

Asia Pacific Internet Leadership Program (APILP) Working Group

Notes of APILP face-to-face Meeting (5 Aug 2014, 9am, Delhi)

Attendees:

Ang Peng Hwa, SiRC, Singapore [Chair]
Don Hollander, General Manager, APTLD
Jiarong Low, ICANN
Kelvin Wong, ICANN [Secretariat]
Kuek Yu-Chuang, ICANN
Hong Xue, Beijing Normal University (remote)

In attendance

Nica Dumlao, Foundation for Media Alternatives
Shadrach Basheerhamad, Independent Consultant
Sylvia Cadena, APNIC

	Key Points of Discussion	Action Item
1	Introduction	
a	Shadrach commended the formation of the APILP and its first run in India. He said there was a real need for such a program given the lack of capability in the region, which is a very real problem.	
b	<p>Nica asked if the APILP was led by ICANN. APILP Chair clarified that it was a community-driven initiative to which ICANN supported through providing secretariat functions. He said that even putting together a one-day program required quite a lot of behind-the-scene work and it was the secretariat that took up the slack. She asked about the need to charge for such programs and shared the expectation that she and some in the community have, that these programs should be free.</p> <p>APILP Chair and Kuek said that besides the matter of sustainability that there was a need for the participants to have “skin in the game” and discourage no-shows, which will present logistical challenges.</p>	
2	<u>Pilot run and Learning points for future sessions</u>	
a	Attendance and Outreach Hong Xue inquired about the participation for the 3 Aug	

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	<p>pilot run. There were 8 pre-registered participants and 20 or so other walk-in registration in total for the morning and afternoon sessions.</p> <p>Don also observed that the session could be better attended, and that the target audience was not reached. He noted that some of this could be attributed to the fact that it was held on a Sunday, and the decision to conduct the session came late.</p> <p>He also highlighted that it was good that the presentations were recorded. These could subsequently be made available to the wider community. This can also be used to track the topics that interest the APAC community.</p>	<p>APILP secretariat will work with the presenters on the possibility of putting up the training videos, and to track the views from the region so as to understand where the interests lie.</p>
b	<p>Kuek suggested that in future, APILP should give more time to reach out to and connect with an existing regional event, and tap on participants such as those from the justice sector run by APTLD and youth groups, for example those in the YIGF.</p> <p>Shadrach suggested that it would be good to have the APILP do roadshows in different cities so as to ensure greater diversity and participation. Fellowships could also be given out. Hong Xue seconded the development of programs in various countries besides the regional IGF, and agreed that providing fellowships to support the travel of the participants was a good idea.</p>	<p>APILP secretariat to work with APriGF secretariat to explore this possibility for Macau 2015.</p> <p><i>[Afternote: Secretariat raised this possibility of collaboration during the APriGF MSG meeting on 6 Aug]</i></p>
c	<p>APILP Curriculum/Dovetailing Existing Materials</p> <p>On curriculum, it would be good to also work together and agree on a consistent curriculum/syllabus. Hong Xue suggested that it would be good to seek views from the community on what they want as topics to be covered.</p> <p>Sylvia, APNIC, mentioned that there was scope for greater collaboration with APNIC on the capability building programs in future. She pointed out the need for the APILP working grp to compare the existing materials and courses out there. We could also work with other organisations, for example, there is the Diplo foundation which provides leadership training.</p>	<p>APILP secretariat will circulate a template for the working group and community to fill up, to detail the existing set of training that is out there. Don agreed to help provide his list to this group, to be filled by the working group members.</p>

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3	Terms for Reference (TOR) for APILP	
	APILP chair decided that the TOR will be finalized via the mailing list, as many of the working group members who had a part to play in the TOR are not in the room.	The secretariat will circulate the TOR via the mailing list for finalisation.
4	Comments on 2nd APILP run (IEEE proposal)	
a	APILP secretariat ran through the IEEE proposal and the proposed topics of cybersecurity among others, and indicated that there was scope for collaboration with other partners to include issues on Internet Governance and DNS, for instance.	
b	<p>Don suggested that there are merits to having focused courses that can attract a more specific group of participants, and we could let people know the programs that have been proposed. With a more focused curriculum, organisations would see value in sending their staff to the program, and in paying for them.</p> <p>He suggested that community/working group could then help to reach out to their own communities and to get greater participation. There could also be opportunities within the APAC community that we can explore.</p>	
5	A.O.B	
a	No other items were raised.	

Annex – Brief write-up on the APILP

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Brief write-up on the Asia Pacific Internet Leadership Program (APILP)

The inaugural run of the Asia Pacific Internet Leadership Program (APILP) was held on 3 Aug during the Asia Pacific Regional IGF (APrIGF) 2014.



Opening by Prof Ang Peng Hwa

In total, approximately 30 participants from civil societies, technical agencies, contracted parties attended the morning and afternoon sessions of the APILP (including 8 pre-registered participants, and 20 or so walk-in participants).

Local participants got the chance to quiz the speakers on a range of issues such as the role of IGF and whether it could be more than a platform for discussion, on what Netmundial achieved, and the next steps for this initiative. There was interest in the IANA functions' stewardship transition, and the audience sought to understand the ICJ process, timeline and had questions on the ideal end result that ICANN foresees. There was also a fair amount of interest on the topic of how the Internet works, and how content filtering and Government intervention can come into play.

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The APILP secretariat, with the help of the working group members, will be taking in the learning points from this pilot session in planning the future runs for the APILP session, such as improving the reach, getting the right target audience, designing suitable and maintaining sustainability for the program.

Word-of-mouth feedback to the program was very positive with many participants urging similar runs in the future.



Open session on IANA Functions' Stewardship Transition