

Thank you so much for the support given to my nomination entitling me to stand as the ALAC representative for APRALO for another term. I am very honoured that I have the confidence of so many members from across the AP region. Of course, this is very important when our role on the ALAC is to represent the interests of APRALO members individually and collectively, but it is heartening to think that I might be doing something good for someone somewhere.

Several factors have influenced my interest in returning to the ALAC for a final term. One is to continue to support my colleagues in the Pacific as well as those in other underserved communities within our region; another is to encourage and support our APRALO members to participate in regional activities, particularly the APriGF, APRICOT and APNIC events, as well as national IGFs & SIGs and ICANN Fellowships; and finally to continue working with the APRALO leadership team on the development of our leadership mentoring programme with particular focus this time on ICANN policy issues. We recognise that it is difficult for members to contribute to public comments when they don't quite understand the content of the issues that they are being asked to comment on. The challenge for us, as ALAC and APRALO leaders, will be how to develop better understanding so that more of our ALSes and individual members can take part in the discussions about new policy that is being developed by the various sections of ICANN, and to which we in APRALO are encouraged have a say.

Thank you again for supporting my nomination. and for trusting me to represent you to the best of my ability.

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