APrIGF Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) Meeting
22 September 2014 (Mon)
0700 – 08:00 (UTC)
WebEx Meeting

Attendees(5):
Imran Ahmed Shah, Urdu Internet Society, Pakistan (Civil Society)
Jahangir Hossain, ISOC Dhaka, Bangladesh (Civil Society)
Shreedeep Rayamajhi, Nepal (Civil Society)
Sivasubramanian Muthusamy, ISOC Chennai, India (Civil Society)
Noelle De Guzman, ISOC (Technical)

APrIGF Secretariat:
Yannis Li, DotAsia Organisation

Local Host APrIGF 2015:
Holmes Leong, MONIC

Agenda:
1. Meeting with Vice Chair Candidates
2. Strengthening APrIGF
3. AOB

Proceedings:
1. Meeting with Vice Chair Candidates
- There are 4 candidates for the Vice Chair positions:
  - Candidate 1: Chester Soong (ISOC HK, Hong Kong, Civil Society)
  - Candidate 2: Shreedeep Rayamajhi (RayzNews, Nepal, Civil Society)
  - Candidate 3: Jahangir Hossain (ISOC Bangladesh Dhaka, Bangladesh, Civil Society)
  - Candidate 4: Imran Ahmed Shah (Urdu Internet Society, Pakistan, Civil Society)
- As the next Vice Chair, the elected candidate will be expected to join and help chair MSG meetings, assist in guiding the direction of the MSG and in the planning process for the APrIGF, communicate with other stakeholders within and outside the community, and drive discussions on the APrIGF forward.
- This special meeting aims to allow MSG members to have a better understanding and raise questions to the candidates. Yet, there are only 3 candidates available to join the call:
  - **Jahangir Hossain**. Jahangir is a founding member and vice chair of Internet Society Bangladesh Dhaka Chapter, and an executive

committee member of the Bangladesh Network Operator Group (bdNOG), He has participated in the Internet Society Next Generation Leadership program and has also been a fellow at SANOG and ICANN. He has been involved in several government projects in Bangladesh, notably the Access to Information initiative of the prime minister's office—a UNESCO-backed project that is also being financed by the World Bank, and the Bangladesh Research and Information Network, which is trying to connect universities to a common platform for knowledge-sharing. He is currently a fellow at the IGF Secretariat in Geneva.

- **Imran Ahmed Shah**. Imran is a technical expert and is active in several organisations at the regional and global level. He is the executive coordinator at the Punjab level for the national task force for ICT for Development in Pakistan, an initiative of the Ministry of Science and Technology under the Pakistan Science Council, and a member of both IGC Focus and of Intellectual Property Rights Protection Mechanism in Pakistan. He has also organised two workshops in the 2013 and 2014 APrIGF. He aims to represent APrIGF in the different national level bodies, including local governments, and help it become a bridge between communities which have been neglected.

- **Shreedeep Rayamajhi**. Shreedeep is a blogger on issues like Internet governance, and is one of the founding members of Internet Society Nepal Chapter. He has been involved in the Internet governance field since 2009, and was a fellow of DiploFoundation on Internet Governance and Climate Change. Most recently, the Internet Society selected him as one of its Ambassadors for the 2014 IGF in Istanbul. Shreedeep aims to bring core Internet governance issues to the grassroots level where he feels they need to be taken up, and aims to help the APrIGF communicate with stakeholders in spreading awareness on Internet governance, and in developing platforms for addressing Internet-related concerns.

- MSG members are invited to view and read Vice Chair candidates' responses to members' questions at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TrmOYi8xl41mB0_x qLpTgxRg9rchX_NqeXWL5qWeBQY/edit#gid=0
- MSG members are also invited to raise questions in emails or anytime to the candidates as well.

2. Strengthening APrIGF
- In the previous MSG meeting in Istanbul, there were suggestions to secure more funding for fellowships, calls to improve remote participation at the APrIGF, and proposals to work on a regional statement that can be released following the APrIGF each year. These will be taken up in the next MSG meetings
- There was also a suggestion to develop a framework for reaching stakeholders at the national level, perhaps through targeted campaigns that invite participation to regional events and meetings on Internet governance.

3. A.O.B

- The secretariat has sent out the final version of the RFP 2016 to the MSG mailing list. This will be also be posted on the APrIGF website to open the RFP call.

The next meeting will be scheduled in early Oct with exact date and time TBC.