APRALO Newsletter, May 2018

ICANN Update

In May, the ICANN Board held three public sessions and a public Board meeting during the Global Domains Division (GDD) meeting in Vancouver, Canada.

In addition, ICANN:

- Filed a case in Germany against EPAG, a Germany-based ICANN-accredited registrar part of the Tucows Group, on issues related to preserving WHOIS data. The German court provided their ruling on the WHOIS case for EPAG.

- Approved the proposed "Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data" in order to temporarily comply with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

- Released the Final Proposed Draft version 4.0 of the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Implementation Guidelines.

- Announced an agreement with DENIC eGas, an ICANN-designated agent, to support Registrar Data Escrow (RDE) services.

- Published the FY18 Q3 Stakeholder Update for the quarter ending 31 March 2018, as well as U.S. tax returns (Form 990) for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2017 for both ICANN and Public Technical Identifiers (PTI).

- Published the proposed FY19 Operating Plan and Budget, and Five-Year Operating Plan update as well as the Report of Public Comments on ICANN's Reserve Fund: Proposed Replenishment Strategy.

- The Board approved the FY19 Budget on 30 May 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, please visit the At-Large Policy Advice

Development Page or contact **At-Large Staff**.

The following public comments were announced in May:

- **Draft Final Report of the RSSAC2 Review** 10 June 2018
- **Release for Registration one .COM Domain Name with a Single-Character Label: O.COM** 20 June 2018
- **Short-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline for Specific Reviews 06 July 2018**
- **Draft Community Travel Support Guidelines** 16 July 2018
- **Long-Term Options to Adjust the Timeline of Reviews** 20 July 2018

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 May:

- **CCWG-Accountability WS2 Final Report** *The ALAC noted that the assurance of full consistency between all of the recommendations - which are noted in the report to be more than 100 - would depend primarily on the interpretation of the recommendations and the implementation plan. The ALAC recommends dedicating enough time to ensure inconsistencies do not result due to misinterpretation of the recommendations.*

- **Draft Final Report of the NomCom2 Review** *On the whole, the ALAC believes the ICANN NomCom system has been working well considering the significant challenges it faces. The ALAC made 8 general comments to improve the function of the NomCom, noting that while confidentiality needs to be maintained, whenever possible, open, transparent processes should be adopted to represent the multistakeholder nature of ICANN.*

- **Draft Project Plan for the Proposed Name Collision Analysis Project (NCAP)** *As the principle voice of end users within the ICANN community, the ALAC supported the SSAC in its efforts to address the issue of Name Collisions, while encouraging clarity on the SSAC's bidding process for work contemplated under the Draft Project Plan.*

- **ICANN Reserve Fund: Proposed Replenishment Strategy** *The ALAC supports the overall strategy, with several important conditions related to operational savings, auction proceeds, per-domain registrar fees and revenue.*

See: At-Large Website Policy Comments & Advice

2018 APRALO Elections

The following candidates were selected by acclamation on the recent APRALO Monthly Call:

Satish Babu, APRALO Chair (2018 AGM - 2020 AGM)

Holly Raiche, APRALO ALAC Member (2018 AGM - 2020 AGM)

Nadira Al-Araj, APRALO ALAC Delegate to the NomCom (2018 AGM - 2019 AGM)

Note: *The ALAC NomCom Delegate is the Regional Candidate that will be sent to the ALAC. The ALAC elects the ALAC NomCom Delegates.*

Ali Almeshal has been elected as the APRALO Vice Chair for the period of two years, beginning at the end of the ICANN63 Annual General Meeting (2018 AGM - 2020 AGM).

Congratulations to Satish, Holly, Nadira and Ali!

See: 2018 APRALO Regional Selections

APAC Space Update

- The APAC Space Web Conference was held on 8 May 2018. Apart from an providing an

introduction to ICANN reviews, there was discussion on universal acceptance and email address internationalization.

- The APAC Space Survey 2018 was extended to 18 May 2018.

At-Large Highlights

- The ALAC Monthly Call was held on 22 May 2018 to discuss policy and review policy advice activities, review the latest development in the At-Large Review, engage in a discussion with Leon Sanchez, the Board Director selected by At-Large, review the draft agendas for their meetings at ICANN62 and hear an update on the status of the At-Large elections and selections in their final stages.

- The fourth webinar of the new At-Large Capacity Building Program - 2018 on the topic, "New gTLD: Geographic Names (WT 5)" was held on 23 May 2018.

APRALO Highlights

- The APRALO Monthly Call was held on 17 May 2018, where apart from an overview of policy updates, candidates for APRALO Leadership positions were given an opportunity to share their perspectives. Additionally, the Q&A portion of the call provided an opportunity for ALSes to engage further.

- As there was only a single candidate for the positions of APRALO Chair, APRALO ALAC Delegate to NomCom and APRALO ALAC Member, they were declared winners. An election was held for the position of Vice Chair, as there were two candidates.

ALS Highlights

Successful Completion of 2nd Edition of Afghanistan School on Internet Governance (AfSIG 2018)

The second edition of Afghanistan school on Internet Governance was organized by National IT Professionals Association of Afghanistan, in collaboration with Internet Society Afghanistan Chapter between 29 April - 1 May, 2018, in Kabul, Afghanistan. The event (AfSIG 2018) was supported by key national and international organizations, including the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology of Afghanistan, apTLD and ICANN.

The first two days of the School were conducted at Kardan University, while the 3rd day was jointly organized with ISOC Afghanistan Chapter on day zero of IGFA.

AfSIG 2018 was able to train 30 new students on Internet Governance related issues, with the help of 26 national and international speakers including APRALO Chair Satish Babu, and ALS member Amrita Choudhury, from CCAOI. For more details, visit AfSIG.

AfSIG 2018

Second Internet Governance Forum Afghanistan (IGFA 2018) Concludes Successfully

The second Internet Governance Forum Afghanistan(IGFA) 2018 was held in Kabul, Afghanistan from 1-3 May, 2018. The event was organized by the Internet Society Afghanistan, with the support of Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), IO Global Internet Services, Grand Technology Resources (GTR), IGF Support Association (IGFSA), ICANN, Afghan Ministry of Communications and IT (MCIT), TechNation and TechTV.

"Day 0" of the event held sessions celebrating Girls in ICT. The key issues discussed include access and diversity, cyber security, youth and gender and emerging issues. The session format included a number of public forums that allowed the community to ask questions and provide suggestions for improvement. In addition, an Academy for Children between the ages of 6 and 12 was conducted to provide the children an opportunity to engage and ask questions about the Internet.

The event was attended by over 300 participants from different stakeholder communities with simultaneous interpretation in English, Pashto and Dari along with remote participation facilities. Keynote speakers included Mr. Shahzad Aryobee, Minister of Communications and IT, Mr. Mohammad Najeeb Azizi, Chairman Afghanistan Telecom Regulatory Authority (ATRA) and leaders from country's civil society, private sector, academia and technical communities. International speakers, including Mr. Chengetai Masango, Program and Technology Manager IGF Secretariat, Amrita Choudhury, Director CCAOI, Marilyn Cade, CEO mCade Strategies, and Anja Gengo, NRI Focal Point, took part in person, and several others spoke at the event remotely.

IGFA 2018

ISOC Palestine Digital Self-Defense Initiative

The Internet Society Palestine Chapter has initiative a campaign for of raising the awareness among Palestinian schoolgirls about the dangers of electronic blackmail and cyber harassment. Till now the initiative has reached more than 2,250 schoolgirls in 25 Palestinian schools. The project is funded by the Internet Society Beyond the Net. For more details view this link.

ISOC Nepal Initiatives

- Internet Society Nepal organized an awareness event on "Card Fraud and its Mitigation" in Banepa, Kavre. The event was attended by 33 participants representing different sectors, including the finance institutions, law enforcement, journalism, academia and end users. The main objective of the program was to sensitize people about different types of card fraud and its mitigation; and to raise awareness about the safer card use among major stakeholders including cardholders, merchant, issuer banks and acquirer banks. The program was organized in partnership Budhanilkantha Jaycees and Kavrepalanchowk Jaycees. Amar Rajbhandari, General Secretary, Internet Society Nepal and E-banking Head, Machhapuchhre Bank Limited presented on the types of fraudulent activity common in Nepal, security measures to be taken by cardholders, investigation procedures, security measures to be taken by the merchants and banks, etc. For more details visit this [link](#).

- In addition, earlier this month ISOC Nepal along with the APAC bureau organized the Regional Chapter meeting in Nepal.

Internet Society Nepal Elects New Executive Committee

The Internet Society Nepal Chapter organized their 8th Annual General Meeting on 19 May 2018. During the AGM, a new Executive Committee for the period of two years was elected. The newly elected Executive Committee members are: Santosh Sigdel (President), Rom Kant Pandey (Senior Vice President); Suraj Adhikari (Vice President); Amar Rajbhandari (General Secretary); Tanka Aryal (Treasurer) and Ram Krishna Pariyar (Secretary). The members of the board include: Krishna Prasad Pokherel, Ramesh Pudasaini, Subash Khadka, Chiranjibi Adhikari, Uttam Shrestha Rana, Sunil Man Manandhar and Dipa Adhikari

ISOC Nepal AGM

New Leadership at ISOC TRV

ISOC India Trivandrum Chapter (ISOC-TRV) held their 2017 AGM on 28 May 2018 at Trivandrum, Indi, which was attended by 65 participants in person, as well as remotely.

After a term of two years, the founding team of Officers moved out as planned in the leadership succession plan. The incoming Officers were announced by Dr S. Samir, on behalf of the 2017 Nominating Committee. They are: R. Srinivasan (Chair); Sabarinath Pillai (Vice Chair); Shahul Hamid (Secretary) and Jithin Krishnan (Treasurer).

The outgoing Chair, Satish Babu, moved to the Board of Governors of ISOC-TRV, a group which would provide advisory inputs to the Chapter Officers.

The AGM was followed by a panel discussion on the topic "The Internet, Social Media and the Nipah Virus Outbreak". Dr Jayan Chandrasekharan, Dr Kavitha Raja. Vishwanathan Prabhakaran, Satish Babu were the panellists and R. Srinivasan moderated the session.

ISOC TRV AGM

Update from the APRALO Delegate to the NomCom

The NomCom released their 3rd report. The NomCom concluded telephone interviews and are now conducting background checks and interviews with references.

A small number of candidates for the Board will be invited to in-person interviews during ICANN62 in Panama City, where the NomCom will make its final selection of candidates for the Board, GNSO, ALAC and ccNSO. More information found via this link.

Upcoming Events and Other Announcements

- ICANN will hold two webinars related to public comment on short-term option and long-term option reviews. The first webinar is on 7 June 2018 at 05:00 UTC [local time] and the second webinar is on 07 June 2018 at 17:00 UTC [local time]. To attend the webinar, a calendar invitation has to be sent via mssi-secretariat@icann.org.

- A Pre ICANN62 webinar will be held on 12 June 2018. For attending, register using this form by 11 June 2018.

- Applications are requested for the NextGen@ICANN63 by 22 June 2018.

- ICANN62 will be held in Panama City, Panama from 25-28 June 2018.

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