APRALO SURVEY RESULTS - 25 March 2015

This survey was get to know more about our At-Large Structures (ALSes) and their members. We realise that there is a lot of untapped potential among our ALS members and that we need to find out more about you and how you might be able to more appropriately contribute to the work we do in APRALO and for the ALAC.

As well as sometimes voting on regional decisions, our ALSes are expected to actively participate in monthly APRALO meetings and in ALAC working group meetings. We would like our ALSes to at least be involved in our monthly meeting, but also, we would like to see more of our ALSes participating in at least ONE working group as a team leader, pen holder or active participant.
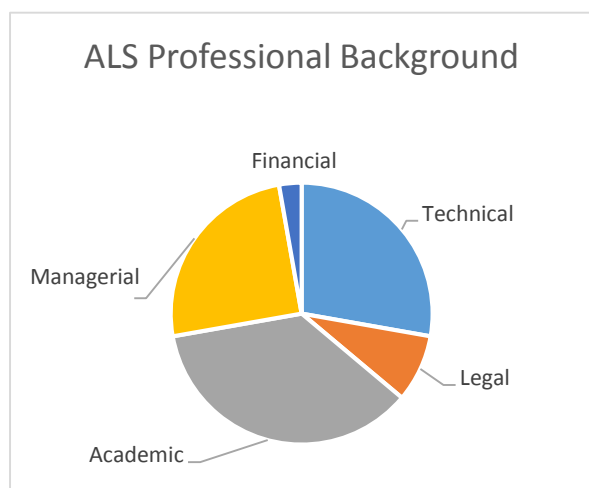
With ICANN becoming more focused on its ACCOUNTABILITY, there is an expectation that each of its sections will look at how well it is contributing to the work of the wider ICANN community. Measuring and metrics are becoming the norm and our members must be seen to be playing their part within the system in order to retain their membership.

SURVEY RESULTS AND A BRIEF ANALYSIS

ABOUT YOU

(**Q A.1**) Thank you to the following (21) ALS members who completed the APRALO survey form: Ali AlMeshal, Amal Al-saqqaf, Amir Qayyum, Anupam Agrawal, Aris Ignacio, Chaitanya Ramachandran, Holly Raiche, Hong Xue, Karaitiana Taiuru, Lianna Galstyan, Maureen Hilyard, Md Jahangir Houssain, Muhammad Yousaf, Per Darnell, Satish Babu, Siranush Vardanyan, Suhaidi Hassan, Tomohiro Fujisaki, Winthrop Yu, Yashar Hajiyev and Yasiuchi Kitamura.

