TERRI AGNEW:	Good morning, good afternoon and good evening. Welcome to the APRALO APAC Hub webinar on the topic updates and takeaways from IGF 2016, and what it means for you in APAC, taking place on Friday, the 20th of January, 2017 at 5:00 UTC.
	We will not be doing a roll call, as it is a webinar. But if I could please remind all on the phone bridge as well as computer to mute your speakers and microphones when not speaking, as well as state your name when speaking, not only for transcription purposes but to allow everyone to hear the webinar.
	Thank you for joining. I would now like to turn it back over to Silvia Vivanco to start the webinar.
SILVIA VIVANCO:	Thank you very much, Terri. Hello. Welcome, everyone. My name is Silvia Vivanco, At-Large staff, and I would like to welcome to the APRALO APAC Hub webinar updates and takeaways from IGF 2016 and what it means for you.
	This webinar is our 9th webinar being developed under the cooperation framework between APRALO and ICANN's APAC Hub and At-Large staff. The objective of this webinar is to provide you with an update of the sessions in the recently concluded Internet Governance Forum in 2016 that are relevant to the APAC community.

Representative from APAC who were in Guadalajara, Mexico, will give a readout on the sessions, as well as they will share their takeaways, including what the discussions meant for them and what they will mean for you as an end user and to the APAC community in general.

Our speakers today are Satish Babu, APRALO Chair and representative of ISOC India and Computer Society of India; Maureen Hilyard, APRALO member and ALAC member, representative of the Pacific Islands chapter of the Internet Society and Cook Islands Internet Action Group; Adam Peake, who is ICANN's Civil Society and Engagement Senior Manager with GSE Europe; Ang Peng Hwa, professor in the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore; and Yannis Li, Director of Corporate Development with DotAsia organization.

Thank you to all our speakers for being with us today. Over to you, Kelvin.

KELVIN WONG: Hi, everyone. This is Kelvin Wong from the ICANN APAC Hub. Very happy to have everyone here. I'm also happy to be able to carry on this cooperation with the APRALO as well as, of course, with the At-Large team onto in 2017.

Silvia has already mentioned about what we're going to discuss today. This is really based on a previous survey by the APRALO community, where I think the Internet governance topic ranks really high on the

survey, and this is one of the reasons to have this readout of the IGF 2016.

There's also a strong showing – for those who have been following – from APAC at the recent [inaudible] IGF, so we thought it would be good to provide an update on this and also to have a sharing of experience within the APAC community. I think, as you can see, the strong lineup of webinar speakers already speaks for itself.

I would also like to take this opportunity to do a quick shoutout to [Billy Cheon and Park, Minjung] our new ICANN Seoul team. You might have seen the announcement on this.

Billy is here today with us I think – yes, I see him – and he's worked in IGF MAG activity, and I just wanted to make sure that we give a shoutout to him and [start from] here.

That's all from me. I feel that we have quite a good lineup, and looking forward to the rest of the presentations. Over to you, Terri, for the housekeeping matters.

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you very much, Kelvin. Just a quick housekeeping. In order to ask questions on today's webinar, please type your question in the chat pod, and we'll go ahead and try to get them answered as much as possible.

Also, after the presentation, we do have one pop quiz question for you. It will appear in the right-hand corner at that time. And at the very end

of the webinar, we'll just ask you to stay on for a few extra minutes to answer some evaluation questions that we have. Again, they will appear in the right-hand side of the screen for you.

I'd like to go ahead and begin our webinar and turn it over to Satish Babu, APRALO Chair. Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Terri, and I hope I'm audible. It's good to see a good audience for our webinar today. Before we get into the main theme of the webinar, which is the IGF which is held in Mexico, I've been asked to speak a little bit on the priorities for APRALO in 2017.

So, it's my pleasure to very briefly introduce the APAC community to the APRALO priorities for this year. For APRALO, this is a very important year, of course, as much as for other parts of ICANN. Basically, because there are some very important things that are happening during the year.

For us in At-Large, there has been an At-Large review – the second of its kind – which has been held, and the report is in the final stages. There's going to be a public comment, publish the draft, I believe, on 31st of January. The review will make significant changes, or has the potential to make a lot of changes to the way At-Large work. So, we are all looking forward to what happens in the process.

Secondly, APRALO is going to assume a changed role post-Transition, and, again, the details of this perhaps have to kind of evolve. That is another change that we are looking forward to.

