
Date: **04 July 2019**
Applicant Organization: **Internet Governance Institute**
Region: **APRALO**
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1) COMMITMENTS

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

YES: NO:

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

YES: 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: NO:

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

As per application:

“We have Lawyers, Journalists, Technical, Academic, Bankers groups in the membership structure.”

“This is simple that the applicant should be Nepali national and has attained majority.”

“It has diverse membership structure. Any one can get the membership that qualifies local laws. However, the BoD decides on the merit of the member and approval is required.”

c) Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES: NO:

Provide any references used to answer the question here:

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

ACTIVE: DELEGATE:

c) Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: NO:

c) Does the applicant have governmental bodies or quasi-governmental bodies as members?

YES: NO:

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

YES: NO:

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

**Yes, the IGI regularly organizes public events: <http://www.igovinstitute.org/events>
As well as IG certification programs: <http://www.igovinstitute.org/diploma-on-internet-governance>**

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

YES: NO:

How is the organization funded and what source material or information did you rely on to make your judgment?

As per application: **The organization “is basically funded by funding agencies that includes corporates.”**

“It depends on the issue. We may get government and corporates, based on the issue. But, we hold our liberty on how to utilize under the specified law.”

c) 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:

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

YES: NO:

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

As per application (matching website and online sources):

“Mr. Babu Ram Aryal is the Chief Executive Officer of the organization and leads the day to day affairs. His email address is info@igovinstitute.org. Cell No.: +977 9851048401. The details of the Leadership is published in the website itself.”

c) How does the applicant appear to be funded?

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

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

YES: NO:

c) Are the leaders of the applicant organization involved in other organizations or entities?

YES: NO:

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

“Mr. Romkant Pandey, one of director is also the Senior Vice Chair of Internet Society, another ALS in APRALO.”

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

YES: NO:

If YES, role(s):

“IGI was the co host of the Nepal IGF 2018 (www.igf.org.np). IGI also conducted stakeholder consultation on the proposed Draft Information Technology Bill 2018., the key IG concern in recent past. IGI is also launching a 4 months long course on Internet Governance.”

c) 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:

As per application:

**“1. Research and development on Internet Governance issues,
2. Conduct short and long academic and non academic online and offline course on Internet Governance,
3. Conduct lectures, symposia, international meetings, conferences, and workshops on Internet Governance,
4. Exchange of researchers and students working in the area of Internet Governance,
5. Do advocacy and promotional activities on Internet Governance related issues and others,
6. Design, develop, distribution and sales of digital and non digital content on Internet Governance issues.”**

“We are interested on the end user's issue. Additionally, we are interested on ccTLD, IDN, Privacy and Data Protection related issues.”

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

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

YES: NO:

Does the listed URL work?

YES: NO:

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: NO:

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: NO:

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

YES: NO:

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: 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: **2,210**

Additional information if any:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/igovinstitute>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/igovinstitute/>

Put RALO VP email response:

“Went through the application. IGI was the co-host for Nepal IGF2018 and Babu Ram Aryal is a valid contact. He was also an ICANN fellow a few times.”

Champika Wijayatunga, AP GSE

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

YES: NO:

If ‘YES’ please provide some detail of your previous knowledge:

See above

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

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- 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: NO:

Additional information if any:

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

ACTIVE: INACTIVE: