



## APRALO January 2018 Newsletter

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### Message from the APRALO Chair

Dear Colleagues,

It is good to note that the APRALO Newsletter, planned for long, is now reality. I'd like to thank Amrita, our lead volunteer, as well as Staff, for their efforts.

We have just finished our General Assembly in Nov. 2017, when most of our ALS leaders and community members were able to meet each other. We also had a representative of APRALO's individual users at the GA. The GA was a great occasion to re-synchronize and align our priorities, commitments, and plans sitting across the table.

APRALO's main focus is to provide end-user perspectives on policy development in ICANN. There are currently several "hot" policy topics, of which GDPR is perhaps at the forefront on account of its broad implications on the domain name ecosystem. Other ongoing discussions include Geonames, ICANN Jurisdiction, and the CCT-Review.



On behalf of the APRALO Leadership Team, I request the community to participate in the ongoing policy processes as well as our internal community processes (such as the ongoing APRALO Member Survey). Please also contribute to this newsletter with news on the activities of your respective communities.

With best wishes,

Satish Babu

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### ICANN Updates

During the month of January, ICANN published the [IANA Services Customer Satisfaction Survey Report](#); opened an Internet and [DNS Engagement Center in Seoul](#); announced the successful

[NextGen@ICANN61](#) candidates; mandated all ICANN generic top-level domain (gTLD) contracted parties to implement the new Consensus Policy concerning the [protection of certain specific names of intergovernmental organizations \(IGO\) and international nongovernmental organizations \(INGO\) identifiers in all gTLDs](#) by 1 Aug. 2018; disclosed that a Potential Data Exposure in ICANN RFP System was resolved; called for volunteers to serve on the Implementation Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Strategic Plan [LAC Strategic Plan.](#); [initiated to identify suppliers](#) to develop and conduct survey(s) to assess the use and effectiveness of Sunrise and Trademark Claims Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) by 9 Mar. 2018; extended the deadlines to submit [comments for the Operating Standards for ICANN's Specific Reviews](#) to 2 Feb. 2018, and the [new sections](#) of the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice (CCT) Review Team draft report of recommendations to 15 Jan, 2018; organized a [Data Protection/Privacy Update Webinar](#); and the Analysis Group, the independent examiner performing the ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom) Review, published its [assessment report](#).

Further, the ICANN Board also announced to hold [three public sessions and a Board Meeting](#) during their upcoming workshop in Los Angeles, California, between 1-5 Feb. 2018; the Nominating Committee (NomCom) [invited expression of interest from candidates for ICANN's key leadership positions](#) by 19 Mar. 2018.

Besides, comments were invited on the [ICANN Draft FY19 Operating Plan and Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update](#) till 8 Mar. 2018; the [Proposal for Korean Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#) till 17 Mar. 2018; [community review of a plan to roll the root KSK for the Domain Name System \(DNS\)](#) by 2 Apr. 2018 and the version 3 of the [Maximal Starting Repertoire \(MSR-3 HTML, XML\)](#) by 26 Feb. 2018 and [Nominations are open](#) for ICANN Multistakeholder Ethos Award till 19 Mar. 2018.

### 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 \(PDP\)](#).

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## At-Large Highlights

Besides the ALAC monthly call, At-Large organized a capacity building webinar on "Data Protection: What do you need to know as End-Users about GDPR" on 24 Jan. 2018; the Chair of the ALAC, Alan Greenberg sought the ratification of 15 ALAC members on the final Statements on ALAC Statement on [Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team - New Sections to Draft Report of Recommendations, Recommendations to Improve ICANN's Office of Ombudsman \(IOO\); Recommendations on ICANN Jurisdiction](#). Besides, comments were invited on the draft [ALAC Statements on Recommendations on ICANN Jurisdiction and Recommendations to Improve ICANN's Office of Ombudsman \(IOO\)](#) till 12 Jan. 2018; draft response to [Data Protection and Privacy Update - Community Feedback on Proposed Compliance Models](#) by 29 Jan. 2018.

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## APRALO Highlights

In January, the APRALO certified the **Yemeni Organization for Development and Exchange Technology** as an At-Large Structure (ALS); held the monthly call on 18 Jan. 2018; initiated a [survey](#) among ALS and individual members with the objective of enhancing member engagement. The survey is open till 9 Feb. 2018.

Additionally, the Capacity Building Working Group organized a webinar on "[Data Protection: What do you need to know as End-Users about GDPR](#)"; and the Chair of the [At-Large Capacity Building Working Group](#) requested suggestions from APRALO members on 2018 capacity building webinar topics by 10 Feb. 2018.

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## Updates From Our At-Large Structures (ALSes)



*npSIG2018*

## First Nepal School of Internet Governance

Internet Society Nepal Chapter organized the first Nepal School of Internet Governance (npSIG 2018) on 19-20 Jan. 2017.