And finally, we have our general assembly this year at ICANN 60 at Abu Dhabi in October. Our last general assembly was held as a part of ATLAS II, the At-Large Summit II, which was held in London in 2014. After a few years, we actually have our general assembly coming up. It's an important milestone for us, so this year is actually pretty important for us.

Our priorities which are – the list in the process is evolving, and basically in our monthly call, we had presented this. The priority areas of the event are the following: capacity building continues to be important areas for us, our ALSes, and our members.

We had done several regional and country Schools of Internet Governance and capacity building sessions during ICANN meetings, and we had generally a positive feedback on those. So, capacity building is an important area.

Enhanced participation in ICANN's policy is another area which is important for us. We are looking at different ways of enhancing participation from our ALSes, and we'll see some of them, our programmes, in the next slide.

Better engagement of our members, both ALSes, institutional members, and individual members within the APRALO framework [are the

priority]. Contributing to regional initiatives with our partners, including the APAC hub and including several other organizations.

This seminar is actually a part of this item. This is an important area, and we have had quite a bit of success last year, as Kelvin has actually indicated, and we actually look forward to more of this program in the current year and even in future.

And finally, APRALO has launched a mentoring program for leadership development and improvement, and this is currently ongoing. We have great hopes for this program, and it is being kind of directed by several senior people, including Cheryl who's kind of mentor to the mentors [inaudible].

So, we hope that this process is going to grow up the next generation of leaders for APRALO. These are actually some of our priorities in terms of areas and the different programs. Under these heads would be things like webinars; the Schools of Internet Governance – both regional like APSIG, APIGA, as well as country schools of Internet governance – capacity building sessions; participation in regional and global Internet governance meetings (the IGF is actually one of the global meetings); leadership development and recruitment; the Policy Document Development Pilot, which is an ongoing ICANN program. We are doing a couple of surveys tied to our general assembly in October.

These surveys are to assess the policy priorities from the perspective of our ALSes, and also to assess the capacity of our ALSes and the

deficiencies or the gaps so that we can talk about it and discuss these things at the general assemblies.

We're also having metrics for the ALSes, and we're collecting these metrics in order to kind of ensure that the ALSes that we're inviting are actually active.

We also have our communication outreach to the traditional key social media mailing lists, but also our newspapers which we are exploring the possibility right now.

And finally, the general assembly, of which a little more detail in the next slide. So, it is going to happen – assuming ICANN approves it – in October.

The tentative program. We have actually, tentatively, divided the total time into three buckets.

The first bucket which occupies about 30% of our time of the general assembly is on organizational methods, largely internal methods.

40% is on policy. This is largely about ICANN policy and how we can participate, and updates to the community gathered at the general assembly on policy.

The remaining 30% is other things which include technical updates, regional partnerships, and various guests visiting and talking to us, and so on.

This is a very rough program right now, and this is going to undergo changes as we move on. It's going to get refined.

At present, we have about 47 ALSes and we are hoping that most of them will be there at Abu Dhabi. It is the first time we're going to have this large a number of ALSes in ARPALO for a general assembly.

And finally, the last slide is about the Asia Pacific region and APRALO.

We would like – as I said earlier – to engage better and closer with our partners, which includes ICANN APAC Hub and a large number of other organizations. There are many more than are listed out here.

And, we would be happy to offer any kind of collaboration with us and our members, which include both institutional members and individuals. And, we look forward to contributing to developing a more empowered community in the region.

Our basic challenge as an end user organization representing end user interest is how we can get the end users and their representatives to participate in these processes. And that is what we look forward to strengthening as we move forward.

That's it from me. Thanks very much, and once again I'd like to thank Kelvin and the whole APAC Hub, as well as our staff for giving me this opportunity at this time. Thank you.

KELVIN WONG: Thank you, Satish. I guess we will proceed with the first segment of the overview of the IGF 2016 and the session sharing. First up, Adam.

ADAM PEAKE: Hello, everybody. I hope you can hear me. It's Adam Peake speaking from ICANN staff. I've been asked to give a very quick overview of the Internet Governance Forum that took place in Mexico – Guadalajara – in December of last year.

Very quickly, what you're looking at on the screen is the first slide – a screenshot of the Internet Governance Forum homepage, and this gives us some idea about what happened at the IGF, but also what the IGF is about.

If you look at the center of this slide, you'll see that it talks about the 11th IGF. The first Internet Governance Forum was held in Athens in 2006, and the meeting in Guadalajara last [December] was the 11th time that the IGF has been held.

