



APrIGF Macao 2015 Workshop Summary Report

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Time: 0900-0945

Workshop Title: Asia Pacific Internet Leadership Program (Morning sessions during APrIGF)

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Gender Balance (approx. number of female vs. male participants): 15:25

Moderators: Prof Ang Peng Hwa, Kelvin Wong

Panelists:

- Day 1: Prof Ang Peng Hwa: On History of Internet Governance
- Day 2: Paul Wilson: On Domain Name System, Critical Internet Resources
- Day 3: Kuo-Wei Wu: On IANA Stewardship Transition and ICANN Accountability

A brief summary of presentations (If any)

- “General: History of Internet Governance” covered general Internet Governance issues including definition of IG, history and current global development, as well as key drivers and milestones in IG.
- “Technical: How the Internet Works” touched on the management of critical internet resources, state of IPv4 vs IPv6 adoption, etc.
- “Emerging Issues: IANA Stewardship Transition and ICANN Accountability” explained the background to the US announcement on the transition of IANA functions, the basics of IANA functions, as well as the community work in developing processes and proposals to this end.

A substantive summary and the key issues that were raised:

- The presentations provided a basic level of understanding to the key topics as the target participants were YIGF youths as well as newcomers. In attendance were others community members interested in providing perspective to the topics.
- One consistent thread that came up was discussion on the barriers to greater IG discussion in the AP region, such as the cultural and the language barrier. We needed think about how to get around this in APAC, more importantly we need to speak up - no voice is stupid.



- The message to youth participants and newcomers was also clear in the 3 sessions - they will need to be proactive, take greater interest in the important topics raised in these meetings, and believe that they can make a difference.

Conclusion & Further Comments:

- The APILP sessions, incorporated into the daily morning session of APrIGF provided a brief primer to some of the global/regional Internet Governance issues and some of the discussions that took place at APrIGF.
- There was feedback (from civil society organizations) that the sessions were very useful in getting newcomers up to speed on some of the issues.
- Learning from the experience from the APrIGF sessions, future similar sessions could benefit from having a full 90 minutes slot to provide more time for Question and Answers. Other topics of interest can also be considered and included into the curriculum.
- The session was also useful for other participants in the APrIGF to listen to the views of the youth/newcomers, and have a better feel of what are the questions or issues that the wider community are grappling with in terms of IG in APAC.