# Memorandum of Understanding between APNIC and IIFON

#### **Date**

15 November 2019

#### **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. India Internet Foundation (IIFON)7/83, Shahidnagar, Kolkata 700078, West Bengal, India

## **Background**

- 1. APNIC functions as the Regional Internet Registry for the Asia Pacific, in service of its members and the wider community. IIFON is engaged in Internet Operations Research including management of Internet Exchange Points and DNS Root Instances.
- 2. APNIC and IIFON both perform critical roles within their own communities which support the growth of an open, secure, stable Internet.
- 3. APNIC and IIFON also organize diverse but related activities focused on Internet development, capacity building, promotion of Internet Security, Internet governance and participation.

# **Objectives**

- 1. This MoU has the following specific objectives:
  - (a) Many activities of APNIC and IIFON are complementary, in terms of common or closely related audience, subject matter, locations and objectives;

- (b) APNIC and IIFON are committed to working together in complementary activities wherever possible and appropriate, to enhance cooperation towards their individual and shared objectives;
- (c) To facilitate and promote the co-ordination and efficiency of the cooperative relationship between the Parties; and
- (d) To monitor the progress and effectiveness of the joint activities undertaken pursuant to the cooperative relationship between the Parties.

## **Record of Understanding**

- 2. Acting within the framework of their objectives, powers, interests and responsibilities and based upon the principles of mutual respect, equality and reciprocity and in furtherance of the objectives of this MoU, the Parties agree to develop a focused cooperation starting from the following joint activities:
  - **a**. To cooperate toward the achievement of a stable and secure Internet in order to encourage Internet development in India as well as in the Asia Pacific region;
  - b. To cooperate and render mutual assistance to host technical training programs and courses in India, developed and coordinated by APNIC, with a focus on Internet number policies, network operation, Internet security, IPv6, RPKI, emerging technologies, and Internet governance;
  - c. To strengthen APNIC and IIFON collaboration for the Parties' mutual interests in the development and management of critical Internet resources;
  - d. To share information with the community to mutually encourage APNIC and IIFON Members to attend technical training programs, seminars, and conferences organized by APNIC in India and elsewhere in the Asia Pacific Region;
  - e. To actively cooperate and support promoting of APNIC activities, Fellowships, Conferences, Policy Development, etc., to the Internet community in India as well as in the Asia Pacific region.

## No partnership or agency

3. This document does not create any partnership, agency, association, employment, or any other fiduciary relationship.

4. This document 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

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## Status of this document

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

#### **Duration and amendments**

- 8. The parties can modify this document by recording any such modification in writing signed by both parties.
- 9. This document is intended to be long-standing. However, either party may, by giving at least 60 days' notice in writing to the other party, terminate this document.

## **Signatures**

For APNIC:

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Name: Paul Wilson Title: Director General For IIFON:

(Signature)

Name: Anupam Agrawal

Title: Trustee

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