



APRALO Newsletter, January 2021



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

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APRALO Chair, Satish Babu

As we start off the year, we have started to identify action items for APRALO for the year. Our Outreach & Engagement activities had already been identified in our [O & E Strategy Plan](#) that was released a few months back. The APRALO Leadership Team has converged on a tentative list of additional action items that was presented at the last meeting. I'd like to share them here as well.

We would like to take up several activities as part of the APRALO Policy Platform, including a Survey on Regional Policy Hot Topics, another survey with our membership in order to create an inventory of skills and interests in addition to regular policy outreach on topics such as DNS Abuse, SubPro and Universal Acceptance.

We would be resuming our review of the APRALO Rules of Procedures once the [Unaffiliated Individual Members Mobilization Working Party](#) completes its work. In addition, we also plan to clean up our mailings lists and also explore decertifying some of our ALSes who are no longer interested in the work of ICANN At-Large. Of course, we would carefully assess if there is any way we can re-activate them first. In the process, we would also explore if we can update the information on the Wiki pages of all our members through a standardized & structured format.

At the regional level, we are reviewing the existing MoUs with our partners and exploring renewal of these where necessary. In addition, we would also start planning for our next General Assembly which is scheduled tentatively for 2022. Our present plan is to co-locate the General Assembly with the 2022 APriGF, but we would need to discuss the modalities with the leadership of APriGF to revalidate the decision.

I'd like to request your collaboration and support for these programs. Of course, you are welcome to join any working group that may be set up (in addition to existing WGs) for any specific tasks for these.

With kind regards.

ALAC Chair Update



Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair

Welcome back to ICANN and At-Large,

I hope that 2021 will be a better year for us and that we can all keep ourselves safe and well as the world now works on a vaccination programme that will help us develop an immunity from the coronavirus disease that sadly struck so many during 2020. For nearly a year now we have existed in a totally virtual environment in ICANN. Unfortunately these will continue until ICANN lifts its ban on face-to-face

meetings, when it is safe to do so. But with the vaccines kicking in, we hope to eventually get to meet again, if not this year, then with better chances in 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated, and continues to participate, in our At-Large zoom calls. Your presence at the meetings is very much appreciated by the working group and webinar leaders, and we hope you will continue to support At-Large activities and events.

The most pressing activity for us at the moment is [ICANN70](#) at the end of March - originally proposed to be held for its second time in Cancun, Mexico. Nevertheless, while the meeting will again be virtual, it will again be in a different format from the last meeting. This time, it is a four-day meeting with an ICANN Prep week being held two weeks before. We are therefore holding most of our At-Large prep week sessions in the week directly before conference week.

But please help us prepare for a great prep week and conference week, and support our working groups as we continue to add our At-Large support for ICANN's role within the internet domain space.

Have a great year and keep safe and well.

ICANN Update

In January 2021, ICANN:

- Announced that [ICANN70 would be held as a virtual Community Forum](#) between 22-25 March.
- Announced to [continue the Pandemic Internet Access Reimbursement program for ICANN 70](#). The application deadline is 5 March.
- Forged a [collaboration with APTLD to promote Universal Acceptance in the APAC Region](#)
- Published the [additional second-level reference Label Generation Rules \(LGRs\)](#).
- Announced that from 15 March, the [Registry Reports](#) would be available in [ICANN's Open Data platform](#).
- Launched an [audit of the Registrar Compliance with DNS Security Threat Obligations](#)
- Organised webinars to discuss: Draft FY22 Plans and the draft Operational Design Phase (ODP) [Concept Paper](#)
- The OCTO office released a new paper entitled "[IETF Year in Review for 2020](#)", that provides and informal overview of the activities in the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) during 2020 that are of most interest to ICANN.

ALAC Update

The ALAC monthly meeting took place on [26 January 2021](#). The new [ALAC Monthly Meeting Guest Speaker's Program](#) was kicked off with León Sánchez, ICANN Board Vice-Chair and ICANN Board Director selected by At-Large. The next guest speaker will be John Crain, Chief Security, Stability & Resiliency Officer for ICANN. He has been asked to discuss the upcoming ICANN Public Comment on [Domain Abuse Activity Reporting \(DAAR\) 2.0](#).

