APRALO Newsletter May 2022

A brief update for the period of April – May 2022, from the APRALO perspective

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Messages

From APRALO Chair Satish Babu

Dear APRALO Community,

Greetings! On behalf of the Leadership Team, I hope you are keeping fine.

In two week's time at the time of writing this message, the ICANN community will host a hybrid-mode meeting of the ICANN74 Policy Forum at The Hague, Netherlands. This is the first time in the last two years that community members are coming together face-to-face, albeit under strict social distancing and other pandemic-related restrictions. Yet, it is an important step towards returning to our earlier cadence of meetings.

During ICANN74, the At-Large community members will hold 10 sessions. The sessions will include two At-Large priority sessions, two joint sessions, four RALO sessions, and At-Large welcome and a wrap-up sessions. The first session priority session is "Evolving the DNS Abuse Conversation: An End User Perspective.", where we will explore end-user perspectives on the mitigation of DNS abuse. The second priority session is "Closed Generics: Finding a Better Balance". ALAC will also hold joint sessions with SSAC and GAC.

We also need to start planning for ICANN75, which is currently scheduled as a hybrid meeting at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which would be in our region. It is also notable that there are a number of events before and after the ICANN75 AGM: APNIC 54, the joint APrIGF-APSIG meeting and the India School on Internet Governance. The next few months will certainly be busy for us.

We conducted our leadership elections this month. I would like to congratulate all the winners and would like to commend everyone who contested or voted. Although the newcomers would assume charge only after ICANN75, this is a good time for onboarding them.

With kind regards

Satish Babu

From ALAC Chair Maureen Hilyard

Dear APRALO members,

This month's newsletter clearly focuses on ICANN74 – Policy Forum, 13-16 June 2022 which will be held at the World Forum, The Hague, Netherlands.
This will be ICANN's first face-to-face meeting since ATLAS III in Montreal 2019. DON'T FORGET – YOU MUST REGISTER IN ORDER TO ATTEND ANY OF THE SESSIONS. Some sessions are already full so that even on-site attendees may have to view the session "remotely in an overflow room. But check the ICANN74 website.
I look forward to seeing those of you who are going to be in The Hague, but I also will look forward to seeing those who will be up at the awful hours that are usually reserved by ICANN for our APRALO members. I thank you in advance for your continued interest.,
Take care and keep safe, Maureen

Welcome to At-Large @ICANN 74

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ICANN AT-LARGE

- (Sun) SOAC Chairs ICANN74 Roundtable (Maureen)
- (Mon, 8.30) Welcome to ICANN74
- (Mon, 11.15) At-Large Regional Leaders (Sebastien)
- (Mon, 13.00) Policy – Evolving DNS Abuse Conversation (Hadia)
- (Tues, 9.00) Bilateral – ALAC-SSAC – (Andrei/Jonathan)
- (Tues, 10.30) PLENARY – WHO SETS ICANN'S PRIORITIES (Cheryl)
- (Tues, 13.15) Policy - Shaping EU's Digital Future (Pari/ Olivier)
- (Weds, 9.00) Bilateral – ALAC-GAC – GAC room (Joanna)
- (Weds, 10.30) Policy – Closed Generics (Jonathan)
- (Weds, 11.15) AFRALO-AFRICANN (Seun)
- (Thurs, 9.00) IG and Multi-stakeholderism in times of emergency (Sebastien)
- (Thurs, 10.30) At-Large Wrap up (Maureen)

ICANN Updates

Announced

- Schedules for ICANN74 Prep week to be held 31 May to 2 June and ICANN74 Policy Forum Meeting (being held 13-16 June in Hague). Advance registration is required to access the schedule and participate in the meeting.

- Washington, D.C. and Seattle Confirmed to Host ICANN Meetings in 2023 and 2025

- ICANN74 NextGen participants

- Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for ICANN 2023 NomCom Chair and Chair-Elect positions by 9 May.

- The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) will be the recipient of ICANN's US$1 million emergency financial support for continued Internet access in Ukraine.

- The Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) is developing a process to evaluate the recommendations of the Domain Name System Security Facilitation Initiative Technical Study Group (DSFI-TSG).

