APrIGF Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) Meeting
14 Oct 2015 (Wednesday)
Adobe Connect
04:00 – 05:00 (UTC)

Attendees (18):
MSG Members
Paul Wilson, Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) (Technical) **-**
Chair
Chester Soong, Internet Society HK (ISOCHK) (Civil Society) – **Vice Chair**
Arun Sukumar, Observer Research Foundation, India (Civil Society) – **Vice Chair**
Hiro Hotta, JPRS (Private Sector)
Jahangir Hossain, ISOC Dhaka, Bangladesh (Civil Society)
Gunela Astbrink, Internet Society Australia (ISOC AU) (Civil Society)
Edmon Chung, DotAsia Organisation (Technical)
Shreedeep Rayamajhi, RayzNews (Civil Society)
Hong Xue, Beijing Normal University (Academia)
Zakir Syed, SAMENA Telecommunications Council (Civil Society)
Kenny Huang, TWNIC (Technical)
Mohit Saraswat, Pepsi- Dubai Refreshments (PepsiCo Bottler) (Private Sector)

Non-MSG Members
Kelvin Wong, ICANN (Technical)
Connie Chan (Technical)

APrIGF Secretariat:
Yannis Li, DotAsia Organisation
Maggie Lo, DotAsia Organisation

Local Host of 2016:
Lynn Lin, NIIEPA

Agenda:
1. Minutes and Action Items Review
2. Taipei 2016 Preparation
    - Themes
    - Timeline
3. IGF Brazil
4. A.O.B

Proceedings:

1. Minutes and Action Items Review

- The minutes of MSG Meeting on 30 Sep has been reviewed and adopted.
- The discussion on IGF through mailing list on IGF Brazil has been made.
- Eligible voting members have casted their votes and the deadline was met.
- Election results have already been announced on APrIGF website and circulated on mailing list on Oct 2.

Action Items:
- Adopted the minutes of 30 Sep 2015.

2. Taipei 2016 Preparation

- The local host has shown the revised front page of the website and launch date will be before IGF Brazil as discussed during last meeting.

Themes
- The local host suggested that the main theme could be Sustainable Development and include 1 to 2 hot topics of Internet Governance in order to attract attention from more stakeholders. Below are the suggested sub-themes from the local host:
  - Access
  - Security
  - Critical Internet Resources
  - Diversity
  - Economy
  - Openness (Human Rights)

Discussion
- Secretariat asked whether we would open call for comments on the themes. Wilson agreed that it should be part of the standard process for every APrIGF.
- Secretariat mentioned that Call for Themes and Workshops were in parallel in the past but there are more buffer this year to allow a separate call. Wilson however reiterated the importance to publish the agenda early, hence support the below proposed timeline from the local host and launch the call for workshop and themes early.
- Soong suggested if we could have an overarching theme and a list of sub-themes confirmed before calling for workshops will help provide better guidance to potential workshop proponents. Soong suggested that we could finalize the themes before Dec 2015.
- Wilson agreed that an overarching theme is important but it is difficult to establish a strict set of sub-themes which may limit the workshop proposals. Alternatively Wilson suggested to confirm the overarching themes then call for workshop and sub-themes together requesting explanation on how the workshop will be conducted and its relevance and importance to the particular sub-theme.
- Wilson mentioned that Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) is a current hot topic in the Internet Governance and across the development community. Wilson proposed the overarching theme to be Internet Governance and Sustainable Development. Chung, Hossain Xue and Sukumar supported the

idea.
- Astbrink considered that "Next Billion" might be more appealing to local participants.
- There is an initial consensus to the overarching theme "Sustainable Development and the Next Billion".

Timeline
- The proposed timeline as shown by the local host is to have a confirmed agenda on the website in March, 2016 ready for interested participants to register.
  - Nov 2015 – Jan 2016: Call for Workshops
  - Feb 2016: Scoring
  - Mar 2016: Publish Agenda
  - Mar – Jun 2016: Registration and Hotel Booking
- Wilson urged the local host to launch the website with basic information as soon as possible and added that calling for workshops can be announced in November, 2015 if the website can be ready at the end of Oct, 2015.
- Chung reminded that there was discussion after completing the Synthesis Document of Macau 2015 on having a longer timeline to develop a more robust Synthesis Document and its process; hence he suggested integrating the process into the 2016 timeline as well. Wilson agreed and hoped that the Synthesis Document will be continued with better preparation.

