

A brief update for the month of February 2020, from the APRALO perspective



## **APRALO Newsletter, February 2020**

**Please note with our apologies that the February 2020 APRALO Newsletter was delayed in production, due to the ICANN67 Virtual Meeting and subsequent coronavirus disruption. Some of the content may be outdated.**

**Stay tuned for the March 2020 APRALO Newsletter!**



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

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**Post-ICANN67 Policy Report**

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The Post-ICANN67 Policy Report is now available!  
Click here to access the report >> <https://go.icann.org/post67>

## ICANN67 Preview

More info on ICANN67 will be provided in the March newsletter, out soon.

### Winners of the ICANN67 Virtual Community Forum SMWG Twitter Competition

First place: Sarah Kiden, AFRALO Secretariat

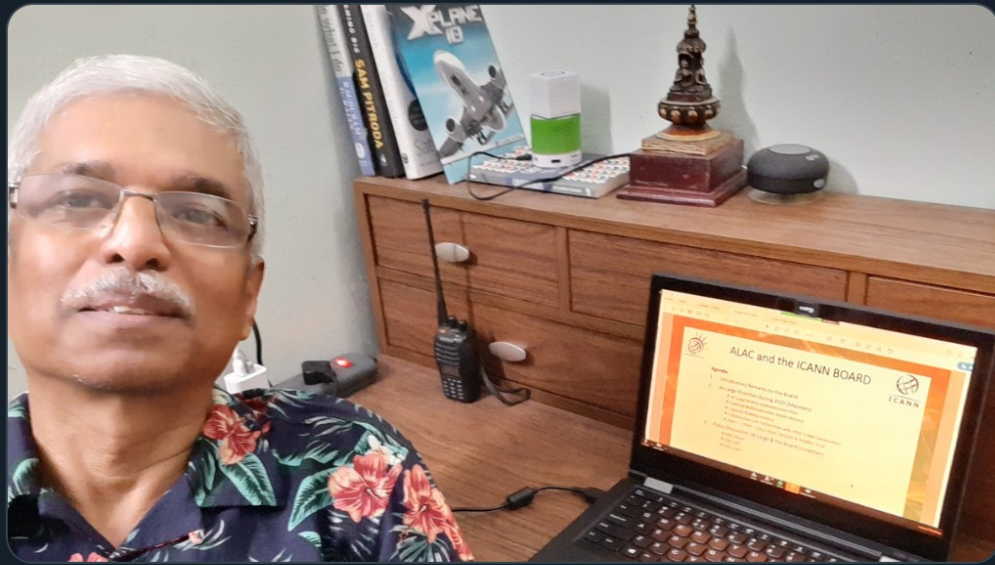


Second place: Satish Babu, APRALO Chair



**Satish Babu** @satish\_babu · Mar 11

A long night ahead: The Board-ALAC meeting just got over. The next is the UASG Session, and then the GAC-ALAC session. Despite the obvious time zone issues for us in APAC, the first-ever virtual ICANN meeting was not a bad experience! #ICANN67 @ICANNAtLarge #ALAC67



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**Third place: Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, SMWG Regional Vice Chair**



**Shreedeeep Rayamajhi** @ShreedeeepRay · Mar 7

Attending #ICANN67 #ALAC67 #AFRALO session from #Nepal to the world with the message #Oneworldoneinternet

#icanncircle



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**Two of the top three winners are from APRALO. Congratulations!**

**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 (6) responses to public comment proceedings:

**Vote** [Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process \(EPDP\) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team - PHASE 2](#) 23 March 2020

**Comment** [Draft Proposal for NextGen@ICANN Program Improvements](#) 31 March 2020

**Comment** [Name Collisions Analysis Project \(NCAP\) Study 1](#) 31 March 2020

**Drafting** [Middle East and Adjoining Countries \(MEAC\) Strategy 2021-2025](#) 03 April 2020

**Drafting** [Revised Community Travel Support Guidelines](#) 13 April 2020

**Drafting** [Phase 1 Initial Report of the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs Policy Development Process](#) 27 April 2020

**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 comments since the last APRALO Newsletter:**

[Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency \(SSR2\) Review Team Draft Report Executive Summary TBD](#)

[ALAC Feedback to PIR Public Comment Proceeding](#)

Note: Not an ICANN Public Comment. The Public Interest Registry (PIR) held a Public Comment proceeding on the issue of the ISOC/PIR. (8) responses were submitted on behalf the ALAC to the PIR Public Comment proceeding.

