

APRALO Policy Forum 2023 Year End Report

@APRALO Monthly Call of Dec 2023

APRALO Leadership Team
20 Dec 2023



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POLICY FORUM
Celebrating Diversity, Fostering Inclusion

APF 2023 Achievements & Recommendations

Achievements

- ⦿ With respect to **APRALO Regional Priorities 2023-2024** per APRALO Hot Topic Survey 2022*
 - Established strong planning practice with targeted focus, also standard delivery practices
 - Covered ALL of APRALO's Regional Priorities except for 2
 - 1c- Take greater cognizance of "global public interest" applicability
 - 2a- Increase involvement in DNS Abuse mitigation
 - *Remedial action in the works*
 - Engaged good number of APRALO participants (and non-APRALO ones too)
 - Instituted end-user-driven regional cross-community networking
 - Introduced 2 new activities: APF Town Hall Meeting, APRALO ICANN Readout
 - Outputs to serve as inputs for planning, regional strategy and/or action

Recommendations

- Review **APRALO Regional Priorities 2023-2024** and update where necessary
- Consider a combination of inward and outward activities for even greater impact; also
 - Use of polls, surveys
 - Single topic consultations – align with CPWG
 - Institution of better participant metrics – to align with Project RoSI
 - Regard for continuous improvement

* See: <https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/147849295/ICANN%2075%20APRALO%20F2F%20-%20Regional%20Priorities%202023-2024.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1667276272000&api=v2>

Summary by Half Year

APRALO Policy Forum (APF) Activities 2023

- ◉ Jan-Jun 2023
 - 6 Monthly Meetings, covering several areas of policy discussions, updates
 - Inward engagement, average attendance of 21 participants

- ◉ Jul-Dec 2023
 - Re-established Purpose of APF: 5 Aims & how to achieve them
 - Re-focus on **APRALO Regional Priorities 2023-2024** per APRALO Hot Topic Survey 2022*
 - Regional partner to At-Large Consolidated Policy WG (CPWG)
 - 8 activities, covering several areas of policy discussions, regional networking, next round of New gTLDs and impact of a global issue on ICANN
 - Introduced APF Town Hall Meeting, APRALO ICANN Readouts
 - Outward engagement, average attendance of 39 participants

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Recap of APRALO Regional Priorities 2023-2024

1. General ALAC/At-Large priorities:	2. Specific policy-related priorities	3. RALO Membership retention & engagement priorities	4. ICANN operating priorities – top 5 to monitor	5. Consideration of additional, new topics **
1a -Continue to contribute towards policy position development	2a -Increase involvement in DNS Abuse mitigation	3a -Continue with capacity building / development	4a-OI-4. Evolve & strengthen ICANN Community’s decision-making processes	5a-Internet Fragmentation or “Splinternet”
1b -Pay attention to ICANN governance matters	2b -Continue focusing on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)	3b -Build on leadership development & mentorship	4b-OI-3. Evolve & strengthen the Multi-stakeholder Model (MSM)	5b -Aspects of the Next Round of New generic Top-Level Domains (New gTLDs)
1c -Take greater cognizance of "global public interest" applicability	2c -Increase participation in promotion of Universal Acceptance (UA)	3c -Improve participation & engagement, institute activity metrics	4c-OI-9. Evaluate, align & facilitate improved engagement in the Internet Ecosystem	
			4d-OI-7. Promote the Universal Acceptance of domain names and email addresses	
			4e-OI-10. Through targeted engagement, improve Govt and IGO engagement & participation	

2023 Activity Details & Statistics

				APRALO Regional Priorities Code																
1H 2023	Activity	Topics Covered	Participants	1a	1b	1c	2a	2b	2c	3a	3b	3c	4a-OI-4	4b-OI-3	4c-OI-9	4d-OI-7	4e-OI-10			
12-Jan	Monthly Call	OFB & CPWG updates	17							x										
2-Feb	Monthly Call	GGP on ASP, ICANN Operating Plan & Budget	20	x	x					x			x	x						
2-Mar	Monthly Call	EPDP on IDNs, UA, CPWG update	18					x	x	x										
6-Apr	Monthly Call	EPDP on IDNs, OFB & CPWG updates, DNS	19	x	x			x		x			x							
4-May	Monthly Call	NomCom rebalancing, CPWG updates	26							x				x						
1-Jun	Monthly Call	EPDP on IDNs, ICANN77	23					x		x										
		Average	21																	
2H 2023	Activity	Topics Covered	Participants	1a	1b	1c	2a	2b	2c	3a	3b	3c	4a-OI-4	4b-OI-3	4c-OI-9	4d-OI-7	4e-OI-10	5a	5b	
6-Jul	ICANN Meeting Readout	ICANN77	53							x				x		x				
20-Jul	Single Topic consultation	Applicant Support	N/A	x						x	x									x
10-Aug	APF Town Hall #1	Planning	35									x								
10-Aug	APF Town Hall #2	Planning	23									x								
7-Sep	Webinar	Next Round of New gTLDs	46							x	x									x
9-Nov	ICANN Meeting Readout	ICANN78	45							x	x			x			x			
23-Nov	Webinar	Next Round of New gTLDs - Applicant Support	34	x						x	x									x
7-Dec	Fireside Chat	Internet Fragmentation	36		x					x	x				x				x	
		Average	39																	