Published

- The FY22 Q3 Unaudited Financial Results
- The Proposed for Adoption FY23-27 Operating and Financial Plan and ICANN FY23 Operating Plan and Budget documents
- Root Zone Label Generation Rules Version 5 (RZ-LGR-5)

Organised

Briefing and interactive discussion on proposed Canadian online harms legislation.

Community webinar to provide and update on the findings of the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) to Nonpublic Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Registration Data Operational Design Phase (ODP).

ICANN Updates

Adopted

ICANN Board adopted ICANN's FY23–27 Operating and Financial Plan and FY23 Operating Plan and Budget.

Launched

- Special Interest Forum on Technologies (SIFT) to discuss on thematic and technical issues related to evolving Identifiers technologies and their impact on ICANN's mission;
- The Contractual Compliance launched a new audit round for testing and validating Registry Operators' compliance with the terms of the Registry Agreement (RA) and ICANN's temporary and consensus policies; the 2022 NomCom provided an update on the nominations received.

- New ICANN Learn course on the GNSO Business Constituency

Completed

The annual audits confirming proper controls in place for the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions.

Invited applications

For the Pandemic Internet Access Reimbursement Program till 27 May

Read

ICANN Chair's Blog: April–May 2022 Board Workshop Recap

ICANN Updates

Public Consultations

Additional scripts to support through the Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) by 14 February.

Myanmar Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules by 3 March.

ICANN Bylaws Amendment that proposes changes to Article 10 and Annex B by 3 March.

On the two draft work products that contribute to the Name Collision Analysis Project NCAP Study 2.

Inviting Proposals

For conducting end user survey for ALAC by 7 February.

For a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) consulting services to help implementing specific recommendations developed by the ICANN community regarding increasing, measuring, and reporting upon the diversity of the constituent groups of the ICANN community.

Opportunities

NextGen@ICANN Applications for ICANN75 invited till 1 July.

Applications invited for Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy 2022 by 5 June

ALAC Policy Updates

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) submitted following response since the last APRALO Newsletter:

- [ALAC Response to the GNSO Letter on DNS Abuse](#)

- [ALAC Statement Advice to ICANN Board on the ICANN74 Travel Acknowledgement](#)

- [EPDP 2 (SSAD) ALAC Response to the Board's Understanding of the ALAC's Response to the Board's Clarifying Questions on the ALAC Advice](#)

Contribute to the ICANN & ALAC Policy Proceedings

➤ Visit the At-Large Policy Advice Development Page or contact At-Large Staff for more information.

➤ To **contribute to ALAC policy activity**, on the At-Large workspace or volunteer as penholder and join the weekly At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) meetings.

➤ APRALO Community can participate in selected policy-related discussions being taken up from a regional perspective through the APRALO Policy Forum. For more information, please visit the APRALO Policy Forum workspace or contact At-Large Staff.

Important Links to Visit

At-Large Website on Public Comments and Policy Advice
Executive Summaries: ALAC Public Comments and Advice
Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)
At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group (OFB-WG)

Monthly Call Updates

ALAC Call

The ALAC calls both in April and May had updates presented by ICANN Board Vice Chair Leon Sanchez on the board activities,updates on ALAC policy development activities; updates from the ALAC leaders and liaisons and discussions on the At Large activities and preparations for ICANN74.

At the April call there was a panel discussion on the At Large Policy which was moderated by Olivier Crépin-Leblond. The topics discussed were the ALAC's responses to the questions from the GNSO Small Group on DNS Abuse by Alan Greenberg and Jonathan Zuck and on the IGO Final Report by Yrjö Länsipuro and Justine Chew. Besides there was an update provided on the 2022 ALAC and RALO Elections.

Additionally, during the May call, guest speaker Graeme Bunton provided and update on the DNS Abuse Institute Activities; a presentation and discussion on the proposed changes in the ALAC Rules of Procedures (ROP) by Alan Greenberg

APRALO Call

During the APRALO monthly call in April and May, updates were provided on the upcoming ICANN74 meeting and Prep week, current policies being discussed in CPWG, updates from the APRALO policy forum about its activities and new initiatives, updates from the engagement working group and NomCom updates. Additionally information on the APRALO elections were provided by staff.

