



APrIGF Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) Meeting

25 Apr 2018 (Wednesday)

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04:00 – 05:00 (UTC)

Attendees (22):

MSG Members

Amrita Choudhury, CCAOI (Civil Society)

Cherie Lagakali, PICISOC (Civil Society)

Chester Soong, Internet Society Hong Kong (Civil Society)

Hiro Hotta, JPRS (Technical)

Hong Xue, Beijing Normal University (Academia)

Jahangir Hossain, Internet Society Bangladesh Dhaka , Bangladesh (Civil Society)

Kasek Galgal, PICISOC (Civil Society)

Kenta Mochizuki, Yahoo Japan (Private Sector)

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)

Rajnish Singh, Internet Society (Technical) – **Chair**

Satish Babu, APRALO (Civil Society)

Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Rayznews (Civil Society)

Srinivas Chendi, APNIC (Technical)

Waqas Hassan, President, ISOC Islamabad Chapter (Government)

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

Non-MSG Members

Mikhail Anisimov, Coordination Center of .RU (Technical)

APrIGF Secretariat:

Yannis Li, DotAsia Organisation

Local Host of 2018:

John Jack, OGCIO Vanuatu (Government)

Apologies for absence sent in advance (2):

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

Sylvia Cadena, APNIC (Technical)

Agenda:

1. Agenda Review (Chair)
2. Review of Minutes and Action Items (Chair)
3. 2018 Preparations
 - i. Local Host Updates (Jackson/John)
 - ii. Back-up plan in case of disasters
 - iii. Fellowship Committee Updates (Sunny/Maureen)
 - iv. Program Committee Updates (Kuowei/Mili)
4. 2019 Local Host Selection Poll Result Ratification
5. A.O.B
 - i. NRI main session Call for Issues

Proceedings:

1. Review of Minutes and Action Items

- Secretariat noted that the remote participation of ICANN has been resumed and it is now pending the venue confirmation to determine the support.
- Adopted the minutes of MSG meeting on 28 Mar and 11 Apr 2018.

Action Items:

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2. 2018 Preparations

Back-up Plan in case of disasters

- Chair alerted that we had experienced issues with local host before that they were unable to organize the meeting and a change of location was needed. In view of the possibility of disasters occurrence in Vanuatu, it is proposed to develop a back-up plan in case of emergency. Shreedeeep echoed the need.
- Leonid cautioned that an exhaustive set of criteria required. He added the alternative shall be fairly developed economy with conducive environment, plenty of facilities options, supportive hosts, visa regime efficient host. Rajnesh echoed the importance of a light visa regime.
- Kuowei suggested Australia or New Zealand as a back-up location in case of disasters. Rajnesh reminded that an alternate local host would still be needed.

- Rajnesh suggested that an economy with easy access of the majority is preferred either within the sub-region of the original location, e.g. Australia and Kuwei suggested to approach APNIC. Other possibilities are Hong Kong where the Secretariat is located and Singapore.
- Maureen added that there is also a need to discuss with the local host team on an emergency disaster plan on-site while the event is on-going.
- Shreedeeep mentioned that the alternate original bidding host could be considered but location and the VISA issues are important criteria.
- Rajnesh added that the typhoon (or cyclone) season in South Pacific is from November to April. YingChu provided a link about earthquake <https://www.earthquaketrack.com/p/vanuatu/recent>.

Program Committee Updates

- Kuwei updated 108 proposals received and top 30 proposals were shortlisted. The Program Committee is also identifying the mergers at this point. The Committee is pending decision based on the availability of meeting rooms.
- Secretariat clarified that there are a total of 107 proposals received, as there is one duplication oversight.
- Secretariat added that the result is target to be finalized next Monday based on 2 meeting rooms available in parallel. A second analysis with mergers is in process and be circulate to the Program Committee this week for comment.
- Mili mentioned that the Program Commttee is open to suggestions for the Prep-Day.
- Leonid is enquiring whether there are interactive proposals submitted. Mili responded that the Program Committee is also contemplating running open sessions or lighting talks depending the venue. Maureen added that the majority currently are panels but she added that it is important to have initiation slides as background for the Pacific participants as they might not be in full capacity to jump in to live discussions directly. Rajneesh suggested to encourage workshop organizers to cut down use of slides and be more interactive with the audiences.

Fellowship Committee Updates

- Sunny updated that 135 applications received and below is the shortlisted statistics.
- Total of \$49,400USD fellowship funding received and Sunny thanked the support from all sponsors.
- Secretariat added that all fellows including returning ones will have to complete a 5-week ISOC online course as from record the returning fellows did not complete it last year.

Shortlisted Fellows Statistics						
Total No. of Fellows	26	(Returning: 5)				
Gender Balance	M (13)	F (13)				
Stakeholder Distributions		Pacific & Oceania	Southeast Asia	South Asia	East Asia	North Asia
Academia	4	2		1	1	
Civil Society	7	2	1	3	1	
Government	7	4	2		1	
Technical	1	1				
Private Sector	4	2			1	1
Students	3		1	1	1	
Sub-region		F	M			
Pacific & Oceania	11	3	8	(1 returning fellow)		
Southeast Asia	4	2	2			
South Asia	5	3	2	(3 returning fellow)		
East Asia	5	4	1	(1 returning fellow)		
North Asia	1	1	0			

Local Host Updates

- **Venue:** John confirmed that Iririki Island Resort will be the updated venue.
- **Meeting Rooms:** 4 breakout rooms, 1 marquee for plenary, 1 hilltop conference room for youth IGF
- **Accommodations:** Confirmed 13 fellows twin-sharing rooms are reserved. Booking code will be updated on the local host website. Secretariat added that \$15,000 Vatu per night special rate will be available for those directly contacting the hotel but the rate would not be published on the website.
- An event coordinator has been appointed.
- **Pacific ICT Days:** It will be a plenary after the opening ceremony.
- **Opening Ceremony:** John confirmed that Prime Minister would be speaking at the opening ceremony.
- **Pacific IGF:** John is not aware about the movement but Cherie added that the Pacific IGF is plan to be on day 0 with pending updates from Jackson. Cherie would update about it at next MSG meeting.
- **Technical:** Maureen enquired about the bandwidth of Iririki. OGCIO will provide wifi for the meetings while free wifi will be provided by Iririki on the whole island.
- **Transport:** Maureen enquired about the transport to the island and if the enough capacity. John responded that the boat ride is less than 5 minutes and Iririki had experience of hosting meeting before of 300 participants. Transport to-and-from the island is free of charge.
- **Disaster Management Service:** Maureen enquired.

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- Cherie to update the MSG on the organization of Pacific IGF.

3. 2019 Local Host Selection

- Result of the Poll: <http://igf.asia/2019result>
- The result of the 2019 local host selection poll has been ratified and Coordination Center of TLD RU will be the 2019 local host.
- Leonid added that the local host would deploy creative ways to bypass any challenges of blocking taking place.
- Mikhail thanked the decision from the MSG and ensure the MSG that the local host will make 2019 a wonderful event.

Action Items:

- Secretariat to send the official confirmation and letter of commitment to the successful local host 2019.

4. A.O.B

- Secretariat updated that the IGF secretariat is calling for NRIs to submit 3 topic of interests to identify mutual interests for the main session in IGF 2018. Secretariat recommended to select the top 3 sub-themes based on the number of proposals received.

Action Items:

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Summary of Actions Items

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The next meeting will be held on 9 May 2018 at 04:00 – 05:00 UTC.