APrIGF Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) Meeting
30 Mar 2016 (Wednesday)
Adobe Connect
04:00 – 05:00 (UTC)

Attendees (18):
MSG Members
Aris Ignacio, Southville International School and Colleges (Academia)
Arun Sukumar, Observer Research Foundation (Civil Society) - Vice-Chair
Cheryl Langdon-Orr, ICANN (Civil Society)
Chester Soong, Internet Society Hong Kong (Civil Society) - **Vice-Chair**
Duangthip Chomprang, ISOC (Civil Society)
Gunela Astbrink, ISOCAU (Civil Society)
Hong Xue, Beijing Normal University (Academia)
Maureen Hilyard, At-Large Committee, ICANN (Civil Society)
Mubashir Sargana, ISOC Pakistan Islamabad Chapter (Civil Society)
Noelle de Guzman, Asia Pacific, Internet Society (ISOC) (Civil Society)
Shibendu Debbarma, Tripura University (Academia)
Zakir Syed, SAMENA Telecommunications Council (Civil Society)

Non-MSG Members
Connie Chan, APNIC (Technical)
Klee Aiken, APNIC (Technical)

APrIGF Secretariat:
Maggie Lo, DotAsia Organisation
Yannis Li, DotAsia Organisation

Local Host of 2016:
Sean Lee, NIIEPA (Technical)
Sophie Liang, NIIEPA (Technical)

Agenda:
1. Minutes and Action Items Review
2. Taipei 2016 Preparation
   - Local Host Updates
   - Workshop Evaluation Results
   - Fellowship Committee Updates
   - APILP Discussion
3. AOB

Proceedings:

1. Minutes and Action Items Review

- Secretariat has sent an updated scoring list to the mailing list.
- The Selection Committee has a call meeting last Friday and discussed on the final workshop selection.
- The Fellowship Committee has submitted 5 full sets of evaluation.
- YIGF and APILP are coordinating with each other.
- Local host's proposal for sponsor should be in progress.
- Minutes of 16 Mar, 2016 have been reviewed and adopted.

Action Items:

- Reviewed and adopted minutes of 16 Mar, 2016.

2. Taipei 2016 Preparation

Local Host Updates

- Local host updated that there are 220 registration so far (from over 20 countries/economies) and that Ministry of Transportation and Communications is now added to the local host list.
- For yIGF, local host has received the promotional posters and will send to local colleges (150+).
- Timeline for yIGF preparation:
  - Apr - Local student recruitment
  - Apr 1 - yIGF Website Launch (Preview: http://2016.aprigf.asia/yigf/)
  - May 20 - Announcement of 40 selected students
- Local host asked for the following information: (1)Fellowship evaluation results; (2)APILP confirmed schedule; (3) Number of Philippine students and NMAs.
- Local host has currently reserved a room for 50 guests on Day0 (26 July) for APILP.
- Soong asked how long it takes for the E-visa application.
- Local host replied that it may take one or two months but group application is more complicated so it may need longer time.
- Local host said that they will help to process with the group application for e-visa.
- Ignacio said that he will update the number of students from the Philippines within the following weeks to the local host.
- Secretariat asked if expedition is possible for APrIGF participants. Syed thinks that can be requested by the local host to the government and Sargana agreed.
- Hong and Ignacio asked about the information required for e-visa application.
- Local host posted the link for information about e-visa: http://2016.aprigf.asia/travel/visa/
- Local host said that they will provide special service to PRC applicants.

Action Items:

- YIGF to confirm the number of overseas participants to the local host.

Workshop Evaluation Results

- Secretariat prepared an Excel for the Workshop Proposal Scores and Mergers.
- Current Top-30 workshop proposals are ranked according to the normalised average scores.
- Secretariat reported the potential WS mergers as below:
- WS #12 & #29 on Child Online Safety
- WS #94 & #92 on International Trade Agreements;
    - Suggested to merge WS #25 as well but it is out of top-30
    - May inform the leading proposal organizers first and leave the decision to them instead of urging the merger
- WS #93, #45 & #73 on Manila Principles & Intermediary
    - #93 is a follow-up workshop by the same organizer
    - #45 is 45-min session, more of an introductory workshop
    - #73's organizer is UNESCO from Bangkok, which is new to the community
    - Suggested to merge only #93 & #45 and keep #73 stand-alone.
    - Not yet a consensus: whether to merge #93 with #45 or #45 with #73
- WS #28 & #27 on Multi-stakeholder Model
    - Suggested NOT to merge these 2 even though they have similar topics as their contents are different
- WS #69, #40 and #39 on Women access
    - WS #40 and #39 are of low-ranking
    - Suggested NOT to merge
- Secretariat then said after the 3 mergers, there is a need to choose 3 more workshops to fill the slots and the stand-by sessions are as below:
    - WS #66 & #44 on Internet Anonymity
    - WS #32 on Connectivity
    - WS #20 on Data Security Policy
    - WS #26 & #38 on Big Data
- Sukumar thinks the topics of the potential mergers seems to be suitable.
- Secretariat mentioned the Selection Committee's discussion about the sub-theme distribution of the top-30 workshops as below:
    - Human Rights: 9 (7 after merger)
    - Universality/Others: 6
    - CyberConnectivity/Security: 3
    - Impact of International Agreement and Policies: 2 (only 1 after merger)
    - The Future Impact of IANA Transaction: 1
- Secretariat then invited MSG members' comments on whether the proposed list is fine and asked for discussion on the potential mergers.
- Secretariat posted a link to the WSP: https://apps.2016.rigf.asia/submission/proposallist

Discussion

- Soong asked Secretariat if there are six additional workshop spaces if all 3 mergers are accepted and confirmed by the proposers, including the APILP sessions which are moved to Day 0.

