APRALO February 2018 Newsletter

APRALO Leadership Team @APRICOT 2018

Pic: APRALO @ APRICOT 2018

The APRALO Leadership Team (ALT) which included Maureen Hilyard and Kaili Kan from the ALAC, and Satish Babu and Lianna Galstyan from APRALO, participated in the APRICOT2018 at Kathmandu.

While their attendance was formally to enhance the presence of APRALO and ALAC and to network personally with regional organisations, it also gave them an opportunity to establish direct contract with local ALS members and to meet and encourage new members to engage with APRALO.

Maureen and Lianna participated in activities such as the APTLD73 meeting and the AP* Retreat, providing updates on APRALO and ALAC activities, including current policy hot topics. Amrita Choudhury joined them in several sessions and events, including the Tech Girls Social which was moderated by APRALO member, Afifa Abbas, and where Maureen made a brief intervention to encourage participation of more women in At-Large as members and contributors to the At-Large policy development process. The ALT and ALS members took advantage of social and mealtime events to engage with other participants and spread the word about APRALO and At-Large.

ISOC Nepal enabled the ALT to formally meet with 11 members from 8 ALSes from the region who attended the APRICOT event. During the interaction each ALT member gave a brief presentation

about: engagement & policy development; participation and constraints; participation in regional activities; a specific policy issue (CCT-RT) and the APRALO history project. The meeting also gave members an opportunity to feedback their concerns and interests to the ALT.

The ALT was successful in engaging several participants who wanted to discuss the ICANN Fellowship program and how to join as individual members. One participant from Samoa, made an online registration to connect to the Pacific ALS (PICISOC) and become a member of APRALO immediately. Another participant from ISOC Malaysia had been encouraged by her employer to meet with the ALT while she was at the APRICOT event to find out how she could become more involved in APRALO. Several other participants also left their contact details in order to be added to the APRALO mailing list.

During an informal meeting of the APrIGF MSG members attending APRICOT, preparations for the APrIGF 2018 to be held in Vanuatu were discussed. It was decided to extend the workshop application date and to prepare an introductory webinar on how to submit a good workshop proposal, to encourage more submissions from across the region. The ALT will be submitting an APRALO workshop.

Shared by Maureen Hilyard

ICANN Updates

During the month of February ICANN,

- [Signed a Memorandum of Understanding](#) with GSMA at GSMA Mobile World Congress to enhance collaboration and raise awareness about Internet governance issues that are of common interest to both organizations and their communities.

- Published the [assessment report](#) of the second review of the ICANN Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) conducted by Interisle Consulting Group. A [session](#) on the subject is being organized at ICANN61 where community members can share their feedback.

- Published the FY18 Q2 Stakeholder Update for the quarter ending 31 December 2017 and organized a question and answer call on 22 February.

- Hosted a webinar on the [Replenishment Strategy for the ICANN Reserve Fund](#) and a [Pre-ICANN61 Policy Open House](#).

- Contracted [Analysis Group](#) to conduct an independent review of the [Security and Stability Advisory Committee Review](#).

- Held the [First Capacity Development Workshop for Asia GAC Members](#).

- Board passed a resolution of [not delegating the .mail, .home and .corp strings](#) .

- Board passed a [resolution](#) whereby ICANN CEO to facilitate negotiations on .amazon.

- [Called for Experts](#) to Study the Application of Root Zone Label Generation Rules.

- Sought comments on a [draft procedure](#) for ICANN to consider changes to Specification 12 of Community Generic Top Level Domain (gTLD) Registry Agreements by 2 April, 2018.

- Released the [New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group newsletter](#), which provides an update of all the Work Track activities that are associated with the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures. The purpose and importance of the PDP working group, along with issues impacting any future use of new gTLDs have been described in details in the newsletter.

 APAC News

- The ICANN APAC hub organized a web conference to discuss on the [Introduction to Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services to Replace Whois Policy Development Process (PDP)](#).

At-Large Highlights

In February,

- Alan Greenberg, Chair of the ALAC asked the 15 ALAC members to ratify the ALAC Statement on Proposed Incremental Changes to the ICANN Meetings Strategy.

- Comments were invited from members on the Proposal for Korean Root Zone Label Generation Rules by 16 February, 2018; the Draft Procedure for Community gTLD Change Requests and the report on RSSAC Review.

- The February ALAC Monthly Call was held on 27 February 2018.

- EURALO organized the "EURALO GDPR Webinar" on 19 February 2018.

APRALO Highlights

In February the APRALO held the monthly call on 20 February, 2018 and the submission date for the **survey** among ALS and individual members with the objective of enhancing member engagement was extended to 15 February, 2018.
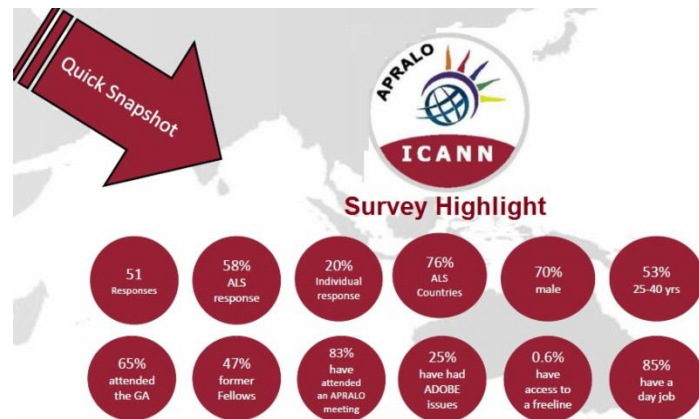
APRALO Survey Highlights

The APRALO leadership team (ALT) conducted a survey to get a better understanding of the issues and expectations of members.