Following the endorsement of the APRALO Policy Forum Survey #2.2021 guidance at the APRALO Monthly Call of March 2022, the **APRALO Policy Forum Team on 13 May 2022** discussed taking on a number of new initiatives for the year, on top of its existing 2 projects, which are the **APRALO Register of Skills & Interests**, and the **APRALO Hot Topics Survey 2022**.

APRALO Policy Forum Agenda 2022

Update & Discussion with APF Members at Team Call on 13 May 2022

Justine Chew & Satish Babu
10 May 2022

The identified new initiatives, where details for each will be forthcoming as each initiative or project is further developed, are as follows:

Universal Acceptance (UA) Partnership Events Program, to be led by Satish Babu, which is expected to include:
- a UA Workshop in Yerevan, Armenia in July 2022, in collaboration with ALS ISOC Armenia and ICANN GSE;
- a Public Session on Universal Acceptance at ICANN75, a collaboration between the ALAC and UASG; and
- a UA Training session in Hyderabad, India in September 2022, in collaboration with several Indian ISOC Chapters, inSIG 2022 and ICANN GSE
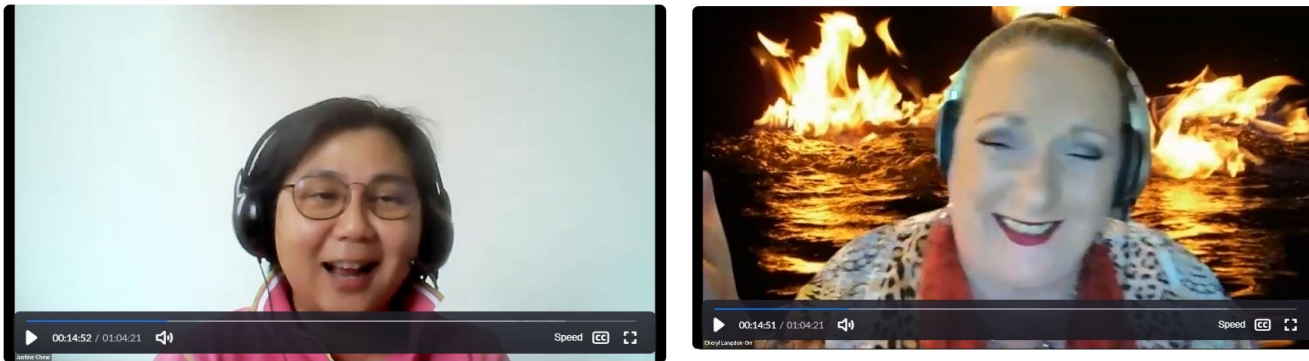
•**APRALO Policy Forum Fireside Chats Program**, led by Justine Chew.

•Possibly another **Public Session on Internationalized Domain Names at ICANN75**, the feasibility of which is to be explored by Justine Chew

Click here to get more details on the APRALO Policy Forum's work and here to comment on the same.

Inaugural APF Fireside Chat: Let's Talk About GNSO PDP 3.0

The **inaugural APRALO Policy Forum Fireside Chat: Let's Talk About GNSO PDP 3.0** on 26 May, where **Justine Chew** spoke with **Cheryl Langdon-Orr** largely on the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)'s operating procedure for consensus policy development for Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs), how the GNSO policy development process (GNSO PDP) works, and where and when At-Large participation in GNSO PDPs is needed.

Justine and Cheryl sharing some amusing moments during their APF Fireside Chat; check out Justine's ice-white background complementing Cheryl's super dragon-phoenix-fire-on-water background just for the occasion!

Being a long-time ICANNer, Cheryl generously shared her knowledge and experience in navigating the multi-faceted ICANN world, providing clarity on the history and evolution of the policy development processes adopted by the GNSO. She also offered encouragement and advice to participants contemplating getting involved in ICANN policy-making and wisdom to those who have enthusiastically taken to volunteering their energy and time in ICANN work.

