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Applicant Organization: Internet Development Initiative (IDI)

Region: APRALO

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1) COMMITMENTS

- a. Does the applicant commit to supporting individual Internet users' informed participation in ICANN

YES: ☒ NO: ☐

- b. Does the applicant agree to assist the RALO in performing its function?

YES: ☒ NO: ☐

2) GOVERNANCE

- a. Which geographical area(s) are the applicants' memberships drawn from? APRALO

- b. Is the applicant constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the geographic region in which the ALS is based control the organization?

YES: ☒ NO: ☐

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

IDI does not have individual internet users as members, but they are an integral part of its mission. The structure allows members of IDI to control its governance. In addition, the public is able to engage with IDI and attend training events.

As per application:

On member occupations: "journalists, researcher, trainer."

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“(IDI is) a membership-based Non-entrepreneurial (Non-commercial) Legal Entity established in accordance with the Civil Code of Georgia.”

“The highest governing body of the Organization shall be the General Meeting of the Members, which shall be convened by the founders once a year, if the interests of the Company require so.”

As per email exchange with applicant, 10 April 2017:

“Individual internet users, including internet provider companies in Georgia do not contribute to IDI, because we are trying to maintain independent policy of IDI. When I talked “Organization works as a Team”, it means that each staff of IDI is trying to develop Organization, and we works as a Team.”

c. Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES: X ☐ NO: ☐

Provide any references used to answer the question here:

As per applicaton:

“a. Do you have individual members with the ability to vote in or otherwise control the management of the organization?

Yes”

On member occupations: “journalists, researcher, trainer.”

If YES on (c) above, are these members active, or do they mostly just sign up and delegate to their leaders?

ACTIVE: X ☐ DELEGATE: ☐

d. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: ☐ NO: X ☐

e. Does the applicant have governmental bodies or quasi-governmental bodies as members?

YES: ☐ NO: X ☐

- f. Does the applicant permit additional participation by others that is compatible with the interests of the individual Internet users within the region?**

YES: X ☒ NO: ☐

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

As per application:

“We are initiator and organizer of the first Georgian IGF "GeolGF 2016"; we organized study courses on DNS abuse with ICANN”.

As per website, <http://indein.net/projects/awareness-courses/>:

IDI offers awareness courses and cyber defence workshops to the public.

As per email exchange with applicant, 10 April 2017:

“IDI provided for students of university, and institutes special program about not only awareness courses, also learning courses of cybersecurity. Also IDI with supporting ICANN provided training courses for Public Sector, Law Enforcement Agencies.”

- g. Is the applicant self-supporting? (i.e. will not rely on ICANN for funding).**

YES: X ☒ NO: ☐

How is the organization funded and what source material or information did you rely on to make your judgment?

As per application:

“a. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organization? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate “N/A”):
Grants for Projects”.

As per email exchange with applicant, 10 April 2017:

“IDI is non - commercial organization, which receives funding for projects in the form of a grant from donor organizations like ICANN (supported us with Georgian IGF, and with organizing specific study courses), ISOC (The Project for Broadband Rollout in Tusheti Region, and Raising Awareness of Students – Teenagers in Cyberspace-Related Threats), RIPE NCC (supported us with Georgian IGF), CoE (supported us with Georgian IGF, and with

research programs). At this moment we are working with ICANN for forming research and study center. I hope that it will do.”

- h. Does the applicant post on the Internet current information about their goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s)?**

YES: X ☐ NO: ☐

As per email exchange with applicant, 10 April 2017:

“Information about IDI Leadership and activities are public, and any changes will be also public. According to Georgian Law it has to be open for public.”

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- i. Do the membership, leadership and internal mechanisms described in the application correspond to those exposed on the website?**

YES: X ☐ NO: ☐

If ‘YES’, how and where are the references? See above reply.

As per email exchange with applicant, 10 April 2017:

“I have also my own company Sky Consulting Group, LLC (100% shareholder); Michael Devsurashvili and me are members of the Georgia Chapter of Internet Society (ISOC); one of founder of IDI works also at Chai Khana NGO.”

The names and roles of leaders identified on the application correspond to public profiles on Linked In:

Lala Aliyeva: Social Media for IDI

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Lala Aliyeva
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Current	Media Coordinator at Chai Khana NGO
Past	Translator at Innovate.ge, Intern at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Travel Guide at Work and Travel (USA)
Education	Caucasus School of Journalism and Media Management (GIPA), Baku Slavic University
Summary	I have interpersonal abilities and able to work with a team. I am having attention to details. I am methodical, organized, flexible and...

