
Subject: Issues to be discussed in EC
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Dear Sumon and Maz

As discussed and informed during our last meeting, we would like both of you as EC Members to take up the following issues on our behalf in the upcoming Executive Council (EC) meeting of APNIC,

1. APNIC Membership fees.

Bhutan Telecom has been paying the full membership fees since Bhutan has graduated out of LDC in 2024. However, we would like to request EC to consider increase in the payment of membership fees in increment of 15% increase annually from the base fees of LDC. This issue has been also raised by operators in Nepal and Bangladesh too as these countries will be soon graduating from LDC soon.

2. Increase in APNIC fees

The recent announcement of increase of membership fees by 4.75% from 2025 is not very fair, as Bhutan Telecom has been advocating for many years for Organization and ISPs to become members of APNIC and over the last 3 last years many organizations have become members of APNIC and this sudden increase of 4.75% is not very supportive of the drive/campaign we have been carrying out since Bhutan is already paying the full fees as we have graduated out of LDC. This increase of base fees needs to be implemented after 5 years.

ASN fees

There are no resource crunch in APNIC for ASN and charging fees for AS Nos. If there are operators or organization requesting for large nos of AS nos APNIC should carry out due diligence instead of charging to curb the issuance of AS nos.

We would like to suggest that each organization be issued with 6 AS Nos and any additional request for AS no other than 6 should be charged.

We would also like to suggest that APNIC reserve fund to be reduced from 18 Months to 1 year initially and work towards a 6 months reserve as APNIC is a NGO and the prime objectives as RIR is to promote Internet registry services. APNIC is not a Business organization and mandate should not be making PROFITS and also it is not required by Australian Law to have financial reserve for NGO.

Please also share that South Asia issues though raised for many times over the last years are not heard and given importance despite having the largest population and also APNIC resources use.

Once again as discussed and requested please take up our issues in the upcoming EC meeting and AGM which is held along side with APRICOT. Similar views were expressed from Nepalese operators and other South Asian countries.

Thanks for taking up the issues from us to EC

Warm Regards

Jichen