APRALO Newsletter July 2022

A brief update for the period of June – July 2022, from the APRALO perspective

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From APRALO Chair Satish Babu

Dear APRALO community

Greetings! On behalf of the Leadership Team, I hope you are keeping fine.
We are fast We are fast approaching the ICANN75 Annual General Meeting. This is the first face-to-face meeting in our region after ICANN64 in Kobe, 2019. As the host region, it is our privilege to welcome the ICANN community to the Asia-Pacific.

Since this event is in our region, I request everyone to join the sessions in person if possible, or remotely if not. We will be inviting our member ALSes and individual members to participate in a special online networking session @ICANN75. More details will be shared subsequently. We also plan to have our regular Sep 2022 monthly meeting in hybrid mode and all are invited to this event.

As you may be aware, we are planning for the APRALO General Assembly in 2023. We would be in a position to fund our most active At-Large Structures (ALSes) to the event. More information will be shared subsequently.

We are also aware that there are several activities taking place in our region in September. The joint APNIC-APSIG-APrIGF event is scheduled for 8-14 Sep 2022 @ Singapore,. Post ICANN75, the India School on Internet Governance is being convened in Hyderabad, India (25-28 Sep). This time, inSIG has organized three Day 0 events on 25 Sep, the GFCE Triple-I Workshop, the India Youth IGF 2022, and the Focus Session on Universal Acceptance jointly organized by APRALO, UA Ambassadors in India, and the UA India Local Chapter. With kind regards,

Satish Babu

From ALAC Chair Maureen Hilyard

Dear APRALO members,

This will be my final news item as the Chair of the ALAC, since I will have completed a 4-year term as Chair at the AGM meeting in Kuala Lumpur, 17-22 September and introducing our new ALAC Chair, Jonathan Zuck from NARALO. However, as I will still have another year left of my current two year term as the APRALO representative on the ALAC, I will be happy to share future ALAC news responsibilities with my 2023 ALAC colleagues, Satish and Naveed. ICANN75 is only 6 weeks away with APRALO having a higher profile as the hosts of the meeting, the first time since ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi – also our last General Assembly.

It was great to see so many APRALO members present at the ICANN74 meeting at The Hague in the Netherlands. One major excitement was the ICANN Excellence Award was given to Vanda Scartezeni, who joins some other famous At-Largers who have won this award, including former ALAC Chairs, Olivier Crepin-Leblond and APRALO's own Cheryl Langdon Orr.

One notable change to our workstream programme will happen in Outreach and Engagement. Come along to our WG meetings starting in August and learn about our new approach to O&E, with its greater focus on RALO members being better informed Policy messengers within our region. Justine's APRALO Policy Sessions will certainly support this new initiative. Come along and add your skills and talents to a more interactive O&EWG programme. I look forward to seeing you there.

Take care and keep safe,

Maureen

- ICANN74 Policy Forum Meeting was organized from 13-16 June in Hague. The ICANN74 Prep week from 31 May-2 June. This hybrid meeting was attended by 1,817 attendees from 101 countries and territories—917 in person and 900 remotely.

- During the meeting the ICANN Community Excellence Award 2022 was awarded to Vanda Scartezini from LACRALO.

- Around this meeting ICANN Fellowship celebrated 15 Years of bringing in new voices to the ICANN Community

- For more details ICANN 74 read the Policy Outcomes and GAC Communique.

ICANN Updates

Announced

- Partnership with EURid to promote a multilingual and inclusive Internet,
- ICANN78 Annual General Meeting will be held in Hamburg, Germany
- The ICANN75 Fellowship list and NextGen@ICANN75 Participants
- ICANN Board Approves Recommendations of Cross-Community Working Group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds
- The 2023 Nominating Committee Chair and Chair-Elect were announced. Vanda Scartezini will serve as 2023 Nominating Committee (NomCom) Chair, and Amir Qayyum as 2023 NomCom Chair-Elect.

Issued

Advisory on Chinese Privacy Law's Impact on Data Disclosure Complaints.

Completed

The annual audits confirming proper controls in place for the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions.

Adopted

The ICANN Board adopted ICANN's FY23–27 Operating and Financial Plan and FY23 Operating Plan and Budget.

Sought

- Nominations for Dr. Tarek Kamel Award for Capacity Building till 25 July.

