

Scoping Document and Draft Terms of Reference for Working Group on Asia Pacific Internet Leadership Program (APILP)

1. Introduction

1.1. Asia Pacific Internet Leaders Program (APILP) is a multi-disciplinary and multi-stakeholder capacity building project on Internet Governance in Asia Pacific. In March 2014, at the sidelines of ICANN49, an open working group convened to discuss the directions and curriculum of the APILP. The open working group decided to draft a Terms of Reference document to help scope the work of a Working Group which will guide the implementation of the APILP. This is that Terms of Reference.

2. Objectives

2.1. The overall objective of the APILP is to develop the AP region's Internet governance leaders of tomorrow with the intention of building a community that continuously stays engaged and contributes to the APILP. The program is expected to help young professionals from the AP region, who may have good technical knowledge, better understand the global and regional Internet Governance issues and processes, as well as various aspects and principles of Internet Governance including multistakeholderism. At the same time, the program allows access to comprehensive and structured knowledge on technical aspects of the Domain Name Industry, the IP address allocation mechanisms, network security, network management, BCPs, protection of human rights online, network neutrality, as well as the driving forces, actors and considerations surrounding these issues.

2.2. The end result is for the participants of APILP to gain knowledge on issues pertaining to the above and to lead discussions in local/national/regional/international IG fora, and form thought leadership on these issues from the AP perspective.

2.3. They should also help stimulate multistakeholder IG processes at the national level, and transfer such knowledge to other local/regional stakeholders.

3. Possible Output

3.1. An APILP program can take the form of a full day intensive training course stand alone or in conjunction with a local/national event (summer school/workshop), covering political, legal, economic, socio-cultural, technological and other dimensions of Internet governance within the context of the AP regional imperatives.

3.2. Key figures in national, regional and global Internet community will be invited to give lectures and stimulate discussions on Internet governance history and processes, the management of critical Internet resources as well as the development of domain name markets in the AP region. The program can also carry practical oriented workshops, round tables and case presentations by the participants.

4. Possible Target Audience

4.1. The target audience can be derived from the countries of the AP region, and are expected to be comprised of young professionals from the following sectors with equal weight and particular emphasis on diversity:

- Academia and Research
- Civil Society and NGOs
- Government and Public Sector
- Technical Community
- Private Sector
- Internet infrastructure and services

5. Proposed terms of reference for Working Group

5.1. The Working Group will determine the directions and curriculum of the Asia Pacific Internet Leadership Program (APILP), as discussed during the open working group discussion during ICANN49. The Working Group will:

- (a) Conduct a stocktaking and rationalization exercise on the relevant courses and training in the region, and outline these programs in a single repository, so as to prevent duplication of resources;
- (b) Determine the gaps and opportunities in the Internet industry with regard to training and capacity building in the region, and plan the training curriculum for APILP based on these gaps and opportunities;
- (c) Recommend the target audience,
- (d) Develop a 2-year work plan for the program, including curriculum, format, length and frequency of the training courses/ workshops/ conferences, as well as the academic targets, timelines and responsibilities
- (e) Prepare a draft budget and draft business plan for the delivery of the proposed program
- (f) Explore funding and support functions for the APILP;

- (g) Develop outreach efforts for the APILP, and ensure that there is a good representation of young professionals from the entire AP region; and;
- (h) Ensure that program and planned actions are in line with the objectives as well as with the targets spelt out in the work plan.

6. Proposed terms for Chair and Vice Chair for the APILP

6.1. The Chair and Vice Chair, supported by the APILP secretariat, is responsible for organizing the APILP Working Group and ensures that the Working Group's program and planned actions are in line with the objectives as well as with the targets spelt out in the work plan. The proposed terms are as follows:

- Length of tenure: 2 years
- Number of terms allowed: 2

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