

APRALO Newsletter February 2023

A brief update for the period of Jan – Feb 2023, from the APRALO perspective



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Message

From APRALO Chair Amrita Choudhury

Dear APRALO community

Greetings!

In case you are attending APRICOT2023 this week, do catch up with our Vice Chair, Aris there. He will be happy to meet you and hear your thoughts and suggestions.

We are at the moment gearing up for ICANN76 with the prep week starting from 27 February. While the conference timing is not very Asia Pacific friendly, still do try if possible to participate in the sessions of your interest.

The NomCom is still inviting nominations for several leadership positions. Do have a look and encourage suitable candidates to apply by 23 March.

We are planning to organise an APRALO GA sometime this year. The planning has just started. We will share more information soon.

We look forward to your active engagement and for easy communication we now have a WhatsApp group. Do ping any of us and we will add you in 😊

Warm Regards,

Amrita



From APRALO Vice Chair Gunela Astbrink

ICANN76 is coming up!

ICANN76 is a Community Forum and will be held between 11-16 March in Cancun, Mexico. Cancun was the first location to be turned into an online meeting when Covid hit in early 2020.

Now we are returning to Cancun as a hybrid meeting. The schedules show meetings are between 14:00 and 22:30 UTC. A challenging time for some of us in the Asia Pacific.

- The various constituencies have their own meetings on the weekend of 11 and 12 March.
- At-Large will have meetings all weekend including on Subsequent Procedures (Sub Pro for short) and also Outreach and Engagement. There will be a joint meeting between ALAC and SSAC.
- A key meeting on Monday is between the ICANN Board and ALAC. Of interest to most of us is the GAC discussion on DNS abuse.
- Tuesday will feature a geopolitical forum.
- A plenary session on Wednesday entitled 'Towards WSIS+20: How can we improve the multistakeholder model for the future?'. Speakers will be from across the regions. This should be a most stimulating session!
- Thursday will feature an ALAC hosted session entitled 'Unfinished business and the role of the ODP', that is the Sub Pro Operational Design Phase. Thursday also features the Public Forum.

I have only spoken about some highlights. There is so much more all week. As we know, ICANN meetings are very full with much to do throughout the week.

Looking forward to seeing much participation by APRALO members at ICANN76.

Regards,
Gunela



From APRALO Vice Chair Aris Ignacio



Hello and good day to everyone!

With the ICANN76 Meeting in Cancún is just around the corner, preparations related to the said event are all underway. Through the current leadership and the cooperation of every member within APRALO, activities and preparations are becoming a reality.

Your involvement in the process, may this be big or small, is very crucial in making every endeavor and effort a big success.

Currently, several undertakings that APRALO is currently involved in are within the realm of policy, outreach and engagement, and even technical matters that each one of us can be interested in participating.

Just a reminder to all that ICANN76 in Cancún, Mexico will be from March 11-16. To those who will be onsite, may each one have a great time in one of the famous places in the world. To those online, let us participate wherever you may be.

If you have any concerns or questions, I am just a message away.

Happy to serve!

Yours truly,

Aris

ICANN Updates

Announced

- Enacting relief for [registrants affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria](#).
- [Coalition for Digital Africa to Launch Study of Continent's DNS Landscape](#)
- Convened [Design Team to Evolve Root Zone Security](#)
- [Recipients of the ICANN77 Fellowship](#)
- [APAC DNS Forum 2023](#) will be organised in Hong Kong between 4 and 5 July 2023
- Call for [EOI to Provide Internet Access During Emergencies](#)

Published

- ICANN76 [Community Forum](#) & [Prep Week](#) Schedule
- [UA Roadmap](#) for Domain Name Registry and Registrar Systems
- The [2022 IDN Annual Report](#)
- Results of the [2022 Internet Assigned Numbers Authority \(IANA\) Functions Customer Engagement Survey](#)
- Q2 Unaudited Financial results ([ICANN](#) & [PTI](#))
The [Work Stream 2 Implementation Summary – Q4 2022 Quarterly Report](#)

Launched

ICANN received the [final declaration](#) in the Namecheap, Inc., versus ICANN Independent Review Process (IRP) case. While the IRP panel agreed with ICANN that Namecheap failed to prove that the removal of the price controls amounted to discriminatory treatment under the Bylaws, however the IRP panel found that ICANN's approval of the 2019 Registry Agreements for .INFO and .ORG without price controls violated the Articles and/or Bylaws and that the Board did not, follow the procedures for ensuring promotion of the global public interest.

