



APRALO Newsletter, November 2018

ICANN Update

During the month of November, ICANN:

- The ICANN Board voted to [reaffirm](#) the [Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#).
- Announced the publication of its [FY18 Audited Financial Statements](#).
- [Announced successful candidates](#) for ICANN64 Fellowship Program.
- [Released](#) the inaugural Fellowship program Post-Meeting Report from ICANN63, which is a part of the [New Fellowship Program Approach](#).
- Invited applications for [New Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy \(UDRP\) Dispute-Resolution Service Provider](#) by 4 January 2019.
- Organized webinars regarding the [Draft Final Report of The Second Security and Stability Advisory Committee Review \(SSAC2\)](#) and the [Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process \(EPDP\) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team](#).

Applications are now invited for the ICANN65 Fellowship round by 14 December 2018. Please refer [here](#) for more information.

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 November:

- [Proposed Consensus Policy on Protections for Certain Red Cross and Red Crescent Names in All Generic Top-Level Domains](#)
- [Initial Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process \(EPDP\) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team](#)

- [Policy Status Report: Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy \(IRTP\)](#)
- [Application for New Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy \(UDRP\) Dispute-Resolution Service Provider](#)
- [Maximal Starting Repertoire Version 4 \(MSR-4\) for Root Zone Label Generation Rules \(RZ-LGR\)](#)

Have your say! To contribute to ALAC public comment, please comment on the wiki space or volunteer as penholder, and join the weekly [At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#) meetings.

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) ratified 3 Policy Advice Statements in November:

[Registration Directory Service \(RDS-WHOIS2\) Review Team Draft Report of Recommendations](#)

The primary concern for the ALAC in the RDS-WHOIS2 Review is the accuracy of registrant data (WHOIS data) and its use by security and law enforcement bodies in addressing the misuse and abuse of the DNS system. The ALAC summarized their positions on the 16 Recommendations under Objective 1, as well as Objectives 3, 5, 6 and the ICANN Bylaws.

[ICANN Seeking Community Feedback on Proposed Unified Access Model](#)

The ALAC cited their prior statement from 10 April 2018 relating to the access of WHOIS, and offered (4) general comments on the proposed UAM: (1) Any access model must be compliant with the GDPR, and ICANN should obtain legal advice from expert counsel to confirm compliance; (2) Internet end user rights should be part of the calculus, including knowledge of email sender identity, et al; (3) The UAM design should be scalable and not overly-reliant upon manual updates, and should have a well-defined taxonomy of abuse types, et al. Once an agreed upon set of inputs and outcomes is established, an automated system may be created to respond to WHOIS requests; (4) The various harms taken into account when considering the UAM must be done so in a non-biased fashion.

[Proposed gTLD-Registration Data Access Protocol \(RDAP\) Profile](#)

The ALAC recommends that ICANN adopt the RDAP quickly and effectively because they hold it is an essential step for ICANN to deploy a tiered-access model adequately. In addition, the ALAC recommends that ICANN address 5 ambiguities in the RDAP that are also present in the European Union's (EU) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), noting them in the statement.

In addition, the [ALAC unanimously endorsed the first At-Large Review Implementation Document](#), formed by the drafting team of the At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG).

See: [At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice](#)

See: [Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#)

ALAC Update

During the month of November, the ALAC:

- Held their monthly call on [27 November](#), where the topics discussed include the ALAC Policy Development Activities, a review of current ALS and Individual Member applications, discussion on the Final At-Large Review Detailed Implementation Plan, the EPDP, ATLAS III, initial discussion on ICANN64 Travel Policy Update and Discussion with Constituency Travel, etc.
- The [ALAC unanimously endorsed the first At-Large Review Implementation Document](#), formed by the drafting team of the At-Large Review Implementation Working Group (ARIWG).
- As a part of the ongoing [At-Large Capacity Building Program - 2018](#), a webinar was organized on the topic of [Universal Acceptance](#). Two E-books of the presentations were created by Glenn McKnight, NARALO Secretariat and distributed to the community.
- There was also a call for volunteers for the ATLAS III Delegates Working Group and the ATLAS III Program Working Group.



APRALO members at ICANN63, October 2018

The APRALO monthly call was held on 22 November, where there was a [discussion](#) regarding the At-Large Review Implementation (ARIWG.), as well as updates of the ALAC policy activities, Outreach & Engagement activities being planned for ICANN64 Community Forum in Kobe, Japan, Social Media Working Group updates, and reports from IGF 2018 and ICANN63.

There was also a discussion on hot policy topics for 2019, with a survey being planned for gathering comments from APRALO ALSes on these topics.

- Satish Babu, APRALO Chair

APRALO @ IGF 2018

APRALO @ IGF 2018 in Paris, France

See At-Large IGF 2018 Reports [here](#).

