

Fouad Bajwa:

I would like to take this opportunity to present my candidacy for the position of the ALAC NomCom delegate. I believe that I have had a great deal of experience across the Internet community including ICANN and IGF and I can contribute actively to the NomCom process in its designated selection processes and report back to our community. I encourage you to visit my linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/fouadbajwa> [[linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com/in/fouadbajwa)].

About myself:

My humble beginnings have been from the ICT for development community and tech industry in Pakistan where my initiatives and contributions have been mostly focused on empowerment at the grassroots level using technology and Internet awareness as tools for expression, inclusion, information sharing and knowledge creation. I have led initiatives focused on introducing and promoting open technologies that have helped in social economic development of various communities.

My journey with global issues and the Internet community began with the World Summit on Information Society Tunisia and I gradually went on to contribute to the IGF as a MAG member and later on in the ICANN community. In Pakistan, currently our organisation has grown into Pakistan's most recognized public policy and technology innovation community that is helping connect farming rural population to the Internet and digital innovations. The Internet Society supported our smart village community network.

You can learn more about my work on connecting rural and smallholding farmer communities work in Pakistan on this BBC show:

**More Information about Digital Dera and its Digital Inclusion for Rural Communities activities:
BBC World Service - Community Networks:**

Connecting the unconnected Digital Planet digital deras connecting farmers in rural Pakistan.

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