

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



APRALO Newsletter, October 2020



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

ICANN69 Update



The ICANN69 Online Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held from 17-22 October, and featured one Prep Week of webinars to brief the community (5-8 October), one week of SOAC Internal work (13-15 October), and one Plenary Week (19-22 October). Overall, there were more than 110 sessions. The discussions during the

meeting were on issues related to WHOIS, expedited policy development process (EPDP), GDPR, Human Rights within ICANN, subsequent procedure, newGTLD round, DNS Abuse, universal acceptance. In addition,, there were joint meetings of the Board with the SOACs and joint meeting between the SOACs, the 22nd AGM, SSAC public meeting, DNSSEC workshop, session with the IANA Naming Function Review Team (IFRT), etc. to name a few. During this meeting, Ramanou Biauou was honoured with the 2020 Dr. Tarek Kamel award for capacity building and the community bid farewell to departing board member Chris Disspain. The GAC communique for the meeting can be viewed using [this link](#).



ICANN69 by the numbers.

ALAC Update

During [ICANN69](#), the ALAC/[At-Large Leadership held an ICANN69 welcome and introductory session](#). The agenda included a discussion on how the ICANN community finds itself confronted with hundreds of recommendations for reform, from WS2; the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT-RT); the second Security, Stability and Resiliency Review (SSR2); and the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs Policy Development Process. The recently completed third Accountability and Transparency Review (ATRT3) includes recommendations for how the community might go about addressing these issues. As the At-Large participates in these new structures, the At-Large community developed a strategy to identify its own priorities for reform, so that it can effectively advocate for itself. This session was just the beginning of organizing various recommendations and to determine what At-Large priorities should be. Outcomes include exploration of tools for collaboration, and the formation of an At-Large Operations, Finance, and Budget Working Group (OFB-WG) to lead the process.

An ICANN69 session on [ALAC 2020: Achievements Update](#) with At-Large working group chairs, RALO chairs, and ALAC liaisons presented ALAC/At-Large achievements in the three tracks of policy, outreach, and operations, highlighting the roles of various working groups and their accomplishments in this year.

For all outcomes and action items related to At-Large sessions during ICANN69, please visit the [At-Large workspace](#).

ICANN Update

This month, ICANN:

- [and PTI published the audited Financial Statements and annual reports for FY20: ICANN FY20 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements](#)
- [PTI FY20 Audited Financial Statements](#)
- [ICANN FY20 Annual Report](#)
- [FY20 Report on Board Expenses](#)
- [Honored Ramanou Biaoou with 2020 Dr. Tarek Kamel award for capacity building](#)
- [ICANN Board approved a two-year extension of President and CEO's Term.](#)
- [Responded](#) to the European Data Protection Board's public consultation on the board's guidelines on the concepts of controller and processor. While stating that the guidelines are beneficial, ICANN sought clarity on the limitation of control to particular stages in the processing; interplay between control and contractual obligations; and converging decisions leading to (joint) controllership.
- ICANN OCTO released a paper on [New IP](#).
- Issued a [call for expressions of interest](#) for the position of Chair of the Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) Work Track, and a call for membership of the WT, by 30 November.

Message from the ALAC Chair: ALAC Activities @ ICANN69



by Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair

I don't think anyone will forget October 2020 in a hurry, especially after three weeks of ICANN69 - ICANN's first virtual annual general meeting. The first week was a gradual introduction to the meeting with three days of pre-event activities. At-Large participated in this prep week programme with a session involving lead presenters introducing the highlights of sessions that were to be held over the next two weeks that might be of interest to Internet users within At-Large and beyond.



At-Large @ICANN69



Maureen Hilyard: Welcome; ALAC-Board meeting; ALAC 2020 Achievements Update; ALAC-GAC meeting; Wrap-up.



Sébastien Bachollet: EURALO multistakeholder ICANN & Internet Governance; Regional Leaders Meeting.



Ricardo Holmquist: Recommendation Thresher – looking at prioritisation.



Amrita Choudhury: Ensuring Community Engagement in Pandemic Times.



Hadia Elminiawi: ICANN and Human Rights – a way forward (jointly with NCSG); Coordinating the unique identifiers.



Daniel Nanghaka: Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee meeting.



Jonathan Zuck: DNS Abuse: At-Large Education Campaign.



