

Report on CROP Trip to
ISOC Asia-Pacific Chapter Leaders Meeting
(16-17 Nov 2017, Singapore)

1. Introduction

Internet Society (ISOC) organizes annual meetings of its chapter leaders in different regions of the world. The 2017 APAC Chapter Leaders meeting was originally proposed for Myanmar, and was later moved to Singapore on account of the ongoing turbulence related to Rohingya refugees in Myanmar. The two-day event had the first day dedicated to capacity building for Chapter Leaders, while the second day was a Workshop entitled “Building Trust in the Digital Economy: A Moving Target”, where experts were called in to present on the topic.

Satish Babu, Chair of APRALO, participated in both the events and provided an important outreach on APRALO to ISOC Chapter Leaders.

It must be noted that because of ISOC policy of providing funding to a particular chapter leader only once in three years, most of the participants were new leaders. Therefore, although many ISOC Chapters are also APRALO ALSes, only one official chapter representative was a participant in the APRALO GA held at Abu Dhabi. Two other GA participants (Suhaidi and Satish Babu) did participate in the ISOC meeting, but not as official ISOC representatives. In other words, this was an opportunity for APRALO to reach out to a younger set of emerging leaders in the region.

2. Objectives and Achievements of CROP Trip

ISOC is an important partner for ICANN At-Large, and the co-operation between ISOC and ICANN At-Large is a long-term relation. However, official representation in each others’ events has not been happening in Asia-Pacific, and this particular event was one of the first.

The objectives of the CROP Trip and the accomplishments are provided in the table below:

Objective	Results Achieved
1. Reach out to leaders from countries where APRALO has no presence so as to start ALSes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Established New Contact in Indonesia: Ms Tinuk Andriyanti, ISOC IndonesiaWorking with ISOC for additional contact in Myanmar
2. Re-establish contacts where APRALO’s existing ALSes had become dormant (eg., Taiwan and Sri Lanka who did not participate in the recent GA at Abu Dhabi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Kathiravan Srinivasan: ISOC Taipei, ROCMs. Sagarika Wickramasekara, ISOC Sri Lanka
3. Reach out to the ISOC Community and provide information on APRALO and ICANN	Done through presentation on APRALO
4. Participate in technical activities of Internet Society	Done through a Flash Talk on “Data Sovereignty: Is it still required?”
5. Meeting with regional leaders	Done. See list below

3. Sessions handled

Satish Babu handled the following sessions during the two days:

- a. Presentation on APRALO (16 Nov)
- b. Presentation on APSIG (16 Nov)
- c. Flash Talk on “Indigenous Data Sovereignty” (16 Nov)
- d. Presentation on “Is Data Sovereignty Still Required?” (17 Nov)

4. Meeting with Leaders

- Rinalia Abdul Rahim, Former Board Member, ICANN: Discussed possibilities for joint Capacity building programmes with ISOC for the Internet Governance Communities in Asia-Pacific
- Glenn McKnight, ISOC Board of Trustees Member: Discussed possibilities of ISOC funding for capacity building activities in Asia-Pacific, particularly through Schools of Internet Governance
- Asha Hemrajani, Former Board Member, ICANN: Discussed the use of “Blockchain for Social Good” through projects in Asia-Pacific
- Rajnesh Singh, APAC Head, ISOC: Discussed developing a “watchdog role” for the APAC IG community for domains such as privacy and data protection
- Others included Chester Soong (APrIGF), Noelle Guzman (ISOC), Subhashish Panigrahi (ISOC APAC), Prof Ang Peng Hwa (APrIGF), Harish Pillay (ISOC BoT), Olga Cavalli (ISOC BoT)

5. Follow-up

Several possible opportunities have emerged from this CROP trip. These include:

- Possible development of ALS in at least two countries (Indonesia and Myanmar)
- Rejuvenation of two ALSes (ISOC Taipei and ISOC Sri Lanka)
- New capacity building initiatives (APSIG and National Schools of Internet Governance, National IGFs)
- Possibility of joint programmes with ISOC Asia-Pacific in 3 of the four sub-regions of APAC (Pacific, East Asia, South Asia, South-East Asia)

6. Pictures and Social Media Posts

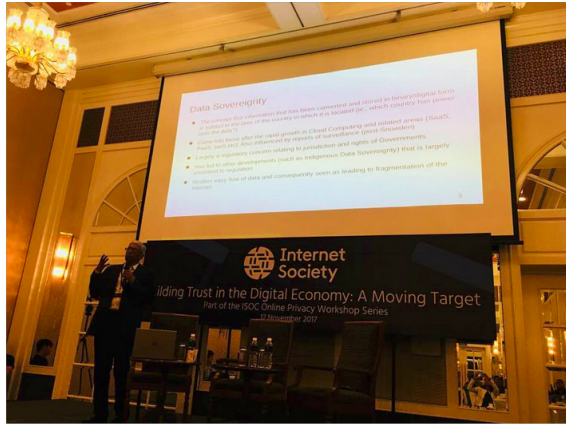
The visit was well covered in social media including Twitter, Facebook as well through photographs, some of which are provided below:



Rinalia Abdul Rahim is with Satish Babu.

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Presentation on Data Sovereignty by Satish Babu (Chair, APRALO; Founder, ISOC Chapter Trivandrum) at ISOC workshop on online privacy in #Singapore #aprало #isoc #trivandrum



Satish Babu

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With @RajneshSingh, @Rinalia_A_Rahim, @subhapa and APAC @internetsociety Chapter leaders at the Workshop on Building Trust in the Digital Economy. #TrustDigital @ISOCapac @isoctrv @ICANNAtLarge



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Glenn McKnight @Inkmedia from #NARALO & #APRALO Chair Satish Babu @satish_babu at ISOC APAC @ISOCapac event in Singapore this week, with many APRALO ALSes in attendance! #ICANN



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