Action Items:
- Secretariat to circulate the proposed overarching theme to the MSG mailing list and to be adopted in the next meeting.
- Local host to launch the basic website by end of Oct 2015 with the overarching theme confirmed.
- Chung to send a note to the MSG mailing list on suggestion for Synthesis Document planning process preparation and timeline.

3. IGF Brazil
- Secretariat prepared the itinerary of IGF Brazil, in which the time and dates for APrIGF meeting, IGFSA Annual Meeting and other events are shown as below:
  - Day 2
  - – Inter-Regional Dialouge session - 09:00 - 12:30
  - – IGFSA Annual Meeting - 12:30 - 14:00
  - – APrIGF Meeting - 12:30 - 14:00
  - Day 3
  - – Initiatives MasterChef - 11:00 - 12:30

- Secretariat raised the discussion on the agenda of the Brazil APrIGF meeting. While Wilson suggested to move the discussion to mailing list for wider contribution, below are some suggestions from the meeting:
  - – Improvement on the Workshop Evaluation System
  - – Promotional Activities
  - – Synthesis Document Process Planning
  - – 2016 Website
  - – APSIG (School of Internet Governance)

Discussion:

- Secretariat asked whether the meeting shall be open to all community members or just for MSG members due to the limited room capacity. Wilson confirmed that we shall keep it as an open meeting but ask people to confirm their attendance in advance on the mailing lists.
- Since the APrIGF meeting clashes with the IGFSA Annual Meeting as reported by Secretariat, Wilson suggested that we shall coordinate a thank you message to the IGFSA showing the appreciation of their support and explain our absence due to the time clash.
- Soong asked whether there will be remote participation for the APrIGF Meeting. Secretariat will check with the IGF Secretariat.
- Wilson commended that it is good to see the sharing of information and encourage the continuing compilation of events that interest the Asia Pacific community.

Action Items:

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- Secretariat to compile a list of events shared on the mailing list in IGF for the Asia Pacific community.
- Secretariat to call for suggestions from MSG members on discussion items for the face-to-face MSG meeting at Brazil.

4. A.O.B

- Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance
  - Wilson mentioned that Prof. Kilnam Chon has proposed to hold a School of Internet Governance (SIG) during 24 - 26 Jul, 2016 in Taipei which need to be confirmed before Nov 2015.
  - Wilson stated that the SIG is in fact the APILP from his view and shall continue to evolve.
  - The local host explained that the budget is spending approval from the government and therefore the support available is still unclear.
  - Sukumar flagged that there was discussion to co-locate the SIG with APrIGF meeting and wanted to explore whether MSG members are fine with that. Syed commented that it is a good idea to co-locate both events which help save time of the attendees and the faculty and might also help attract some very active participants to APrIGF from the SIG. There is a general support to have the SIG integrated to the APrIGF.
  - Rayamajhi suggested the format of integrating with online school from the DiploFoundation is a good example to reach the people with lower awareness and knowledge of Internet Governance.
  - Wilson mentioned that thoughts and advance work is needed if we are to move forward with the proposal. He suggested that the discussion should be continued on mailing list and during face-to-face meeting in Brazil.
  - Wong mentioned that challenges of the APILP on the course, audiences could be shared with Chon and coordination of SIG and APILP will further be discussed for more synergies. Wilson reminded that we shall avoid the confusion of creating new names and initiatives but it is important to work together on a single joint-initiative with the same vision in capacity building on Internet Governance.
  - Syed flagged the trademark issues of the name SIG which Wilson agreed

that the MSG shall be cautious about though he believed there should not be any legal issues involed.

- Wilson reminded that interested parties for the travel assistance provided by APNIC to IGF Brazil should email to the list before the end of this week.

Summary of Actions Items
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The next meeting will be held on 28 Oct 2015 at 04:00 UTC.