You can also see on here that the logo of the United Nations, the United Nations mentioned, and the IGF is held under the auspices of the United Nations. But it's important to know that it is not an intergovernmental forum. It's not a summit as such.

You can also see from this banner that it talks about the IGF as a multistakeholder platform that facilitates the discussion of public policy issues pertaining to the Internet.

So, public policy issues pertaining to the Internet. You can imagine that that, of course, is very central to ICANN and what we do. And by ICANN, I mean all of us: the community members, constituencies, supporting organizations, the At-Large, of course, Board and staff – all have a role in the IGF and they all had them since the beginning. And that role is ongoing.

ICANN is also a very significant supporter of the IGF, both in terms of finance and resources, the number of people we support and the people from our community who attend under their own resources. So, you always see a very large contingent of people from ICANN and the community attending.

It's also an important event for our partners from the technical community. The Internet Society plays a very big role, as to the regional Internet registries, and so on. I'm very happy to go into more detail about the Internet Governance Forum, but I think, just as a quick snapshot, that's what it's about.

It's under the auspices of the U.N., but it's really a multistakeholder platform, and one for dialog and discussion. That's the importance of what the IGF is to us and why we, as ICANN, get involved.

So, our involvement in the IGF in 2016. Overall, there were more than 130 workshops and about 70 other events. ICANN itself was involves as the organizations, and also community was involved in six workshops. Two of these were organized by staff and were part of the organizational effort, covering both IANA, the post-ICANN situation

following the Transition, and also new gTLDs. But speakers of these workshops were from the community.

APRALO organized one workshop (and I'm sure Satish or Maureen will cover that); the Non-Commercial Users Constituency organized two workshops; the Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group, one workshop. ICANN also organized something called an open forum, which is where organizations can introduce the work they have done over the previous year.

There were also two pre-events. The IGF has events taking place on the days leading up to the meeting. One was organized by ICANN about the Transition, and another was organized by the Civil Society with the NCUC again.

Tijani Ben Jemaa organized a flash session, which was his own initiative, I believe. And then we had Göran Marby, the President CEO. CEO spoke at the opening ceremony. So, you can imagine we were extremely active as a community.People were also on probably 30 or 40 different workshops as speakers, moderators, and so on. So, it was a very busy meeting for ICANN.

You will also see – as, I think, Kelvin touched on in the opening – that there are members of the community who were also organizing the IGF itself. They're members of what's known as the Multistakeholder Advisory Group, which organizes the whole IGF event, somewhat as a program committee. And there are probably two or three of our active ICANN community members who were involved in that.

So, it's an important meeting for us. It's an important meeting for all of us, I should say, and ICANN's presence is very effective. And it's also a great place for recruiting new participants, new members, and generally letting people know about the work we do.

So, I think with that, that's the introduction I have, and I'm happy to answer any questions later. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Adam and Kelvin. APRALO had organized two workshops. One was on the theme of Asia and the Next Billion, and Maureen will talk about the other one as well. This particular session was focusing on Asia in the context of the Next Billion, which is the theme of IGF itself.

It is a breakout group kind of a session where we introduce a theme and then it will break out into a thematic group. They discuss, and then they come back and present the group processes. And the themes that we chose were Infrastructure and Economic Issues, Social Issues, Technology Issues, and Policy issues. These are the [inaudible], meaning what are they going to be [relevant] to the Next Billion joining the Internet that will be brought in.

And finally, we also were looking at how the At-Large community could contribute to bridging this gap, if at all.

The session had about 50 participants, of which 20 were women. We had two Board members. We had Rinalia and Cheryl attending the workshop session. We had also [very] eminent Chairs, who are right

now chairs. Peng Hwa who is here, and then Anja Kovacs, KS Park, and Rajesh Chharia, who were actually the Chairs of the breakout group.

The full workshop video and the transcript is available on the IGF site. They will not be discussed, and I would just like to touch upon one or two in a short time. The diversity causes a strength, but it poses a challenge as far as Asia Pacific is concerned. The one size fits all will not work, and we need localized approaches to be developed.

The traditional digital divide is actually making way for a new technology-based divide, which is in terms of, are the end users being able to make effective use of the Internet, not whether they have access or not. That is an old digital divide. The new digital divide is, are they able to use it or not?

Social factors such as gender, disability, education still remain a very significant set of impediments that actually prevent universal access, and a strong policy framework is a good starting point for enabling access.

These are some of the points that came out, and this is the transcript page with the full video of the whole session, some pictures of the group.

And that's it. I don't want to take too much time. Thank you very much, and I will be happy to answer questions later.