The ALAC held an Appointee Selection Committee (AASC) call to confirm At-Large representatives for the Fellowship positions and the Excellence Award Selection committee.

The ALAC & GAC held a meeting on [20 January 2021](#) to discuss GAC reactions to the ALAC statement on Subsequent Procedures, and plans for ALAC Advice to the ICANN Board on the topic, among other items.

In addition, the ALAC are working on:

- [At-Large 2021 work plan activities](#)
- The [FY22 Additional Budget Request \(ABR\)](#) schedule and next steps
- Statements on policy via the CPWG
- Statements on operations, finance and budget via the OFB-WG
- ALS and Individual Membership applications

In addition, the [At-Large Communications Strategy 2020-21](#) was endorsed by the ALAC. The [At-Large Operations, Finance, and Budget Working Group \(OFB-WG\)](#) is leading the process of prioritizing ICANN recommendations (including WS2, ATRT3, MSM, et al) from the Internet end user perspective. The WS2 Small Team presented their recommendation prioritizations to the [OFB-WG on 27 January 2021](#).

The ALAC/At-Large community developed FY22 Additional Budget Request (ABR) proposals. The ALAC Finance and Budget Sub-committee (FBSC) reviewed all proposals submitted and agreed on which to submit to ICANN on behalf of the ALAC. Please see the [At-Large FY22 Budget Development Workspace](#) for details.

Policy Update

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 policy activity, please comment on the At-Large workspace or volunteer as penholder, and join the weekly At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) 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 to ICANN org and ICANN Public Comment since the last APRALO Newsletter:

- [Operational Design Phase \(ODP\) Concept Paper](#) 22 January 2021
- [SubPro PDP Final Report](#) 18 January 2021

The ALAC is currently developing responses to the following (2) ICANN Public Comment proceedings:

Drafting [Second Security, Stability, and Resiliency \(SSR2\) Review Team Final Report](#) 09 March 2021
CPWG

Comment [Draft FY22-26 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY22 Operating Plan & Budget](#) 15 February 2021 **OFB-WG**

In addition, the [ALAC Advice to the ICANN Board on Subsequent Procedures](#) is available for comment by 28 February 2021. The CPWG may also recommend that ALAC issue a statement on EU NIS2 - [Proposal for directive on measures for high common level of cybersecurity across the Union](#) by mid-March.

See: [At-Large Website on Public Comments and Policy Advice](#)

See: [Executive Summaries: ALAC Public Comments and Advice](#)

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

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

APRALO Policy Forum Update

APRALO ALAC Member, Justine Chew

With the ICANN 2021 calendar kicking into full swing comes the hope that there will be an increase in the level of output from the APRALO Policy Forum. With this goal in mind, the APRALO Leadership Team welcomes ongoing feedback on ways to ease and improve participation in the Policy Forum via periodic surveys. By firstly, identifying factors that can contribute to or that impede increased participation in the Policy Forum in 2021, and secondly, how to address such factors or impediments where possible. Part of this effort will involve trialing the use of online tools such as Google-form surveys and Google Jamboards.

We will shortly also be seeking expressions of interest to help implement 2 related RALO projects (namely a Regional Inventory of Skills and Interests and a Regional Hot Topics Survey 2020-2021).

In the meantime, please continue to visit [The APRALO Policy Forum](#) for more details on how you can participate in this dedicated space for facilitating better informed, inclusive regional input on issues within ICANN's remit.

APRALO Update

The first [APRALO monthly call of 2021 was held on 21 January](#). The meeting was chaired by Satish Babu, APRALO Chair.

During the call, APRALO ALAC Members Holly Raiche and Justine Chew provided an update on the Phase 2A of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, and the ALAC/At-Large policy activities with respect to the ALAC advice to the ICANN Board on Subsequent Procedures, the ODD Concept Paper and Draft FY22-26 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY22 Operating Plan & Budget. The ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard, spoke about the preparation related to the ICANN70 meeting; Justine Chew shared the APAC Policy platform updates,

while Satish Babu spoke on the 2021 Activity Plan. Finally, Amrita Choudhury informed the participants of the NomCom application process, urging community members to apply or encourage others to apply.

