**The 4th Central Asian Internet Governance Forum**



On 14-17 May 2019 I attended the 4th Central Asian IGF taking place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. This was the first time that APRALO was represented at the Central Asian event. There was an Academic Engagement on Day 0 at the Westminster University in Tashkent organized by the RIPE NCC. I had a chance to interact with students and made a presentation about the ALAC and particularly about the APRALO. Students were later invited for the networking and to the main event.

During the 2-day regional IGF such topics as geographical limitations, digital rights, cybersecurity were discussed.



The working language was Russian but an interpretation to English for the invited speakers was provided by the organizers. Since I speak Russian, I had a chance to interact with the local community and establish contacts with some representatives of media, ccTLD, business, from countries across the CA region. In particular, my contacts were mostly from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

I find my participation in this regional event important for establishing initial contacts with the local community and possibly invite them engage with APRALO activities.