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Applicant Organization: VITUS
Region: APRALO
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1) **COMMITMENTS**

    a. **Does the applicant commit to supporting individual Internet users' informed participation in ICANN**

      YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

    b. **Does the applicant agree to assist the RALO in performing its function?**

      YES: ☐x NO: ☐

2) **GOVERNANCE**

    a. **Which geographical area(s) are the applicants' memberships drawn from?**

      APRALO

    b. **Is the applicant constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the geographic region in which the ALS is based control the organization?**

      YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:
As per application form: "The Vanuatu IT Users Society (VITUS) is a non-profit charitable association formed in 2005 and registered under Vanuatu laws in 2007. The association comprises of ICT professionals in Vanuatu who advocate for Internet development in Vanuatu."
As per email exchange with applicant: "Membership is open and we did not have an age limit but at this stage there are no under-aged members. We roughly know each of our members. "
Article 4) a of the Constitution: "All members shall agree to accept and to uphold the Society's Constitution. All members shall have equal rights of participation in the affairs of the Society"

    c. **Does the applicant really have individual members?**

      YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

Provide any references used to answer the question here: As per application form: "Currently the association has a membership of more that 200". "Most members are ICT professionals in Vanuatu but there are a few writers, journalists and general consumers." As per email exchange with applicant: "Almost all of the technical experts in working for the local ISPs are members of VITUS making a very powerful ICT group."

> If YES on (c) above, are these members active, or do they mostly just sign up and delegate to their leaders?
>
> ACTIVE: ☐ x DELEGATE: ☐

d. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: ☐   NO: ☐ x

e. Does the applicant have governmental bodies or quasi-governmental bodies as members?

YES: ☐   NO: ☐ x

f. Does the applicant permit additional participation by others that is compatible with the interests of the individual Internet users within the region?

YES: ☐ x   NO: ☐

> Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response: As per email exchange with applicant: "' We have been partnering with the government in many occasions, like organizing the IPV6 training in 2012 in Port Vila"

g. Is the applicant self-supporting? (i.e. will not rely on ICANN for funding).

YES: ☐ x   NO: ☐

> How is the organization funded and what source material or information did you rely on to make your judgment? As per application form: "Membership is free" "Whenever we are engaged in an activity, we run fundraisings for them." Organization is based on volunteer work and raises funds for events when needs arise.

As per article 5 of the Constitution: "There will be two kinds of membership.

I) a member with voting rights and VITUS resources has an annual fee of VT200

ii) a free member can attend general meetings and participate in discussions on the mailing list"

As per article 23 of the Constitution: "The society is a charitable organization. All position within the executive are voluntarily positions."

h. Does the applicant post on the Internet current information about their goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s)?

YES: ☐   NO: ☐x

The website is down for now, and the Facebook page is quite outdated. Activity and exchanges are encouraged to take place on the mailing list only.

As per email exchange with applicant: "We have a very active mailing list and a lot of things like DNS, cyber security, losts ICT devices are discussed among members" "We post most things on the mailing list but we working on getting our domain back as it was taken down by the Registry. The domain was freely donated by the registry in 2008 but then it was removed when a new .vu registration system was installed."

i. Do the membership, leadership and internal mechanisms described in the application correspond to those exposed on the website?

YES: ☐   NO: ☐n/a There is no website and the FB page is quite sparse.

j. How does the applicant appear to be funded?

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question? As per applications form, email exchange and constitution: Membership fees and fundraising.

k. Does the funding mechanism show dependence on other interest groups (i.e. industry, government)?

YES: ☐   NO: ☐x

l. Are the leaders of the applicant organization involved in other organizations or entities?

YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

If 'YES', please reference the sources for this answer:

As per application form: "Andrew is working for the Telecommunications Regulator's Office and is responsible for the .vu ccTLD Management and Administration."

If YES were they already involved in Internet governance issues in the past, and in which role?

YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

As per email exchange with applicant: "Lynette Andre, John Jack, Andrew Molivurae"

m. Is the mission / policy statement actually related to ICANN / Internet governance issues / advocating users'/consumers interests?

YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

If YES, include mission/policy statement, and reference the source: Article 3 of the VITUS Constitution:

The objectives of the Society shall be

(a) VITUS will help "Bridge the Digital Divide" through research and implementation of appropriate, avoidable and sustainable ICT projects throughout Rural and Urban areas of Vanuatu.

(c) To support/work with the Vanuatu Rural Development Training Center Association, other NGOs, the government, Provincial Government, Telecom Vanuatu Ltd, the Private Sectors and the community to achieve objectives (a) to (j) and the millennium goals .

(b) To promote the theme "Internet For all"

(c) To develop the practice of the profession of information processing and related disciplines in Vanuatu.

(d) To promote ICT development in Urban and Rural Remote areas of Vanuatu.

(e) To bring IT professionals from the Public, NGO, Telecom, and Private Sectors to:

1. Share skills and knowledge
2. address issues affecting ICT development in Vanuatu.

(e) To promote ICT as tool for delivering certain services to the community.

(f) To increase the number of local IT professionals through low cost training.
(g) To foster the training, education and qualification of persons practicing or intending to practice the profession in Vanuatu.
(h) To promote proper conduct within its membership and to set ethical standards for the profession.
(i) To develop or provide lectures, meetings, conferences and to promote research in information processing and computer technology.
(j) To promote any other related activities that are in the interests of the Society.

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

    a. Is the contact information for the organization and its contact person complete and reasonable?

        YES: ☐x NO: ☐

        Does the listed URL work?

        YES: ☐x NO: ☐x The Facebook page is up, the website is down

        Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

        YES: ☐ NO: ☐ n/a

        Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: ☐ NO: ☐ As per the application form: "a very active mailing list that discusses many technical issues affecting Vanuatu from security to generation ICT information"

        If archives are publicly available, do these forums show signs of recent activity (in the last few months)?

        YES: ☐ NO: ☐ n/a

        If public, are they kept up to date?

        YES: ☐ NO: ☐ n/a

4) ADDITIONAL DUE DILIGENCE

    a. How active and well known is the applicant organization?

 Number of results for a Google search of organisation in quotes: 4 results for **"Vanuatu Information Technology Users Society"**.

Additional information if any: Input Save Vocea, Regional VP: "I'm glad that VITUS has finally submitted its application to be an ALS.
I have no objections and think they do satisfy the criteria and would support their application to become a new ALS from Vanuatu.

Regards,

Save"

   b.   Were you familiar with this applicant before the applicant applied to become an ALS?

   YES: ☐   NO: ☐x

What kind of issues does it focus on mostly? As per application form**: "VITUS is happy to engage in any ICANN-related activities from training to providing awareness to its members and general public of Vanuatu." As per email exchange with applicant: "Advocate of ICT development in Vanuatu"

   • Has the applicant set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users?

   YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

Additional information if any: As per application form: "VITUS hosted the regional PacInet Conference 2010 in Vanuatu in partnership with the Pacfic Islands Chapter of Internet Society PICISOC. The theme was "Next Generation Internet" Details of the conference can be found here
http://scriptorum.imagicity.com/tag/pacinet-2010/"

   • Has the applicant been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?
   ACTIVE: ☐x INACTIVE: ☐

   As per application form: "VITUS hosted a hub in Vanuatu for the IGF 2011 in Nairobi." As per email exchange with applicant: "At the current situation of VITUS, we are not engaged in big events but members are continually engaged in ongoing events. For example, currently some of our members are engaged in organizing the Smart Sistas (more information here; www.smartsistas.vu) event in Port Vila next month and the Girls in ICT celebrations on the 28th of this Month"