Joanna Kulesza: Beyond Budapest: The UN Cybercrime Treaty and DNS Abuse.



Seun Ojedeji: AFRALO-AFRICANN meeting.



Olivier Crépin-Leblond: Internet Governance session on Platforms and Regulation.

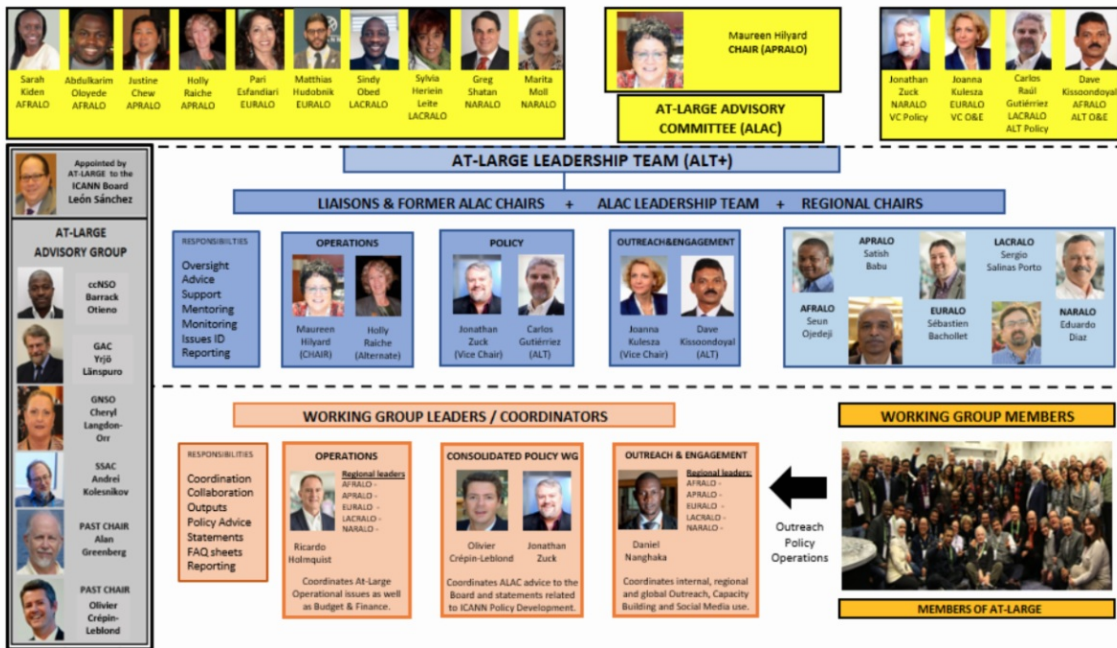
This basically set the scene for another successful programme of events and activities involving At-Large at the ICANN69 meeting. Of special interest to APRALO was the session that Amrita moderated which was special in that it was the first time that our At-Large members actually ran a session themselves, that explained what community outreach activities were still possible during the pandemic, albeit mostly online. The session not only involved the five RALO Chairs but also several ALS and individual members from each of their regions as well as GSE staff. It was a superb effort by everyone involved.



ALAC/At-Large Community members during the ICANN69 Virtual Annual General Meeting

The ICANN AGM meeting ended with some changes to our ALAC lineup with long-serving ALAC member Tijani Ben Jemaa from AFRALO being replaced by Sarah Kiden, Bastiaan Goslings' slot on the EURALO team has been taken by Pari Esfandiari, Sindy Obed replaces Humberto Carrasco in LACRALO and Greg Shatan takes over from Javier Rua Jovet who is now on the ccNSO Council. So, the new lineup on the ALAC organigram for 2021 is now:

AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ALAC) ORGANISATIONAL CHART - 2021



Message from the APRALO Chair



by Satish Babu, APRALO Chair

Greetings to all!

We have just completed yet another ICANN meeting, again as a virtual event. ICANN69 was spread over a three-week period to be able to accommodate a larger number of sessions without unduly stressing out participants. Yet, for some subregions in the Asia-Pacific region, the time zone of the meeting did pose challenges, and it is good to see participation was reasonable from the region despite these challenges.

The main points discussed in ICANN69 included DNS Abuse, GDPR/EPDP, SubPro, Human Rights within ICANN, and Universal Acceptance. In addition, community members also discussed the effectiveness of virtual meetings and the effect of COVID-19 on volunteering. There were also cross-community meetings and interactions with the ICANN Board and GAC. The Public Forum was also widely-attended.