Organised by ISOC Nepal, npSIG was a multi-stakeholder initiative, co-organised by Forum for Digital Equality (FDE) and supported by the Department of Information (DOIT), Nepal Telecommunication Authority, APNIC, ISOC, APASA, ISPAN, CAN Federation, SICT, ITS, nPIX, NPNOG, Tribhuvan University of Engineering; and CIT, Nepal. The objective of the initiative was to enhance the capacity of youth on Internet Governance issues and equip them to participate and contribute at a higher level of the Internet Governance process.

The two-day event was attended by over 45 in-person participants belonging to different stakeholder communities and several remote participants. The various topics discussed included: IG Principles and Perspectives; Concept and Development of IG, Internet Ecosystem, Internet Core Values and Principles, Privacy, data protection and Cybersecurity; Inclusive internet, IG Ecosystem in Nepal; Participating in IG platforms, IoT, Blockchain, Crypto currency and Digital Economy. Besides there were role plays which included role play on the numbering system by APNIC and lighting talks.

At the end of the session, ISOC Nepal and npIX awarded two participants a fellowship to attend the upcoming APRICOT 2018 / APNIC 45 in Kathmandu.

## Second Edition of the Armenian School on Internet Governance Launched



*ArmSIG 2018*

On 13 Jan,2018 the Internet Society NGO in Armenia launched the second edition of the Armenian School on Internet Governance (ArmSIG). Out of a total of 89 applicants, 38 students were selected; they come from different universities of Armenia, study different disciplines, and are between 14 and 41 years old. The five-month free course, provided in cooperation with the United Armenian Volunteers League, will take place once in a week at the American University of Armenia. The course is structured around six sections: introduction, technical, legal, security, economic, and sociocultural. Local and international experts are invited to speak on Internet governance topics, in different formats: Q&A, debates, webinars, open discussions, and workshops.

## Youth Outreach by RayZnews

Shreedeeep Rayamajhi of RayZnews conducted a workshop in Prime College in Khusibu, Nepal on 5 Jan. 2018.

The workshop was attended by 70 students and was focused on issues of the role of Youth in internet governance and ways to engage in the various Internet Governance organizations and events, such as those held by Internet Society, ICANN, IGF, APSIG and APriGF.



*Youth Outreach*

The program also highlighted the journey of two youth IT leaders from Nepal, Ashirwad Tripathy from Educating Nepal and ManojBhattarai from Cell App Innovation.

The first session of the workshop was a [presentation on Internet ecosystem and the Internet](#), whereby the youth were introduced to Internet Governance and the various organizations who are involved including ISOC, ICANN and events; IGF, APSIG and APriGF. The second session was a [Fishbowl](#) which discussed a case study of Youth on the table. Both the sessions were greatly appreciated by the participants. For more details view the workshop [report](#) and [video](#).



ISOC MY Biennial GM 2018

## Biennial General Meeting 2018

The Biennial General Meeting of Internet Society Malaysia (ISOC MY) was held successfully held on 27 Jan. 2018 at University Utara Malaysia, Kedah, Malaysia. The objectives of this meeting were to discuss the planned 2018-2020 activities, the past activities of ISOC Malaysia, the proposed amendments of ISOC Malaysia constitution, and the election of 2018-2020 officers. During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Suhaidi Hassan was re-elected as the President of ISOC Malaysia for the 2018-2020 term.

## Updates From Our NomCom Representative

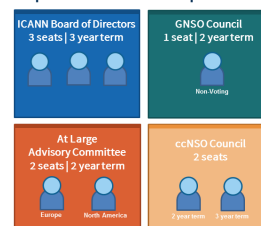
### Nominating Committee Updates

The Nominating Committee (NomCom) invites interested individuals to submit an expression of interest and/or recommend candidates for ICANN's key leadership positions.

The eight key positions are:

- 3 members of the ICANN Board of Directors
- 2 representatives to the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC): One from Europe and the other from the North America region
- 1 non-voting member of the Council of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)
- 2 members of the Council of the Country-Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

#### 8 Open ICANN Leadership Positions



#### ICANN Leadership Positions Open

The details along with eligibility criteria may be found on the [Nominating Committee | Open Leadership Positions 2018 page](#).

To apply for any of the positions click [here](#). To recommend a candidate click [here](#). The last date to submit applications is 19 Mar. 2018 (23:59 UTC).

The NomCom worked through Dec. 2017, to have an in-depth understanding on the specific requirements for each position and organized several online meetings with community leaders from each of the announced positions. Further, there would be another face to face meeting during ICANN61 in Puerto Rico.

For any queries please write to: [nomcom2018@icann.org](mailto:nomcom2018@icann.org) or visit NomCom [website](#).

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

### Upcoming Events

- [APRICOT 2018 Conference and APNIC45](#) will be held in Kathmandu between 19-28 Feb. 2018.
- [61st ICANN Meeting](#) will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from 10-15 Mar. 2018.

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