

APRALO Newsletter January 2022

A brief update for the period of January 2022, from the APRALO perspective



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From APRALO Chair Satish Babu



Dear APRALO Community,

Greetings!

We are at the beginning of another year, and I take this opportunity to wish every one of our community a very productive 2022. The APRALO Leadership Team is looking forward to a year of renewed activity in our region.

ICANN73, the Virtual Community Forum, has been announced. It will take place during 7-10 March 2022, with the regular sessions taking place in the Puerto Rico Time Zone (UTC-04:00). The Prep Week will be held during 22-24 Feb 2022. ICANN73 continues with the Pandemic Internet Access Reimbursement Program for those that require it. For details, as well as for Registering for ICANN73, please visit the event webpage (<https://73.schedule.icann.org/>).

We hope to see our community members participating in the Policy Forum, CPWG and the APRALO Working Groups. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Leadership Team members or Staff.

With kind regards

Satish Babu

From ALAC Chair Maureen Hilyard



Dear APRALO Members,

Happy New Year!! And let's hope that it is going to be a good one and that we can get to meet up together at some stage during this year – perhaps Kuala Lumpur. Leadership is going to be a focus for me in my last year in the ALAC Chair. APRALO members are making an influential impact on the work of ICANN. Holly and Naveed have made their presence felt on the ALAC (and Holly Chairs the Operations WG). Cheryl has led a small group that has toiled away for months on the WS2 priorities. Justine, Satish and Lianna are making their presence felt on the IDN EPDP. Satish has just been re-appointed as Chair of APSIG. Justine is the GNSO Liaison and Lianna will be moving into the ccNSO Liaison role after ICANN73. Amrita has recently relinquished her long hours on the NomCom to Ali. Shreedeeep has been a great influence and mentor on the Social Media group and Aris will be our new O&E lead.. These are our budding leaders of the future and as I prepare to leave the ALAC Chair role at the end of the year, I look forward to seeing more APRALO members continuing to make their mark within ICANN.

Maureen

Appointment

Chief Security, Stability, and Resiliency Officer (CSSRO) John Crain has been appointed [as ICANN Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer](#).

Organised

Briefing and interactive discussion on proposed [Canadian online harms legislation](#).

Community webinar to provide and update on the findings of the [System for Standardized Access/Disclosure \(SSAD\) to Nonpublic Generic Top-Level Domain \(gTLD\) Registration Data Operational Design Phase](#) (ODP).

Published

The [Operational Design Assessment \(ODA\)](#), the final output of the System for Standardized Access/ Disclosure (SSAD) to Nonpublic generic Top-Level Domain Registration Data Operational Design Phase (ODP).

Launched the Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) [Survey for the Africa region](#).

The [GNSO Council and ICANN Board met for a formal consultation](#) on the detailed findings of the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) Operational Design Phase (ODP).

View the [NextGen for ICANN73](#) here

Public Consultations

[Additional scripts to support through the Internationalized Domain Names \(IDNs\)](#) by 14 February.

[Myanmar Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) by 3 March.

ICANN Bylaws Amendment that proposes changes to Article 10 and Annex B by 3 March.

On the [two draft work products](#) that contribute to the Name Collision Analysis Project NCAP Study 2.

Inviting Proposals

For conducting [end user survey for](#) ALAC by 7 February.

For a [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\) consulting services](#) to help implementing specific recommendations developed by the ICANN community regarding increasing, measuring, and reporting upon the diversity of the constituent groups of the ICANN community.

Opportunities

➔ The [NomCom is inviting applications](#) for the ICANN and PTI Board and leadership positions in SO/AC till 11 March 2022.

➔ APRALO Community do encourage deserving candidates from the Asia Pacific region to apply for the positions: ICANN Board of Director; PTI Board of Director; GNSO Council (non-voting) and ccNSO Council.

ALAC Policy Updates

Submissions

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) submitted (1) policy statement since the last APRALO Newsletter on [ccNSO Proposed Policy on the Retirement of ccTLDs](#)

Work in Progress

The ALAC is currently developing the following responses to ICANN Public Comment proceedings, and other cross community and/or external consultations:

[ICANN Draft FY23-27 Operating and Financial Plan and Draft FY23 Operating Plan and Budget](#)

Soon to Start Work on

The ALAC will start working to develop a response to the consultation on:

[ICANN Bylaws Amendments: ccNSO-Proposed Changes to Article 10 and Annex B](#)

Contribute to the ICANN & ALAC Policy Proceedings



Visit the [At-Large Policy Advice Development Page](#) or contact At-Large Staff for more information.



To **contribute to ALAC policy activity**, on the At-Large workspace or volunteer as penholder and join the weekly At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) meetings.



APRALO Community can 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.

Important Links to Visit

[At-Large Website on Public Comments and Policy Advice](#)
[Executive Summaries: ALAC Public Comments and Advice](#)
[Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#)
[At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group \(OFB-WG\)](#)

ALAC Call

At the [January ALAC Monthly](#) meeting Guest Speakers [Xavier Calvez](#), Senior Vice President, Planning and Chief Financial Officer, ICANN, [Becky Nash](#), Vice President, Planning, ICANN and [Shani Quidwai](#), Senior Director, Finance presented on the Draft FY23-27 Operating Plan and Budget.

