APRALO Newsletter, July 2019

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

ICANN Update

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This month, ICANN:

- Published the Post-ICANN65 Policy Report
- Announced successful candidates for the ICANN66 Fellowship and NextGen@ICANN66
- Released the third version of Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone (RZ-LGR-3)
- Sought to identify a contractor to perform the research, analysis, and writing necessary to produce Study 1 of the Name Collision Analysis Project (NCAP)
- Invited community members to participate in the annual APAC survey, which closed on 1 Aug
- Invited community applications for the ICANN67 Fellowship Round, closing on 18 Aug.

ALAC/At-Large Update

The ALAC has selected 5/5 of the ALAC Delegates to the NomCom for the 2020-2021 term. They are:

AFRALO Hadia Elminiawi
APRALO Amrita Choudhury
EURALO Erich Schweighofer
LACRALO Tracy Hackshaw
NARALO Glenn McKnight

The ALAC held a well-attended At-Large Briefing Webinar on the topic of At-Large Briefing Webinar on GDD Operational Preparation on 8 August. Presenters were Trang Nyguyen and Jonathan Zuck. Xavier Calvez, Ashwin Rangan, and Christine

Willet also responded to a number of questions. Next steps include an At-Large session on the same topic during ICANN66.

The [ALAC monthly call was held on 30 July](#). The agenda included an update on policy advice issues currently being developed, updates on ATLAS III, the At-Large Review Implementation and planning for ICANN66. Leon Sanchez, the Board Director selected by At-Large (Seat 15), provided an update on issues before the Board. Information on the start of the Seat 15 election process were announced.
The [ALT-PLUS Meeting on 24 July](#) featured a debrief and review of At-Large Action Items from ICANN65, including the ongoing At-Large Universal Acceptance (UA) Pilot in collaboration with the UASG, ARIWG and ATLAS III next steps, an update on Board Seat 15, as well as planning for ICANN66.

A call for members to the Board Candidate Evaluation Committee (BCEC) and the Board Member Selection Process Committee (BMSPC) was sent.

The Sub-Committee on Outreach and Engagement held a call on 31 July.
The agenda included updates from the RALO co-chairs on outreach and engagement activities, a review of outreach during ICANN65 and plans for improving the process of collecting and following up with contacting people interested in joining At-Large. Also, initial plans for the 2019 IGF were discussed, including plans for the shared booth, the QR code and its materials, and promotional items.

ATLAS III preparation is advancing. The ATLAS III Selection Committee [selected At-Large members](#) to be eligible to seek travel support to the ATLAS III, taking place this November during ICANN66. Two Program group meetings were held, one with David Kolb, the facilitator. Plans for preparation of the case study on the EPDP Phase 1 were made. Another call focused on the ATLAS III schedule. There will be a series of ATLAS III plenaries followed by break out sessions. All ATLAS III will be asked to participate in the EPDP Phase 2 Plenary and the GAC meeting with the Board as learning exercises. A live feed of these two meetings into the main ATLAS III room is being explored. David Kolb will join a call of the ATLAS III Organizing Committee the week of 19 August to discuss the At-Large Leadership ATLAS III prep session to be held on Sunday, 3 November before the start of ATLAS III on Monday, 4 November. A set of readings and webinars for ATLAS III participants will be planned for late September or early October. All ATLAS III supported travelers were sent a set of expected activities during ATLAS III.

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 Post-ICANN65 Policy Report is now available! Read [here](#).

(2) informal comments are being drafted regarding:

Comment [CPWG SubPro Comment](#)
Drafting [SAC 105 Comment](#)

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.

Read the Post-ICANN65 Policy Report [here](#).

See: [At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice](#)
See: [Executive Summaries: ALAC Policy Comments & Advice](#)
See: [Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)](#)

APRALO Update

During the APRALO monthly call on 4 July, there was a discussion on the At-Large Review Implementation (ARIWG) by Cheryl Langdon Orr; At-Large policy updates, including the Public Comment on Evolving ICANNs Multistakeholder Model, as well as a discussion on the APRALO elections and discussion on ATLAS III.