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you. With this, we'll turn it over to Maureen Hilyard, member of
                 the ALAC. Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Terri and Satish. Yes, I'm just going to give a brief overview
                     of the main IGF sessions that I attended from the viewpoint of someone
                     from the Pacific as well as being an ALAC and APRALO participant.

                     During my introduction to the booth area on my very first day, I was
                     pleasantly surprised to see a large map, in the One World Connected
                     booth with the Cook Islands clearly identified in the South Pacific. It's
                     such a rare occurrence. That was a great start to my two days at the
                     IGF. But there we were, right on the edge of the map.

                     My very first session, I was the remote moderator for Satish's second
                     session about open source software. It was very well attended and
                     involved a number of ALAC presenters, which was great – and lots of
                     interaction there.

                     The Small Island Developing States session (Disaster and the Internet) –
                     this is Tracy's topic – drew a great crowd as well. I've assisted Tracy in
                     the subsessions both in person and remotely over the years since we
                     were fellows together at ICANN Cartagena.

                     This has now become an annual event, as an opportunity for SIDS from
                     Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific, plus support participants from
                     [other] region to raise common issues of concern to our small islands.

The meeting of the Asia Pacific Regional IGF was also packed, and Jennifer Chung gave an excellent over view of that meeting in Taipei in the synthesis document that was put together for the IGF by APrIGF participants which outlined key IG concerns for our region and was very well received.

Capacity building is an important issue for our region, and this session offered different viewpoints on the topic – the multicultural and multistakeholder capacity building session – and it included Tijani Ben Jemaa, who is the Chair of the At-Large Capacity Building Working Group.

Tijani explained our capacity building webinar program and how it addresses the information needs of the At-Large community; about how ICANN works in its many involvements. And that was a very interesting session with everybody there.

Coming from a developing country which integrates SDGs into our country's national sustainable development plan, my main takeaway from Marilyn's session were the interesting ways in which large corporations like Walt Disney, Facebook, and Google are working to help developing countries to achieve their SDGs.

My final session in Mexico – I was only there for two days – included the introduction of an idea of an IGF for commonwealth countries. And this was led by Shola Taylor, the CEO of Commonwealth Telecommunications, whom I met quite by chance at the APrIGF session to find he will be attending a PITA meeting in the Cook Islands in April.

Not only am I interested in the IGF initiative, but I hope that his presence among other specific participants at the PITA meeting will also help to facilitate the spread of the IGF buzzword to the Cook Islands and the Pacific.

There ends my report. Thank you. And I'll pass on to Yannis and Peng Hwa.

ANG PENG HWA: Good morning, good afternoon, and I guess – well, not evening, I hope – [to you all]. I'm given five minutes, so I will use my timer. I just have two slides.

No, sorry, let's go back. There's some context as well. Right, and then the next one. Okay. Next slide. Go to the right.

You may not all agree with this characterization of the context of the Asia Pacific region as I see it. I've been talking to many people over the years. I think that one of the distinct things about Asia Pacific region is that many of us at all levels of government, of business, and of civil society – we want more tangible results [inaudible] talk shop.

And by that, I mean that it's not enough to be talking, but you want something that you can take back – government can report; [individuals] can report. We've had this question asked of us many times, "So what, after this?"

The IGF, certainly in the very early years, there was a tendency to avoid any kind of recommendations. It still is there, but this posed an issue for

our government officials because then you question [the important attending]. "Okay, you've been there, and then what can you do with it?"

So, for Asia Pac region, APrIGF, one of the things that we have done that's certainly ahead of the other regions is that we tried to come up with some kind of a final report of our meeting, the APrIGF.

This final report is not a report of agreements, but a report of what we observed and some agreement about issues, for example. So, there's sort of an in-between between just being a talk shop and giving recommendations – somewhere in between.

And I think I will give you two reasons as to why we want to move beyond this level, this being a talk shop is that, first, people are generally satisfied with the status quo [inaudible]. And then, like I said, there are other pressing issues to work on. So, altogether, what it means is that there is a lack of interest among governments.

And so, then the question, what can we do? So, I'm working in this context of how do we interest more people still, after all these years, how to get more people onboard.

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These are my two personal actions because I think that it's actually being done at some level, but it is not something that's being done at the regional level that we can say, "Oh, the Asia Pac region is doing good."

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So, two things that I want to highlight is that – the first one is the issue of trade in the digital economy. It's kind of odd how it's almost like a fashion, like when miniskirts were fashion, and then long pants, and long hair, and bell bottoms – if you can recall. Those of us of that era can recall what was fashionable.

How do these fashions arrive? It's one of those puzzles. In the same way, kind of interesting, because I had thought about the issue of trade in digital economy in the context of the TPP, which is supposed to benefit many parts of the Asia Pac region.

The TPP being killed, basically, by the incoming government in the U.S.; but I think there are parts of the TPP that are really useful for the digital economy. And I've written this article, this op-ed. I [was trying to put an idea] for local level to see whether we can do something about it.

And lo and behold, to my very pleasant surprise, this was one of the highlights, you could say, a thing I ran through in the IGF. I guess we had all the same view: how can we go forward with globalization, given this view of populism?

And I think that discussing trade in the digital economy space checks a few boxes, and I've put three bullets there. It continues a theme of globalization, which is essential for Internet governance. It talks about building trust because you need trust in order to trade.

And then one of the things that is missing in the TPP is civil society, and this brings in civil society. So, in our Internet governance model, it's

actually very good, very suitable as a process for moving in the area of trade in a digital economy.

When we're talking about trade in a digital economy, we're not talking regional. We're really talking global.

I have 20 seconds left, so my second point is this: I'm trying to pass the baton on. I'm thinking of retiring to some sunny resort. Well, the thing about sunny [inaudible] hot. You want a cool but sunny resort.

So, in fact, I was spending a lot of time with a couple of people, bring them around to the workshop, introducing them to the IGF because they were there for the first time. So, I was trying to interest them and bring them up to speed.

And I think perhaps APRALO can do this and somehow bring people onboard. [inaudible] I'm not really talking about people coming in for the joy ride, but [inaudible] in this area and familiarize them with the process.

And I was pleasantly surprised. I was surprised that this whole process that we have in IGF is pretty complicated. It's not so straight forward as I thought. [inaudible] for some time I thought it's straightforward, but it isn't. And I think that perhaps, APRALO might have a role in familiarizing people with the IGF space, with how things are done and what we can hope to achieve.

And on that note, thank you. I'm going to pass the mic to Yannis.

YANNIS LI: Thanks, Peng Hwa. This is Yannis with DotAsia. We are the secretariat for the Asia Pacific Regional IGF, the APrIFG. So, I guess I will share a little bit about the NRI's activities in the IGF. Just a little bit of an introduction in case somebody doesn't know what is the APrIGF.

We have, annually, the conference every year around the summertime, and it's [inaudible] our region to actually congregate our important discussions, and then we help to contribute to the global discussion.

And then we have a multistakeholder steering group, which is a very open committee that everyone actually interested can join, so we welcome everyone to join as well, and [inaudible] which is initiated since the beginning of the APrIGF that runs in parallel.

So, quickly going into our sharing. NRIs actually stands for National and Regional Initiatives of the IGF. This year, actually, it is a very active group, so we have expanded a lot.

This year we have two sessions at the IGF. The first one is the main session, which is actually good that we get this session this year to showcase where a lot of the NRIs have done much of the work.

The sessions are actually separate entities/[segments]. The first one is more on the substantive discussions which [inaudible] the NRIs shared about what they have discussed in their own initiatives. The first topic is about the access [inaudible] the under-connected people, and the second topic is about the security of the Internet.

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And then the Segment II actually is more on the reliable and how to sustain [funding] resources for all these initiatives and also the challenges in creating the awareness on Internet governance.

So, the funding issues actually – it has always been a challenge both for maintaining our work. And there have been suggestions that [inaudible] are actually a very key component that makes the initiatives more reliable, to look to let the funders have more confidence in order to ensure it is sustainable.

So, it is emphasized that, actually, it is important to not only get the government support, but then also to include more stakeholders as much so that the funders will be more willing to support this. So, multistakeholder is one of the strong emphasis on that as well.

And then we also have another NRI coordination session, which is mainly for the NRI's coordinators. And this group, actually, they have been having this regular fortnightly calls for about a year to prepare for the IGF, and also continuous ones trying to come up with contributions to all the intersectional works.

And then, as Maureen mentioned, we have our own Asia Pacific community meetup. We're actually very happy that there are over 30 – about 40 and 30 [inaudible] people showed up, and it was very well [response].

We're actually trying to create a space where all the Asia Pacific community people can try to get each other since, in the past – I think we see that there are a lot more Asia Pacific people coming to the IGF,

which is a great thing. So, that's why we're trying to get the community together – so that we can be connected.

In the meetup, we shared about our [synthesis] document and [inaudible] that we actually we explore a few questions to really help to encourage the active participation on our MSG, and also how to enhance the private sector and government participation, which I think is the key challenge for many of the other NRIs as well.

And then we also talk about how to enhance the Asia Pacific participation as a whole, and especially in strengthening the linkage and contribution between all these local, regional, and global level.

So, I suggest that, actually, we should try to coordinate more closely with the government representatives to try to tailor some of the content that actually will be of their interest and also get the legislators to really come to that [inaudible] discussion can channel back to all these policy discussions.

And in regard to linkage between all these NRIs and the global discussion, so as Peng Hwa also mentioned, it is very important we actually have some channels or provide a platform for our regional members to really contribute.

That's why we are trying to enhance our whole participation between regions by creating this [synthesis] document experiment. So, we are trying to come up with some sort of [inaudible] document that all people can actually contribute, even they're not physically present in the APrIGF.

And by that, we are trying to get more wider participation so that we can make sure the IGF global discussion [forum] bottom-up, and also to really have all the community contributing and not just the one that can be present at the IGF meeting. So, that's one thing.

The other focus of the NRI is actually also building the local capacity, and how to enhance the Asia Pacific participation. The thing is really to actually organize some of the local initiatives.

The NRIs right now, we're creating this [synthesis doc where] you can actually click on the link. That actually is still the draft. It is not finalized yet, but we're trying to create a toolkit so that everyone can organize their own initiatives and try to bring discussion back.

Actually, last year there was is only 37 NRIs and right now it grew to 72, which is a great number. It has actually doubled over just a year, so I guess that's a good thing that more and more of the countries are doing their own initiatives. And another thing is also that – so that's what we have been doing in the youth front, [now that we're trained to].

We also have this training tier which is also [inaudible] for people who want [inaudible] IGF. And also, youth engagement is becoming more an emphasis in the global IGF as well. I'm proud to say that I think the Asia Pacific, we're kind of the pioneer in bringing the youth to the IGF, and also all these conferences.

Right now, they're picking it up, and then we can see many other liaisons and NRIs also bringing their youths there, which is a good thing.

So, these are just some of the other ways that we hope to encourage more people to join the discussion.

These are some of the ways they can engage, so applying for a workshop, applying for a fellowship in the APrIGF. And of course, to contribute to this document. And lastly, of course, to also join the MSG if you're interested.

So, I'll just [keep] these up [inaudible] for a [very last advertisement]. We will have our next meeting in 2017 in Bangkok from the 26th to 29th of July. Thank you.

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you very much. With this, we do have one pop quiz question. You will now see it appear in the right-hand side of your screen. Our pop quiz question:

Internet governance works best when governments consult...

Please select your answer now. It looks like folks are still providing some answers.

Alright, it looks like folks have pretty much settled on their answers, so Ang Peng Hwa, you could go ahead and provide us the correct answer.

ANG PENG HWA: Okay. The answer would be E for elephant. The elephant in the room. The reason is that consulting more people alone is of the wrong group

of people for example, or it's all one group of people, then it wouldn't give you the best result.

And in the Internet Governance Forum, one of the key mantra – I mean really a mantra because we distribute it many times – is that Internet governance encompasses the stakeholders of government, civil society, and the private sector.

So, you need all three sectors to be involved. It's not more people, but we need the right kind of people. And in this case, the right kind of people would be those in the [inaudible] and civil society. Okay, thank you.

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you very much. We'll now go into our question and answer discussion session.

KELVIN WONG: Hi, everyone. Thank you, Terri, and thank you, Peng Hwa, for the very interesting question. Just to set some context, we usually ask our speakers to provide some pop quiz questions after the presentation just to make it a bit more interesting.

So, we have this question from Peng Hwa, in case you're wondering where this [inaudible] came from.

So, without further ado, I think we have [inaudible] thereabouts left for some Q&As. In fact, there's a first one already from Amrita. Thank you very much. I'll just go ahead to read this question.

"My question is related to the participation, or rather low participation from the APAC region at IGF 2016 as compared to Europe or America. Even the submission of workshops from this region were not many. Is ICANN APRALO looking at encouraging and boosting participation both of people and number of workshops from this region at IGF 2017? This could be in the form of more mentoring community members while drafting workshops or even providing fellowships to attend IGF."

Could I have, perhaps, Satish or Adam to answer this question? Satish, would you like to give us some insight on this?

