APrIGF Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group (MSG) Meeting
29 Nov 2017 (Wednesday)
Adobe Connect
04:00 – 05:00 (UTC)

Attendees (17):

MSG Members

Chester Soong, Internet Society Hong Kong (Civil Society) – **Vice Chair**

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

Edmon Chung, DotAsia Organisation (Technical)

Hiro Hotta, JPRS (Technical)

Hong Xue, Beijing Normal University (Academia)

Joyce Chen, ICANN APAC Hub (Technical)

Maureen Hilyard, Member of At-Large of ICANN (Civil Society)

Mili Semlani, NetMission.Asia (Civil Society)

Mohit Sawasrat, Pepsi- Dubai Refreshments (PepsiCo Bottler) (Private Sector)

Satish Babu, APRALO (Civil Society)

Sudha Bhuvaneswari, Dr.G.R Damodaran College of Science, Coimbatore (Academia)

Shreedeep Rayamajhi, RayzNews (Civil Society)

Sylvia Cadena, APNIC (Technical) – **Vice-Chair**

Waqas Hassan, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (Government)

Ying-Chu Chen, Taiwan Institute of Economic Research (TIER) (Private Sector)

Non-MSG Members
None.

APrIGF Secretariat:
Yannis Li, DotAsia Organisation
Jennifer Chung, DotAsia Organisation

Local Host of 2018:
Absent

Apologies for absence sent in advance (3):
Kuowei Wu, NIIEPA (Technical)

Leonid Todorov, APTLD (Technical)
Paul Wilson, APNIC (Technical)
Rajnesh Singh, Internet Society (Techical) **– Chair**

Agenda:
1. Agenda Review (Chair)
2. Minutes and Action Items Review (Chair)
3. Updates on 2017 Follow-ups (Secretariat)
4. 2018 Preparation
   - Local Host Updates
   - Overarching Themes & Sub-themes (Secretariat)
   - Program Committee Updates (Committee members)
5. IGF Geneva
   - Updates on NRI meeting
   - Synthesis Document Session
6. AOB

Proceedings:

1. Minutes and Action Items Review
- The Program Committee 2018 co-chairs are confirmed, i.e. Ms. Mili Semlani and Mr. Kuowei Wu.
- The 2018 local host has yet to provide updates on the local committees and room details.

Action Items:
- Secretariat to circulate the minutes of 25 Oct 2017 to MSG.
- Secretariat to follow up with 2018 local host on the local committee and room arrangement updates.

2. Updates on 2017 Follow-ups

- The 2017 Local Host Chulalongkorn University is closing on their financial year so the budget report shall be expected by IGF Geneva
- The final Synthesis Document just circulated to the Drafting Committee with editorial changes incorporated. Extra time was spent on going through the transcripts and recordings to ensure the accuracy.

Action Items:
- Secretariat to further follow up with local host 2017 on the conference report submission.
- Drafting Committee to approve the final draft of Synthesis Document and publish it end of the week.

3. 2018 Preparations

Overarching Theme and Sub-themes Recommendation

The 2018 Thematic Sub-Group recommends the below overarching theme and sub-themes based on the survey result

1. a) Empowering Communities in Asia Pacific to build an Affordable, Inclusive and Secure Internet

   b) Internet for Development in Asia Pacific: Building an Affordable, Inclusive and Secure Internet

2. a) Empowering Communities in Asia Pacific to build an Affordable, Open and Secure Internet

   b) Internet for Development in Asia Pacific: Building an Affordable, Open and Secure Internet

3. a) Empowering Communities in Asia Pacific to build an Affordable, Inclusive, Open and Secure Internet

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Proposed Sub-Themes:

- Cybersecurity;
- Online Privacy and Protection; (e.g. rights issues, freedom of expression, privacy, big data, etc.)
- ~~Internet Connectivity and~~ Access and Empowerment; (e.g. remote and indigenous communities, infrastruture)
- Digital Economy and ~~New~~ Emerging Internet Technologies; (IoT, Cloud Computing, blockchain, etc.)
- Multi-stakeholders Participation in Internet Governance & Others;
- Diversity (inclusiveness, engaging women, youth and other marginalised groups and related capacity building efforts, etc)
- Others

