

INTERNET USERS & ICANN

A Snapshot of the Asia-Pacific Regional At-Large Organization (APRALO)



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We At Large

- **At-Large provides a way for the worldwide individual Internet user community to engage in all the issues that are a part of ICANN's work**
- **Such as:**
 - **IDNs**
 - **New gTLDs**
 - **Whois**
 - **JPA**



Tier Structure of At-Large

- **At-Large Structures (ALSes)**
 - Internet users' groups that meet the minimum requirements and are certified by ICANN
- **Regional At-Large Organizations (RALOs)**
 - The ALSes located in each of the five geographic regions of the world have federated into RALOs, which provides a forum for them to work together on issues that affect their region.
- **At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)**
 - Each RALO selects representatives to the ALAC, which is a statutory body of ICANN that grants it official standing to advise the larger ICANN community, including the Board of Directors of ICANN, based upon the views of the individual Internet user community worldwide. It also works to bring more Internet user groups into the decision-making processes of ICANN.

ALSes in AP

- **As of August 2009, 17 ALSes certified**
 - Aotearoa Maori Internet Organisation
 - Arab Knowledge Management Society (AKMS)
 - At Large@China
 - Communications and Multimedia Consumer Forum of Malaysia (CfM)
 - Chinese Domain Name Users Alliance
 - Emirates Internet Group
 - Hong Kong Internet Forum (HKIF)
 - Internet Users Network
 - Internet Users Society Niue
 - ISOC Australia
 - ISOC Chapter India Chennai
 - ISOC HK
 - ISOC NZ (Internet Society of NZ Incorporated)
 - ISOC Taiwan Chapter
 - National Information Infrastructure Enterprise Promotion Association (NIEPA)
 - Pacific Islands Chapter fo the Internet Society (PICISOC)
 - Society Vasudhay Kutumbhkum (ISVK)- India

APRALO

- **2006-January 2007 Organizational preparation**
 - Bylaws drafted
 - Preparatory meetings
- **February 2007**
 - **Founding Bali Meeting**
 - **Operating Principles as agreed 28 February 2007**
 - **Memorandum of Understanding with ICANN agreed and Final Text as initialed on 28 February 2007**

Objectives

- **To provide a forum and promote and encourage Asia Pacific Internet users' participation and involvement in ICANN in an open, accountable and transparent manner;**
- **To promote, understand and advocate for individual Internet users and to provide a forum for outreach, co-ordination and exchange of information and knowledge for persons who live in the Asia Pacific region as defined herein;**
- **To act as an interface between individual Internet users and ICANN and to promote skills development and information exchange related to the Internet amongst Members;**
- **To bridge the digital divide and encourage users in developing countries to participate in APRALO**
- **To select two individuals as representatives of the Members of APRALO to ALAC**

Regional Leaders

- **CHAIR: Karaitiana Taiuru (NZ)**
 - **VICE-CHAIR: Les Allinson (PICISOC)**
 - **VICE-CHAIR: Mahmoud Lattouf (Jordan)**
 - **SECRETARIAT: ISOC-HK**
- **ALAC Representatives**
 - **V.C. Vivekanandan (India)**
 - **Cheryl Langdon-Orr (Australia)**
- **NomCom Representative**
 - **Hong Xue (China)**

APRALO Works

- **Monthly Meetings**
- **AGMs**
- **Working Groups**
 - **At-Large Participation in ICANN**
 - **The Future Structure and Governance of ICANN**
 - **IDNs Policy**
 - **ICANN Transparency and Accountability**
 - **DNS Security Issues within ICANN's Remit**
 - **IPv4 to IPv6 Migration**
 - **New Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs)**
 - **Registrant /Registrar Relations**
 - **WHOIS Policy**
 - **At-Large IRT Response WG**

APRALO & APTLD

- CCTLD Community has been emphasizing that serving the local Internet community is an important feature that makes the ccTLDs different from the gTLDs.
- The IANA Procedure for Delegation or Redelegation of ccTLDs also clearly requires that relevant ccTLD delegation or redelegation request show how it will serve the local interest in the country.
- The ccTLDs need the support of the local user community for the fast-track IDNs' application and implementation. The user community notes from the Implementation Plan that the Support from the relevant script community for the IDN table is required for evaluation among the other documentation of endorsement.
- It is in the mutual interest of both the IDN ccTLD registry community and the local IDN user community to keep a very close, cooperative and supportive relationship.
- User community and APRALO are willing to work closely with the APTLD and all the ccTLDs in AP for development of the DNS and protection of the users' interests.

APRALO @ Other Forum

- One of the organizers of the Main Session of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2008
- Organizing a Workshop at IGF 2009