[Draft FY21-25 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY21 Operating Plan & Budget Executive Summary TBD](#)

[Proposed Final Report of the New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross Community Working Group](#)

*While several Members of the ALAC Auction Proceeds team originally preferred Mechanism B - where ICANN worked with a non-profit organization already adept in the evaluation, selection and the allocation and distribution of grant funds - ALAC consensus was arrive at for Mechanism A. (Mechanism A allows outsourcing if viewed as advantageous, and in fact ICANN often outsources parts of its responsibilities which are not core to overseeing its Bylaw-mandated responsibilities. Thus Mechanism A could end up being comparable to Mechanism B, but provided more management flexibility in deciding how the varying aspects of the project would be carried out).*

*The ALAC notes that presumption of the independent panel, with no connection to*

or control by either ICANN Org or the ICANN Board (preferably contracted to a suitable non-profit or a set of experts in the field of grant selection and allocation) is a critical part of this decision and the ALAC would strongly object and withdraw its support if that condition changes.

### "At-Large Valentine" submitted to the ICANN Board regarding Proposed Amendment 3 to the .COM Registry Agreement

An "At-Large Valentine", regarding the Proposed Amendment 3 to the .COM Registry Agreement, written in good faith and good humor, was submitted to the ICANN Board on 13 February 2020. Jonathan Zuck, ALAC Vice Chair for Policy and CPWG Co-Chair, drafted the letter on behalf of At-Large. ALAC Members and At-Large community members reviewed and approved the letter during the CPWG meeting on Wednesday, 12 February 2020.

The ALAC welcomed the LOI between Verisign and ICANN as a commitment to expand efforts to identify and promulgate best practices by contracted parties to mitigate DNS Abuse. While there are many whose efforts exceed those of others, the At-Large Community believes that even more can be done both in terms of best practices and in terms of bringing along those whose practices are not the best.

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

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

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

## ICANN Update

During the month of February, ICANN:

- Announced to the ICANN67 Public meeting would be held via [remote participation](#) and [postponed the Middle East DNS Forum](#) owing to health concerns due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Announced the list of [NextGen@ICANN68 participants](#)
- Revised policy for [the protection of Red Cross & Red Crescent Identifiers](#)
- Announced [new travel guidance](#)
- Invited [applications](#) for the [Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program](#) for ICANN68 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia till 14 March
- [Called for nominations for the Community Excellence Award](#)

## ALAC Update

There was a lot of discussion going on at the ALAC level on what should be the ALAC position on the .ORG sale. There were different opinions, which were taken into account in order to come up with a position with consensus.

ALAC held their [monthly call](#) on 25 February. During the call, the highlights of the ALAC policy development activities, an update on the ALS application status, report on the At-Large plus leaders discussion, post ATLAS III and 2020 At-Large activities; an overview of the review and development of recommendations for the ALAC; an update on the At-Large review implementation; update of the ALS Mobilization sub committee; discussion on the ICANN67 Virtual Meeting.

## APRALO Update

The [monthly call](#) of APRALO was held on 27 February. Holly Raiche and Justine Chew, APRALO ALAC Members, provided an overview of the policy update section, highlighting policies that have been ratified and those that are being discussed by ALAC. Justine also provided an overview of the APRALO Policy Platform 2020 and next steps.

