APIGA 2022

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About the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA)
The Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) is a capacity-development program focused on Internet governance that is targeted at youth leaders from the Asia Pacific (APAC) region. APIGA is co-hosted by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and the Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA). It is organised in collaboration with regional organisations including the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), DotAsia Organisation, the Internet Society (ISOC), Asia Pacific Top Level Domain (APTLD) etc.

Aims

APIGA aims to develop youth leaders’ understanding of the Internet and its ecosystem. It also aims to equip participants with the knowledge and skills to participate in Internet policymaking through developing a strong foundation in the following:

- The concept of Internet governance, and the multistakeholder model of policymaking;
- Current global Internet governance issues, and applying these issues at the local and regional levels;
- The confidence to speak up in regional and international fora.

Learning is through immersive, hands-on sessions with dedicated mentoring by regional industry experts. Participants will also build a strong network with peers, APIGA alumni, leading APAC Internet organizations, and key APAC community leaders.

Expected Outcomes

Through the program, participants will build confidence in and appreciation for multistakeholder processes with a solid foundation in Internet governance fundamentals. They will also receive guided pathways to continue participating in the Internet governance space including at ICANN, APNIC, the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), ISOC, and various Internet governance forums.

Past data shows that 1 in 4 APIGA alumni continue to participate in Internet governance fora locally, regionally, and globally.

About the 2022 Program

Important Information & Key Dates

APIGA 2022 is scheduled for 5 days from Tuesday, 16 August to Saturday, 20 August 2022 in South Korea. Individuals interested in Internet governance issues are welcome to apply. Flight and accommodation costs will be covered for selected participants.

The location will either be in Seoul or Jeju. KISA will confirm the location closer to the event dates to ensure that it meets necessary health and safety measures amid the fluid COVID-19 pandemic situation. As an in-person event, all participants and staff will be required to follow the COVID-19 health and safety rules mandated for the event.

ICANN and KISA are closely monitoring relevant national and international public health guidance. Should August be deemed as unsafe for the face-to-face program to proceed, APIGA could be postponed to 7-11 November 2022 in the same location.

Those interested in applying for APIGA 2022 should ensure that they are able to travel to Korea for both sets of dates in August and November 2022. Should COVID-19 also make the November dates unfeasible, APIGA 2022 will be postponed to 2023.

Note: The information here is subject to change depending on the overall COVID-19 situation. More information will be released on this site once available. Please check back regularly.

Read the ICANN announcement on APIGA 2022 here.

For general enquiries about APIGA, please write to apachub@icann.org.

How to Apply for APIGA 2022
Applications will open from Saturday, 14 May 2022 00:00 till Sunday, 5 June 2022 23:59 in Korea Standard Time (UTC+9).

Application Criteria

- From the Asia Pacific (APAC) region
- Aged 18 to 35 (both ages inclusive)
- Able to use English – both spoken and written
- No prior Internet governance experience required
- Able to participate:
  - In-person in South Korea for 16-20 August 2022 (with alternative for 7-11 November 2022); and
  - Pre-requisite preparation phase in July 2022. This includes designated online sessions as well as self-study online modules.

Submit an Application

By applying for APIGA 2022, applicants acknowledge that:

- They have read and understood all details in the “Important Information & Key Dates” section above.
- For international travellers, to ensure they meet South Korea’s requirements to enter the country (e.g. visa, including COVID-19 vaccination and test requirements). They also understand that such requirements can be subject to change.

The application system is provided courtesy of APNIC. Kindly note when applying:

- Applicants MUST register an account in APNIC’s application system to access the APIGA application, submit, and check application status.
- If you registered an account before or previously applied for any fellowship using the same system (e.g. for APrIGF etc.), there is no need to register again. Please use your existing login details.

To submit an application, please click here.

For any technical questions/issues using the system, please use this webform for help.

Successful applicants will be notified by email before the end of June 2022.

About the Hosts

Korea Internet & Security Agency, KISA

KISA is a government agency dedicated to promoting Internet and information security and contributing to Korea’s Global Competitiveness.

KISA has set ‘Internet Promotion’ for the future and ‘Information Security’ for our safety as its primary tasks, and is focusing on enhancing the information security capacity of Korea’s ICT industry while expanding global cooperative partnerships based on the K-ICT Security development Strategy, in order that these twin pillars may serve as the core competencies of the future Korea in equal and harmonious measure.

KISA, founded in 2009 through a merger of three separate organizations, is dedicated to developing Korea’s Internet industry and information security capabilities. As an Internet and security promotion agency armed with global competitiveness, KISA will maintain its commitment to creating a safe and happy Internet world.

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, ICANN

ICANN’s mission is to help ensure a stable, secure and unified global Internet. To reach another person on the Internet, you have to type an address into your computer – a name or a number. That address has to be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN helps coordinate and support these unique identifiers across the world.

ICANN was formed in 1998 as a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation and a community with participants from all over the world. ICANN and its community help keep the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It also promotes competition and develops policy for the top-level of the Internet’s naming system and facilitates the use of other unique Internet identifiers.

ICANN doesn’t control content on the Internet. It cannot stop spam and it doesn’t deal with access to the Internet. But through its coordination role of the Internet’s naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet.