APrIGF Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) Meeting
11 Nov 2015 (Tuesday)
IGF Joao Pessoa, Brazil
15:30 – 17:00 (UTC)

Attendees (28):
On-site
MSG Members
Akinori Maemura, JPNIC (Technical)
Arun Sukumar, Observer Research Foundation, India (Civil Society) – **Vice Chair**
Edmon Chung, DotAsia Organisation (Technical)
Gunela Astbrink, ISOC Australia (Civil Society)
Hiro Hotta, JPRS (Private Sector)
Izumi Aizu, Tama University, Japan (Civil Society)
Jahangir Hossain, ISOC Dhaka, Bangladesh (Civil Society)
Kelly Kim, Open Net Korea (Civil Society)
Leonid Todorov, APTLD (Technical)
Mohit Saraswat, Pepsi- Dubai Refreshments (PepsiCo Bottler) (Private Sector)
Mohammad Kaswar Uddin, ISOC Dhaka, Bangladesh (Civil Society)
Paul Wilson, APNIC (Technical) – **Chair**
Penghwa Ang, SiRC, Nanyang Technological University (Academia)
Shreedeep Rayamajhi, RayzNews (Civil Society)
Satish Babu, IEEE, India (Technical)
Sylvia Cadena, APNIC (Technical)

Non-MSG Members
Connie Chan (Technical)
Lih Shiun Goh, Google (Private Sector)
Mubashir Sargana, ISOC Pakistan (Civil Society)
Toshi Tateshi, Japan Internet Providers Association (Private Sector)

Remote
MSG Members
Chester Soong, ISOC Hong Kong (Civil Society) – **Vice Chair**
Daungthip Chomprang, ISOC APAC (Civil Society)
TH Schee, Open Knowledge Taiwan (Civil Society)

Non-MSG Members
Kelvin Wong, ICANN (Technical)
Kilnam Chon, Korea (Academia)

APrIGF Secretariat:
Yannis Li, DotAsia Organisation
Jennifer Chung, DotAsia Organisation

Local Host of 2016:
Kuo-Wei Wu, NIIEPA

Agenda:
1. Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance (APSIG)
2. Taipei 2016 Preparation
   - Overarching Theme
   - Call for Workshop and Evaluation Mechanism
   - Synthesis Document Process Planning
3. Secretariat Operations Proposal

Proceedings:
1. Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance (APSIG)

- Chon updated on the draft plan of the APSIG 2016 as below:
  1. Date
     2016-07-25~27 (Overlapping with APrIGF for one day)
         Core Classes (9:00~17:30)
         Role Play Class (17:30~18:30/19:00)
     2016-07-28~29 (During APrIGF)
         Joint Classes on Hot Topics (with APrIGF, APILP)

  2. Classes
     2.1 Core Classes
         Twelve to sixteen 90-minutes Classes to be offered every year
     2.2 Role Play Class
         17:30~18:30/19:00 (every day during APSIG School)
     2.3 Joint Classes/Workshops on Hot Topics/Emerging Issues
         APrIGF Workshop - emerging issues
         APILP/APSIG   - more mature topics with lecture and Q&A

  3. Discussion Items
     3.1 Date
         Sharing classes/workshops between APSIG and APrIGF may be
         a good idea when we could discuss on hot topics and emerging
         issues. APSIG may start on Monday(25th) rather than Sunday in 2016.
         From 2017, we may consider the following schedule;
             Sunday ~ Friday, or Monday ~ Saturday;
                 APSIG/3 days, and
                 APrIGF/3 days including the joint classes/workshops.

     3.2 Joint Classes/Workshops
         If any topic/issue has never been discussed or the content is not
         stable enough to be given as a lecture, then APrIGF may be a
         good place to hold a workshop.
         If a topic/issue is mature enough to package in a lecture, then

APILP (or APSIG) to develop a class.
If APSIG recognizes a topic/issue needs to be covered every
year, then APSIG may offer as one of core classes.

Examples on hot topics/emerging issues:
    1.4 Net Neutrality
    1.6 Governance of Networked Data (Data Governance)
    5.2 Privacy
    5.3 Gender and the Intenet
    6.2 Cyber Crime

3.3 Core Classes (to be offered every year; 2016, 2017,...)
    Select one or more classes from six tracks in Program - APSIG.asia,
    including an introduction to each of the following tracks;
        Internet Governance - General
        Internet Governance - Perspective
        Internet Governance - Stakeholder
        Internet Governance - Institutions
        Human Rights
        Security

    Additional core classes may be selected from programs of various SIGs,
    and online courses (ISOC, Diplo) among others.

Discussion:
- Rayamajhi agreed that the APSIG is a good initiative.
- Ang held concern on the demand of the school though the APSIG is a good idea therefore suggested to be cautious to start small with the experience from Macau which had the biggest turnout on Day 0.
- Wu agreed that Internet Governance course is a good idea but recommended to run for 1 day on Day 0 with 3-4 rooms to figure out what of courses are popular since it is tough for both logistics and fellowship support.
- Aizu suggested to form a working group among the people interested to devote and discuss the implementation of this initiative.
- Sukurma agreed with the suggestion of starting small concerning the funding issues and the fact that students will be staying onto the APrIGF which might be overwhelming to them. There would be a bearing on funding and also instructors. He also echoed the suggestion on forming a working group
- Chon replied that the APSIG is currently aiming at 45 per class.
- Soong commented that 45 per class is not small. It is difficult to address every attendee's interests and questions, especially when they may vary in experience and knowledge
- Astbrink concerned that it is an ambitious plan for a first time and would echo the others on starting small and finding what the demand is, and go from there. She asked for clarifications on whether people attending the IGF will be the one to deliver the 12-15 classes to be expected every year.
- Chon suggested Astbrink to put this discussion to the mailing list.
- Todorov suggested to have another track of SIG in the APrIGF program and also run a reality check or peer review with the existing initiatives such as Euro/LAC/African Summer Schools and seek their evaluation of the current proposal.
- Soong reiterated this is not the decision-making meeting but agreed to form

working groups to further work on the finance and contents. Regarding the content preparation, he shared that from his experience it is important to define the target audiences in order to determine the level of materials that shall be prepared.

- Saraswat suggested to enhance the already existing Pakistan School instead of building a new one from scratch.
- Sargana from Pakistan SIG replied that they had a 4-day interactives classes derived from the European and Afican regional schools with the joint-support from ICANN, ISOC and APNIC.
- Sukumar enquired about the timeline and also suggested to form a working group.
- Babu commented that the MSG shall focus on high-level issues, who is going to manage the show. He proposed to form 2 groups for the contents of the program and fund raising respectively.
- Chung supported the general plan and good to see joint classes being suggested for APrIGF/APILP. He also commented that it is a very good idea for the "Role Play Class" which is an innovation 6 years ago at the first YIGF alongside the APrIGF. He suggested to merge or join the Role Play Class with the YIGF Camp. Lastly he emphasized again on the concept to open a call for "tutorial sessions" rather than a fully top-down approach in the curation of the courses/sessions which he believed a good learning process for the organizer too.
- Wilson questioned on a fundamental structure issue of the APSIG whether it should be:
  1. A separate APSIG program and different secretariat, separate oversight and arrangement
  2. A same program under APrIGF and same secretariat

  Wilson reiterated the importance to decide on the structure now. He commented that he would not have time to participate and drive it if APSIG is separated from APrIGF with other existing commitments.
- Babu commented that he strongly felt it should be the same initiative with same management
- Hotta agreed that it should be warm-up sessions for APrIGF or a combination of it.
- Aizu echoed Wilson and Hotta and suggested to start within APrIGF existing framework at this stage unless there are already logistical and financial resources prepared.
- Soong agreed that APSIG shall be under the APrIGF umbrella at this stage but will not limit the possibility of its growth and independency one day when it is mature enough in terms of resources and operational infrastructure.
- Chon suggested to discuss at the end of APrIGF 2016 meeting in July and decide what is the best way forward while Taipei is an experiment. He personally agreed APSIG and APrIGF shall be together.
- Wilson reiterated that it is important to answer the question on the linkage between APSIG and APrIGF that he raised now in preparation for the Taipei meeting which determine how works done ultimately.
- Wu suggested to try to run the experimental tutorial to avoid deferring much from the APrIGF agenda, otherwise it will be really difficult for the local host to coordinate 2 initiatives.
- Sukumar concluded that there was a rough consensus among the attendees in the room that APSIG and APrIGF should be run together with the same secretariat and MSG members actively involved.

Action Items:
- ▪ Wilson and Chon to further discuss on the structural relations between APrIGF and APSIG and come up with a proposal.

2. Taipei 2016 Preparation

Overarching Theme
- All the suggested themes from MSG members in the mailing list could be found at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1x4mnaoyhMtXU4oSXfbQ8qEsNZoAfa-m2Dnj6QZS2CDk/edit

Discussion
- Astbrink commented that we should not carry forward the 2015 theme of IGF to APrIGF 2016 and shall consider a broad enough theme that attracts local participation and also fits for the region.
- Wu suggested "The New Era of Internet" with many things happening after 2015 especially IPv6, mobile Internet, IoT, IANA transition. The APrIGF 2016 shall discuss how to empower the community.
- Hotta commented that we need to attract more government officials in the theme or sub-themes as well which he believed Internet of Things would be one.
- Wilson cautioned us on the wordings of the theme and seek clarification of "A New Era of the Internet" or "The New Era of Internet". There is a counter-proposal of "A New Internet Era"
- Saraswat mentioned that sustainable development goals will be a particular focus in 2016 and hence we shall have related sub-themes.

Decisions Taken:
- There is a consensus to adopt the overarching theme "A New Internet Era".

Call for Workshop and Evaluation Mechanism
- The secretariat proposed the below Call for Workshop timeline:
  - ▪ Nov 13 - Finalization of Overarching Theme
  - ▪ Nov 25 - Open Call for Workshop
  - ▪ Dec - Formation of Selection Committee and Workshop Evaluation Finalization
  - ▪ Feb 2 - Deadline for Workshop Submission (APrIGF MSG Bi-weekly Meeting)
  - ▪ Feb - Workshop Evaluation
  - ▪ Mar 2 - APrIGF MSG Bi-weekly Meeting
  - ▪ Mar 8 - Announcement of Accepted Workshop
  - ▪ Mar 18 - Draft Agenda

Decisions Taken:
- The call for workshop timeline listed above is adopted.

3. Synthesis Document Process Planning
- Below is the proposed timeline:

1. Drafting team formation (continue/add from before)   Nov/Dec 2015
2. Drafting team discussion on process   Jan/Feb 2016
3. Agenda & Subthemes finalized for APrIGF   Mar 2016
4. Open call for contribution to synthesis doc (depend on 2.)   Apr/May 2016
5. Draft 0 with Public Comments open (depend on 2.)   Jun 2016
6. Townhall Sessions @ APrIGF Taipei   Jul 2016
7. Finalization of synthesis doc (depend on 2.)   Aug 2016

Discussion:
- Chung summarized the feedback from Macao that more planning in the beginning was requested from the MSG and participants. Last year's the document was a funneling of workshop as a starting point with an ad-hoc drafting team formed in Macao. He suggested to take it forward and further call for any volunteers. The synthesis document was mentioned as being the AP region input to the intersessional theme "Connecting the Next Billion" which considered a success. He commented that we could have more substantive input earlier this year to make it more meaty.
- Wilson agreed that it is a good start but need to be cautious about the "meaty" content preparation that Chung suggested.

Decisions Taken:
- To follow the proposed timeline and start with the Synthesis Document Process.

4. Secretariat Operations Proposal

- Wilson has circulated a secretariat proposal to the mailing list earlier with the aim to enhance the accountability & transparency to the community and provide more support for the secretariat to work better. He commented that DotAsia has given a lot of generous human resources and out-of-pocket support to the service over the years and will not assume they will continue forever. The proposal aims to improve the current structure.
- Aizu asked Chung for the consideration points for MSG members when they review the document.
- Chung emphasized that DotAsia is still committed to support the secretariat going forward and the main motivation is that we are seeing the IGF movement is gaining momentum and to further that we shall enhance our linkages to other regional/national initiatives to advance the work.
- Aizu raised a side comment that the Indian subcontinents and the pacific island nations are unrepresented and more outreach work is needed if we continue to name ourselves Asia Pacific. Astbrink agreed with the comment from Aizu that we shall ensure the presence of Pacific.

Summary of Actions Items
- Wilson and Chon to further discuss on the structural relations between APrIGF and APSIG and come up with a proposal.

The next meeting will be held on 25 Nov 2015 at 04:00 UTC.