

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE ASIA PACIFIC NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER (APNIC)  
AND  
FORUM OF INCIDENT RESPONSE AND SECURITY TEAMS, INC.  
(FIRST)**

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## **Date**

13 June 2017

## **Parties**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between:

- A. APNIC Pty Ltd ACN 081 528 101  
for and on behalf of the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre  
(APNIC); and
- B. Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams, Inc. (FIRST)  
a nonprofit membership association and recognized global leader in  
computer network incident response and security.

## **Background**

1. APNIC functions as the Regional Internet Registry for the Asia Pacific serving its members and the wider Internet community in the region. FIRST is a recognized global leader in computer network incident response and security. Membership in FIRST enables incident response teams to more effectively respond to security incidents by providing access to best practices, tools, and trusted communication with member teams. FIRST is a nonprofit membership association of over 300 member teams from over 60 nations.
2. APNIC and FIRST both perform critical roles within their own communities which support the growth of an open, secure, stable Internet.
3. Many activities of APNIC and FIRST are complimentary, in terms of common or closely related audience, subject matter, locations and objectives.

## **Objectives**

4. APNIC and FIRST are committed to working together in complimentary activities wherever it is possible and appropriate, to enhance cooperation towards their individual and shared objectives.

## Scope of this MoU

5. Information exchange
  - 5.1 Parties appoint a representative of an appropriate level and expertise to be the liaison to the other. In addition, each party will define a contact address for day-to-day relationship management between both parties. The initial contact for FIRST is Thomas Schreck, Director, and for APNIC is Adli Wahid, Security Specialist.
  - 5.2 Provide a secretariat function to the other party which can address day to day requests and questions with regards to the MoU. The secretariat can be contacted at [first-sec@first.org](mailto:first-sec@first.org) and [helpdesk@apnic.net](mailto:helpdesk@apnic.net)
  - 5.3 Inform each other of the implementation of programs related to incident response that may be of benefit to the other party's constituency.
  - 5.4 Conduct an annual consultation meeting to evaluate cooperation progress and opportunities.
  - 5.6 Exchange information in the interest of identifying additional areas where mutual cooperation may be effective.
6. Membership & association
  - 6.1 Encourage cyber security incident response teams to join FIRST as members and participate in FIRST activities
  - 6.2 APNIC will contribute to the global IRT database developed by FIRST, making available regional contact information for network security incidents through a centralized database service.
7. Events, Technical Colloquia and Symposia
  - 7.1 Assist each other in the organization of events and training annually, such as, but not limited to Technical Colloquia and Regional Symposia on the topic of Computer Security and Incident Response;
  - 7.2 Assist in the development of a program for each other's events on the topics of Computer Security and Incident Response;
  - 7.3 Assist each other in identifying appropriate resources to present, speak or lecture at each other's events on the topics of Computer Security and Incident Response.

## 8. Education & Training

- 8.1 FIRST will make available at no cost to APNIC its education curriculum, for APNIC to use in training sessions in their region.
- 8.2 APNIC will develop a cadre of FIRST-vetted trainers within the region, and deliver the FIRST approved education curriculum where appropriate to eligible incident response teams in the region.
- 8.3 APNIC will assist in promoting the FIRST CSIRT Services Framework within the Asia Pacific region.

## No partnership or agency

9. This MoU does not create any partnership, agency, association, employment or any other fiduciary relationship.
10. This MoU does not give any Party any authority to act as agent for, or on behalf of, or to represent or bind the other Party in any manner.

## No transfer of funds

11. This document contemplates no transfer of funds between the Parties. In the event this document is terminated, each Party is solely responsible for the payment of any expenses it has incurred.

## Status of this document

12. The Parties record their mutual intention that this document serves as a non-binding record of their understanding.
13. This document does not create any enforceable obligations under law.

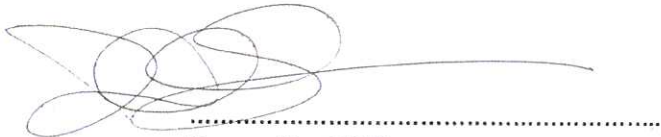
## Duration and amendments

14. This MoU supersedes and replaces any and all previous Memorandum of Understandings between the Parties.
15. The Parties can modify this document by recording any such modification in writing signed by both Parties.
16. The effective date of this MoU is the first date after both Parties have signed the document. This MoU will expire three (3) years from the effective date unless sooner terminated, revoked or modified by mutual written agreement between the Parties.

17. Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving 30 days' notice in writing to the other Party. This MoU may be extended further by mutual written agreement.

## Signatures

For APNIC:



Name: Paul Wilson  
Title: Director General

For FIRST:



Name: Margrete Raaum  
Title: Chair