The APRALO Leadership Team was well represented at the Internet Governance Forum held in Paris, France from 12-14 November 2018, by Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair, Satish Babu, APRALO Chair and Lianna Galstyan, APRALO Vice-Chair. Other APRALO participants were Stanley Osao, John Jack, Dr. Govindi, Baburam Aryal, and Sivasubramanian Muthusamy.

Maureen spent considerable time at the At-Large booth promoting the activities of the ALAC and At-Large community, and also engaging with ALS members attending the event. She presented at two sessions - on Human Rights, the Environment and the Internet, and the Dynamic Coalition on Small Island Developing States. She also curated online reports on IGF sessions for the Diplo Foundation, along with APRALO member Amrita Choudhury who participated remotely. Maureen also met with important contacts who are supporting the work of the ALAC and At-Large.

Satish participated in the main opening session on Emerging Technologies, speaking about challenges and opportunities in utilizing Blockchain, particularly in the context of emerging economies. He also spoke at the DC-Blockchain session on the use of the Blockchain for social applications. Satish also participated in the several informal meetings, including those of the Internet Society, APSIG and the meeting of the Dynamic Coalition on Schools of Internet Governance (DC-SIG). He also presented with Lianna, both representing their national SIGs (inSIG and ArmSIG).

Lianna participated in the main session of NRIs (National, Regional and Youth IGF Initiatives), representing Armenian IGF, where she highlighted the importance of cooperation with other national IGFs in the region sharing common challenges. She also participated in the organizing team of the Best Practice Forum (BPF) on local content, during the session of which she represented several online educational projects in the Armenian language successfully implemented in Armenia.

- Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair, Satish Babu, APRALO Chair and Lianna Galstyan, APRALO Vice-Chair



(L-R): Maureen Hilyard, Satish Babu and Lianna Galstyan. Photo credit: Glenn McKnight, NARALO Secretariat.



At-Large @ IGF 2018.

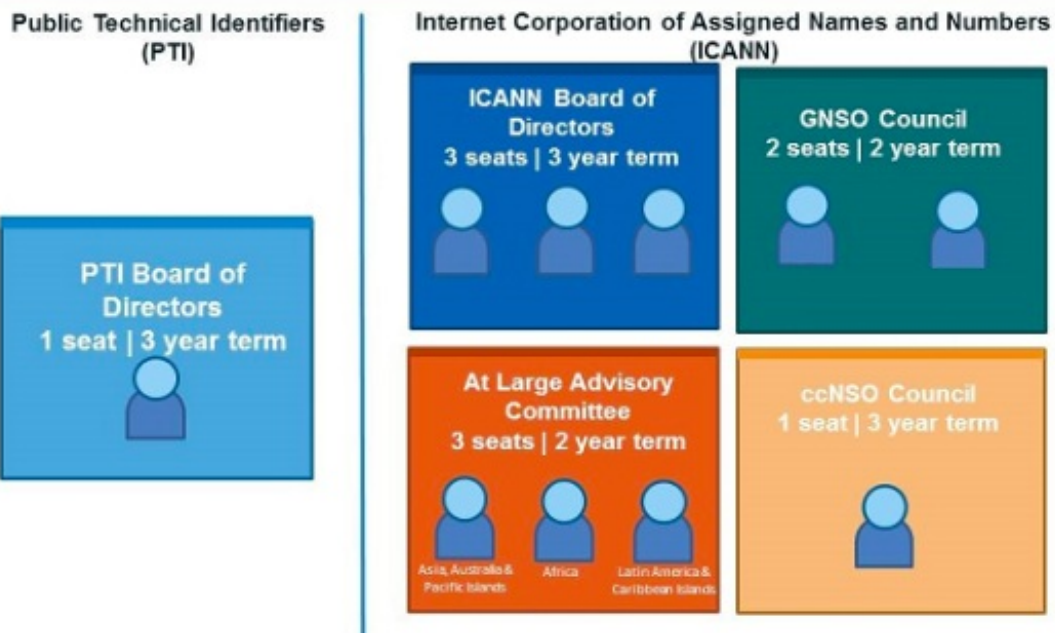
MAG 2019 Update

On the last day of IGF the new list of MAG (Multistakeholder Advisory Group) members appointed by the UN Secretary-General for 2019 was announced. Here we thank the APRALO member from Fiji Salanieta Tamanikawaiwaimaro, an outgoing MAG member for her service as well as extend our congratulations for the second year appointment to Lianna Galstyan, APRALO Vice Chair, Jennifer Chung, DotAsia and Sylvia Cadena, APNIC.

This year APAC is well represented, with MAG members from Armenia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates and Vanuatu.

