



This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is signed on **March 26, 2014**

BETWEEN

ASIA PACIFIC TOP LEVEL DOMAIN ASSOCIATION a membership based organisation of Top Level Domain operators who are based in the Asia Pacific Region, hereinafter referred to as “**APTLD**”

AND

ASIAN AUSTRALASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIONAL AT LARGE ORGANISATION a membership based organisation of At Large Accredited Structures comprising of individual internet user communities in the Asian-Australasian and Pacific region who are committed to participating in ICANN through the At Large community hereinafter referred to as “**APRALO**”

WHEREAS:

- I. APTLD’s Vision is to ensure that all Top Level Domain operators in the Asia Pacific region will run Secure, Stable, Resilient, and Successful operations to serve their respective communities;
- II. APTLD will facilitate sharing of Information and organize Education in accordance with its Vision;
- III. APRALO is committed to ensuring the growth of its members and the wider Internet Community in the region through access to training, information, outreach, strategic engagement and partnership;
- IV. APRALO is committed to building meaningful participation of its members through direct engagement with the Top Level Domain operators in the Asia Pacific region.
- V. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to be legally binding and enforceable in any court of law;
- VI. The APTLD and APRALO hereinafter referred to as the “Parties” in this agreement agree to the following:

1.0 Sharing of Information - The Parties agree to share information to enable research and development for the purposes of facilitating development in the Region.

2.0 Research - From time to time, the Parties may agree to commission joint research in priority areas of mutual interest.

3.0 Meeting Attendance - The Parties are welcome to attend each other's Open Meetings at their own cost except where Fellowships may have been offered by either Party to facilitate attendance.

4.0 Training - The Parties shall endeavor to each year identify areas of training and to share costs and resources that they will jointly facilitate or enable their members to mutually benefit.

5.0 Awareness and Outreach - The Parties shall agree to encourage and facilitate awareness and outreach amongst its members to facilitate growth of the other party and outreach into new countries and territories that are underserved

6.0 Capacity Building - The Parties shall collaborate to facilitate joint capacity building events in the area of policy engagement where Top Level Domains are concerned.

7.0 Appointment of Liaisons - The Parties shall each appoint Liaisons for the purposes of communicating with each other.

This **MOU** has been duly sealed and executed as of the date above.

ASIAN AUSTRALASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIONAL AT LARGE ORGANISATION (APRALO)

By: Siranush Vardanyan _____

Title: APRALO Acting Chair _____

ASIA PACIFIC TOP LEVEL DOMAIN ASSOCIATION

By: Don Hollander _____

Title: General Manager _____