APRALO Newsletter, August 2018

ICANN Update

- The [German Appeals Court decided](#) not to issue an injunction against EPAG, the Germany-based, ICANN-accredited registrar that is part of the Tucows Group.
- The ICANN Board [reaffirmed](#) the "[Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#)".
- ICANN Org published a [comprehensive guide](#) on "What to Expect During the Root KSK Rollover".
- ICANN announced the "[Registry System Testing (RST) Documentation Update](#)".
- ICANN called for nominations from all SO/ACs to the [New ICANN Fellowship Selection Committee and Guidance on Outreach Goals](#) by 10 September 2018.
- The [NextGen@ICANN64](#) application round is open until 5 October 2018.

At-Large/ALAC Policy Comments & Advice

All of APRALO and the At-Large community are invited to contribute to ICANN public comment proceedings. For more information, please visit the [At-Large Policy Advice Development Page](#) or contact [At-Large Staff](#).

The following public comments were announced in August:

- [Study on Technical Use of Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) closes 11 September 2018
- [Proposals for Kannada, Oriya and Telugu Scripts' Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) closes 20 September 2018
- [Modification of Domains Protected Marks List Service](#) closes 24 September 2018
- [Proposed gTLD-Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) Profile](#) closes 13 October 2018

Have your say! To contribute to ALAC public comment, please comment on the wiki space or volunteer as penholder.

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) ratified 4 Policy Advice Statements in August:

Initial Report on the Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in all gTLDs - Policy Amendment Process

The ALAC has always taken the position that as a humanitarian organization, and one that has been regularly the target of those seeking to fraudulently attract donations, the Red Cross should be afforded the courtesy of having its various identifiers protected at the second level in gTLD domain names.

Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews

Of the three options presented on the public comment, the ALAC prefers the option to commence RT work upon Board action on CCWG-WS2 recommendations, to be started no later than end of June 2019. With this option, the review team will be in charge of the evaluation of implementation of prior review recommendations and other topics, with no duplication or overlap with CCWG-WS2 implementation.

Long-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews

The ALAC approached the comment by separating it into two issues: (1) Organizational Reviews and (2) Specific Reviews. The ALAC recommended ICANN Org stop initiating Organizational Reviews until it has assessed how effective they have been and develop a methodology to allow them to be cost effective and effective overall. The ALAC also recommends changing the Bylaws to give the Board more flexibility with the timing of Specific Reviews going forward.

Open Data Initiative Datasets and Metadata

The ALAC made specific comments in relation to: (1) Centralized, easy access to properly organized data repository, (2) Types and value of data collected, lack of discernable information; (3) Uniformity of and responsibility for data; and (4) Privacy rights. Overall, the ALAC believes it would be useful if ICANN Org could assist in re-generating a list of datasets with suggestions on what downstream or upstream information can possibly be gleaned from each dataset.

See: At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice

APAC Space Update

- The APAC Space organized a web conference on 28 August 2018 to discuss the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Initial Report. An ALAC Statement is currently being developed, with related discussions being held every week during the CPWG meeting.

ALAC Update

- Held its August Monthly Call. Apart from discussion on policy activity, the ALAC reviewed ALS and Individual membership applications, shared updates from the working groups, including the At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG), and discussed the draft At-Large schedule for ICANN63.
- The ALAC Leadership Team has been confirmed: AFRALO - Tijani Ben Jemaa; APRALO - Maureen Hilyard; EURALO - Sebastien Bachollet; LACRALO - Ricardo Holmquist; NARALO - John Laprise. They will take their seats at the end of ICANN63.
- Ratified four statements: Initial Report on the Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in all gTLDs - Policy Amendment Process; Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews; Long-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews; Open Data Initiative Datasets and Metadata.

APRALO@APRIGF 2018

APRALO ALS representatives and APRALO leadership were well represented at the APRIGF 2018, held in Port Vila, Vanuatu in August.

Incoming ALAC Chair Maureen Hilyard, serving as Co-Chair of the Synthesis Document Drafting Committee, led town hall sessions each day. PICISOC members who organized the Pacific IGF co-moderated these sessions.

The APRIGF was a great opportunity for those in the Asian community who had previously never been to the Pacific region to learn about Internet Governance issues of particular significance e to the Pacific region.

For more details on the APRIGF and APRALO's involvement, please visit this page.

Incoming ALAC Chair, Maureen Hilyard, presents during APRIGF 2018.

APRALO Update

- Cyber Peace Foundation of India became the newest certified At-Large Structure (ALS) to APRALO. The APRALO leadership team welcomes them to the APRALO Family.
- APRALO held its August Monthly Call. On the call, APRALO discussed new membership applications, appointed their RALO representatives to the Social Media WG (Lianna Galstyan and Amrita Choudhury), and discussed EPDP and ARIWG developments.
- Updates were also shared from the Outreach and Engagement WG and APRALO Delegate to the NomCom.
- Incoming ALAC Chair and current ALAC Vice-Chair, Maureen Hilyard, attended the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) from 13-16 August, 2018.

ALS Highlights

Pacific IGF

PICISOC hosted the Pacific IGF during ARPIGF 2018 in Port Vila, 13-16 August 2018.

The first day consisted of discussions related to the importance of multistakeholder practices in Internet Governance, and discussions related to Pacific Island participation at APRIGF 2018 as well as "Contemporary Internet Governance Issues in the Pacific".

The second day was a Pacific-themed day, while day three held a closing lunch session. All discussions these days emphasized the need for all stakeholders to work together.

Pacific IGF members during APRIGF 2018.

Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF) and Online Cyber-Safety Campaigns

The CPF conducted several campaigns to promote online safety and digital literacy in August. Some of these campaigns included the following:

- The Digital Shakti Campaign: A training of almost 3,500 females (girls and women) on digital literacy and online safety, in association with Facebook and the National Commission for Women (NCW).

- Cyber Peace Corps Workshops: Members of the National Cadets Corps were sensitized on a variety of issues, including the potential power of the Internet and related training on how to keep their communities safe.

- University Student Workshops: On International Youth Day, CPF organized seven workshops for New Delhi college students, in partnership with the United Nations.

- Police Training: CPF conducted two sessions with Raipur and Bilaspur police forces on the topic of cyber crimes against women and related investigations, alongside the National Commission for Women (NCW).

Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF) Training.

Model ICANN Meeting during APIGA 2018

NetMission.Asia was proud to be invited to moderate the Model ICANN meeting during the 3rd APIGA, which took place from 23 - 27 July 2018.

This year, NetMission.Asia introduced new simulation games to help participants familiarize themselves with the ICANN New gTLDs program. Participants engaged in heated debates on the issues. Some creative string names were suggested by participants, such as .ent (a short form of entertainment proposed by Korean and Taiwanese participants), .kanoon in IDN (meaning "lawyers" in Nepalese).

During the Model ICANN Meeting, the group focused on 2 topics in particular; namely Community Objection and Closed Generics based on the scenarios of Annex C from the initial report of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedure Working Group. NetMission.Asia as moderator was glad to hear different perspectives of the participants, as they took on their assigned roles. The debates over religious factors in qualifying a community objection were particularly vigorous.

A public comment will be summited based on the discussions from APIGA 2018.

APIGA 2018

RALO Discretionary Funding

Through the FY19 Additional Budget Request process, each of the five RALOs has been granted $4,000 for targeted local discretionary funds toward RALO outreach and engagement activities such as ALS read-out sessions, promotional displays and graphics and regional travel.

For more information, including the application form and criteria, please see the related workspace.

Upcoming Events and Other Announcements

- The ICANN63 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in Barcelona, Spain from 20-25 October 2018.

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