- Request for proposal (RFP) for conducting an Africa Domain Name System Study 2022 by 25 July

ICANN Updates

Publication

ICANN's Office of the CTO (OCTO) has published a new paper "Observing DNSSEC Key Lifecycles".

Inviting

Initial Report on the Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process – Phase 1(a) by 16 August.

Iapplication for CANN Fellowship Program for ICANN76 by 19 August.

Read

The ICANN Chair's Blog: June 2022 Board Workshop Preview

Upcoming Webinar

Webinar on the FY24 IANA Functions and PTI Planning will be held on 11 and 12 August.

Upcoming Meetings

- Registration for ICANN75 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia is Now Open

- ICANN76 Community Forum will be held in Cancún, Mexico from 11–16 March 2023

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)

Monthly Call Updates

ALAC Call

The ALAC call in [July](#) had updates presented by ICANN Board Vice Chair Leon Sanchez on the board activities, updates on ALAC policy development activities; updates from the ALAC leaders and liaisons and discussions on the At Large activities and preparations for ICANN75

APRALO Call

There was no APRALO monthly call in June. In the [July](#) monthly meeting, updates were provided on the upcoming ICANN75 meeting preparations, current policies being discussed in CPWG, updates from the hot topic survey initiative of APRALO policy forum and updates from the engagement working group.

After kicking off its latest initiative - the Fireside Chat Program - in May 2022, with the inaugural Fireside Chat: **Let's Talk About PDP 3.0**, the APRALO Policy Forum produced another 2 Fireside Chats in June.

Let's Talk About Closed Generics, held on 8 June 2022, saw **Olivier Crépin-Leblond**, Co-Chair of the At-Large CPWG chatting with **Holly Raiche**, APRALO ALAC Member on how the issue of closed generics might impact Internet end-users. In engaging audience participation on examples and scenarios of strings that might qualify as closed generics Holly also discussed some factors in favour of versus against closed generics being made available for application in the next round of new gTLDs.

Olivier and Holly having a good time chatting about closed generics. Look at how excited Holly got!

Participant **Raymond Mamattah** commented, *"The event was very well organized, with experts who know much about the topic. One interesting part is it was very engaging and we the participants were very much involved as well. For instance, I asked a question and I was asked to share my thoughts on what I think about the question, which of course generated into great chats. In all, I think it will be good to do [a] series of by-the-fire-side concept events. Well done to the organising team."*

Let's Talk About Transfer Policy, held, on 29 June 2022, had **Jonathan Zuck**, ALAC Vice Chair for Policy and Co-Chair of the At-Large CPWG, speaking with **Steinar Grøtterød**, Member of the GNSO Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process Working Group (TPR PDP WG) selected by the ALAC.

That conversation focused on identifying the impact of the 2018 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) on existing ICANN Policy around inter-registrar transfers of domain name registrations insofar as registrants and/or individual end-users are concerned. It also highlighted recommendations proposed by the TPR PDP WG to make such transfers less onerous but without forsaking certain safety mechanisms aimed at protecting registrants.

Jonathan and Steinar did a great job with making Transfer Policy more understandable

Participant **Samik Kharel** shared, *"Although slightly technical, the third fireside chat on transfer policy was extremely valuable for me as a domain owner and a policy enthusiast. In the talk, … operational and transfer hurdles were discussed, inline with how the transfer policy has been struggling to be updated inline with the GDPR. It .. made me realize how everything is intertwined with each other in a policy. It would be great if we could also make some pointers and summary from each fireside chat and distribute it amongst our peers. Shoutout to Jonathan Zuck and Steinar Grøtterød for trying to simplify things for non technical folks."*

A brief post-mortem of the 3 Fireside Chats revealed, among others, the following insights:

- 92% of participants like or really like the informal style of the chats;
- 95% of participants found the chats to be either very useful or useful in presenting an overview of each topic; and
- 95% of participants found the Guest Speakers to be either very helpful or helpful in sharing knowledge and addressing questions on the respective topics.

Based on the overwhelming support, we plan to continue the series in due course, amid organizing a few events for ICANN 75 in Kuala Lumpur. In the meantime, recordings of all 3 Fireside Chats can easily be accessed at the APRALO Policy Forum Fireside Chats Wiki Page.

Click here to get more details on the APRALO Policy Forum's work and here to comment on the same.