SATISH BABU: Yes. So, this is regarding the question about how to encourage workshops and people attending. I think the first reason why the attendance of Asia Pacific candidates or participants was low in the last IGF is because it was in Mexico, which is quite a distance away from Asia Pacific.

And usually, when the IGF is held in Asia Pacific itself, the attendance is actually pretty good from this region. But more important is the part of the question about workshops.

Now, this is a question that I would assume requires some help from the institutions in Asia Pacific. It is actually quite a rigorous, demanding

process to submit a proposal to IGF and get it through. And perhaps the average enthusiastic person may not be able to get it through, so some capacity building may be useful, maybe from APRALO side or jointly like this webinar, jointly between different agencies, or during the AP Regional IGF, which is a good forum for picking up something like this. Or some kind of handholding for people interested in submitting [inaudible] to the next IGF, which is going to be in Geneva.

So, I would kind of recommend that some kind of a joint process would be very useful for this. Thank you.

KELVIN WONG: Thank you, Satish. Amrita, I hope this answers the question. And I think Satish pointed to APrIGF, which is as perhaps a first step. So, I think from the ICANN APAC Hub, we think that we have provided the APAC Space, but that's for now we are discussing a bit of ICANN policy and PDP processes.

But the next step, I think, is really the regional IGF, where I think it's good for people to start participating, to get sort of used to talking about these issues and then move on to the bigger stage in IGF.

Yannis may also want to add, but for APrIGF, I think we – of course, there will be a fellowship to the APrIGF, and I know of entities who are also trying to provide fellowship to the IGF itself as well. So, it'll be useful to see how [these organizations can work].

ADAM PEAKE: Just a quick...

KELVIN WONG: Adam, go ahead.

ADAM PEAKE: Just a quick comment. I think Satish touches on it that the meeting was held in Mexico and the meeting from 2015 was in Brazil. So, we're seeing IGF meetings that are very much geographically difficult for people from the Asia Pacific region to participate.

I haven't seen the statistics for 2016, but surprisingly enough, the numbers or the participants from Asia Pacific from Brazil was actually reasonably quite good. It was actually the same as if you take away the host country Brazil, it was 8% of participants were from Asia Pacific and 9% were from the rest of Latin America and the Caribbean – much lower than Western Europe and some others. But I think geographical difficulties are important.

ICANN does provide some support for people who submit workshops, but those are on the condition that you are – well, first of all you have to submit into the processes, but also, it's on the condition that the workshop is then accepted by the Multistakeholder Advisory Group and the processes that the IGF have.

Hopefully, we'll see more people wishing to participate with the meeting coming up in Geneva, which is still a long way away, but probably easier to get to than Mexico.

And the AP regional IGF is certainly one of the most successful, both in the substance of the meeting and the reputation it has, but also in the number of participants. So, we're not doing badly as a region, I think. Thanks.

KELVIN WONG: Thank you, Adam. I'm seeing some active chats and some questions as well. Just so I don't lose them, I think Shreedeep – you asked a question about whether there's a long-term planning because – sorry, I'm summarizing – because Asia Pacific is very different in terms of economies and also the level of development and the next billions coming from AP. So, your question is, "Is there any long-term planning?"

I will take this question together with another question, and I'll see if anybody wants to answer.

Amrita also asked about – it's on the same thread I suppose, [about] capacity building and encouraging more workshop participation, whether it makes sense to have some kind of session in APrIGF or even webinar on how sessions should be drafted.

Anybody wants to take this? I can open this up for general discussion, so feel free to –

Maureen if you want to say something, or Yannis, do unmute yourself and shoot.

YANNIS LI: Just a quick response to Amrita. Actually, for APrIGF, we do have some criteria last year that we've put out. And this year, we're actually trying to – as [you] suggest – to try to create a more comprehensive guideline or some guidance, at least, for the workshop organizers so that they can work on more quality proposals. And that's the direction that we're currently working on.

In terms of webinars, people actually [inaudible] a very short video might actually help. Well, I guess we are considering that. And I just wanted to say that, actually, the current IGF does have an FAQ online, I think, which is also a pretty good guideline on how to submit a workshop proposal. But, I guess feedback is welcome on how to better improve that as well, if you think that's not enough.

KELVIN WONG: Thank you, Yannis. I think, Maureen, you have your hand raised. Please, go ahead.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Kelvin. I just wanted to agree with you on the use of the APr IGF for people who want to put in submissions and to hold panel sessions and workshops, and to use the Asia Pacific IGF as a testing ground for, perhaps, topics that might be sort of [inaudible] for use in the global context.

