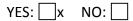**Date: 05 December 2016**

Applicant Organization: National Information Technology Professionals Association of
Afghanistan
Region: APRALO
Form Completed by: Nathalie Peregrine
Email Address: Nathalie.peregrine@icann.org

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 the application form "Majority of the members and officers are resident of Afghanistan, however the organization is open to all Afghan citizens studying or working abroad and non-citizens who are residing in Afghanistan. Further details about membership can be found at
http://www.nitpaa.org.af/?page_id=33"
"Any Afghan (Inside or Outside Afghanistan) - needs to fill a form to become a member."
"Bylaws allow members to elect its executive officers at the annual meeting where officers serve for one

year."

c. Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

Provide any references used to answer the question here: As per application form: "NITPAA has two type of memberships, student and professionals. Though both types are free of any charges however this helps the organization in program development and the types of events that we hold for the members. We also have committees where individual members perform research and take part in policy discussions and documentations."
"Majority of the members are university graduates or young professionals from Computer Science and IT backgrounds."
"Total Number of Members: 214
Professional : 93
Student: 121"

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

ACTIVE: ☐x   DELEGATE: ☐

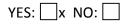**d. Does the applicant have organizations as members?**

YES: ☐   NO: ☐x

Reply was YES in application form, but question sent to applicant who confirmed correct response was NO in email exchange with staff: "The answer to 2.b should be NO. No we don't have organizations as members but individuals only. However we do establish partnerships with private companies, government entities, international organizations, universities in delivering our events. The individual members do not represent their organization. We accept membership from anyone working for the government, telecom companies, ISPs or students. Their primary work does not affect their contribution and membership in our organization. We do classify them in two main categories i.e. students and professionals, and that is to understand the demand for the types of capacity development programs we design."

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:
http://www.nitpaa.org.af/?p=585

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? Applicant replied N/A on the application form and confirmed they have no membership fees via email exchange.

As per application form: "We had limited funding and support from private local companies in Kabul. We had private companies hosting our events and meetings."

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: ☐

As per application form: "For Members we have a Facebook page that has over 8,000 followers and Facebook Group. All announcements about the organization and events are made on our website and as well as on Facebook page and group."

http://www.nitpaa.org.af

https://www.facebook.com/NITPAA/

https://twitter.com/nitpaafg

> **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?

Leadership on application form:

Ahmad Waleed Khaliqi, Presedent, - waleed_khaliqi@live.com

Mahmood Hellali, Board Member - mahmood.h24@gmail.com

Nasrat Khalid, Board Member - nasratkhalid3@gmail.com

Farshid Ghyasi, Board Member - farshid@netlinks.af

Said Zazai, Board Member - saidsemail@gmail.com

Jawid Hamdard, Board Member - javidhamdard@googlemail.com

Tariq Meeran, Board Member - tariqmeeran@yahoo.com

Ahmad Fahim Aey, Board Member - fahim.asey@gmail.com

Hameed Sherani, Board Member - haidersherani@yahoo.com

Mustafa Ghaznavi, Board Member - mustafa@codezone.af

Mustafa Ehsan Alokozay, Board Member - mustafa.aloko@gmail.com

Qudratullah Hiwadpal, Board Member - q.hiwadpal@gmail.com

Israr Karimzai, Board Member - karimzai@gmail.com

On website Leadership page: http://www.nitpaa.org.af/?page_id=9
On website Membership pages: http://www.nitpaa.org.af/?page_id=35
Active contact page: http://www.nitpaa.org.af/?page_id=31

j.   How does the applicant appear to be funded?

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question? As per application form, participation is voluntary

k.   Does the funding mechanism show dependence on other interest groups (i.e. industry, government)?
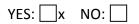
YES: ☐   NO: ☐x

As per email exchange with the applicant: "Private companies do not have membership in our organization. Their partnership is mostly to support our initiatives that are volunteer based, and that does not give them any voting or decision making right. Since the establishment (2015), we have no fee for membership. We have had over 15 major capacity building events including two with APNIC and one with ICANN and they were all free of charge and open to all."

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: ISOC, ICANN, APNIC, APSIG, UN-IG

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

YES: ☐x   NO: ☐

- If YES, role(s): As per email exchange with applicant:
- "Yes. The following are the individuals and their engagement in the regional/global IG events.
- Said Zazai (Co-founder, member of board of trustees) participated in ICANN 52, MEAC-SIG 2015, 10th IGF 2015. Presented at APrIGF 2015 in Macao and APrIGF 2016 in Taiwan. Fellowship mentor at ICANN 55. Contributor to CircledID.com. Contributor to IGF Best Practice Forum on Violence Against Women Online and Connecting the next billion.
- Nasrat Khalid (member of board of trustees) Participated in MEAC-SIG 2016 in Beirut and ICANN 57 in Hyderabad. Hosted IGF 2015 remote participation hub.
- Waleed Khaliqi (President) Participated in ICANN 57 in Hyderabad & India SIG 2016.
- Nooria Ahmadi (member of executive board) Participated in ICANN 57 in Hyderabad & India SIG 2016.
- Muhibullah Utmankhil (member of executive board) Participated in ICANN 57 in Hyderabad & India SIG 2016.

• A. Khalil Azizi (member of executive board) participated in APNIC 42.

Zabeeh Khan, Khalid Amiri, Rohid Safi, Khaksar Weqar and Sharif Yousofi attended Pakistan School on Internet Governance last month (November). These individuals are now part of the program committee working towards holding Afghan School on Internet Governance in 2017."

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: As per application form: NITPAA is an advocate of IT infrastructure development, innovative expansion and capacity development through strategic use of technology. As a not-for-profit, membership-driven organization, it relies on volunteer collaboration of its members. Membership is available to all individuals in Afghanistan and Afghans working and studying abroad.

We are committed to helping our members achieve greater success through advocacy, public policy, education, networking, professional development, events and business development opportunities in domestic and foreign markets. Some of our objectives include: Networking and collaboration. Academic development through exchange of knowledge, skills and expertise among IT professionals, students, general public, and businesses.   IT policy development through discussions, exchange and generating reports. Career development and equal employment opportunities. Provide and gather experts opinion/expertise working in global and multinational enterprise in various industries. http://www.nitpaa.org.af/?page_id=11

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: ☐ x But has very active FB and Twitter pages

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: ☐x 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: For "National Information Technology Professionals Association of Afghanistan": 362 results

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

YES: ☐x NO: ☐

Both contacts, President Waleed Khaliqi and Nooria Ahmadi were registered participants for the APRALO Capacity Building sessions in ICANN57 .

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

As pe application form, ICANN related interests are: Our members are part of Arabic IDN, ccNSO, NCUC and Middle East Strategy working group and interested to expanding contribution to them. Members are also interested in channeling end-users' perspectives to the ICANN community through At-Large.

- 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:

  a.   A webinar on IG and IANA transition in 2015 with ICANN middle east team.
  b.   Hosted remote participation hub for IGF 2015.
  c.   With APSIG 3 members participated in InSIg, 1 in MEAC-SIG and 5 in PkSIG in 2016.
  d.   Help a number of APNIC trainings remotely.

  Applicant sets up many training sessions, mentorship programs and seminars:
  https://www.facebook.com/pg/NITPAA/events/?ref=page_internal

  http://www.nitpaa.org.af/?page_id=27

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

  ACTIVE: ☐ x INACTIVE: ☐

  We have active contributions at ICANN, APNIC, ISOC and IGF.