As the first Virtual AGM, ICANN69 marked the time of change of leaders, with new

leaders taking charge at different levels in the community. In APRALO, we would like to welcome Nadira Alaraj who joins the Leadership Team as Vice Chair, while Amrita Choudhury continues her second term as the delegate to the NomCom. On behalf of all of us, I'd like to thank Ali AIMeshal for his valuable services to this community for the last several years as Vice Chair. I'm sure the new team would build on the successful approach of the earlier leadership teams of APRALO.

The global IGF has already commenced with the pre-event sessions, and there are a number of very interesting sessions scheduled. I hope our community can use the opportunity to join some of the events.

Hoping that everyone in our community remains safe and healthy.

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](#).

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 \(CPWG\)](#) and/or [At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group \(OFB-WG\)](#) meetings.

The APRALO Community can also participate in selected policy-related discussions being taken up from a regional perspective through the APRALO Policy Forum. For more information, please visit the [APRALO Policy Forum workspace](#) or contact At-Large staff.

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) submitted (2) statements since the last APRALO Newsletter:

[Reference Label Generation Rulesets \(LGRs\) for the Second Level](#)

The ALAC addressed four areas of concern with regards to LGRs: 1) The ALAC believes that the particular registries whose practices were used (with regards to cross-script variants in the Root Zone) should be specified; 2) Missing code points that were not considered for possible variants need to be evaluated; 3) The definition of variants for SLDs needs to be substantially expanded - otherwise the level of potential confusion, and DNS Abuse, is simply too large; and 4) As something that is critical for security and the avoidance of DNS Abuse, blocking variant names should not be optional. The ALAC made a suggested revision to the text accordingly.

[GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Draft Final Report](#)

The At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) held several single-issue teleconferences about the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) PDP earlier in 2020 in preparation for the Public Comment proceeding. A small team, led by ALAC Member Justine Chew, organized these sessions and gave weekly presentations to the CPWG on the topic. In September 2020, the ALAC submitted a statement on the GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Draft Final Report, the culmination of months of volunteer work in developing At-Large scorecards on SubPro topics, creating a survey on geographic names, and analyzing feedback from the community of Internet end users.

The ALAC is currently developing responses to the following (4) ICANN Public

Comment proceedings:

Drafting [Recommendations for Early Warning for Root Zone Scaling](#) 23 November 2020

Drafting [Preliminary Issue Report on a Policy Development Process to Review the Transfer Policy](#) 30 November 2020

Drafting [DRAFT PTI and IANA FY22 Operating Plan and Budgets](#) 30 November 2020

Drafting [IANA Naming Function Review \(IFR\) Initial Report](#) 02 December 2020

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

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

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

See: [At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group \(OFB-WG\)](#)

ALS Highlights

Update on NetThing2020

[NetThing 2020](#) which is supported by was held online from 1 to 2 October. NetThing is the annual forum for Australia's Internet governance community. Over 100 participants joined the sessions. The [topics](#) discussed this year include digital platforms and how governments are responding, truth and trust, misinformation and disinformation, emerging technology, Internet infrastructure security and algorithmic bias. The session on misinformation and disinformation was held face-to-face in the University of Queensland.

It may be noted that APRALO ALS Internet Australia is the 'home' of NetThing acting in the formal and administrative capacity for the events, on behalf of the Multistakeholder Steering Committee.