KELVIN WONG:

Thank you, Maureen. On the workshop, actually, I have something to add. Yannis may want to correct me if I'm wrong, but for the workshop at APrIGF, we do, of course, a multi-[inaudible] process and, like the IGF, it's free for people to submit your workshops as well.

So, if you think you would like to propose for a workshop to increase understanding of how a session should be drafted or you like to – like Maureen mentioned, you want to test your idea, feel free to look out for when we open the APrIGF submission of workshops as well. So, that [inaudible] to look out for.

Do we have any questions? Okay, Cheryl, please go ahead. You have raised your hand.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

I did, thank you very much, Kelvin. For some reason, I need to unmute my stupid microphone. Every time I change the mute on one, it changes on the other. Right. Sorry about that. I have a new laptop, and obviously, my fingers are far too clumsy on the touchscreen.

I wanted to go back, and there's excellent discussion in the chat. And I think we do need to perhaps, as a group of individuals interested in national and regional initiatives, get ourselves more involved not only in

the NRIs group which I have been less so in recent times because of things that are happening within the .au space, but delighted to see Yannis and others from the [standing] days of APrIGF continuing to fight the good fight on that.

I think we probably could look at something as a regional discussion to see what we could do with the nurturing, the very vital nurturing in this area. It's something that I think is probably more applicable across an APStar approach.

So we would, I think, valuably see ourselves in the ICANN Hub as part of that process, but there's certainly no reason why the APRALO APAC Hub component of that APStar group now couldn't start to lead the way on some of the making sure that in the near future and the medium term, we have the ability to have more and more involvement in the global IGF along with our regional and our national initiatives.

And it's not just activity for activity's sake, but the quality activity which is giving specific value back to our region, and particularly the entities and businesses within our regions as well, because it's often from them that we can source some of the all-important financial support to allow for our travel.

Travel from our region, unless the IGF is in our region, is extraordinarily expensive, and some of us are more expensive to ship than others. So, we do need to see that as a considerable barrier that also needs to be met. So, if we can get some value propositions built into it, we might find that we get more sponsorship.

Now, the reason I've put my hand up, though, was very briefly to go back to one of the aspects that Peng Hwa raised, and again, I'd just like to suggest that we consider at some future webinar perhaps even, but certainly at some future discussion opportunity, looking at this matter of trust relations and trade.

I must admit it's something that fascinates me, and what seems to be a decade or three back, I was highly involved in other initiatives that were run under the auspices of the U.N. [inaudible], looking at trust relationships and trade hub. So, I would be very keen to discuss the opportunities of what was probably good planning far too early in the life of the Internet to be looked at in a new light.

But, I think there are a number of opportunities that have come out of the workshops presented at the 2016 IGF that our region could valuably make considerable opportunities out of, and I just wanted to highlight that.

So, not so much questions at all, but great support, great thanks, and I hope some comments that may be seen as useful in general. Thank you.

KELVIN WONG: Thank you so much, Cheryl, for the very good intervention. Peng Hwa, were you trying to speak?

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ANG PENG HWA: No, just trying to [chat to say] that what Cheryl, and that perhaps we should consider organizing a panel and then bring it up to the IGF itself – one addition and then next one at Geneva.

KELVIN WONG: Thank you, Peng Hwa. I'm sure Yannis is writing some notes right now. I'm mindful of time. We're in the twelfth hour, and there's still some survey to be done. So, with that, thank you for the discussion. I'll pass the mic quickly to Terri. Terri.

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you very much. And once again, thank you very much for joining us on today's webinar. We do have five questions for evaluation for you to complete. They now appear on the right-hand side of your screen.

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Seeing no answers and being mindful of the time, I will go to our last question.

Question five, and I'll leave this up for any questions or comments. Please insert them now.

Once again, thank you very much for joining, and I'll turn it back over to Silvia or Kelvin for any final closing remarks.

KELVIN WONG: Thank you, Terri. Thank you very much for attendance. I don't have anything much to add, but I think we have some good discussion and there are some action items that we have as well, so I'll hand it over to Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you very much, Kelvin and everyone, for participating and attending this webinar. With your feedback, we will continue organizing more webinars in the upcoming months. So, once again, thank you and this webinar has been adjourned. Bye.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Bye, thank you very much.

TERRI AGNEW: Thank you. Once again, the webinar has concluded. Thank you very much for joining. Please remember to disconnect all remaining lines and have a wonderful rest of your day.

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