INTERNET USERS & INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Prospective of AP Regional Internet Users' Organization

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Roles of Internet Users in IG

- **Multi-stakeholder governance**
- **Internet users from responsive to proactive**
- **Policy-making and process-building**

We At Large

- **At-Large provides a way for the worldwide individual Internet user community to engage in all the issues that are a part of ICANN's work**

- **Such as:**
  - **IDNs**
  - **New gTLDs**
  - **Whois**
  - **JPA**

Tertiary Structure of At-Large

- **At-Large Structures (ALSes)**
  - Internet users' groups that meet the minimum requirements and are certified by ICANN
- **Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs)**
  - The ALSes located in each of the five geographic regions of the world have federated into RALOs, which provides a forum for them to work together on issues that affect their region.
- **At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)**
  - Each RALO selects representatives to the ALAC, which is a statutory body of ICANN that grants it official standing to advise the larger ICANN community, including the Board of Directors of ICANN, based upon the views of the individual Internet user community worldwide. It also works to bring more Internet user groups into the decision-making processes of ICANN.

ALSes in AP

- As of October 2010, 19ALSes certified (1 decertified)
    - Arab Knowledge Management Society (AKMS)
    - At Large@China
    - Communications and Multimedia Consumer Forum of Malaysia (CfM)
    - **Chinese Domain Name Users Alliance**
    - Emirates Internet Group
    - Hong Kong Internet Forum (HKIF)
    - Internet Users Network
    - Internet Users Society Niue
    - ISOC Australia
    - ISOC Chapter India Chennai
    - ISOC HK
    - ISOC NZ (Internet Society of NZ Incorporated)
    - ISOC Taiwan Chapter
    - National Information Infrastructure Enterprise Promotion Association (NIIEPA)
    - Pacific Islands Chapter fo the Internet Society (PICISOC)
    - Society Vasudhay Kutumbhkum (ISVK)- India

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APRALO

- **2006-January 2007 Organizational preparation**
  - **Bylaws drafted**
  - **Preparatory meetings**
- **February 2007**
  - **Founding Bali Meeting**
  - **Operating Principles as agreed 28 February 2007**
  - **Memorandum of Understanding with ICANN agreed and Final Text as initialed on 28 February 2007**

Objectives

- **ICANN interface of AP users**
  - To act as an interface between individual Internet users and ICANN and to promote skills development and information exchange related to the Internet amongst Members
  - To provide a forum and promote and encourage AP users' participation
- **A forum for outreach, co-ordination and exchange of information and knowledge**
- **Selection of two individuals as representatives of the Members of APRALO to ALAC**
- **Bridging the digital divide and encourage users in developing countries to participate in APRALO**

Regional Leadship

- **CHAIR: Hong Xue (CN)**
  - **VICE-CHAIR: Fouad Bajwa (PK)**
  - **VICE-CHAIR: Charles Mok (HK)**
  - **SECRETARIAT: ISOC-HK**
- **ALAC Representatives**
  - **Cheryl Langdon-Orr (AU)**
  - **To be elected**
- **NomCom Representative**
  - **V.C. Vivekanandan (IN)**

APRALO Works

- **Monthly Meetings**
- **AGMs**
- **Working Groups**
  - **At-Large Participation in ICANN**
  - **The Future Structure and Governance of ICANN**
  - **IDNs Policy**
  - **ICANN Transparency and Accountability**
  - **DNS Security Issues within ICANN's Remit**
  - **IPv4 to IPv6 Migration**
  - **New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs)**
  - **Registrant /Registrar Relations**
  - **WHOIS Policy**
  - **At-Large IRT Response WG**

Policy Priorities for AP Users

- **IDNs**
  - **Fast-track ccTLDs**
  - **IDN gTLDs**
- **Trademark issues in new gTLDs**
- **Geographical regions**
- **RAAs**

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APRALO @ Other Fora

- **One of the organizers of the <u>Main Session</u> of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2008**

- **Organizing a <u>Workshop</u> at IGF 2009**

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Thank you very much.

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Founding IDN Liaison for ALAC
Member of the President's Advisory Committee on IDNs

Member of Nomination Committee