newsletter has proved to be a great tool for me during my outreach activities as a member of the NomCom. While APRALO is the most diverse region among all RALOs, this newsletter provides

a common ground for its community to share and learn about each other's achievements.

## 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](#).

The ALAC is currently developing (4) responses to public comment proceedings:

[Comment ICANN Draft FY20 Operating Plan and Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update](#) 08 February 2019

[Comment ICANN Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021 - 2025](#) 11 February 2019

[Drafting Updated Operating Standards for Specific Reviews](#) 11 February 2019

[Comment First Consultation on a 2-Year Planning Process](#) 20 February 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 comments in January:

[Work Track 5 on Geographic Names at the Top Level - Supplemental Initial Report of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process](#)

The ALAC notes that there has yet to be a discussion about whether any new gTLDs are needed. In case of an expansion, first and foremost, (1) strings with geographic connotations should not present harm (eg. risk for confusion) to end-users and (2) end-users, as residents of a given geographic entity, should have a say, through their governments or public authorities, in how its name is used. The ALAC prefers preventative protection mechanisms for country, territory, sub-national place and capital names. In the case of non-capital city names, there is a balanced support within the ALAC for either (1) requiring support or a non-objection letter from the relevant authority only if the applicant intends to use the TLD primarily for purposes associated with the city or (2) requiring support or a non-objection letter in any case. As to the 2012 AGB, ALAC thinks that its final version generally worked well and supports, in general, its treatment of geographic names.

[Application for New Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy \(UDRP\) Dispute-Resolution Service Provider](#)

The ALAC strongly supports the proposal for a new UDRP Dispute Resolution Provider, viewing it beneficial to the interests of all Internet end users, particularly to domain name registrants.

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

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

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

During the month of January, ICANN:

- Published the [Second Security and Stability Advisory Committee \(SSAC2\) Review](#);
- Published the SSAC Final Report, including an assessment of the SSAC, comprised of 22 findings and 30 recommendations for improving its operations;
- Published an [ICANN Organization Memo on the Implementation of the Procedure for Release of Two-Character Labels and Standard Measures to Avoid Confusion with Corresponding Country Codes](#), and the [Historical Overview of Events Regarding Two-Character Labels at the Second Level in the New gTLD Namespace](#);
- Published a [recording of a recent discussion](#) on Consumer Safeguards in the Domain Name System (DNS), along with a [presentation](#).
- The [ICANN Board announced the creation of a Working Group on Anti-Harassment](#).
- ICANN announced the [2019 Middle East DNS Forum \(MEDNSF\)](#) will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 20-21 February 2019, and hosted by the [Telecommunications Regulatory Authority \(TRA\)](#) of the UAE. The sixth MEDNSF will be held in conjunction with another regional event, the [75th Meeting of the Asia Pacific Top-Level Domain Association \(APTLD75\)](#).

## ALAC Update

During the month of January, the ALAC:

- Held their monthly call on 22 January. They [discussed](#) ALAC policy activity, reviewed current ALS and Individual member applications, and At-Large leaders delivered [reports](#). There were also discussions regarding the F2F meeting of EPDP; an update on the ICANN FY20 Budget, such as [FY20 Additional Budget Requests \(ABRs\)](#); next steps on ATLAS III and planning for ICANN64.

## APRALO Update

**View the APRALO 2018 Yearbook [here!](#)**

The APRALO Monthly Call was held on 17 January. APRALO [discussed](#) the 2018 [APRALO Yearbook](#) and [outreach and engagement activities](#) for the ICANN64 Community Forum at Kobe.

There was also an update on the [APRALO Policy Hot Topics for 2019](#) from the related survey, and a presentation from ALS Rayznews on their community engagement initiatives.

## NomCom Update

**Nadira AL Araj, APRALO Delegate to the NomCom**

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visit the 2019 NomCom [online portal for candidate applications](#).

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- 3** At-Large Advisory Committee
- 2** GNSO Council
- 1** ccNSO Council
- 1** PTI Board of Directors

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Nominating Committee

We encourage interested candidates to read the job descriptions and qualification criteria on the NomCom [webpage](#). Please note the deadline to submit applications is 18 March 2019 at 23:59 Universal Coordinated Time (UTC).

For an update on NomCom activities please read this recent blog from the Communications subcommittee [here](#).

We hope you will help us in our outreach by [suggesting](#) suitable candidates from your own network.

## ALS Highlights

### **CCAOI & ISOC Delhi organized a webinar on the [Indian Intermediary Guidelines \(Amendment\) Rules 2018](#)**

[CCAOI](#) and ISOC Delhi jointly organized an interactive webinar on the "[The Information Technology \[Intermediary Guidelines \(Amendment\) Rules 2018\]](#)", to encourage members and Indian stakeholders to understand and submit their comments on the proposed draft rules. The draft rules seek to modify existing regulations on due diligence which the intermediaries need to adhere to, while discharging their duties as per Section 79(2)(c) of the Information Technology Act, 2000. The session was moderated by [Subhashish Panigrahi](#), Chapter Development Manager APAC, Internet Society and [Amrita Choudhury](#), Treasurer Delhi Chapter and Director CCAOI. The speakers in the session were [Shashank Misra](#), Senior Associate, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., [Nehaa Chaudhari](#), Public Policy Lead, Ikigai Law, [Paul Brooks](#), Chair Internet Australia, [Arjun Sinha](#), Tech Lawyer and [Gurshabad Grover](#), Policy Officer, CIS India. The webinar was attended by nearly fifty people. For more details visit this [link](#).

### **Update from Lianna Galstyan**

Lianna Galstyan, serving her second term as a MAG member, participated in the [IGF 2019 First Open Consultations and MAG Meeting](#) held between 28-30 January in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting discussed the inputs received from the wider community, took stock of the IGF 2018 and discussed the process and upcoming work towards the [IGF 2019](#) to be held on 25-29 November, 2019 in Berlin, Germany.

## Upcoming Events and Other Announcements

# ICANN 64 KOBE

The ICANN64 Community Forum in Kobe, Japan will be held from 9 -14 March 2019. Please refer to the [At-Large ICANN64 workspace](#) for At-Large activities.

Workshop Proposals are now open for [APrIGF Vladivostok 2019](#), to be held from 16-19 July at Far Eastern University in Vladivostok. The overarching theme this year is, "Ensuring a Safe, Secure, and Universal Internet for All in Asia Pacific". The last date to [submit](#) workshop proposals is 18 March 2019 at 24:00 UTC.

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