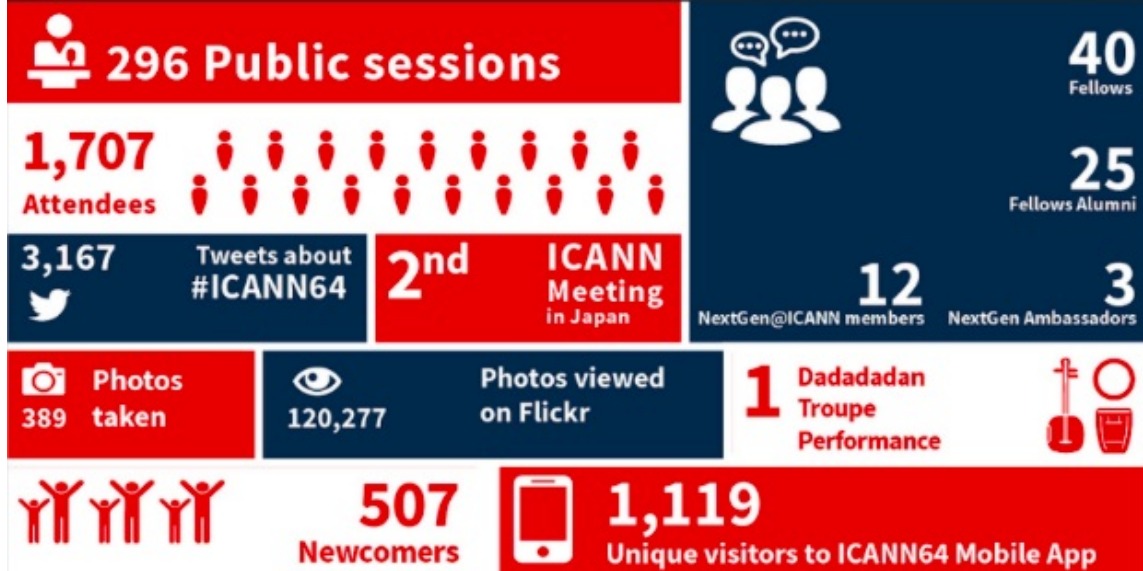## APRALO Newsletter, March 2019

APRALO Leadership during APAC Space @ICANN64.

Update on ICANN64

ICANN64 was held in Kobe, Japan from 9-14 March 2019. The meeting held 296 public sessions and was attended by 1,707 participants from around the world.

The [Post-ICANN64 Policy Report](#) has been published. Read about the decisions and outcomes from the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees [here](#)!

At-Large Update from ICANN64
by Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair

During ICANN64, the At-Large community held three workshops on policy topics ranging from balancing privacy and security/stability, universal acceptance, as well as new generic top-level domain (gTLD) subsequent procedures. The policy workshops were led by Jonathan Zuck, Co-Chair of the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG). Please see the ICANN64 Policy Discussions Summary for details of these workshops, and join the weekly CPWG calls.

The ALAC participated in joint meetings with many stakeholders, including the GAC, ccNSO, and the Global Commission of Stability in Cyberspace (GCSC), as well as the GNSO for the first time. Two joint outreach sessions were held with the NCUC and NPOC.

During a Regional Partners Workshop, Sally Costerton introduced the work of the ICANN Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) Team and collaborative outreach and engagement strategizing with regional leaders to support their on-the-ground efforts with stakeholders in their regions. There was also discussion of proposed activities of the GSE Team and their work with governments and universities which are valuable stakeholder partnerships for ICANN, in addition to ALS outreach. The discussion was followed by a breakout session where regional (RALO) teams met with their regional partners (RIRs and GSE) to discuss possible opportunities for regional members to participate in activities which they are running in the regions. The aim of the meeting was to acknowledge various partners who are providing capacity and relationship-building with ALSes and members. RIRs were specially noted, as some already include RALO leaders in their regional programs to the benefit of ALS awareness of ICANN activity. At the conclusion of the session, RALO Leaders reported their discussion outcomes to those in attendance.

Also during ICANN64, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) drafted and approved a Joint GAC-ALAC Statement on the EPDP.

The At-Large family during ICANN64.