Dr. Ajay Data, Chair of the UASG outlined his request for a Liaison from the ALAC to the UASG.

Further, the agenda also featured updates regarding At-Large policy activity including ALAC advice, membership updates, and reports from At-Large Liaisons and WG leaders, as well as planning for ICANN73.

APRALO Call

At the [APRALO monthly call](#) on 20 January:

- Guest speaker Harish Chowdhary, UA Ambassador, shared the activities he is doing to build capacity and outreach on Universal Acceptance and IDNs.

Satish Babu shared the experience of conducting a Face-to-Face meeting at APSIG.

APRALO NomCom representative Ali Almeshal informed the community of the leadership positions available and deadlines.

Cheryl Langdon Orr provided a brief overview of the policies being discussed.

Lianna Galstyan shared on the APRALO Mentorship Program.

APAC Space Update

At the APAC Space web conference ICANN's Sarmad Hussain, Senior Director, IDN and UA Programs provided an overview of the Public Comment on Additional Unicode Scripts for Support in Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs). ICANN's Pitinan Kooarmornpatana, Senior Manager, IDN Program and Yin May Oo, Co-Chair, Myanmar Script Generation Panel, provided an update on the Proposal for Myanmar Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules (RZ-LGR).

GNSO NomCom Delegate Pam Little provided an update on the NomCom Application Openings.

For more details view the [slide deck](#) and [session recording](#) in the [community wiki page](#).



Survey #2.2021 Report & Guide for 2022 Agenda

Survey Facts

- Designed to understand how well the APRALO Policy Forum (APF) has functioned in 2021* & guidance on 2022 agenda setting
- Ran for 7 weeks (2-12-2021 to 14-01-2022)
- Drew only 10 unique respondents
- Gained 1 new sign-up to APF mailing list

* Referred to:

- A. Regional Policy Positioning
- B. Capacity Building Webinars
- C. APRALO Mentoring Program
- D. Other projects – Project RoSI and Hot Topics Survey

NB. The earlier Survey #1.2021 had been designed identify key impediments to participating in the APF, and ideas for addressing them

Key Findings/Inputs

Awareness of APRALO Policy Forum

90% knew of the APF and RALO activities, mainly through the APRALO Monthly Calls (100%), APAC-Discuss mail list (80%), and APRALO Monthly Newsletter (50%)

Regional Policy Positioning

90% agreed that the 1 Jun 2021 APRALO Statement to the GSNO New gTLD SubPro Final Outputs for ICANN Board Consideration is the sort of policy intervention to undertake.

A majority of respondents believe APRALO should pay attention to increasing awareness and participation from stakeholders in the adoption of Universal Acceptance (UA) and Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

Capacity Building Webinars

90% agreed that the 27 Jun 2021 APRALO Webinar on IDNs is the sort of webinar to run

Some suggestions on topics

- UA action items & projects
- Outcomes of the EPDP on IDNs
- Outreach on New gTLDs around IDNs, applicant support, community TLDs
- End-user action on DNS abuse
- Other issues being discussed in ICANN PDPs, in general

Overview

80% thought the 2021 initiatives* either have or will meet APF's dual purpose of (1) facilitating informed, inclusive regional position development on ICANN issues; and (2) support regional participation in the ALAC Policy Platform.

Guide for 2022 Agenda

1. Maintain Selective Focus

- **Concentrate on UA and IDNs**, establish specific opportunities for participation and identify action items
- Monitor developments on New gTLD Program – SubPro ODP
- Monitor developments for end-user action against DNS abuse
- Limit to issues within ICANN remit impacting end-users

2. Vary Modus Operandi

- Find new ways to simplify engagement, allow for ease of understanding, increase discussion opportunities
- Support and avoid duplicating CPWG efforts
- Conduct periodic review on effectiveness of *modus operandi*

3. Continue with existing initiatives

- APRALO Mentorship Program
- APRALO Register of Skills & Interests (Project RoSI)
- APRALO Hot Topics Survey (HTS) 2022

Happy New Year 2022!

I begin the year by presenting for your perusal a condensed result of the APRALO Policy Forum Survey #2.2021 which ran from early Dec 2021 to mid-Jan 2022, which I need to point out, drew a very low response. With this mind, I thought it would be prudent not to digress from the [recommendations out the earlier Survey #1.2021](#), but instead to draw from Survey #2.2021 to refine our agenda for 2022.

Please continue to visit [The APRALO Policy Forum](#) for more details on periodic participation opportunities in this dedicated space for facilitating better informed, inclusive regional input on issues within ICANN's remit. Kindly contact At-Large staff if you wish to join the APRALO Policy Forum.

From

Justine Chew

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Social Media Working Group (SMWG)

Shreedeeep Rayamajhi is the APRALO lead to the social media Working Group. The group will now be getting active with the upcoming ICANN73.

