MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BY AND BETWEEN

ASIA PACIFIC TOP LEVEL DOMAIN ASSOCIATION AND

AND

THE PACIFIC ISLANDS CHAPTER OF THE INTERNET SOCIETY

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) is made on 20 February 2020 by and between Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (“APTLD”) and the Pacific Islands Chapter of the Internet Society (“PICISOC”). In this MoU, APTLD and PICISOC are referred to collectively as “Parties” and individually as “Party”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the need for mutual understanding and cooperation in the field of outreach to and engagement of ccTLD managers across the Pacific Countries and Territories to promote collaboration and exchange of good practices between them in the interest of the internet user community in the Pacific;

WHEREAS, the Parties seek to establish the framework for cooperative activities which are deemed to be mutually beneficial and acceptable for both parties;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

Article 1: The scope of the MoU

The Parties agree to jointly identify specific activities and topics for a possible cooperation in the following areas:

1.1 Strategy and Policy

The Parties agree to exchange information about the establishment and practice of general strategies and policies in the field of ccTLD management which they could further pursue; establish cooperation in promoting capacity, especially in the field of ccTLD management by sharing materials and knowledge for training courses and seminars; exchange information and expertise in championing the Internet and Internet resources in the local community.
1.2. Security

The parties agree to cooperate and exchange knowledge and experiences in the area of Internet security within their respective remits and without prejudice to their individual members’ natural interests.

1.3. Joint Educational and Awareness-Raising Activities

The parties agree to collaborate in holding public activities, both offline and online, aiming at education and awareness raising among the At-Large community and ccTLD managers in the Pacific, both offline and online.

Article 2: Implementation

Upon signing this MoU, the Parties agree to endeavor to carry out further cooperation with regard to plans and activities. Based on implementation of specific activities under the scope of this MoU, the Parties may consider signing other specific agreements, should they deem appropriate.

Through the term of this MoU, the Parties may also consider amending contents herein upon mutual consent and at a time they deem appropriate, and wherever there are issues arising from the implementation thereof.

Article 3: Duration and Extension

This MoU shall enter into force as of the date of its signing and shall remain in effect through 20 February 2022. During the term of the MoU, either Party can give the other party at least a three (3) months prior written notice of its intention to terminate this collaboration. Where no written notice is given, this MoU is extended for another three years therefrom.

Article 4 Miscellaneous

4.1. All amendments hereto will be valid if they are executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

4.2. This MoU is made in the English language in 2 (two) original copies, one for each of the Parties. All original copies hereof are identical and legally equal.

For and on behalf of PICISOC

[Signature]

Vice Chair

For and on behalf of APTLD

[Signature]

Chair