One response represented two ALSes and in three instances two members completed the survey from the same ALS. ☺ Thank you for those who repeated the survey in case the original had not been counted, be assured it was. Only one survey response was omitted as the respondent did not represent an accredited ALS.
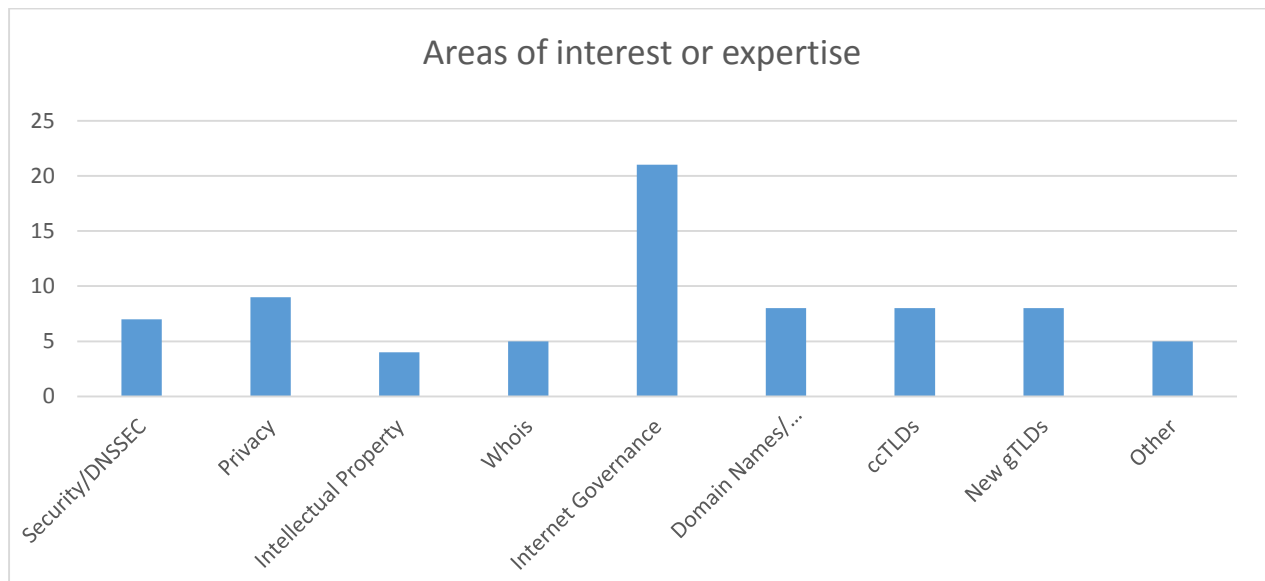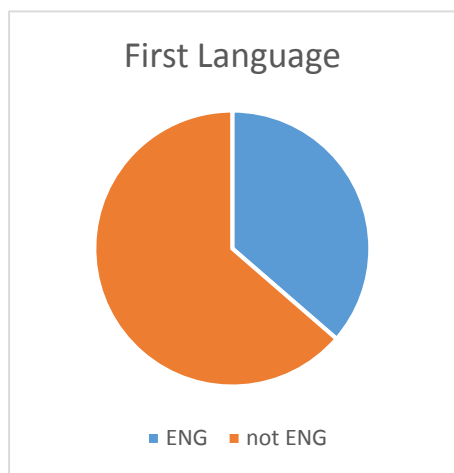

Question A.2 – Your Professional Background

The ALS members who responded come mainly from Academic, Technical and Management sectors, with a few lawyers and a finance manager, completing the mix.

It is important that we look to the backgrounds of our ALSes when we need specialist support for the contributions that APRALO can make to ALAC activities and decision-makers. For this reason we must try to involve as many APRALO members as possible into ICANN working groups relevant to these backgrounds and individual interests. Many thanks to those of you who are already engaged.

Question A.3 – ALS interests/expertise

There was very strong (100%) interest by the group in Internet Governance. A contributing factor is the number of ALSes which are also ISOC Chapters. This indicates a strength for APRALO to contribute to ALAC's governance and policy development roles. These are complemented by a general interest across other sector groups as well as an interest in IPV6, Universal Access, Education, Numbering resources and International Collaboration.
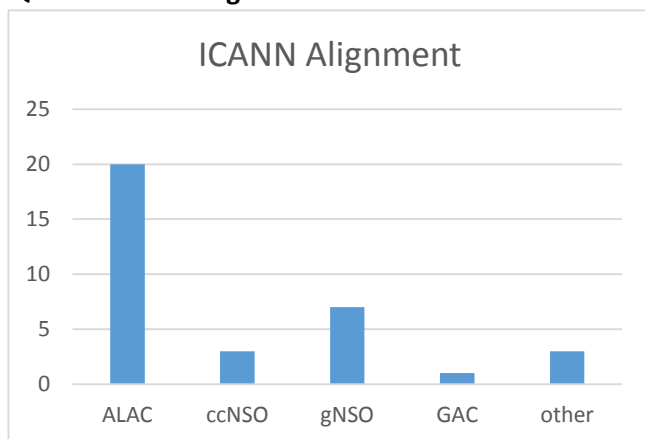

(**Q A.4&5**) Of the respondents, only 8 of the 21 respondents spoke English as their first language. This represents 38% of the survey responses. Other languages included: Arabic (2), Armenian (2), Azerbaijanian, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese (2), Malaysian, Urdu (2) and Swedish. Chinese is the only language for which ICANN provides interpretation at their online and face to face meetings. Unfortunately the quantitative results of this survey do not justify a request to ICANN for further interpreters of other languages than those they currently offer. ☹

