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

Attendees (31):

MSG Members

Amrita Choudhury, CCAOI (Civil Society)

Aris Ignacio, Southville International School and Colleges (Academia)

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

Chester Soong, Internet Society Hong Kong (Civil Society)

Edmon Chung, DotAsia Organisation (Technical)

Gunela Astbrink, Internet Society Australia (Civil Society)

Hiro Hotta, JPRS (Technical)

Hong Xue, Beijing Normal University (Academia)

Jia-Rong Low, ICANN APAC Hub (Technical)

Joyce Chen, ICANN APAC Hub (Technical)

Kasek Galgal, PICISOC (Civil Society)

Klee Aiken, APNIC (Technical)

Kuowei Wu, TWIGF (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)

Noelle de Guzman, Internet Society (Technical)

Phet Sayo, IDRC (Technical)

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

Satish Babu, APRALO (Civil Society)

Shreedeep Rayamajhi, Rayznews (Civil Society)

Srinivas Chendi, APNIC (Technical)

Yik Chan Chin, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (Academic)

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

Zakir Syed, SAMENA Telecommunications Council (Civil Society)

Mikhail Anisimov, Coordination Center of .RU (Technical)
Samdup Choephel, India

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

Local Host of 2018:
Absent

Apologies for absence sent in advance (4):
Gunela Astbrink, ISOC Australia (Civil Society)
Cherie Lagakali, PICISOC (Civil Society)
Paul Wilson, APNIC (Technical)
Kenta Mochizuki, Yahoo Japan (Private Sector)

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

Proceedings:

1. Review of Minutes and Action Items
- The minutes of MSG meeting on 11 Mar has yet to be circulated.
- The workshop proposals submission deadline has been extended and closed now.
- The 2019 local host candidates have responded to the clarification questions.

Action Items:
- Secretariat to circulate the minutes of MSG meeting on 11 Mar to the MSG.

2. 2018 Preparations

Local Host Updates
- **Venue:** Secretariat updated that the local host is awaiting hotel quotations to finalize the meeting venue. The potent venue change was due to the lack

of budget for renovation of the Convention Center to ensure the facilities work. It might result in less meeting rooms and some might be built with marquees.

- **Remote Participation:** Secretariat updated that due to the security issues of adobeconnect, ICANN has suspended its remote participation tool during ICANN 61 San Juan and hence advised APrIGF to seek alternative back up. APNIC confirmed that they will be able to support the adobe connect rooms yet 2 parallel sessions only. Secretariat is also in talks with ISOC to explore zoom.
    - Hong mentioned in the chat that ZOOM is no longer working in China and encourage other alternatives being pursued.
- Cheryl raised concern on the late notification of the change without a resolution and fail to update the MSG promptly.

Program Committee Updates

- Workshop Submission Statistics:

Total Number of Workshop Proposals Recived:	108
Late Submissions:	2

Thematic Distributions:	
Access & Empowerment	34
Cybersecurity	18
Digital Economy and Emerging Technologies	12
Diversity	6
Multi-stakeholder Participation in Internet Governance	11
Online Privacy & Protection	24
Others	3
Total	108

New Proposers	70 (65%)
Dependent on Fellowship	43 (40%)

- The Program Committee will have an evaluation deadline until 23 April and finalize the result in early May.
- **Conflict of Interests:** The MSG agreed that Program Committee members shall recuse themselves from evaluation of the specific proposal if they are the workshop organizer or as proposed speakers for transparency and accountability.

Fellowship Committee Updates

- **Fellowship Application:** Sunny updated that 133 applications received on the system and the Committee agreed to accept 2 late applications who experienced technical difficulties and have contacted the secretariat prior to the deadline.

- **Statistics:**
  - Gender - 93 Male; 42 Females
  - Most applications come from Civil Society and Academia
- The Committee target to finalize the evaluation by next MSG meeting and put out a shortlisted candidates for MSG resolution.
- **Current Available Funding:** $46,000USD (with $3,500 from IGFSA pending confirmation)
- There is a question from whether the Fellowship process is separate with the program evaluation and it is confirmed that the proposals will be evaluated based on merits regardless if it is fellowship-dependent.

Action Items:
- Secretariat and the Chair to follow up with the local host with calls to reach a resolution of the venue.
- Secretariat to follow up with ISOC on the remote participation support details.

3. **2019 Local Host Selection**
   - MSG Chair suggested to organize a poll after inviting comments from MSG on the answers of the clarifications questions.

Action Items:
- Secretariat to circulate the answers from the local host candidates to the MSG and set up a poll for selection.

4. **A.O.B**
   - Leonid shared that there is going to be AfSIG in June and welcome interested MSG members to be remote speakers.
   - **Definitions of Asia Pacific:** Klee shared with the MSG again the lists in work: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11UeSqNefnUutDvkMXgg3iUrR-2uhEtnWQNZz-ldzink/edit?usp=sharing.

Summary of Actions Items
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The next meeting will be held on 25 Apr 2018 at 04:00 – 05:00 UTC.