Social Media Working Group (SMWG)

By Shah Zahidur Rahman

The SMWG has been active promoting various events among the community over email, social media and messaging platforms.

In the recent working group call 27 July, discussing in collaboration to all RALO's members and leaders to focused on

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Identify & distribute ICANN75 (AGM) key messages to their communities
•Ensure ALL Regions Sessions are Highlighted / with Policy Leaders
•Establish effective communication, ALAC bilateral Sessions with the ccNSO, GNSO and the GAC etc. are at ICANN75.
•Recommended to resume social media competition

During the next schedule call the above points will be follow-up and update among SMWG group members
To become a volunteer for SMWG and help promote At Large activities, write to staff@atlarge.icann.org

ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement

By Aris Ignacio

With ICANN75 in Kuala Lumpur just around the corner, the APRALO team is currently planning a couple of outreach and engagement activities. The following are some discussed activities for the upcoming meeting but not limited to:
•Participation of university students during ICANN in coordination with local ALS and;
•Joint meet up with ICANN Fellows and NextGen@ICANN participants from APAC.

Other activities are currently being planned and discussed. Next planning meeting is scheduled on August 4 at 0600 UTC.

The last ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement call was held on August 3 at 1700 UTC for 60 minutes.

Kindly submit the mentioned information to staff@atlarge.icann.org and please cc arisignacio@yahoo.com at the soonest possible time.

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 and then in September-October working on the ICANN Operating Plan and Budget based on the ICANN Planning cycle.

The OFB WG recently reviewed the outcomes of the ALAC/RALO Chairs Strategic Trends workshop The workshop, run by ICANN planning, asked the participants to contribute their own views of ALAC priorities under six headings: Security, ICANN governance, Unique Identifiers, Geopolitics, Financials and Trends. Some of the hot topics for the participants included several aspects of DNS Abuse, issues surrounding attracting and assisting new members to ALAC, and impacts of global issues on ICANN. The outcomes from the workshop will inform the ALAC responses to Operating Initiatives in the ICANN budget.

 For an overview of the WG, its membership, its timetable and links to its meetings visit here.

"Greetings to all, on behalf of the ISOC Malaysia Chapter, we are humbled and pleased to be able to host the ICANN75 24th Annual General Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It has been more than 2 years since a meeting is held in the Asia Pacific region and we are pleased to invite you to our home full of cultural and food diversity. We hope that with the convening of the community in ICANN75, we will all be able to rekindle with our connections in each stakeholder group members, the Board, the staff as well as welcoming the newcomers."

About ISOC Malaysia Chapter:

- Established in 2010
- 665 members
- APRALO ALS since 2012

ISOC Malaysia is re-organizing and re-structuring the chapter for future events and activities. The Chapter hopes to be able to connect with organisations around Malaysia to ensure that Internet is available & accessible while spreading awareness on internet related topics and issues to the public

Puteri Ameena Binti Hishammuddin
Vice President of ISOC Malaysia

Areas of interest:

Youth in Internet Governance, education, blockchain-based governance

Engagement in ICANN

APRALO ALS Member, ICANN75 Fellow, APIGA 2021 Alumni

Personal Update

Graduated with a Computer Science degree from International Islamic University Malaysia in 2021. Currently working as a Blockchain Engineer with Twistcode Technologies Sdn Bhd.

My journey in IG started from the Youth IGF (yIGF) 2020. In 2021 I attended the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) and it was the catalyst to my involvement in the internet governance space.

I was able to attend the virtual internet governance meetings such as IGF 2021, APNIC53 & APRICOT2022, APNG 15 Camp 2022, IGF2022 Global Youth Observatory Working Group, and the APNIC54 Fellowship.
I am also a Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) alumnus by my completion of the YSEALI Digital & Innovation Summit 2022: The Digitization of Trust. Other than that, I am a volunteer with blockchain communities in Malaysia such as ETHKL and Sekolah Kripto.

Hobbies

Reading, outdoor activities & music

Opportunities

- Participate in the **APRALO Hot Topics 2022 Survey** by 9 September and help frame APRALO priorities for next 18-24 months.

Upcoming Events

- APSIG2022 will be held 9-11 September in Singapore
- AprIGF2022 will be held 12-14 September in Singapore.
- APNIC54 will be held 8-15 September in Singapore.

Thank You for reading the Newsletter!

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