



APrIGF Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) Open Meeting
4 Sep 2014 (Thu)
Galata Hall, ICEC, IGF Istanbul
16:30 – 18:00 (UTC+3)

On-Site Attendees(10):

MSG members

Edmon Chung, DotAsia Organisation (Technical)
Penghwa Ang, SIRC, Singapore (Academia)
Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Rayz News, Nepal (Civil Society)
Maemura Akinori, JPNIC, Japan (Technical)
Toshiaki Tateishi, JAIPA, Japan (Private Sector)
Keith Davidson, Internet NZ, New Zealand (Technical)
Waltraut Ritter, Open Data Hong Kong (Civil Society)
Kuo Wei Wu, NIEPA, Taiwan (Civil Society)
Izumi Aizu, Institute for Info Socionomics, Japan (Civil Society)
Kuek Yu-Chuang, ICANN (Technical)
Noelle de Guzman, ISOC APAC, Philippines (Civil Society)

Non-MSG members

Lisa Garcia, Foundation for Media Alternatives, Philippines (Civil Society)
Minjee Kim, KISA (Government)
Ellen Strickland, Internet NZ (Technical)
Lih Shiun Goh, Google, Singapore (Private Sector)
Reirui Ri, Google, Singapore (Private Sector)
Paola Carrasco, Carrasco Consulting (Private Sector)

Remote Attendees:

Imran Ahmed Shah, Urdu Internet Society, Pakistan (Civil Society)
Jahangir Hossain, ISOC Dhaka, Bangladesh (Civil Society)
Hong Xue, Beijing Normal University (Academia)
Cheryl Langdon Orr, Australia (Civil Society)

APrIGF Secretariat:

Yannis Li, DotAsia Organisation
Jennifer Chung, DotAsia Organisation

Agenda:

1. Introductions and Recap of APrIGF, Delhi Meeting
2. Introductions and Recap of Youth IGF (yIGF), Delhi Meeting
3. Preparations for next APrIGF, to be held in Macao in July 2015
4. General discussion - how to strengthen the APrIGF

5. A.O.B

Proceedings:

1. Introductions and Recap of APrIGF Delhi Meeting

- The Secretariat presented key facts and figures about the APrIGF, a growing multi-stakeholder initiative since its set-up in 2009
- The Secretariat also shared brief summaries of the four sub-themes in this year's APrIGF with the summary highlights of each discussion.

2. Introductions and Recap of Youth IGF (yIGF), Delhi Meeting

- The yIGF continues to be an innovative endeavor, which this year included the 10 different roles that have been integrated into the programme. The Youth IGF empowers the youth to share their ideas on improving their countries through ICTs, transparency and security. It has been fully integrated into the APrIGF's main agenda
- There were suggestions from Izumi Aizu to bring the yIGF concept to the global IGF—the idea has received strong backing from organizers and has been raised in the MAG meeting in Istanbul.

3. Preparations for next APrIGF, to be held in Macau in July 2015

- The 2015 APrIGF will be hosted by MONIC, the local registry, and supported by DSRT, the communications authority in Macao. Both are working with an events organiser for the APrIGF.
- The local host has suggested that the 2015 APrIGF be held on 3-5 July—these dates have been found not to be in conflict with other regional and global Internet-related meetings. The dates will allow it to be collocated with CommuniMacao, thus also allowing it to benefit from participant crossover and Macao government funding.
- Several MSG members raised concerns on the proposed dates, which will fall on a weekend. As a result Secretariat will look into moving it to either 2-4 July or 6-8 July
- Secretariat will also start to prepare dates for the 2015 call for workshops

4. General Discussion – how to strengthen the APrIGF

- There were calls to improve panel diversity, both in terms of stakeholder group and geographic spread. One suggestion was to provide more fellowship opportunities for attendees, another was to make it a requirement for workshop organisers to allot several panel seats for less represented sectors. There were likewise calls for more opportunities for women to participate in the APrIGF, particularly as speakers and panelists
- There was also concern on the stakeholder balance in the general participation where one of the attendees of Delhi meeting raised that the majority seem to be from private sector. Yet the secretariat clarified that the Civil Society and Technical community prevails. Actual statistics will be studied.
- Attendance may be improved by holding the APrIGF in a central location. More introductory workshops may also increase participation, but there were concerns that doing so would further increase the cost of holding the APrIGF.

- There is a consensus that linkages with national IGF initiatives shall be strengthened and systems should be in place to allow them contribute their input before/during the APrIGF.
- Several stakeholders have proposed the formation of a regional dynamic coalition in Asia-Pacific on cybersecurity. A similar one may be useful for the IANA transition, which some have lamented continues to have poor representation from the region
- If stakeholders in Asia-Pacific can agree on certain points with regards to pertinent issues like the IANA transition, perhaps an outcome document, such as an open letter on the region's stance, may help broaden participation at the APrIGF. This may also be useful in capturing regional issues and contributions so these do not get lost post-APrIGF. This can be in the form of a condensed report, or an executive summary that highlights a few key points.

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- **Election schedule:** Online nominations will be open until 6 September; voting period will be from the 15th to the 30th of September. Results will be ratified in the subsequent MSG meeting. A double confirmation system via email will be used instead of a poll for voting.

The next meeting is scheduled to be in early Oct, time and date TBC.