Gisella Gruber, ICANN Policy staff provided an update on the ICANN67 Virtual Meeting. Satish Babu, APRALO Chair and Lianna Galstyan, APRALO Vice Chair, provided an update on engagement of the leadership in APRICOT2020, APTLD77, APStar Community and DotAsia AGM.

Satish also provided regional updates, and Baher Esmat, ICANN GSE staff, provided an update on the call for comments on the MEAC strategy involving those in the AFRALO and APRALO regions, and finally Amrita Choudhury shared the NomCom update.

## NomCom Update

### **Amrita Choudhury, APRALO Delegate to the NomCom**

The application for the seven leadership positions with ICANN and Public Technical Identifiers (PTI) closed on 25 February.

The nominating committee members are now evaluating the 97 applications received and reviewing options on how to conduct the discussions of candidates online, as the ICANN67 face to face meeting was converted to a virtual meeting.

More details will be shared in the next newsletter.

## Other APRALO Updates

### **Key Updates of APRALO Engagement in APRICOT 2020 and Related Meetings**

#### **by Maureen Hilyard, Lianna Galstyan & Satish Babu**

The APRICOT 2020 meeting was held in Melbourne, Australia, and attended by Maureen Hilyard, Satish Babu and Lianna Galstyan.

#### **Dot Asia Board Meeting**

For the At-Large leadership, APRICOT began with a meeting of the DotAsia Board which enabled Satish, Lianna and Maureen to participate in discussions that involve ccTLD managers from across the Asia Pacific region with a supportive interest in .asia as a domain name. The Board also held its AGM at this weekend event. Due to the recent elections, two new members from Taiwan and Korea joined the Board at this meeting. Maureen was also returned to represent Oceania TLDs and Satish to represent APRALO.

#### **AP\* Retreat**

As representatives of the ALAC and APRALO, Maureen and Lianna were able to give the Asia Pacific IT community an update of our activities in the AP\* Retreat which is held at the beginning of every APRICOT meeting. Satish also gave an update on the status of APSIG and its activities. The AP\* meeting was co-Chaired by Duncan McIntyre of the APNIC Foundation and Save Vocea, ICANN Oceania VP Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE). It was also attended by ICANN Board member, Akinori Maemura. This meeting was followed by the DotAsia AGM and dinner.



L-R: (1) Duncan McIntyre and Save Vocea - co-Chairs of AP\* Retreat; (2) The AP\* gathering; (3) The Dot Asia Dinner

### **APTLD77:**

The APRALO team also attended the APTLD meeting which was held at a separate venue. Maureen attended the opening session of the meeting, as there were several contributions being made by members of the ALS - the Pacific Islands Chapter of the Internet Society (PICISOC) - which included a presentation and the signing of an MOU between PICISOC and APTLD. Several Pacific cctld managers who are also PICISOC associates presented on ccTLD developments in their countries. It was a great opportunity to speak to some of our ALS representatives from Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu and InternetNZ as well as our Oceania GSE VP, Save Vocea and ICANN Board member, Ron da Silva.



L-R: (1) Cherie Lagakali, PICISOC Board (2) Lianna Galstyan, APRALO Vice Chair (3) Satish Babu, APSIG Chair

As a member of APTLD, Lianna made a presentation at the opening session about APRALO and of her ccTLD .am. She also participated as a panelist on a marketing strategy for ccTLDs. Satish also presented at the opening session on APSIG in his capacity as its Chair. During the 2-day meeting at break-out discussions, participants shared their ideas and came up with a set of recommendations as to what could be the role of ccTLDs in the Internet Governance ecosystem.



