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**Applicant Organization:** RAYZNEWS

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:

Applicant replied “no’ to this question on the application form, but over an email exchange with staff rectified it: “Okay when I said No, I meant we do not have paid membership, we have a list of members where we communicate about our activities through mailchimp newsletter. From past few years, we have been doing a lot of research about Internet and technology where we have maintained a database about our members for communication purpose <http://www.rayznews.com/documents-research-paper/>”

- 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 the application form “RayZnews is an Internet Organization based in Nepal that lobbies the un-heard voices of people and caters a wide variety of news happening in Nepal and the world. We believe in

featuring or highlighting stories and voices against censorship, impunity, injustice, human rights, FoE issues, Gender Equality, Digital rights, open standard etc. Our mission is to raise awareness and to help people understand their digital rights in highlighting DIGITAL EQUALITY wherever necessary.”

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

YES: x NO:

Provide any references used to answer the question here: As per application form: “we have around 300 members”

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

ACTIVE: x DELEGATE:

As per application form: “We have open platform where we coordinate for various purpose of raising awareness campaigns and doing research on internet standardization and other issues of concern”

**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 application form: “Our work area includes various aspect of interaction, providing expertise and support program in updating the real situation of Nepal and providing

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comments and suggestion at national and international level for events & organizations like WSIS, APriGF, ICANN and Internet Society.”

**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: “We have free membership we do not charge people” “our work is entirely voluntary”

**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: x NO:

Contacts: <http://www.rayznews.com/contact-us/>

Leadership: <http://www.rayznews.com/team-rayznews/>

Internal structure: As per email exchange with applicant: “Right now we just have a membership list, during our past activities we call for volunteers from our member list and we formed a committee to work for the cause. Even for the survey we email our membership group for help. we do accept contributions from the people from outside <http://www.rayznews.com/team-rayznews/>”

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

YES: x NO:

If ‘YES’, how and where are the references? See above reply.

**j. How does the applicant appear to be funded?**

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question? **See above**

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

YES:  NO:

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

YES:  NO:

If 'YES', please reference the sources for this answer: As per application form: Public Law Firm - Sajina Karki - Lawyer Shangrila Software - Shreedeeep Rayamajhi- ICT for development consultant

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

YES:  NO:

If YES, role(s): As per email exchange with applicant: "Yes, we have been actively participating in internet governance forum and Regional internet governance forum. Sazeena and me we both participated in the APriGF and we both are the MSG of APriGF

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

YES:  NO:

If YES, include mission/policy statement, and reference the source: RayZnews is an Internet Organization based in Nepal that lobbies the un-heard voices of people and caters a wide variety of news happening in Nepal and the world. We believe in featuring or highlighting stories and voices against censorship, impunity, injustice, human rights, FoE issues, Gender Equality, Digital rights, open standard etc. Our mission is to raise awareness and to help people understand their digital rights in highlighting DIGITAL

EQUALITY wherever necessary.

<http://www.rayznews.com/home/about-us/>

**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:

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: x NO:

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES:  NO:  They have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RayZnews>

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

YES:  NOx:  No, but they have live comments and blogrolls.

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: x NO:

**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: 2040

Additional information if any: As per Kelvin Wong, Head, Outreach & Public Responsibility, APAC: "We are familiar with Shreedeeep, the primary contact person. He has been involved with ICT activities in Nepal and is also a committee member of the Computer Association of Nepal (CAN) and ISOC Chapter Nepal. He a good journalist/writer and covers IG related topics too. He has also been relatively active in IG discussions

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in the APAC region - we see him contributing to discussions at APriGF MSG and also at APSIG. Shreedeeep and the new ALS can be a good resource for us in terms of our engagement activities in Nepal, as well as regionally.”

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

YES: x NO:

If ‘YES’ please provide some detail of your previous knowledge: NCUC member and participant in CCWG-Accountability <https://community.icann.org/display/gnsosoi/Shreedeeep+Rayamajhi+SOI>

**c. What kind of issues does it focus on mostly?**

As per application form: Core Areas

1. Digital Equality
2. Open standards
3. Human Rights
4. Freedom of Expression
5. Right to Speech
6. Violence Against Women
- d. 7. Gender Equality

ICANN related issues: Internet governance issues, cyber security, Technology infrastructures

- 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:

<https://apps.2016.rigf.asia/submission/proposaldetail?id=6>

<https://apps.2016.rigf.asia/submission/proposaldetail?id=72>

- Has the applicant been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

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ACTIVE:  INACTIVE:

As per application form: “We at RayZnews have been doing various awareness campaigns, workshops, surveys and other supplementing programs collaborating with various organizations to raise awareness about strengthening the internet policy issues and digital rights not just at national but at regional level. We believe in open standards and have been raising voices as part of the community.”

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