ABOUT YOUR AT-LARGE STRUCTURE (ALS)

(**Q B.1**) The 19 ALSes represented in this survey were: ISOC Bahrain, ISOC Yemen, ISOC Pakistan Islamabad Chapter (2), ISOC Kolkata, ISOC Philippines (2), ISOC Delhi, ISOC Australia, Chinese Doman Name Users, NZ Maori Internet Society, ISOC Armenia, Pacific Islands Chapter of ISOC, Cook Islands Internet Action Group, ISOC Bangladesh Dhaka, IUSN Foundation (Niue), Computer Society of India, Armenian Assn for the Disabled, ISOC Malaysia, ISOC Japan (2) and the Azerbaijan Information Policy Analytical Centre.

(**Q B.1**) The positions held by these ALS volunteers included: Board member, President, Vice President, Chair, Co-Chair, vice Chair, Secretary, Trustee, Primary Contact, Coordinator and a member of the Women's Technology and Technical Teams. All providing valuable input directly from their communities (**Q B.3**) and into our working groups and discussions.

Question B.2 – Alignment of the ALS to ICANN interests

ICANN Alignment

[Bar chart titled "ICANN Alignment" with y-axis from 0 to 25. Bars: ALAC = 20, ccNSO = 3, gNSO = 7, GAC = 1, other = 3]

There is strong alignment among our ALS groups with the ALAC. The interest in other sections offers well-rounded APRALO input from our region into any discussions related to ALAC issues under discussion – especially with regards to the gNSO. Other areas of alignment across ICANN included the NCSG/NCUC (Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group / Non Commercial Users Constituency), the ASO (Address Supporting Organisation) and Internet Governance.

A strong communication network within APRALO is important for when we receive statements from across the ICANN ecosystem on which we could contribute some comment. We need the views of our members to pass onto our working group leaders and penholders who are writing statements on behalf of the ALAC.

It must also be noted that the one respondent who indicated non-alignment with ALAC, checked other sections within ICANN but another member from the same ALS had responsibility for ALAC interests.

SECTION C: YOUR ALS INVOLVEMENT IN ALAC OR APRALO WORKING GROUPS

Survey responses came from only 19 ALSes out of the 42 that are currently registered with APRALO. This represents a 45% response rate which we had hoped would be higher. If we simply go by the survey, this is not a good indication that our ALSes are actively participating in APRALO Meetings or APRALO/ALAC working groups. The ALAC is currently forming a group which will undertake a review of ALS participation, to look at the effectiveness of our ALSes and assessing their continued membership of ICANN.

(**Q C.1**) Respondents noted their participation in a range of working groups and some are on more than one working groups. These working groups include: Capacity Building, Metrics, Privacy Proxy Services, IDN programme, Future Challenges, APAC Hub, as well as the CWG to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions and the CCWG on Enhancing ICANN Accountability.

(**Q C.2**) 13 out of the 21 respondents (62%) were already active participants on various working groups within the ICANN system, and of this group, APRALO provides 4 working group leaders and 3 penholders.

(**Q C.3**) 8 respondents (38%) indicated that they did not currently belong to a working group. Responses ranged from those who have been very much involved in the past and encourage others to participate, to one respondent who is brand-new to the system having participated in the Fellowship programme in Singapore (ICANN52). Their contributions as ideas towards encouraging more participation included:

- Any possibilities in Academic or Technical related WGs?
- Need more information on new or existing working groups, but interested in being involved.
- I want to contribute to the technical work of SSAC, NRO and ASO. In my region, there is very little awareness about these committee/organizations. I would also be willing to contribute towards the awareness about the working of these organizations. Recently, Fahd and Bahr visited our country that helped a lot in terms of spreading awareness and engaging with the local community.
- I do participate when I see opportunities and have done so over the previous years.
- Be part of the email list, especially as a newbie introduced through our fellowship programme.