

APIGA 2018

Check out Samridh's blog on his APIGA experience at: [APIGA 2018: A week of learning, friendship and fun](#). Samridh is an APIGA 2018 alumni from India.

Also, check out Joyce's (ICANN) thoughts on APIGA 2018, [APIGA: From Digital Native to Digital Citizen](#), and Pablo's (APNIC) thoughts on APIGA 2018, [Supporting Young Fellows to get Involved!](#)



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APIGA Highlights



Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (Korea), 23-27 July 2018

Co-Hosts:

Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA)

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

Co-Sponsors and Partners:

Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT)

Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC)

Internet Society (ISOC)

DotAsia Organisation

Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Name Association (APTLD)

About the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy

The Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) is a 5-day capacity development workshop focused on topics related to Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and Internet governance. It is targeted at, but not limited to, undergraduate and graduate students from universities and tertiary educational institutions in South Korea and Asia Pacific. Anyone between the age of 18 and 35 from the Asia Pacific region, interested in Internet governance issues and related international activities, is welcome to participate.

Aim

The Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy serves to improve the participants' understanding of Internet governance issues, and the multistakeholder processes that are largely responsible for driving these issues. Topics include *History of Internet Governance*; *Fundamentals of Internet Infrastructure*; and *Multistakeholder Policy Making*.

Through this program, participants will be able to form regional networks and contribute to the work of local, regional and global organizations involved in Internet governance work, such as the Korea Internet Governance Alliance (KIGA), Asia Pacific Network Information Center (APNIC), Internet Society (ISOC), Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD) and ICANN. The participants will also be able to better understand the importance of participating in platforms such as the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) and UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

This academy, together with its cooperative mechanism involving ICANN and other regional partners, may also serve as a capacity building model for replication in other economies and other regional localities.

Expected Outcomes

Participants will build confidence in and appreciation for multistakeholder processes, such as that found in ICANN and IGF platforms. Participants will be exposed to a range of Internet governance topics and will be able to stay connected to the APAC Internet community through the academy's partnerships with regional initiatives.

Participants are required to complete customized online modules from ISOC and ICANN as prerequisite training for the academy, and will receive certificates upon completion. Upon successful completion of the 5-day academy, participants will also receive a certificate of completion given by KISA and ICANN.

Upon graduation, participants will be part of the APIGA alumni network, where regional organizations will continue to share information and participation opportunities on regional and global Internet governance – related events including IGF and ICANN meetings.

Date and Venue

23 to 27 July 2018 (Monday – Friday)

Chonnam National University, Gwang-ju, Korea

Speakers

Leading speakers from the local, regional and global organizations involved in Internet governance, including ICANN and KISA, will be invited to lecture during the 5-day program.



Youths in action at Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy 2017.

Participants

Eligibility

This program is designed for motivated undergraduate and graduate students from universities and those engaged in IG relevant entities in the Asia Pacific Region. As the sessions and discussions are conducted in English, a good grasp of the English language is preferred. As the program will include group work and projects, participants are expected to be engaged full-time during the day, as well as outside of academy lecture hours.

Full Fellowship will be given to suitable candidates from Asia Pacific.

Target number of participants: Approx. 40 participants (This is inclusive of approximately 20 Fellowship beneficiaries from the Asia Pacific. Exact number depends on the sponsorship amount available.)

Application Process

Selection of suitable candidates will be conducted by a selection committee comprised of representatives from the local host and other relevant organizations.

Application period for Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (Seoul) 2018:

23 Apr 2018 (Mon) - 18 May 2018 (Fri)

Applications are closed! Kindly note the following:

- Applicants **MUST** register an account in the system to access the fellowship application, submit and check the status.
- If you have previously applied for a regional fellowship (such as the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum) and already registered an account previously, there is no need to register again or register a different account.

Prerequisites

Selected candidates will have to complete a series of online courses on Internet governance and ICANN, before they are able to attend the academy. See Pre-requisite Online Learning for more details.



Key Program Elements

The academy program is a robust program that includes interactive components, such as online learning, mock meeting, and group projects. The academy program includes the following topics:

- History of Internet Governance
- Introduction to Internet's Global Eco-system
- Fundamentals of Internet Infrastructure and Internet Security
- Introduction ICANN and Domain Name System
- Introduction to the Multistakeholder Model and ICANN's Policy Making Process

Pre-requisite Online Learning

To ensure effective learning and facilitate more robust discussions at the workshops, two customized online learning modules have been developed for the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy. These modules touch on Internet governance and ICANN topics respectively:

- ISOC Course on Internet Governance (moderated and self-paced)
- ICANN Learn Course: Asia Pacific Internet Governance Program (self-paced)

The two modules will span over 3-4 weeks. Upon the successful completion of the ISOC Course, participants will be presented with a certificate. Participants are required to complete the two online learning modules before the commencement of the academy.

Group work and Projects

Participants may also be asked to form groups to discuss a project and prepare for flash presentations during the course of the academy program. This allows the participants to share their views as well provide an opportunity for them to speak in front of their coursemates.

Mock ICANN Meeting

Participants will prepare for, and present, in a role-play segment on Day 4 during the mock ICANN Meeting. The mock ICANN Meeting is supported by our partner NetMission (NetMission.Asia is an Ambassadors Program supported by DotAsia Organisation, which aims to bring together a network of dedicated young volunteers to promote digital inclusion, Internet governance as well as a respectable and harmonious Internet environment). This session will allow participants to gain first-hand experience of how ICANN meetings are conducted and better understanding of the ICANN multistakeholder decision-making process.

Sponsorship Opportunities

The Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy 2018 will provide opportunities for local and regional organizations to contribute to the nurturing of future Internet leaders in the Asia Pacific region.

The organizers welcome sponsors to come forward to join us in this program with their funding support. The funds will go towards the awarding of more Fellowships to deserving and high potential undergraduates and graduates in the Asia Pacific region.

Sponsors will have their organization logos displayed in the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy webpage as well as other relevant publications.

To discuss this sponsorship opportunity, please contact:

APIGA Secretariat: ap.ig.academy@kisa.or.kr

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.