
Date: **05 December 2019**
Applicant Organization: **Internet Society Lebanon**
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:

The application indicates ISOC Lebanon has around 300 members which control the organization, who are "Lebanese (resident) Internet users no other requirements except that they should be at least 18 years old." The Bylaws of the organization (particularly "C - ISOC Lebanon Administrative Board" and "General Assembly") provide significant detail of Individual member influence on the ISOC Chapter.

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:

As per application, ISOC Lebanon has “Organized INET and IGF events and many awareness and workshop sessions on DNS, IPv6, DNSSEC, BGP, privacy, security, etc.”

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?

The primary source of funding for ISOC Lebanon is ISOC Global.

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:

Administrative Board Officers:

Chair: Nabil Bukhalid (bukhalidn@gmail.com)
Vice-Chair: Nicolas Rouhana (nrouhana@beryttech.org)
Secretary: Jack Bakaev (jbakaev@gmail.com)
Treasurer: Antoine Assaf (aassaf@aub.edu.lb)

Heads of Committees:

Programs: Vacant (Jack Bakaev)
Memberships: Bernard Sadaka (sdkaaa@gmail.com)
Fundraising: Vacant (Antoine Assaf)
Communications & PR: Naim Zard (naimzard@gmail.com)

Members at Large:

Corporate Relations: Stéphane Bazan (stefan.bazan@gmail.com)
Entrepreneurial & Innovation: Nicolas Rouhana (nrouhana@beryttech.org)
Internet Governance: Charbel Kareh (charbel.kareh@gmail.com)

Chair of Previous Term:

Ex. Officio: Gabriel Deek (gdeek@isoc.org.lb)

Some leaders are also involved with the Lebanese Internet Governance Forum, Lebanese Internet Center.

c) How does the applicant appear to be funded?

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

The primary source of funding for ISOC Lebanon is ISOC Global.

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:

Some leaders are also involved with the Lebanese Internet Governance Forum, Lebanese Internet Center.

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

YES: NO:

If YES, role(s):

Some leaders contribute to the Lebanese Internet Governance Forum, Lebanese Internet Center as members.

ISOC Lebanon has also participated in IGF and AIGF, according to their application.

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:

ISOC Lebanon aims to support and promote the following:

All inclusive multi-stakeholders platform for all Internet users and promoters to discuss and resolve solve issues of concern.

Access to information to all: The Chapter will focus on promoting the positive usage of the Internet and its applications in education, health, sciences, culture, inclusion, e-government, business, e-commerce, media, and entertainment.

Support the development of local content.

Growth and evolution of the Internet architecture.

Maintenance and evolution of effective administrative processes necessary for the operation of the global Internet and internets.

Education and research related to the Internet.

Collection and dissemination of information related to the Internet, including histories and archives.

Liaison with other organizations, government and the general public for coordination, collaboration, and education in effecting the above purposes.

Governance

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

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

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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: 319

Additional information if any: Facebook: <http://facebook.com/isoclebanon>
Twitter: <http://twitter.com/isoclebanon>

Put RALO VP email response:

APRALO Regional VPs, Middle East, Central Asia – Baher Esmat/Fahd Batanyeh:

“We are happy to see this application. They are expected to be a great addition to the APRALO. We have no concerns over them or their application. They are very active at the local level.”

ISOC Global Feedback – Christine Saegesser:

“Thanks for reaching out. The Internet Society Lebanon Chapter is one of our most active and engaged Chapters in the Middle East region.”

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:

ISOC Chapter with outstanding online presence and well-established IG activity.

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

As per application, ISOC Lebanon currently hosts the .LB ccTLD.

- 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:

“Organized INET and IGF events and many awareness and workshop sessions on DNS, IPv6, DNSSEC, BGP, privacy, security, etc.”

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

ACTIVE: INACTIVE: