

Dear, **APRALO Community**, I want to thank the present leadership team and everyone at APRALO for their continued support.

As a strong advocate for **youth empowerment in decision making** I have presented myself to bridge the gap between youth and the decision-making roles. My nomination is a testament that **youth can serve as leaders** in the decision-making process within ICANN's Remit.

I have received a **Micromaster in Data Science and Statistics focused on social science and policy from the MIT Institute for Data, Systems, and Society**. With my **data-driven approach in policy making** I am committed to contributing to ICANN decision making as a **representative of the larger voices of the APAC Community**.

Having been working with the present APRALO Leadership team for the last two years in different roles from **writing newsletters to working in the APRALO policy forum and contributing to the APRALO RoP working group** I have delved myself into the policy process and strategic ways to **represent end-user voices in the decision making**.

I had started my journey within **ICANN as a NextGen and been a two-time ICANN fellow**. I have completed **ICANN's Policy Development Accelerator program** as part of ICANN's capacity development for the **upcoming leaders** in policy making. This training and exposure have reinforced my knowledge of **ICANN's structure and the intricate interrelationships among its supporting organizations and advisory committees, policy-making** within the ICANN, and skills to actively represent the voices of the end user community. Besides APRALO, I am also a member of the **Universal Acceptance Communication and Measurement Working Group** and actively contributing to the space. Also, I have organized UA Day in Nepal and led the government to include in the **policy to apply for IDN ccTLD**.

Besides the ICANN community, I have been actively contributing to the **Internet Governance Fora since 2018**. From **Founding Youth Internet Governance Forum Nepal** and empowering Nepalese youth to contributing to **Asia Pacific Regional IGF and Asia Pacific Regional Youth IGF as an MSG member** I have engaged myself with the APAC community as well as in the global IG community. I have also been involved with the **European Commission representing in policy suggestions** on behalf of the youth community. I was recognized as **Internet Society's IGF Youth Ambassador 2022**.

With the present focus areas on **ICANN's policymaking around Nextround gTLD, Universal Acceptance, and DNS abuse mitigation**, I am committed to strongly **representing the end user voices from the APAC region and globally** as a youth leader. I will act as a **catalyst to attract more youths** to the APRALO community and **increase engagement in APRALO's activities**. My past experiences and knowledge support my capacity to **contribute effectively to NomCom's responsibilities**.

Thank you everyone for your support.

**With best Regards,  
Bibek Silwal**