SMWG works to develop a strong and sustainable presence of the At-Large Community on social media; coordinates the content creation for At-Large and provides live feed during ICANN international meetings. To become a volunteer for SMWG and help promote At Large activities, write to staff@icann.org

ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement

By Aris Ignacio



Daniel Nanghaka, Chair of the ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement (OE-SC) and Natalia Filina, Vice-Chair of the OE-SC and Manager of Regional Liaisons have sent a call for new members and re-confirmation of membership for current ones that ended last December 10, 2021.

As of the moment, the OE-SC is still in the process of scheduling the first meeting for 2022.

The ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement develops strategy to:

- Reach out to potential members of the At-Large Community (Outreach), and
- Engage new and existing members of the At-Large Community (Engagement).

For full details of the Subcommittee, outputs, activities, and schedules, kindly visit this [link](#).

Operations Finance and Budget Working Group Update

By Holly Raiche



The work of the OFB WG follows the annual cycle of ICANN Planning, starting in May-June with the Operating Initiatives, followed by the development of the IANA Operating Plan and Budget in late July-August. In September-October ICANN Planning works on the ICANN Operating Plan and Budget. At each of the stages, the OFB WG is briefed by ICANN Planning and then holds meetings to develop and finalise ALAC responses. At the end of the calendar year, the OFB WG oversees ALAC and RALOs submissions for Additional Budget Requests (ABRs).

This past year has roughly followed that schedule, with the two meetings in January 2022 providing presentations on the FY23 ICANN Operating Plan and Budget and the FY23-27 Operating Plan and budget, looking at both the numbers and Operating Initiatives. Those presentations, the discussion during the meetings and additional comments made on those documents will form the basis for the ALAC response to both the Operating Plans and Budgets

For an overview of the WG, its membership, its timetable and links to its meetings [visit here](#).

CCAOI- CUTS - ISOC Delhi's Online Discussion on Privacy of Minors

CCAOI, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) & Internet Society Delhi Chapter (ISOC Delhi) organised an online discussion '[Data Protection Bill 2021: Deciphering the Privacy & Rights of Minors](#)'.

The objective of the discussion was to discuss the provisions related to processing of data related to minors, identify areas that need to be refined and then deliberate on what constructive regulations/ codes of practice should look like for minors' privacy.

The session was attended by over 120 participants on Zoom and 60 people in live stream, belonging to different stakeholder groups from across the country. The recording can be viewed using this [link](#).

Internet Society Mumbai releases new publication

ISOC India Mumbai Chapter launched its new publication '**Heterotopia**' with the issue on FinTech. The new publication attempts to cover broader, emerging themes in FinTech attempting to capture Indian and global perspectives by inviting diverse contributors from India, US, and Canada. The edition tries to explore some of questions pertaining to cryptocurrency, future of banking, integration of emerging technologies with banking, skillsets required to deal with such changes and most importantly, challenges related to governance of these financial technologies. The Heterotopia publication can be read [here](#).

The poster features logos for CCAOI, CUTS International, and Internet Society Delhi Chapter. The text reads: 'Invites you to attend an online discussion * Data Protection Bill 2021: Deciphering the Privacy & Rights of Minors'. The date and time are '18 January 2022 | 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM IST'. The speakers listed are: Dr. Amar Patnaik (MP Rajya Sabha, & Member of JPC on PDPB'19, Keynote Speaker), Manish Tewari (MP Lok Sabha, & Member of JPC on PDPB'19, Keynote Speaker), Uthara Ganesh (Snapchat), Nikhil Pahwa (MediaNama), S. Chandrashekar (K&S Partners), Aparajita Bharti (YLAC), and Sreenidhi Srinivasan (Ikigai Law). A registration link is provided: <https://bit.ly/3fpJ0JQ>.

Meet Our Leader



Rao Naveed Bin Rais
ALAC member from APRALO

A Professor in Electrical & Computer
Engineering Department at Ajman University,
UAE.

Areas of interest:

Internet Naming and Addressing, Security & Stability, Domain Names

Engagement in ICANN

Started engaging as a Fellow in ICANN 50. Since then, he has attended ICANN meetings as ICANN Fellow, Fellow Alumni, Fellowship Coach, Fellowship Lead, and Fellowship Mentor.

He was part of the ICANN Community Onboard Program. Served as a member of recently-concluded Second Security, Stability and Resilience Review Team (SSR2-RT) representing GNSO; served as a member of GNSO Standing Selection Committee (SSC) representing NCS; was part of DNS Train the Trainers program at regional level.

He is a member of RSSAC Caucus and an individual member of APRALO.

Personal Update

From Pakistan, currently resides in the United Arab Emirates.

Hobbies

Playing and following Tennis, Badminton, Cricket and Table Tennis.

Upcoming Events

[APRICOT 2022 & APNIC 53](#) will be a virtual event from 21 February to 3 March
[ICANN 73](#): Virtual Policy Forum from 7-10 March.

Thank You for reading the Newsletter!

Do send you feedback and comments to: amritachoudhury@ccaoi.in