NomCom Update

10 Open Leadership Positions to be filled by the 2019 NomCom



The NomCom 2019 leadership team members include:

- Damon Ashcraft, Chair
- Cheryl Miller, Chair Elect and
- Zahid Jamil, Associate Chair

The ALAC RALOs representatives to the NomCom 2019 are:

- Aziz Hilali - African Region; serving the 2nd and last term
- Erich Schweighofer - European Region; serving the 1st term
- Leah Symekher - North American Region; serving the 2nd and last term
- Nadira Al-Araj - Asian, Australasian and Pacific Islands Region; serving the 2nd and last term
- Tracy Hackshaw - Latin American and Caribbean Islands Region; serving the 1st term

During ICANN63, the 2019 NomCom members confirmed their mission [timeline](#) on different phases of finding the right candidates to fill 10 open leadership positions.

- Nadira Al-Araj, APRALO Delegate to the NomCom

ALS Highlights

LGR Session organised by ISOC Trivandrum

Internet Society Trivandrum Chapter in association with ICFOSS organized a round-table discussion on 'Root Zone Label Generation Rules for Malayalam Script' on 3rd November 2018. The Neo-Brahmi Script Generation Panel (NBGP) seated by ICANN proposed a Root Zone Label Generation Rules (LGR) for Malayalam script and were accepting public comments for the same. The main aim of the event was to create an awareness, bring it to the attention of various related stakeholders involved and come up with a comment which can be submitted. The event had representation from ICANN Org, NBGP Panel who drafted the rules, linguists, academicians, technologists, journalists, end-users etc. Satish Babu (Chair, APRALO, ICANN) representing the end-users group moderated the session. The event was presided by R Srinivasan (Chair, ISOC Trivandrum Chapter) and Dr Rajeev (ICFOSS) concluded the event with the future steps and closing remarks.



Nepal IGF 2018

The second Nepal IGF 2018, was successfully conducted from 2-3 November 2018 having the theme of "Making Internet Accessible affordable and safe". The Chief Guest at the event was Mr. Girirajmani Pokharel, Minister of Education, Science and Technology. Wide range of topics were discussed, including issues related to Infrastructure and Access, Cyber Security, Safer Internet for Children and Youth to Participation of Youth in IG platforms, Digital Economy, Making Internet Safer for LGBTI and Queer people, Internet for Empowerment, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Fake News and Social Media, making ICT inclusive for Persons with Disability, Promotion of e-commerce and Blockchain

.More than 400 people participated in the event including around 35 people having disabilities. This year to cater to representatives from different stakeholder groups there were language as well as sign language interpretation.



Rayznews Outreach Activity

At the Nepal IGF2018, From Rayznews organised a session on youth and fellowship. This included an outreach initiative about ICANN fellowship and how youth and individuals can take part and collaborate in the ICANN process, sharing the [ICANN newcomer toolkit](#). View here the [presentation](#), [video](#) and [Toolkit for Multistakeholder Practice and MSG formation](#).



ISOC Yemen conducts Internet Governance

In conjunction with IGF2018 and as a remote hub, ISOC-Yemen had held a symposium about "Internet Governance" on Nov. 14th with the partnership with YODET organization. The symposium discussed three main themes. First, the internet governance theme that provided an overview about the evolution of IG, the Internet and Environmental Issues, the technological innovation and IG rules, and the decentralized Internet constitution. Second, the Cyber security, Trust, & Privacy theme, where some topics have been addressed like: Internet Privacy, Bubble Filter, Data Protection. Third, the Internet of Things (IoT) theme which has discussed emerging technologies (e.x.: AI, Big Data & IoT), ubiquitous computing, IoT applications, IoT challenges, & the security of IoT devices. For details visit Internet Society Yemen.



FY20 Additional Budget Requests

FY20 ALAC Criteria for Additional Budget Requests:

- Proposals should include ways in which will make the entire At-Large community more effective and develop the At-Large community rather than a single section of the At-Large community.
- Outreach should not be a major focus. Activities to improve engagement with existing members is encouraged.
- If any request is made on outreach, it should go through the CROP program or as a part of

- a larger ALAC request for RALO Discretionary Funding.
- RALO requests should be strategic and in line with their RALO's strategic outreach plans and **must be endorsed by their RALO** prior to being submitted for consideration by the FBSC.
- Staff is currently expecting that basic resources for community communications/printing will be supported through the core ICANN budget, but that community proposals for printing , etc. will be accepted as a back-up in case expectations change. Specific proposals for communications resources beyond simple printing and editing functions should be prepared and submitted.

See the [FY20 Budget Development Workspace](#) for more information and resources.

The deadline for RALO ABRs is 04 January 2019.

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 third [Eastern European Domain Name System Forum \(EEDNSF\)](#) recently took place from 4-5 December 2018 in Moscow, Russia.

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