The next [APRALO monthly call](#) will be held on 22 August at 06:00 UTC.

NomCom Update

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

Members of the 2019 NomCom are going through 360 Peer Review survey feedback. The results of these 360 degree evaluations will be published on the NomCom webpage once the term of the current Nomination Committee ends.

APRIGF

APRALO @ APRIGF 2019

APRALO was well represented by its leadership team at the 10th Asia Pacific Regional IGF (APRIGF) meeting held in Vladivostok, Russia from 16-19 July. Satish, Lianna, Nadira and Maureen represented the At-Large community in their various national (and ALS) capacities in a variety of workshops and plenary sessions each day.

(L-R): Lianna, Satish, Maureen and Nadira @ APRIGF 2019.

On Day 0, Satish and Maureen participated in the Capacity Building session for new Fellows and youth participants. Maureen presented about the ALAC, while Satish presented about APRALO. Satish also introduced one of the five thematic topics of APRIGF, "Evolving Role of Internet Governance & Multistakeholder Participation".

During Days 1-4, each of the leaders participated in a range of policy topics including Digital Accessibility, eGovernment, Misinformation, Community Networks, the Future of Internet and Universality of DNS.

Satish, Lianna and Nadira at the workshop on DNS, IDNs and UASG.

The leadership also held a meeting with APRIGF leaders and MAG Members to explore the possibility of holding the APRALO General Assembly together with APRIGF in 2022.

ALS Activity @ APRIGF2019

PICISOC

Maureen, Jon Brewer, Anju Mangal and James Ahwai participated in person in the meeting. James was a panelist in the Opening Plenary on "The State of Play and Outlook for Internet Governance in the Asia Pacific", while Anju moderated the final Plenary on APRIGF "Multistakeholder Participation in the Global IGF". Maureen participated in the Digital Accessibility panel along with the moderator Rajnesh Singh (former PICISIC Chair) and Maureen moderated a workshop on how eGovernment can help to empower Pacific citizens, as a followup to an earlier session on eGovernment at the Vanuatu APRIGF in 2018. Others speakers from PICISOC were Anju and Cherie Lagakali (remotely) as well as Chengetai Masango from the IGF Secretariat.

ISOC Nepal

Babu Ram Aryal, Founder and Past President of the Internet Society Nepal Chapter, an APRALO ALS member, was an active contributor to APRIGF 2019 in Vladivostok, Russia, contributing at various workshops and discussions: On the Zero Day he briefed on the importance of fellowship and mentorship, spoke at the Digital Accessibility Plenary Session, highlighted the importance of the accessibility for persons with disabilities; in the workshop "The Future of Digital Identity and Human Rights" he shared on the risk of digital identity from privacy and human rights perspectives; moderated sessions on child protection complaint tools and on "Language Diversity in Asia-Pacific: Challenges towards Digital Dividends". He also spoke on the legal and ethical perspective of Artificial Intelligence and participated in the Community Network workshop.

Santosh Singdel, the immediate Past President of the Chapter, participated in the BOF session on child protection, sharing the Nepal Perspective.

Since ISOC Nepal will be co-hosting the next edition of APrIGF 2020 in Nepal along with lead host Internet Governance Institute and other collaborating partners, Babu briefed the community about preparation related to Nepal.

CCAOI Workshop

Amrita Choudhury from CCAOI organised a workshop on Misinformation, "Coping with Misinformation in an Era of Information Deluge: Who is Responsible?" The session was moderated by Eun Chang Chen. The speakers in the session included Nadira, Babu Ram Aryal, Rajnesh Singh, Shita Lakshmi and Amrita.