**APTD Participants, Melbourne, Australia,  
February 2020**

### **APRICOT:**

During the 4-day APRICOT meeting, there were several sessions that gave some interesting insights into what was being done in different countries. The participants to the conference were welcomed by an elder of a local Aborigine tribe. The opening Plenary was interesting for ICANN when Board member Merike Kaeo first of all presented a tribute to a formerly very active member of the APNIC and ICANN community, Bill Manning. This was followed by one of the founders of the APRICOT organisation who also helped to create APNIC - our own David Conrad (now ICANN's SVP and Chief Technology Officer). It was interesting to hear about the developments in APRICOT since his first involvement in 1996. We also attended the Cooperation SIG session where ALS ISOC Nepal member, Bikram Shrestha was elected as co-Chair and Board member Merike Kaeo participated in a panel session on security issues. The closing plenary was of interest to Maureen as Professor Hanna Suominen of ANU, spoke about IT developments in eHealth which is an eGovernment topic that she has included into an APRIGF submission (hoping that the event planned for Kathmandu, Nepal is able to proceed).

### **IDNs and UA:**

Satish participated in the IDN and EAI BoF. He presented the work being done by ICANN activities in this space. Other participants in the session included Champika Wijayatunga, Save Vocea and Kanchana Kanchanasut. The discussion part of the session was chaired by Satish, and generated several suggestions for ICANN to enhance its IDN/UA work in the Asia-Pacific region, including the creation of a mailing list for sharing work done in different countries, and a request for translation of IDN/UA documents into multiple languages in the region.



**The APRALO Team in action: Satish Babu (Chair), Lianna Galstyan (Vice Chair) and Maureen Hilyard (ALAC Chair)**

## **ALS Highlights**

**ISOC Mumbai conducts a seminar on Cybercrime awareness for female**



## students

The ISOC India Mumbai chapter along with CyberSafeGirl organized an interactive seminar at MHSS Technical Junior College, Mumbai to make female students aware about the various cybercrimes and their countermeasures. This seminar was conducted by Mr. Mohammad Pervaiz, an ISOC India Mumbai volunteer. The seminar was attended by various female students of the college in the age groups of 15 to 17 years along with the supporting staff from college. Overall, the seminar was a huge hit with the college supervisors and support staff requesting similar initiatives to be held on a larger scale. The participants admitted to take their data privacy for granted but committed to be highly vigilant on that part. For more details on the seminar visit this [link](#).



## Data Privacy Day 2020 celebrated in Nepal by Rayznews

On the occasion of Data Privacy Day an awareness program was organized at Lord Buddha Education Foundation, Maitidevi Kathmandu by Rayznews in collaboration with CSRI and ICT frame. The program focused on cyber security issues in the context of developing nations and their challenges. Data security and compliance has been a major issue where lack of awareness and capacity building are the major challenges. The participants expressed their concern about the rigid policies and regulation where technology needs to be compatible to laws rather than users being compatible to policies. The session video is available [here](#).

## ISOC Malaysia has a new leadership team

ISOC Malaysia Chapter held their Biennial General Meeting on 18 February, 2020 and elected the following officers for 2020-2022 term

President: Suwannit Chareen Chit  
Vice president: Amir Haris Ahmad  
Secretary: Athirah Rosli  
Vice secretary: Mathivannan Jaganathan  
Treasurer: Raja Haslinda Raja Mohd Ali  
Committee Member: Ibrahim Yusof  
Committee Member: Azman Ahmad

## Roundtable on Combating Disinformation organised by HKIGF and ISOC Hong Kong

Hong Kong ISOC along with HKIGF organised a roundtable to discuss the threats of disinformation, factors of its fast dissemination, solutions and efforts to combat disinformation, engagement by different stakeholders to address the issue and the barriers of combating disinformation. The speakers at the session include,

## Upcoming Events and Other Announcements



IGF 2020 has opened several calls for session proposals and other process activities for the 15th annual IGF meeting in Katowice, Poland (2 - 6 November 2020):

- [Call to submit Workshop Proposals](#)
- [Call to apply for Open Forums](#)
- [Call to apply for Day 0 Pre-Events](#)
- [Call to apply for IGF Village booths](#)
- [Call for Travel Support](#)
- [Express Interest to Participate in the IGF 2020 Music Night](#)

Please note the last date to make submissions is 15 April 2020.

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