Update on inSIG2020

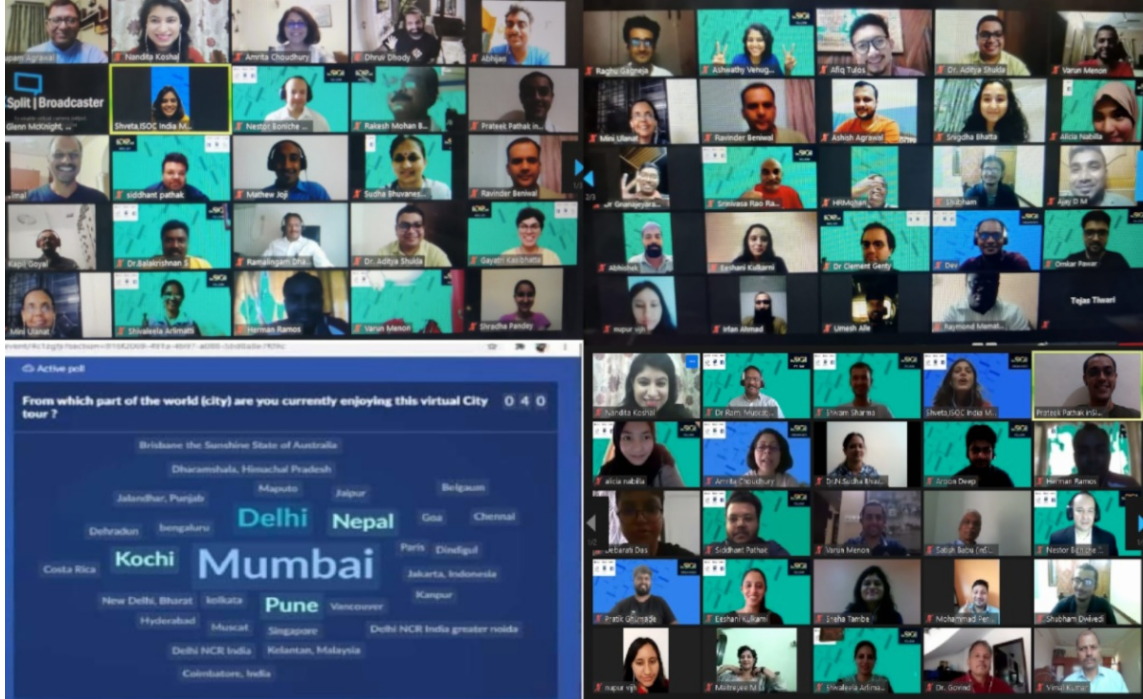
The Fifth School of Internet Governance 2020 ([inSIG](#)) was conducted virtually between 7-10 Oct 2020. It may be mentioned that inSIG is a joint initiative of four Internet Society Chapters of India: Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Trivandrum who are all APRALO ALSes. inSIG2020 was hosted by the Mumbai Chapter.

106 people participated in the school from 17 countries this year, which includes 27 Indian fellows, 10 local fellows and 15 international fellows participants.

There were [twelve sessions](#) including a virtual tour of Mumbai city. Apart from the four day school there was a separate 'Meet and Greet' Session and a 'Quiz' for the participants. A report on inSIG2020 sessions is available [here](#).

The keynote addresses this year were given by Maarten Botterman, Chair of Board, ICANN and Dr. Gulshan Rai, Distinguished Fellow, ORF.

This year's event was supported by NIXI, APNIC, ICANN, Internet Society and Facebook.



From inSIG2020

Successful completion of third YIGF India

The third edition of Youth IGF (YIGF) India 2020 was organized between 30 October -1 November. YIGF India is recognized by the UN IGF and has been incubated by inSIG. The event this year was supported by APNIC, ICANN, Internet Society, NIXI and Facebook.

Meant for youth between 18-30 years, more than 120 young people from India and eight countries (Ghana, Singapore, Benin, Australia, Vietnam, New Zealand, Uganda and Nigeria) participated in the event and these include 19 fellows. In terms of stakeholder group of attendees: 50 percent were academic, 15 percent from business, 20 percent from civil society; 7% from government and 8% were students. There were nineteen sessions of which two were closed door exclusive for fellows including a multistakeholder roleplay and an informal interaction with Facebook. The sessions were interactive and included, classroom sessions, panel discussions and group activities. This year environment and mental health and the internet were themes introduced for the first time.

The keynote speakers this year were: Ms. Anja Gengo, UN IGF; Lt. Gen. Dr. Rajesh Pant National Cybersecurity Coordinator, Govt of India and Dr. Thomas Lindhqvist, LUND university, Sweden.

- The fifth Eastern European Domain Name System Forum ([EEDNSF](#)) organized by ICANN and [Caucasus Online](#), will take place virtually from 18-19 November. The key topics for this years program are: Regional focus on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance (UA); ICANN's [Identifier Technology Health Indicators \(ITHI\)](#) and Health of the DNS Ecosystem; DNS Operations and Security and Business Continuity for Registries: A Regional Approach.
- Asia Pacific School on Internet Governance ([APSIG2020](#)) will be held online from 26-28 November.

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