APRALO Newsletter, June 2019

APRALO Leadership during APAC Space @ICANN64.

ICANN65 Update

The ICANN65 Policy Forum was held from 24-27 June in Marrakech, Morocco.

There were 173 public sessions attended by 1,165 participants, including 32 Fellows, 12 NextGen and 3 NextGen Ambassadors. Kurt Pritz was awarded the 2019 ICANN Multistakeholder Ethos Award.

Please read the Post-ICANN65 Policy Report, including ALAC/At-Large activity, here.

Read the latest blog by Cherine Chalaby, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors, for a rundown of ICANN65 and the pre-meeting Board Workshop.

The GAC Communique of the meeting is available here.

ALAC/At-Large @ICANN65 Update

The ALAC/At-Large community had a busy schedule full of policy activity during ICANN65.

The ALAC held a joint outreach session on policy with the Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC), and a joint session with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). In addition, sessions regarding the following policy topics and related activity took place:

- At-Large Hot Topics Document draft and next steps
- At-Large Capacity Building Workshop - An Introduction to Policy Development at ICANN

- [At-Large policy workshop on WT5 Geo Names](#)
- [Universal Acceptance Kickoff](#)
- [Policy debrief of ICANN65](#)
- [Capacity Building Workshops on Cybersecurity and Consumer Safeguards](#)
- [At-Large Review and ATLAS III updates](#)
- [At-Large Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee meeting](#)
- [Joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting](#)
- [ALAC and RALO Leadership working sessions](#)
- [Reports from Regional Chairs](#)
- [Planning for ICANN66](#)

In addition, several topics of regional importance were discussed at ICANN65, including emerging identifier technologies (DoH/DoT), preparations for a New Round of gTLDs, EPDP Phase II, and an ICANN Empowered Community briefing.

Finally, there was an At-Large dinner on 26 June. Several ICANN Board members attended, as well as the ICANN Board Chairman, Cherine Chalaby. It was a great occasion for At-Large to engage with one another as well as other members of ICANN org. The APRALO community was there in force!

Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair (L) with members of the APRALO and wider At-Large community.

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](#).

Drafting [Fundamental Bylaws Amendment Proposal - IANA Naming Function Review](#) 26 July 2019
Drafting [Proposed IANA SLAs for Publishing LGRs/IDN Tables](#) 26 July 2019

Drafting Draft Financial Assumptions & Projections and Operating Initiatives for the development of Fiscal Years 2021-2025 Operating & Financial Plan 05 August 2019
Drafting Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System 09 August 2019
Drafting Proposed Definition of Name Collisions and Scope of Inquiry for the Name Collisions Analysis Project 12 August 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 (1) policy statement:

Comment: Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model
The ALAC contribution to the evolving multistakeholder model condensed the 21 issues developed through community consultations into 4 general categories: (1) structural, (2) process, (3) participation and (4) intergroup relations. Regarding structure and process, the ALAC recommends more specific scoping, the use of external influences and project management tools, easily retrievable records of discussions and decisions and joint community/staff priority setting. Regarding participation, the ALAC noted the mutlistakeholder system depends on wide participation in the process and wide participation from all regions remains a challenge, including language barriers and volunteer burnout. Finally regarding intergroup relations, the ALAC noted there will always be disagreements, but a culture of positive relations between and among groups must be actively encouraged.

Recently submitted (note: not ICANN public comment):

- CPWG Feedback on NomCom Review Implementation
- ALAC Feedback on EPDP Phase II

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 @ ICANN65 Update

The AP region was well represented at ICANN65 with ALAC Members and Liaisons, the APRALO Chair, several ICANN Fellows and a Coach in attendance. APRALO members participated actively in many policy sessions, particularly those related to the ALAC and RALO Hot Policy Topics, IDNs and Universal Acceptance, RALO Leadership development as well as all At-Large sessions. ATLAS III was another important topic for At-Large.

APRALO Leadership Team (LT) at ICANN65.

Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair (R) and other APRALO members during ICANN65.
Photo credit: Glenn McKnight

ICANN Update

This month, ICANN:

- Adopted the FY20 Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update that came into effect on 1 July 2019
- Announced successful string evaluation for the European Commission and Laos IDN ccTLDs
- Published the Five-Year NextGen@ICANN Program Survey Report
- Extended the call for expressions of interest for the 2020 Nominating Committee Chair and Chair-Elect through 5 July 2019

NomCom Update

by Nadira Al-Araj, APRALO Delegate to the NomCom

The ICANN NomCom Delegates and leadership team met at ICANN65 Marrakech, to

interview short-listed candidates for ICANN Board and PTI Board positions. The deliberations process focused on the selection of the most qualified candidates for the 10 open seats.

All short-listed as well as the selected candidates will be informed of their status soon; NomCom will make the formal announcement in September. The new selectees will officially assume their roles at the ICANN66 Montreal Annual General Meeting (AGM).

During ICANN65, Damon Ashcraft, Chair of the 2019 ICANN NomCom, and Jay Sudowski, Chair-Elect, gave ICANN's James Cole an update on the Committee's progress. Watch the interview here.

ALS Highlights

PICISOC @ UN Expert Group Meeting on "The Future of Digital Government for Sustainable Development"

PICISOC members Andrew Molivurae and Anju Mangal attended a meeting of UN experts focused on "The Future of Digital Government for Sustainable Development" in South Korea. The outcome-focused meeting required PICISOC intervention to articulate what the Pacific wanted to achieve, and what end result the group sought by attending the meeting.

"In the context of the need for governments to progress digital government priorities, there has been some ongoing discussions around the challenges faced by the governments in SIDs and LDCs, namely internet connectivity/bandwidth, expensive internet access, inadequate legal and regulatory frameworks, shortage of requisite human ICT capacity, failure to use local language and content, and lack of entrepreneurship and a business culture open to change. These countries in special situations have not been able to reap the sustainable benefits through ICT and digital government." UNPOG Digital Government

Delegates discussed emerging issues and trends in the area of digital government for sustainable development in LDCs, SIDS and LLDCs, which will be further analyzed in a 2020 UN Survey. The meeting reflected on the methodology of the Survey and its related indexes.

CCAOI - ISOC Delhi organizes Pre-ICANN65 discussion

CCAOI and ISOC Delhi organized a Pre-ICANN65 interactive online discussion on 07 June. The objective of the webinar was to provide community members an overview of the ICANN65 Policy Forum. Moderated by Amrita Choudhury, Director CCAOI, President, ISOC Delhi, the session was attended by over 50 people from 10 countries, covering three continents. The speakers at the webinar included:

- Samiran Gupta, ICANN
- Aftab Siddqui, Chair, Address Supporting Organization Address Council
- Brajesh Jain, NomCom Member
- Pam Little
- Ali Baba
- Justine Chew, APRALO Member
- Rahul Gossain, Director, Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India
- Satish Babu, APRALO Chair
- Dr. Ajay Data, Chairman Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG)

There was a discussion on the expedited policy development process, subsequent procedures for the next gTLD round, Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model, UASG and dot Amazon. The presentations of some of the speakers are available here.

ISOC Delhi organises interactive discussion on "Data Protection Developments in APAC"

ISOC Delhi and The Perspective organized an interactive discussion on 'Data Protection Developments in APAC" on 12 June. The objective of this webinar was to share the global and regional updates on the Privacy Awareness Week (Singapore), APPA Forum & G20 Meet (Japan), and developments in several Asian economies pertaining to data protection, followed by an interactive discussion. The speakers of the session included Dr. Clarisse Girot, Senior Fellow - Data Privacy Project Lead, Asian Business Law Institute (ABLI - Singapore) and Mark Parsons, Partner, Hogan Lovells, Hong Kong. The discussion was moderated by Rahul Sharma, Founder, The Perspective and Country Leader - India, IAPP. The recording of the meeting is available here.

APRALO and At-Large community members attending the ICANN65 Policy Forum.

- 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 Middle East and Adjoining Countries School on IG 2019 (MEAC-SIG 2019) took place in Rabat, Morocco from 8-12 July 2019.
- [10th Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF)](#) took place 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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