ALS Highlights

ISOC Delhi Chapter and ICRIER Organizes an ICANN65 Readout

Internet Society India Delhi Chapter along with ICRIER organised the ICANN65 Readout on 16 July. The session was attended by 30 people remotely and around 10 in person. JiaRong Low, ICANN GSE, provided an overview of ICANN65. Amrita Choudhury spoke on the Evolution of the Multistakeholder Model from the ALAC perspective; Anupam Agarwal presented an overview on Root Server Governance, Ujjwal Krishna shared GAC updates and spoke on the .AMAZON case; Dr. Ajay Data shared updates on the Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG); Brajesh Jain shared the NomCom updates; Akriti Bopanna shared Human Rights updates, Jay Paudyal spoke on the Fellowship, while Ihita G shared NextGen updates. This was followed by an interactive discussion.

Third IGF Afghanistan Successfully Concludes in Kabul

The third Internet Governance Forum Afghanistan (IGFA) 2019 took place in Kabul,

Afghanistan between 7-9 July. Internet Society Afghanistan is one of the main stakeholders of this event. The event was preceded by a one day pre-School of Internet Governance (AFSIG 2018), pre-Youth IGF Afghanistan, and pre-TechWomen 2.0, a summit of women in technology by TechWomen.Asia, known as called Day 0 of the IGFA. The key issues discussed were Access and Diversity, Cyber Security, Youth and Gender and emerging issues. Over 500 participants, including technical professionals, academia, civil society, business, government officials, students and youth had participated in the event. The conference provided simultaneous interpretation in English, Pashto and Dari and had remote participation available.

The IGFA Team.

2019 (18th) China Internet Conference Held in Beijing

Internet Society of China (ISC) organised the 18th China Internet Conference in Beijing from 9-11 July. The event was attended by more than 500 speakers and 30,000 representatives from the government sector, Internet companies, civil society and academic institutions, and news media. The 3-day CIC conference discussed a wide range of hot topics such as 5G, IPv6, AI, financial technology, Internet talent, Internet education, Internet security and governance, intellectual property protection, prevention and governance of telecommunications network fraud, personal information and data protection. These topics were intensively discussed in 29 sub-forums. Mr. Zhao Houlin, Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), delivered a video addressing to the conference. Mr. Chen Zhaoxiong, Vice Minister of Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), Mr. Ren Zhiwu, Deputy Secretary-General of the National Development and Reform Commission, and Mr. Yin Yong, Deputy Mayor of Beijing attended the opening ceremony and delivered opening remarks. Mr. Wu Hequan, President of ISC, delivered a welcome speech and expressed a warm welcome and gratitude to those who give strong support to ISC.

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Birth of the Internet and the 25th Anniversary of China's Access to the Internet.

Opening Ceremony of the 2019 CIC.

During the CIC 2019 meeting an **IGF-China initiative was launched** by CAICT (the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology) and ISC. The first IGF-China Meeting is expected to take place in 2020.

Another event held during CIC 2019 was the **China International Governance on Cyberspace Forum.** This was jointly organized by ISC and CAICT (the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology) on 11 July. Ms. Pei Wei, Deputy Secretary General of ISC, and Mr. He Fangbei, Official from Office on Cyber Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, delivered opening remarks at the forum. Multistakeholder representatives and experts were invited to give keynote speeches on international governance in cyberspace, including the ISC, ICANN, Tsinghua University, Peking University, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, China Institute of International Studies, and Tencent Inc. A wide range of topics were discussed and insights shared at the forum, such as "The Framework of International Governance on Cyberspace", "The Game of Data Cross-border Flow", "Challenges and Opportunities of Multi-stakeholder Governance Model", "The Dilemma and Breakdown of International Governance of Cyberspace", "Data Competition and Personal Information Protection", and "Challenges and Trends of International Governance on Cyberspace".

Pictures from the event.

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 Fellowship for the fourth edition of the Indian School of Internet Governance (InSIG 2019) closed on 01 August 2019. For more details on the event please visit their website.
- 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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