Read what our Members have to say on the Inaugural APF Fireside Chat: Let's Talk About GNSO PDP 3.0

"*For someone who is fairly new to direct ICANN activities, "Let's Talk About GNSO PDP 3.0" fireside chat was immensely resourceful, providing a scoop of encouragement to embark into policy development. Not only did it inform on the various technicalities within the PDP, but also motivated us to be patient, speak up and survive the tedious task and time revolving around policy discussion and implementation. Both Cheryl and Justine were great resources, opening their vault of priceless experiences with us. I believe conversations like these are great initiatives for outreach and engagement within and beyond the ICANN community.* " ~ **Samik Kharel**

"*I would like to commend APRALO's Fireside Chat on GNSO PDP 3.0. It was great listening to Cheryl Langdon-Orr, a Policy Development Process Guru in my humble opinion, talk about what it takes to participate in ICANN processes more so the GNSO PDP 3.0. My take home was her call to action, if you subscribe to a policy process be active, otherwise sign up as an observer. The session was very insightful, I look forward to future sessions.*" ~ **Barrack Otieno**

"*This is a necessary initiative that will help the community overcome the gap in knowledge and engagement that was accumulated over the online-only era. One potential improvement could be the addition of a third member to the panel to focus solely on community interaction, while the host focuses on engaging with the guest. That would optimize both fronts of interaction.*" **Mark Datysgeld**
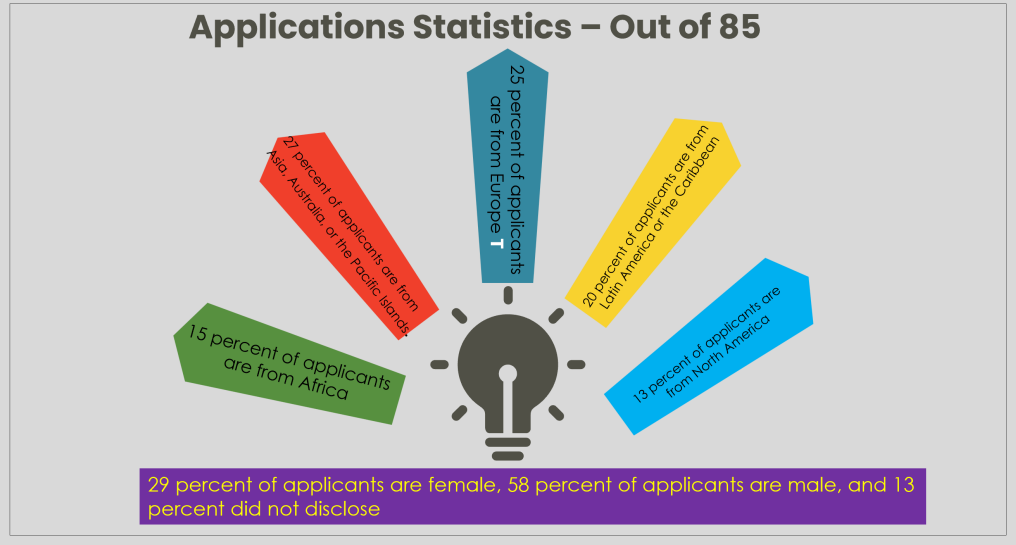
Missed the chat? Visit the [event wiki](#) to view the agenda and recording or to leave comments.
Want to learn more about the APF Fireside Chats Program or suggest topics for future chats? [Then click here](#).

Updates on 2022 NomCom Application Highlights

By Dr. Ali Almeshal

Applications Statistics – Out of 85

25 percent of applicants are from Europe T

27 percent of applicants are from Asia, Australia, or the Pacific Islands

20 percent of applicants are from Latin America or the Caribbean

15 percent of applicants are from Africa

13 percent of applicants are from North America

29 percent of applicants are female, 58 percent of applicants are male, and 13 percent did not disclose

Activity & Progress

First Assessment 3 – 8 April

Deep Dive in May

A due diligence process will also be completed for the final candidates

second assessment End of May

The NomCom delegates will meet for the final deliberation process of the selection meeting

The goal is to announce the NomCom selectees by July 2022

Social Media Working Group (SMWG)

By Shah Zahidur Rahman

The SMWG has been very active promoting the various events among the community over email, social media and messaging platforms.

The group is now focussed on promoting the ICANN Prep week sessions and ICANN74 meeting information among the APAC community for more engagement.