Opportunities

- Nominations are invited for [ICANN Community Excellence Award](#) till 28 March.
- Applications for the [ICANN77 Community Childcare Grants Pilot Program](#) is open till 10 March.
- Application invited [ICANN NexGen@ICANN](#) Program for ICANN77 by 31 March 2023
- ICANN NomCom is [accepting applications](#) for key leadership positions by 23 March for the following leadership positions: Two members of the ICANN Board of Directors; One member of the PTI Board of Directors; Three regional representatives to the ALAC – one each from the Africa; the APAC; and the LAC region; Two members of the GNSO Council – one representing the Contracted Parties House and one representing the Non-Contracted Parties House; and One member of the CCNSO Council.

Public Consultations

Open

- Published [Seven Additional Script-Based Reference Label Generation Rules](#) by 3 March

Closed

- Proposed [Procedure for Selecting a TLD String for Private Use](#) by 28 Feb
- [Draft FY24–28 Operating & Financial Plan and FY24 Operating Plan & Budget](#) by 14 February
- [Initial Report on the ccNSO PDP Review Mechanism](#) by 24 January
- [Final Report on Specific Curative Rights Protections for IGOs](#) by 16 Jan

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 \(OFB-WG\)](#)

January Call

In the [January Call](#)

- Maureen gave an overview on the [GNSO Guidance Process \(GGP\) for Applicant Support](#)
- Amrita gave an overview of the [the APRALO Outreach and Engagement Plan](#)
- Aris shared the APRALO engagement plans for APRICOT2023, AP*, APTLD, etc.
- Shreedeeep shared on the APRALO Policy Forum
- Shah gave an update on the SMWG
- An outline of the UA Day plan this was followed by encouraging ALSes and members to apply for UA fund for initiative they plan to organise

February Call

In the [February Monthly Call](#)

- ICANN Board Member, Edmon Chung spoke on the board activities.
- Gunela presented an overview on ICANN76 and what to expect.
- Satish presented on the current Policies under discussion.
- Aris presented on the O&E plan for February.
- There was a discussion on the APRALO General Assembly.

By Shreedeeep Rayamajhi

APRALO Policy Forum is having monthly meetings.

During the February meeting of the APRALO Policy Forum, Maureen Hilyard gave us an Overview of Applicant Support GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) Framework and Amrita Choudhury shared us the comments on the draft submission Draft FY24–28 Operating & Financial Plan and Draft FY24 Operating Plan & Budget by the ALAC. Similarly, many of the participants shared their thoughts and ideas on the APRALO policy forum working [document](#).

Likewise in the January meeting Holly Raiche Updated on At-Large Operations Finance and Budget and Cheryl Langdon-Orr shared the updates on the CPWG. During the meeting, Nabeel Yasin was announced as the new co-chair of the APRALO Policy Forum.

Click [here to get more details](#) on the APRALO Policy Forum's work.

Click [here to get more details](#) on the past APRALO Policy Forum's work.



ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement

By Aris Ignacio

Several initiatives that relate to the outreach and engagement goals of APRALO will be or are being conducted as of this writing.

Amrita Choudhury, APRALO Chair, presented online during the APTLD83 meeting and explored how ccTLDs and APRALO can work together in the region. This was highlighted with a presentation about APRALO and the work that the organization has been doing. The meeting was also attended online by APRALO Vice Chair Gunela Astbrink.

The DNS Abuse session during the conference week of APRICOT 2023 in Manila will be held on March 1 from 6-7pm local time at the Visayas Ballroom of the Sofitel Philippine Plaza. This is organized by ICANN APAC, and APRALO through its Vice Chair, Aris Ignacio. This is also in cooperation with the Internet Society Philippines Chapter and the College of Information Technology and Engineering of Southville International School and Colleges. The event will be a roundtable discussion format.

Finally, preparations by APRALO are underway for Universal Access (UA) Day. Kindly see emails or any other means for announcements and call for participation.



Flow of the session @APRICOT2023

Topic	Speaker
Welcome and Introductions	Aris Ignacio, APRALO Vice Chair, Dean CITE, SISC
Introduction to ICANN	Yien Chyn Tan APAC Stakeholder Engagement Manager, ICANN
About APRALO and ISOC-PH	Winthrop Yu, ISOC-PH Chair
DNS and DNS Abuse	Champika Wijayatunga APAC Regional Technical Engagement Manager, ICANN
Interactive Segment (Open Mic)	Yien Chyn Tan – Moderator APAC Stakeholder Engagement Manager, ICANN
Wrap Up and Closing	Achie Atienza, PhNOG

Social Media Working Group (SMWG)

By Shah Zahidur Rahman

At-Large SMWG has developed several activities for ICANN76. This includes At-Large ICANN76 promo videos, featuring speakers from the different languages. The videos will be running between February till the meeting.

In addition, a series of two webinar “The Art of Assertive Communication” is organised. The SMWG's ICANN76 Twitter Competition will use the hashtag #ALAC76 or #AtLarge76 #ICANN76, – LACRALO – NARALO –EURALO – APRALO – AFRALO. SMWG leadership team invites all the RALOs, Fellows, Next Gen and all At Large community to participate. The winner of the competitions will be announced during the At-Large wrap up session There will be prizes for the top 2 winners!

At Large will be managing the ICANN booth being set up for ICANN76 between Monday and Wednesday. The itinerary is being finalised.

Do register and attend ICANN76!



DotAsia Update

As set out in the DotAsia Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2022, the strategic directive of the organization had been focused on Asia Pacific collaboration and solidarity. In particular to expand engagement and foster collaboration among the Asia Pacific Internet community.

Among different collaboration with DotAsia members, we are especially pleased to report the successful implementation of the first ever three way joint event of APNIC, [Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum](#) (APrIGF) and Asia Pacific School on Internet Governance (APSIG) in September of 2022, bringing together more than 500 participants from across the region to the first community event coming out of the pandemic. APrIGF has also just issued a [renewed call for interested local host for 2023](#).

DotAsia's [NetMission](#) initiative, being the longest standing youth Internet governance program globally, is looking to develop our alumni network, and we are looking to reach interested ALSes in APRALO to explore potential collaborations with NetMission Ambassadors.

Finally, we are also excited to report the successful launch of the .KiDS community gTLD last year. After a decade working through the ICANN processes, DotAsia has been and continue to support the development and operations of .KiDS, which is dedicated to the best interests of kids, including [policies](#) that try to find balance between the protection of children online and upholding their rights also to freedom of information to feed their curious minds.

ISOC Delhi Members Organise Outreach Initiative

On 1 February, few ISOC Delhi members Prof. Kapil Goyal and Prof. Preeti Kamra from DAV College Amritsar, organised an outreach initiative themed Safer Internet Day 2023 ! ICANN @ LEARN.

Over 1000 students were provided an overview on ICANN, ICANN Learn Courses and UA.

Besides during the open-house session students ideated and deliberated on cyber ethics, data governance and artificial intelligence.

Innovative Outreach Programme
ISOC India Delhi Chapter

Culture Ambassadors

- ICANN Learn 400.1 Cybersecurity Basics
- ICANN Learn 701.1 Policy and Public Comment
- ICANN Learn 155.1 Getting to Know Business Constituency
- ICANN Learn 200.1 History of the Internet
- ICANN Learn 606.1 Introduction to universal acceptance
- ICANN Learn 130.1 At-Large Capacity Building
- ICANN Learn 602.1 DNS Fundamentals
- ICANN Learn 709.1 Building Trust

Prof Preeti Kamra
Fellow VSIG

Prof Kapil Goyal
Fellow ICANN

ICANN Learn Training Week
February 01-07, 2023
DAV College Amritsar, India

learn.icann.org

Upcoming Events

- APRALO Policy Forum will organise their [call](#) on 2 March 2023, 6 UTC
- ICANN76 Community Forum will be held in Cancún, Mexico from 11–16 March 2023
- [APAC DNS Forum 2023](#) will be organised in Hong Kong between 4 and 5 July 2023

Thank You for reading the Newsletter!

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