Discussions:

- **Overarching Theme:** The decision is between "Empowering Communities" and "Internet for Development" as well as "inclusive" and/or "open". Mili suggested to open a poll to the MSG list and decide by then.
- **Sub-Themes:**
  - Satish suggested that to change Protection to "Data Protection". Joyce suggested to however add "Online" instead of "Data". Other MSG members agreed that "Online" gives better scope.
  - Waqas suggested to replace "new" technologies with "emerging"
  - Sylvia suggested to add a sub-theme of Diversity and separate from Multi-stakeholders Participation in Internet Governance

- - Waqas suggested to change Internet Connectivity and Access to Internet Access and Empowerment
  - Edmon mentioned that there were less interests in the past few years on "Multi-stakeholders Participation in Internet Governance" but growing interest in measuring the impact of the Internet, e.g. the UNESCO universal of internet indicators. He therefore suggested to combine those within "Others"
  - Maureen reminded that the Drafting Committee is looking at making it easier to put the Synthesis Document together by having a few distinct topics.
  - Joyce echoed the suggestions from Waqas on dropping "Internet" from "Access and Empowerment"

Action Items:
- The secretariat to create a poll for MSG to decide on the overarching theme.
- Program Committee to tidy-up and finalize the sub-themes.

Program Committee Updates
- Mili updated that the Program Committee adopted the proposed working timeline from the secretariat as below:
  - Sep 14 - Oct 22   Open call for overarching themes & sub-themes
  - Nov 29 (MSG)   Finalise the recommednations from Thematic Sub-Group
  - Dec 18 - Dec 21   IGF Geneva
  - Nov - Dec   Program Committee Finalize Reviews
  - Jan   Technical Updates (Submissions systems to be ready)
  - Jan 31 (MSG)   Approved Open Call for Workshop
  - Feb 1 - Mar 15   Open Call for Workshop (~6 weeks)
  - Mar 10 - 15   ICANN Puerto Rico
  - Mar 15 - Apr 12   Workshop Evaluation (~4 weeks)
  - Apr 18   Program Committee Call - Merger Discussions
  - Apr 25   MSG Meeting - Approval of List of Workshops
  - End of Apr   Workshop Result Announcement
  - May   Finalised program release
  - Aug 13 - Aug 16   APrIGF Vanuatu 2018
- The Committee held a call meeting last week and there are currently 2 sub-groups reviewing the process and forms.
- The Program Committee might arrange an informal meeting in Geneva depending on the attendance of members.

4. **IGF Geneva**
- **Updates on NRI session**

- An NRI coordination call was held yesterday.
- The IGF registration has been extended to 4 Dec 2017 and the secretariat reminds everyone to register in advance as on-site registration might not be possible due to the venue.
- There are 8 NRI collaborative sessions on substantive topics ranges from blockchain, IDN, to fake news, etc.
- There is an NRI main session separated into morning and afternoon session which the secretariat seek the confirmation from MSG on whether secretariat shall be the rapporteur to represent APrIGF there.
- The IGF village booth set up could be arranged on Sunday if you are an organizer.
- **Synthesis Document Session**
  - WS290 - 21 Dec (Thu) 9:00am – 10:30am (http://igf.asia/2zMQg6R)
  - The secretariat invites all MSG members to join which the format will be a roundtable to share the experiences and discuss the challenges.
- **MSG Meeting**
  - The secretariat asked if the 27 Dec MSG meeting shall still be kept which many MSG members might be on holiday or replaced with the F2F meeting in Geneva instead.
  - Sylvia suggested to check with the IGF secretariat on the deadlines in workshop report submissions to decide if a meeting after IGF is needed.
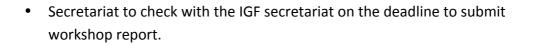
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5. **A.O.B**
   - None.

Summary of Actions Items

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The next meeting will be held during Dec 2017 (TBC).