APrIGF Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) Meeting
28 Mar 2018 (Wednesday)
AdobeConnect
04:00 – 05:00 (UTC)

Attendees (28):

MSG Members

Ali Hussain, Pakistan Information Security Association (PISA) (Private Sector)

Amrita Choudhury, CCAOI (Civil Society)

Aris Ignacio, Southville International School and Colleges (Academia)

Chat Garcia Ramilio, APC (Civil Society)

Cheryl Langdon-Orr, At-Large ICANN (Civil Society)

Edmon Chung, DotAsia Organisation (Technical)

Gunela Astbrink, Internet Society Australia (Civil Society)

Hiro Hotta, JPRS (Technical)

Hong Xue, Beijing Normal University (Academia)

Jahangir Hossain, Internet Society Bangladesh Dhakar Chapter (Civil Society)

Joyce Chen, ICANN APAC Hub (Technical)

Kenta Mochizuki, Yahoo Japan Corporation (Private Sector)

Klee Aiken, APNIC (Technical)

Leonid Todorov, APTLD (Technical)

Maheeshwara Kirindigoda, Uva Province Governor's Office of Sri Lanka (Government)

Maureen Hilyard, Member of At-Large of ICANN (Civil Society)

Mili Semlani, NetMission.Asia (Civil Society)

Mohit Saraswat, Pepsi- Dubai Refreshments (PepsiCo Bottler) (Private Sector)

Naveen Lakshman, India (Technical)

Noelle de Guzman, Internet Society (Technical)

N.Sudha BHUVANESWARI, Dr.G.R Damodaran College of Science, Coimbatore (Academia)

Rajnesh Singh, Internet Society (Techical) **– Chair**

Waqas Hassan, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (Government)

YingChu Chen, Taiwan Institute of Economic Research (TIER) (Private Sector)

Zakir Syed, SAMENA Telecommunications Council (Civil Society)

Non-MSG Members

Mikhail Anisimov, Coordination Center of .RU (Technical)

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

Local Host of 2018:
Absent

Apologies for absence sent in advance (1):
Kuowei Wu, TWIGF

Agenda:
1. Agenda Review (Chair)
2. Review of Minutes and Action Items (Chair)
3. 2018 Preparations
    i. Fellowship Committee Updates (Sunny/Maureen)
    ii. Program Committee Updates (Kuowei/Mili)
    iii. Local Host Updates (Jackson/John)
4. 2019 Local Host
5. A.O.B
    i. IGF Call for Issues
    ii. Definitions of Asia Pacific

Proceedings:

1. Review of Minutes and Action Items
- Adopted the minutes of MSG meeting on 7 Mar 2018.
- The Call for Workshop webinar was held with about 15 people attended and a few of them are new faces.
- The potential speaker list and forms have been updated and ready at http://igf.asia/wiki_aprigf. 2 local speakers signed up already.
- Secretariat updated that only 12 workshop proposals have been submitted with the upcoming deadline on 2 April. Among them, 2 are submitted from the Pacific.

Action Items:
- MSG members to help share the resource person form widely and encourage people to sign up.
- MSG members to help circulate the reminders of workshop proposals submission deadline to their communities.

2. 2018 Preparations

<u>Fellowship Committee Updates</u>

- **Fellowship Application:**
  Maureen updated that Fellowship Committee has opened the Fellowship Program for applications now and there is 19 entries now so far and 79 applications in draft at the moment.

- **Application Deadline:**
  - Amrita asked if Fellowship Application deadline would be extended.
  - Secretariat confirmed that the scheduled deadline is 2 April (Monday) and suggested not to extend the deadline since fellowship application does not require speakers coordination.
  - MSG agreed that no deadline extension for fellowship program due keeping in mind the limited funding.

- **Pacific Participation:**
  - The secretariat encourage MSG members to share the message further to the Pacific community.
  - Sylvia replied that she has shared among her network in the Pacific and noticed that Anju has also circulated the news on various lists yet no response so interests are uncertain.
  - Maureen updated that she has reached out to InternetNZ and confirmed that they are contributing funds to bring New Zealanders to Vanuatu. A teleconference call will be further arranged.
  - Secretariat confirmed that 3 applications submitted from the Pacific and 8 in the drafts.

<u>Program Committee Updates</u>

- Deadline Extension Discussions:
  - Secretariat raised the concern about the low number of submitted proposals and asked if any back up plan shall be developed.
  - Rajnesh replied that more observation still required until next week and see if there is any gaps to be filled. There are possible things to do such as Pacific IGF.
  - Maureen and Naveen suggest to extend the deadline in view of the current situation.
  - Secretariat confirmed that an extension of one week is possible.
  - Sylvia reminded that less meeting rooms are available this year, which means less sessions could be accommodated with the venue limitations. She also alerted the long Easter holiday and therefore agreed to extend to until Friday 6 Apr.
  - The MSG reached a consensus that the workshop submission deadline shall be extended to 6 April (Friday) and be announced immediately.

Local Host Updates
- Secretariat updated that the conference registration form is already up at http://2018.aprigf.asia.
- Secretariat updated that there might be a potential venue change as according to the local host but pending further updates from them.
- Sylvia updated that she is working with the developers of the local host team to upgrade the design of the local website now. APNIC communications and technical staffs have been having a series of meetings with the local host to ensure the technical set up is in place. She further added that the local host team is having meeting with APNIC in Brisbane soon and will purchase the require equipment in Brisbane.
    - Gunela asked in the chat that if the website design is accessible.
- Sylvia mentioned that the local host requires information and access to the remote participation tool to test the set up.

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- The MSG reached a consensus that the workshop submission deadline shall be extended to 6 April (Friday) and be announced immediately.
- Secretariat to share with the local host on the remote participation tool access and details of spec requirements.

3. 2019 Local Host Selection
- Secretariat to compile questions to the local host candidates based on the mailing list discussions as follow.
    1) How do you know about APrIGF and why are you interested in bidding for it?
    2) Could you clarify if there would be any assistance from local authorities on the VISA application process especially for participants from South Asian countries in addition to the issuance of invitation letters from the local host?
    3) Are there any restrictions on Internet browsing experience within your proposed city/location and if that could be resolved?
    4) Would there be any limitations or potential risks of participants should there be any sensitive issues discussed at the forum, such as human rights online?
    5) What is the process for visa, cost of airfares and web access (VPN)?

Action Items:
- Secretariat to send the compiled list of questions to both local host candidates and seek responses by end of 6 April (Friday).

4. A.O.B
- **IGF Call for Issues**

- Jennifer updated that the MAG has put out a call for issues until 13 April noon UTC which is different from call for workshop. The MAG is looking for what the community wants to talk about. (https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2018-call-for-issues#)
- Sylvia sent a question to the IGF secretariat to seek clarify on the handling process of submissions from some of the economies that are not listed. Sylvia emphasized that the call for issues are just to identify the collective issues.

- **Definitions of Asia Pacific**
  - The MSG chair recognized the need to develop a defined list of economies to be included of Asia Pacific definitions for Fellowship Program and other purposes.
  - **List of Economies:**
    - Klee has kindly helped to put together a list of economies covered from UN, APNIC, ICANN and APCERT. Rajnesh suggested to look at UNESCAP coverage instead of UN at-large.
    - Leonid stressed that APrIGF shall not neglect middle east, central Asia, and Oceania sub-region based on his experience of APTLD. For which there used to be the Arab IGF yet not anymore as well as the lack of participation from central Asia in global IGF.
    - Rajnesh will share the list of economies of Internet Society to the MSG list.
    - Rajnesh suggested to create a primary list of economies that is overlapped by most of the regional organizations followed by a secondary list. Edmon echoed to have a superset (of lists) along with the core list.
    - Klee, Leonid and Joyce volunteered to further develop the defined list of economies and upload to https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11UeSqNefnUutDvkMX gg3iUrR-2uhEtnWQNZz-ldzink/edit?usp=sharing.
  - **Sponsorship Fund:** Sylvia raised the concern about sponsorship distribution if the definitions are expanded beyond the APNIC membership. Rajnesh confirmed that ISOC also has limitations on the funding of fellows. Joyce also clarified that ICANN list is broader than the support provided by the Singapore office but then support could be coordinated internally.
- **Internet Shutdown in Sri Lanka**
  - Maheeshwara raised that there is an Internet shutdown in Sri Lanka recently and ISOC Sri Lanka published a public communiqué about it which has also been shared to the list. He seek support from the community to protect the free and open nature of the Internet.

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Summary of Actions Items
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  The next meeting will be held on 11 Apr 2018 at 04:00 – 05:00 UTC.