APRALO Update from ICANN64
by Satish Babu, APRALO Chair

During ICANN64, the APRALO Leadership Team (Satish Babu, Lianna Galstyan, Ali Almeshal and Maureen Hilyard) and the ICANN GSE team (Jia-Rong Low, Joyce Chen and Kenn Yee) met with members of the ISOC-JP team (Atsushi Endo, Kumi Mutani and Yasuichi Kitamura) to discuss how to support ISOC-JP activity in Japan in their role as an At-Large Structure (ALS). ISOC-JP also accompanied the ALAC delegation to the reception of the Japanese Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication for the Global Commission of Stability in Cyberspace.

ISOC-JP Meeting during ICANN64.

An At-Large APRALO meeting was organized, attended by ALSes present in Kobe as well as remote participants. The APRALO policy process and At-Large Review Implementation Plan were discussed. Jia-Rong presented an update from the ICANN APAC hub, Maureen shared an update from ALAC, Leon shared an ICANN Board update, and there was a discussion on policy hot topics. Finally, ISOC Yemen shared a brief overview of their activities under the new "ALS of the month" initiative.

In addition, a Joint APRALO and APAC Networking Event was organized during ICANN64. The Networking Event included a welcome from both Jia-Rong Low, ICANN GSE for APAC region and Satish Babu, APRALO Chair, as well as an introduction of APAC Community leaders involved in SO/ACs and PDP Working Groups.

APRALO Leadership during APAC Space @ ICANN64.

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](#).

Comment [GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Policy Recommendations for ICANN Board Consideration](#)Note: to be ALAC Advice to ICANN Board.

Drafting [Proposed Renewal of .asia Registry Agreement](#)

Drafting [Proposed Renewal of .org Registry Agreement](#)

Drafting [ICANN Charter on Government Engagement Approach](#) Note: Not a formal ICANN public 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 (1) policy comment in March, during ICANN64:

[ICANN64 Joint GAC-ALAC Statement on EPDP](#)
During ICANN64, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) drafted and approved a Joint GAC-ALAC Statement on the EPDP. The GAC and ALAC are aligned overall with the EPDP Phase I Report, as it pertains to outstanding concerns as articulated in their respective statements to the report. The two advisory committees are in agreement on the need to distinguish between natural and legal persons. In addition, the GAC and ALAC highlighted the importance of data accuracy, the technical contact field, and protecting the public interest. The statement was drafted jointly with the GAC with input from the ALAC Liaison to the GAC, Yrjö Lansipuro, and GAC representative, Cathrin Bauer-Bulst, as well as the At-Large representatives to the EPDP, Hadia Elminiawi and Alan Greenberg.

ICANN Update

Apart from organizing the ICANN64 meeting in Kobe, Japan in March, ICANN:

- Invoked the De-Accredited Registrar Transition Procedure (DARTP) to enable the successful transition of the names to an ICANN-accredited registrar and protect registrants;
- Announced the successful completion of String Evaluation of the proposed Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) country code top-level domain (ccTLD) string for Bahrain and successful candidates for ICANN65 Fellowship
- Launched a survey on age diversity in the ICANN community for identifying potential barriers to participation (open until 19 April)
- Published the 2018 Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) Year in Review report and staff report on the public comment proceeding of ICANN's Draft FY20 Operating Plan and Budget, and an update to the Five-Year Operating Plan
- Called for volunteers by 17 April for the NomCom Review Implementation Working Group
- Released the updated IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process including Risk Mitigation Measure Evaluation
- Extended the deadline for expressions of Interest Sought for Chair of GNSO EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data - Phase 2 to April 8.

In addition:

- The Annual IANA Functions Audit validated ICANN systems controls
- The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council voted to approve all of the policy recommendations in the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team's Final Report on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.
- Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) meeting at ICANN64 issued its Kobe Communiqué. It is available for review here.

APRALO @ APRICOT

Maureen Hilyard provided an update of her Organigram.

The APRALO community was well represented at the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies (APRICOT) 2019, where updates from the ICANN community were provided by:

- Joyce Chen of APAC Hub - Singapore, who described ICANN64 events of interest to the AP community
- Satish Babu, APRALO Chair who gave an update on APRALO events and activity;
- Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair explained ALAC priorities for 2019 and the new At-Large Organigram, describing how At-Large is organized, and its major focus areas of policy, outreach and engagement, and organizational activities.