To become a volunteer for SMWG and help promote At Large activities, write to staff@atlarge.icann.org

ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement

By Aris Ignacio

During the call on May 10 with ICANN APAC staff to discuss the O&E plan for FY23, the following priorities were discussed to be incorporated: ALS participation; Outreach to 'new' regions - relating to economies with no ALSes; DNSSEC deployment and/or outreach and Inclusion of upcoming events. These themes will be discussed further in the next scheduled call.

A gentle follow up:
With the need to update the current information in each of the At-Large Structures in APRALO, it is requested that each of the ALSes both existing and new ones, submit important information for updating our records.
 The information requested are:
•Complete name of the ALS
•Logo of the ALS
•Contact person/s, positions in the ALS and email/s
•Short information or description about the ALS; and
•Current or upcoming activities or projects

Kindly submit the mentioned information to staff@atlarge.icann.org and please cc arisignacio@yahoo.com at the soonest possible time.

For full details of the Subcommittee, outputs, activities, and schedules, kindly visit this link.

Operations Finance and Budget Working Group Update

By Holly Raiche

The work of the OFB WG follows the annual cycle of ICANN Planning, starting in May-June with the Operating Initiatives, followed by the development of the IANA Operating Plan and Budget in late July-August and then in September-October working on the ICANN Operating Plan and Budget based on the ICANN Planning cycle.

The OFB WG recently reviewed the outcomes of the ALAC/RALO Chairs Strategic Trends workshop The workshop, run by ICANN planning, asked the participants to contribute their own views of ALAC priorities under six headings: Security, ICANN governance, Unique Identifiers, Geopolitics, Financials and Trends. Some of the hot topics for the participants included several aspects of DNS Abuse, issues surrounding attracting and assisting new members to ALAC, and impacts of global issues on ICANN. The outcomes from the workshop will inform the ALAC responses to Operating Initiatives in the ICANN budget.

 For an overview of the WG, its membership, its timetable and links to its meetings visit here.

Conference in Armenia | Girls in ICT 2022: Access and Safety

Internet Society NGO jointly with Internet Society Armenia Chapter organized a Conference Girls in ICT 2022: Access and Safety on April 28, 2022.

In line with the objective of the international Girls in ICT Day, the Armenian Conference aimed to engage and support women in ICT and encourage young participants to pursue STEM education and career.

The Conference started with the overview and trends of women's involvement in the field of information and communication technologies in Armenia and in the world. It continued with talks on dangers commonly encountered on the Internet, such as various scams, theft of personal data, digital safety issues, etc., as well as opportunities and methods to avoid such situations and to stay safe online. The Conference concluded with talks about STEM innovative educational programs developed by Synopsys Armenia for high school students and about the Armenian School on Internet Governance, an initiative run by the Internet Society NGO and the Internet Society Armenia Chapter.

Over 70 teachers, parents and young participants joined the Conference in-person and around 30 participants joined online and had dynamic and active discussions.

Meet Our Leader

Aris Ignacio
APRALO Lead to ALAC Subcommittee
on Outreach and Engagement

•Dean @ College of Information Technology - Southville International School and Colleges

•Vice President for Technology – ISOC Philippines Chapter

Areas of interest:

Internet Governance, awareness and community engagement, capacity building, education, mentoring

Engagement in ICANN

APRALO, ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement

Personal Update

Strong advocate for youth voices in IG discussions. Has facilitated voices of students in local, regional, and global IG events in APAC.
Champions digital literacy and bridging the digital divide in Philippines.
Main proponent for IN2ITION (Into IT Convention), a national student-led convention in the Philippines.
Writes sports news on the scene in Southeast Asia in a global basketball site.

Hobbies
Computers, playing sports, sports writing, traveling, movies, music.

Other Updates

Opportunities

- There is a call for workshop proposals and session proposals for IGF 2022 by 10 June.

- Fellowship applications now invited for inSIG 2022. Last date to apply is 10th June'22. For more details visit this link.

Upcoming Events

- ICANN74 Policy Forum will be held in The Hague, Netherlands, between 13–16 June 2022.
- June -July APRALO meeting will be held on 21 July 2022.
- APSIG2022 will be held 9-11 September in Singapore
- AprIGF2022 will be held 12-14 September in Singapore.
- APNIC54 will be held 8-15 September in Singapore.

Thank You for reading the Newsletter!

Do send you feedback and comments to: amritachoudhury@ccaoi.in