- Secretariat replied that the cut-off is now set at Top-33 with the mergers. Including APILP sessions, there are only 3 additional slots that need to be filled in.
- Secretariat asked for comments on the mergers of WS #93, #45 and #73 on Manila Principles as Selection Committee members think that it is not good to merge the three together and merger should be of either two of them.
- Sukumar thinks that merger of #93 & #45 makes sense as the two organizers did the session together at IGF last year on this issue too.
- Ignacio thinks that #93 and #45 are the ones that can be merged.
- Hong supported the mergers of #45 and #73. Chomprang agreed.
- Chomprang thinks that instead of only considering the scores, the sub-theme balance should also be taken into account (Cyberconnectivity and Security are underweighted while Human Rights is overweighed) for the remaining 3 sessions to be selected.
- Chomprang said that another concern is to be inclusive, other stakeholders should also be included (their topics of interests).
- Chomprang noticed that the current cut-off is at top-33 while there are many duplicated topics. She suggested to merge the workshops of similar topics which are not in top-33.
- Langdon-Orr agreed with Chomprang's suggestions.
- Soong further suggested to look into the attributes of the proposal itself as sometimes low scores may be due to various reasons and that additional clarifications for topics are necessary.
- Hong suggested to merge all 3 sessions on intermediary liability.
- Soong suggested to discuss the potential mergers offline.
- Secretariat said that it is almost April and accepted WSP has to be announced soon and then made the following conclusions:
    - Mergers of WS #93 and #45 seems to be more preferred and will confirm with workshop organizers.
    - Ask for comments from MSG members on how to fill out the remaining three slots.

Action Items:

- Secretariat to circulate the potential mergers of workshop proposals to the MSG mailing list for final comments.

<u>Fellowship Committee Updates</u>

- Secretariat updated that the Fellowship result is not yet finalized since the Committee have not yet discussed the results. Finalized list is target to be out within next week before the next MSG meeting.
- Secretariat said that she will work on a proposed list based on the ranking from Fellowship Committee as well as workshop evaluation result and circulate the initial report to the MSG and Fellowship Committee for comments.
- Chomprang suggested that the Secretariat to send a list in short bullet points what MSG needs to vote on (Yes/No) in the interest of the timeframe.

Action Items:

- Secretariat to work on a proposed list based on the ranking from Fellowship Committee as well as workshop evaluation result and circulate to the MSG and Fellowship Committee for comments by 31 Mar with a target to finalize the list of accepted fellows by next week.

APILP Discussion

- Hong asked if APILP can be moved to Day1-3 if three slots will be available after mergers, saying that there may be more participants if it is during main meeting days.
- Secretariat responded that APILP on Day 0 seems to be the preference of the MSG from last meeting.
- Hong thinks that MSG prefers APILP Day 0 in order to make room for WS but if slots are available, APILP can move back to Day1-3. She then suggested to move APILP back to Day1-3.
- Secretariat added that it is a decision on whether to have APILP sessions on Day1-3 or accept 3 more workshop proposals, adding that APILP sessions would be parallel workshops but not a plenary if they are held on Day1-3.
- Secretariat initiated the discussions on APILP schedule as Hong raised the suggestion.
- Sukumar asked Secretariat if APILP sessions were on Day0 last year.
- Secretariat replied that APILP sessions were in the mornings of Day1-3 and for the new-comers to join. APILP now needs 2-3 hours content more to fill its one day agenda on Day0.
- Chomprang asked about the turnout of last year's APILP sessions and she expressed concerns about the competition between APILP and other WS.
- Chomprang pointed out that APLIP is for newcomers and there are complaints saying that APILP on Day1-3 is causing participation conflicts.
- Secretariat said that the turnout was good because yIGF participants and those who had not yet arrived on Day0 could join and Jia-rong thinks that last year's practice was good, adding that local host mentioned that they can support fellows to arrive one day earlier if APILP is on Day0 and there will be 10-15 potential fellows approximately.
- Hong suggested to take the discussion offline and ask for those who are not on the call for comments.
- Chomprang thinks that MSG members may have to vote on this later.
- Hilyard agreed with Chomprang that APLIP is for newcomers and they need their own session first off so that they can participate actively in the main conference. She further said that APILP on Day0 has reached a consensus in last meeting.
- Decision to be made on MSG mailing list whether to move APILP sessions back to Day1-3 mornings instead of Day0.
- Local host asked MSG to confirm the dates for APILP sessions as local host needs to book the necessary venues. Soong noted.

Action Items:

- Secretariat to follow up the APILP schedule decision on the MSG mailing list.

Summary of Actions Items

- Reviewed and adopted minutes of 16 Mar, 2016.
- Secretariat to circulate the potential mergers of workshop proposals to the MSG mailing list for final comments.
- Secretariat to follow up the APILP schedule decision on the MSG mailing list.
- Secretariat to work on a proposed list based on the ranking from Fellowship Committee as well as workshop evaluation result and circulate to the MSG and Fellowship Committee for comments by 31 Mar with a target to finalize the list of accepted fellows by next week.
- YIGF to confirm the number of participants to the local host.

The next meeting will be held on 13 Apr (Wed) 2016 at 4:00 - 5:00 (UTC).