NomCom Update

The **ICANN 2021 Nominating Committee** is now inviting applications for the **9 leadership positions** These include:

- Three members of the ICANN Board of Directors
- Three regional representatives to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)(one each from Africa, Asia/Australia/Pacific Islands, and Latin America/Caribbean regions)
- Two members of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council
- One member of the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council

The deadline to submit applications is 18 March 2021 at 23:59 Universal Coordinated Time (UTC). For more details [please visit this link](#). Applications will have to be submitted using the [online candidate portal](#).

I urge interested candidates from APAC region and especially women to apply. If you have any queries, please feel free to write to me. Also do spread the word across your communities so that eligible candidates can apply. Please reference the 2021 NomCom [description for ALAC here](#).

The 2021 Nominating Committee Will Fill Nine Open Leadership Positions



THREE OPEN POSITIONS | THREE-YEAR TERM
ICANN Board of Directors



ONE OPEN POSITION | THREE-YEAR TERM
ccNSO Council



THREE OPEN POSITIONS | TWO-YEAR TERM
At-Large Advisory Committee
• (Africa)
• (Asia/Australia/Pacific)
• (Latin America/Caribbean Islands)



TWO OPEN POSITIONS | TWO-YEAR TERM
GNSO Council
• Voting Contracted Party House
• Voting Non-Contracted Party House

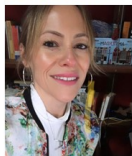
Capacity Building Working Group (CBWG) Update



8 February 2021 at 22.00 UTC
At-Large Capacity Building Webinar

Best practices in Social Media

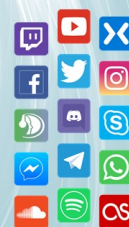
Our speakers



Alexandra Dans
Communications
Director, Latin
America and the
Caribbean,
ICANN



Lilian De Luque
Chair of At-Large
Social Media WG



Join and prepare for an effective
Social Media presence during
ICANN70

The At-Large Capacity Building Working Group (CBWG) will hold their next webinar on "Social Media Best Practice" on [Monday, 08 February 2021 at 22 UTC](#). **Please contact At-Large staff to register for the webinar.**

Social media platforms are powerful communication tools which allow the ICANN community to connect and engage around the world. Especially during the current context of ICANN virtual meetings, our At-Large Social Media Webinar on "Social Media Best Practice" will provide participants with the tools and training needed for effective social media account management and engagement, including the publication of content and targeted interaction with their audiences.

For more information, including webinar recordings and transcripts, please visit the [webinar agenda page](#).

APRALO ALS Updates

CCAOI organized a Stakeholder Discussion on the [Revised report](#) by the Committee of Experts on Non-Personal Data Governance Framework, held on 21 January. The session was well attended by over 75 participants and supported by Internet Society Delhi Chapter. The Summary report of the stakeholder consultation can be viewed using [this link](#) and the recording of the session using [this link](#).

Other Updates

by Nadira Al-Araj

APRALO community members and leaders contributed to the book of the [Fourth Decade \(2010s\) - Asia Internet History Projects](#). The project was initiated by the Global INET in March 2011 and it is lead and edited by Prof. Kilnam Chon. The hard copy of the first and second decades are available on Google and Amazon, while the edition on the third decade (2001~2010) is available on request from sec@InternetHistory.asia.

The chapter [Snapshots of the Internet around 2020](#), has contributions from Maureen on the Pacific Island, Nadira on Palestine and Waqqas Hassan on Pakistan. Satish has contributed to the chapter on [Coronavirus and the Internet](#).

Opportunities

Nominations for the [ICANN Community Excellence Award](#) are open until 29 March 2021.

Upcoming Events

The ICANN70 Community Forum will take place from 20-25 March 2021. Stay tuned to the [At-Large ICANN70 Workspace](#) for the latest updates, including format of the meeting.

Curated by Amrita Choudhury, CCAOI with support of ICANN Staff