Vladimer Svanadze, Chairman of the Board, IDI (confirmed by Linked In)



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Chairman of the Board at Internet Development Initiative - IDI
Internet Development Initiative - IDI • Georgian Institute of Public Affairs
Georgia • 500+ &

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> PhD candidate at GIPA (Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, www.gipa.ge), specializing in Development Policies and Strategies of Cyber Security; M.A. in International Security and International Development from Georgian... [See more](#)

j. How does the applicant appear to be funded?

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question?

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“Grants for Projects”

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with Georgian IGF), CoE (supported us with Georgian IGF, and with research programs). At this moment we are working with ICANN for forming research and study center. I hope that it will do.”

k. Does the funding mechanism show dependence on other interest groups (i.e. industry, government)?

YES: X ☐ NO: ☐

If YES, please provide some further information on what sources you can identify:

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If ‘YES’, please clarify if possible whether the sources are likely to influence the governance of the organization (for example, a grant from a charity or foundation may well be free of ‘strings’ of this kind, where corporate donations in some cases might not be):

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l. Are the leaders of the applicant organization involved in other organizations or entities?

YES: X ☐ NO: ☐

If ‘YES’, please reference the sources for this answer:

As per Linked In profiles, all three staff contacts are currently employed by organizations in addition to IDI: Lala Aliyeva is a Media Coordinator at Chai Khana NGO; Michael Devsurashvili is a Desktop Application Developer at Vivec Ltd; Vladimer Svanadze is a Business Development Executive at Sky Consulting Group, LLC.

Vladimer is also a member of the Georgia Chapter of Internet Society (ISOC).

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If YES were they already involved in Internet governance issues in the past, and in which role?

YES: X ☐ NO: ☐

If YES, role(s):

As per application:

“d. Has your organization been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

Yes”

“If yes, please provide examples:

We participate in International and Regional IG, and we organize a national IG”.

m. Is the mission / policy statement actually related to ICANN / Internet governance issues / advocating users'/consumers interests?

YES: X ☐ NO: ☐

If YES, include mission/policy statement, and reference the source:

As per application, and website:

“a. Please describe your Organization’s mission and purpose (please post in the text box below or provide a URL, if posted):

The Objectives of the Organization Activities:

- a. Support growth concentration of the internet;**
- b. Promote the development of standards of cyber security, and support to improve skills in cyber security. Organize trainings and study courses;**
- c. Study and analysis of threats in cyberspace. Write recommendations for government and private sector. Public awareness raising;**
- d. Encourage the process of protection and advocacy for internet users' rights;**
- e. Support the development of online media;**
- f. Initiative of projects of information and communication technology. Search for new technologies, analysis and promotion for implementation;**
- g. Initiative of projects with government and private sector in Information technology and innovation;**
- h. Support for print and online publications;**
- i. Organizing conferences, seminars, forums in ICT and cyber security.”**

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

- a. **Is the contact information for the organization and its contact person complete and reasonable?**

YES: X ☒ NO: ☐

Does the listed URL work?

YES: X ☒ NO: ☐

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: X ☒ NO: ☐ *Please note the website keeps certain leadership contact and resources unlisted. They update their social media (Facebook) regularly.

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: X ☒ NO: ☐ *Please note the website keeps certain leadership contact and resources unlisted. They update their social media (Facebook) regularly.

If archives are publicly available, do these forums show signs of recent activity (in the last few months)?

YES: X ☒ NO: ☐ *Please note the website keeps certain leadership contact and resources unlisted. They update their social media (Facebook) regularly.

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: X ☒ NO: ☐ *Please note the website keeps certain leadership contact and resources unlisted. They update their social media (Facebook) regularly.

4) ADDITIONAL DUE DILIGENCE

- a. **How active and well known is the applicant organization?**

Number of results for a Google search of organisation in quotes: 3,060

Additional information if any:

Official website for IDI: <http://indein.net>

Linked In profile for IDI: <https://www.linkedin.com/today/posts/internet-development-initiative-565529127>

Put RALO VP email response:

APRALO Regional VP for Eastern Europe: Michael Yakushev, via email on 31 March 2017 :

“Dear colleagues,
I strongly support the application of IDI.
Kind regards,
Michael”

- b. Were you familiar with this applicant before the applicant applied to become an ALS?**

YES: ☐ **NO: X** ☒

- c. What kind of issues does it focus on mostly?**

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- h. Support for print and online publications;**
- i. Organizing conferences, seminars, forums in ICT and cyber security.”**

“b. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organization’s constituents/membership:

We are going to cooperate with ICANN”

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- Has the applicant set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users?

YES: ☒ NO: ☐

Additional information if any:

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“c. Has your organization set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users?
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If yes, please provide examples:

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we organized study courses on DNS abuse with ICANN”.**

- Has the applicant been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

ACTIVE: ☒ INACTIVE: ☐