32 ALSes and 2 Individual members residing in 22 countries participated in the survey.

It is interesting to note that, most of the new ALSes

Pic: APRALO Survey Highlights

who are members for less than four years participated more actively in the survey.

The survey also revealed that 89% of the respondents have their own website; 82% attend APRALO calls; 78% promote ICANN policy among their communities; 74% work on issues related to domain names and 74% ALSes are a legal body

For attending APRALO calls or other ICANN initiatives, 90% access Adobe connect using their laptop microphones and only 33% reported using the ICANN phone bridge. However 25% of these respondents also reported facing issues while connecting through adobe connect.

Updates From Our At-Large Structures (ALSes)

ISOC Delhi Online Meeting

Internet Society Delhi Chapter organised an online meeting on 12 February, 2018, which was attended by **36 participants**, belonging to various Chapters of South Asia, including Chapter Leaders and ISOC APAC Bureau staff. The recording can be viewed here.

Subashish Panigrahi, ISOC APAC Bureau shared on the [Action Plan 2018](#); Dr Govind, Delhi Chapter, shared the feedback on the recently conducted Chapter survey and areas of focus in 2018; a pre-recorded interview with Pablo Hinojosa and Srinivas Chendi from APNIC on APRICOT 2018 and APNIC 45 meeting and ways for the community to engage, was played; chapter member Col. Inderjeet Barara gave a presentation on "Block Chain-The foundation Technology of Future".

Next Chapter leaders including Anupam Agrawal, Kolkata Chapter, spoke on the L&J server, which the Chapter is managing; Bikram Shrestha, Nepal Chapter highlighted the recent initiatives undertaken by their Chapter; Maheeshwara Kirindigoda, Sri Lanka Chapter highlighted the study being conducted on Internet Addiction; Prateek Pathak Mumbai Chapter outlined the various capacity building and outreach programs of the chapter; Srinivasan R highlighted the activities of the Trivandrum Chapter while Satish Babu gave an overview of the various schools of Internet governance; Waqas Hassan, Islamabad Chapter shared the events conducted by the chapter and plans for the future and Jahangir Hossain shared about the technical and outreach activities of the Bangladesh Chapter.

The session was moderated by Amrita Choudhury.

APRALO Leadership team Meets local ALS Leaders

The APRALO Leadership Team (ALT) had an interactive meeting with the local ALS leaders present in Nepal, at Hotel Yak and Yeti, Kathmandu, Nepal on 27 February 2018.

This meeting was also attended by ALS representatives from India and Malaysia and also individual interested participants.

Pic: ALS Meet @ Kathmandu

During the interaction each ALT member gave a brief presentation about: engagement, highlighting the roles and importance of ALSs in Policy Developing Process (PDP) and how chapter leaders needs to step up in creating better engagement at local and international level.

Talking about the ICANN history project the ALT highlighted the current developments and expressed the need for ALSs leaders to focus on adopting better communication and engagement approaches.

The meeting also highlighted various aspects of submitting proposals and engagement at APrIGF 2018.

Shared by Shreedeep Rayamajhi, Rayznews Nepal

Update From Our Partner

DotAsia Celebrated A Collaborative Asia with the Community

Longstanding Partner DotAsia Organisation hosted another warm and welcoming 10th Anniversary Dinner for their members, partners, and the ICANN Asia Pacific GAC members participating in the underserved region capacity building workshop at the APRICOT 2018 meeting, at Kathmandu, Nepal on 24 February,

Pic: DotAsia 10th Anniversary Dinner

2018.

DotAsia is thankful for the help extended by the local host and the ISOC Nepal team for arranging a traditional and cozy dinner.

Few of the ALSes also joined the dinner, to celebrate the achievements of DotAsia and to recognize DotAsia's efforts in building the capacity of the Asia Pacific community, especially on youth engagement.

To consolidate and bring forward the 10-year work, DotAsia launched an inaugural Youth Mobility Index 2018 to inspire more young Asians setting out and change the world.

DotAsia looks forward to many more such milestone celebrations and the collaborations among our region.
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Shared by Yannis Li, DotAsia

Updates From Our NomCom Representative

Nominating Committee Updates

The NomCom 2018 has released the Job Description document for the ICANN Board Member positions.

Some of the key requirements for a Board Member include:

- To work closely with the ICANN community and its diverse range of stakeholders representing a wide range of Internet users and others interested in the operation of the DNS.

- Being open minded, with an ability to work hard and long, to travel widely, to learn quickly and accurately digest new information including many technical matters.

- International Representation: Members of the Board may also be asked to represent ICANN at a wide variety of meetings and/or conferences around the world including liaising with other major organizations such as the ITU, IGF or WSIS/United Nations and other Internet governance foras.

For those who wants to know what the NomCom2018 have been doing, please refer to the first update issue.

Further, the NomCom2018 in ICANN61 Puerto Rico will continue with their outreach activities.Community members are encouraged to approach any member from NomCom for more information or can contact the undersigned.

Shared by Nadira Al-Araj (ALAC-APRALO NomCom Delegate)

Upcoming Events and Other Announcements

- ICANN61 Meeting will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on 10-15 March, 2018.

- The ICANN Board will hold Two Public Sessions at ICANN61. The first one related to Board Technical Committee and another on Revised IDN Implementation Guidelines focused on Second Level Domains.

- APAC Space@ICANN61 will be held on 14 March, 2018, 12:30 local time.

- APrIGF is organizing a webinar "Call for Workshop & Community Collaboration Discussions" on 14 March, 2018 at 4:00 - 5:00 UTC (Timezone converter: http://igf.asia/2FrYPWQ). To join the webinar use this link.

- The call for Workshops for APrIGF 2018 has been extended to 2 April 2018 .

- Become a Resource Person for APrIGF 2018 using this link.

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