See the full report from Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair here.

Recognitions

Satish Babu, APRALO Chair.

Satish Babu, APRALO Chair was awarded a certificate for his work on IDN Implementation Guidelines v 4.0. The guidelines address IDN registration policies and practices, which are designed to minimize the risk of cybersquatting and consumer confusion, while respecting the interests of communities using local languages and scripts.

NomCom Update

by Nadira Al-Araj, APRALO Delegate to the NomCom and Co-Chair of the Application Subcommittee
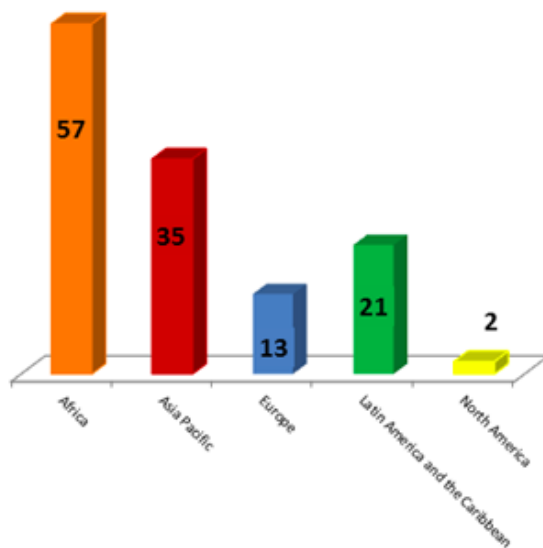
The ICANN64 Meeting in Kobe, Japan provided the NomCom with the opportunity to have a final push for applications and outreach before the deadline.
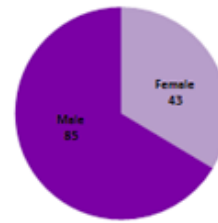
Outreach activities included:

- Meetings with the various ICANN constituencies
- Video by the NomCom Chair, Damon Ashcraft
- A presentation during the APAC Space session
- Informal outreach during various community social events

At the close of the application period (22 March 2019), the NomCom had received a total of 128 completed applications, distributed as follows:

Region Distribution of Applicants to ICANN Positions

ALS Highlights

CCAOI & ISOC Delhi Webinar on National eCommerce Policy

The [CCAOI](#) with the support of the Internet Society India Delhi Chapter (ISOC DEL) organized a webinar to discuss the National eCommerce Policy (Draft Policy) released by the Indian Government on 18 March 2019.

The objective of the discussion was to inform various stakeholders of the provisions of the Draft Policy and to highlight issues of concern.

The session was moderated by Amrita Choudhury and Subhashish Panigrahi. Over 45 participants attended from different stakeholder communities across the country. The discussion concluded with an interactive session where the speakers answered questions from participants.

The synopsis report of the session can be viewed via [this link](#) while the recording of the webinar is available [here](#).

ISOC Kolkata and IICB Conduct the 21st Session of IICB

The Internet Society (ISOC) Kolkata and Indian IETF Capacity Building (IICB) organized the 21st session of IICB on 16 March 2019, at the TCS office in Sector V, Kolkata.

Experts from region were invited to share their perspectives on the policy implications of upcoming standards and protocols. The objective of the session was to increase the capacity of individuals and institutions in India for effective participation in the technical activities of important Internet organizations.

During the meeting, the chapter officers from ISOC Kolkata presented their plans for increased effort in this direction. Anupam Agarwal, ISOC Kolkata Chair, reinforced the importance of multi-disciplinary participants coming together in fostering the sustainability, robustness, security, stability and development of the Internet.

The ISOC Kolkata IICB Program.

Upcoming Events and Other Announcements

- The ICANN65 Policy Forum will be held in Marrakech, Morocco from 24-27 June 2019.
- There is a call for IGF 2019 Workshop Proposals (deadline 12 April 2019). The three priority themes on which to submit proposals are: (1) Data Governance; (2) Digital Inclusion; and (3) Security, Safety, Stability & Resilience.
- 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.

And don't forget to Tweet @ At-Large!

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