

# APRALO Newsletter December 2022

A brief update for the period of Nov – Dec 2022, from the APRALO perspective



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## Messages

### From APRALO Chair Amrita Choudhury

Dear APRALO community

I wish you a happy and prosperous 2023!

We hope this year we can work together and further strengthen our APRALO community!

There are several ways you can engage:

- Join the APARLO Policy forum and contribute to the APRALO policy development process. Read more below
- Be a volunteer and lead one of the planned outreach and engagement. Refer this link
- Participate in doing an activity during the UA day. Read more about it in the newsletter.

**Don't miss joining the APRALO Monthly Call on 19 January and share with us your ALSes/ your plans for 2023.**

Feel free to reach out anytime your suggestions, feedback, and active participation.

Looking forward to your active engagement.

Warm Regards,

Amrita



## Messages

### From APRALO Vice Chair Aris Ignacio



Hello and good day to all!

New year, new beginnings, new engagements!

Yes, ENGAGEMENT. We need you! This is a great year for each one of us to be engaged.

There are a lot of ways and different interests within ICANN and the APRALO Community. Let us contribute, even in our own little way. Every successful endeavour always starts with small steps and these will not be possible without its primary element: YOU!

As a start and to know what APRALO and its endeavour's within ICANN and beyond are about, feel free to join our mailing list, attend our meetings, observe, participate in the discussions, and even be involved in working groups. There will always be something for you!

If you have any concerns or questions, I am just a message away.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a prosperous and wonderful 2023 ahead!

Happy to serve!

Yours truly,

Aris

## ICANN Updates

### ICANN CEO Steps down

- After six years as ICANN President and CEO, Goran Marby [stepped down](#) from his role with immediate effect.
- Sally Costerton, ICANN Senior Advisor to the President and Senior Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement is the interim President and CEO.

### Published

- [IDN Implementation Guidelines Version 4.1](#)
- [FY23 Q1 Unaudited Financial Results](#)

### Announced

[NextGen@ICANN76 Participants](#) & [ICANN76 Fellows](#)

### Awarded

- Bukola Oronti from Nigeria as the recipient of the [Tarek Kamel Fellowship Recognition](#) Award.
- Bendjedid Rachad Sanoussi, a returning fellow currently residing in Ghana, has been selected as the first recipient of the Paul Muchene Fellow Award.

### Launched

- [ICANN for Beginners](#) for help guide newcomers to ICANN and ease the learning curve associated with joining the ICANN community.
- [New RFC Annotations Project](#)
- [Root Zone Management System Upgrade](#)

## ICANN Updates

### Delivered

- [Operational Design Assessment of SubPro Recommendations to Board](#)

### Completed

- [Initial Evaluation of DNS Security Recommendations](#)
- [New Trademark Clearinghouse \(TMCH-CA\) Certificate](#) Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH-CA)

### Restarted

- [Community Regional Outreach Program for FY23](#)

### Public Consultations

#### Open

- [Draft FY24–28 Operating & Financial Plan and FY24 Operating Plan & Budget](#) by 14 February
- [Initial Report on the ccNSO PDP Review Mechanism](#) by 24 January
- [Final Report on Specific Curative Rights Protections for IGOs](#) by 16 Jan

#### Closed

- [NPOC Charter Amendments](#) by 14 November
- [Initial Report on the Second CSC Effectiveness Review](#) by 8 Nov
- [Proposed amendments to the Service Level Agreement \(SLA\) for the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority \(IANA\) Numbering Services](#). By 4 Nov.

## ICANN Updates

### Webinar Organised

- ICANN's Draft ICANN FY24 Plans
- Updating the Root Zone Management System (RZMS)
- New gTLD SubPro ODA

### Opportunity

Nominations are invited for [ICANN Community Excellence Award](#) till 28 March.

## Contribute to the ICANN & ALAC Policy Proceedings



Visit the [At-Large Policy Advice Development Page](#) or contact At-Large Staff for more information.



To **contribute to ALAC policy activity**, on the At-Large workspace or volunteer as penholder and join the weekly At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG) meetings.



APRALO Community can participate in selected policy-related discussions being taken up from a regional perspective through the APRALO Policy Forum. For more information, please visit the [APRALO Policy Forum workspace](#) or contact At-Large Staff.

### Important Links to Visit

[At-Large Website on Public Comments and Policy Advice](#)  
[Executive Summaries: ALAC Public Comments and Advice](#)  
[Consolidated Policy Working Group \(CPWG\)](#)  
[At-Large Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group \(OFB-WG\)](#)

## Universal Acceptance Day

The UAS--after discussions with ICANN Org and within the UASG Community--has announced that the first Universal Acceptance Day (UA Day) will be celebrated on 28 March 2022.

The vision of the UA Day is to rally the key stakeholder communities in order to advance the vision of achieving Universal Acceptance of domain names and related artefacts including email IDs and URLs, across Internet applications and connected devices. At present, some categories of these artefacts, including long new gTLD- and IDN-based email IDs, do not work the same way as traditional ASCII-based email IDs in different applications, thus undermining the trust in the Internet's identifier systems.

The UA Day provides opportunities for RALOs, ALSes, their local communities and language communities to organize events that build awareness on UA and also work hand-in-hand with other stakeholders such as software creators, standards organizations, UN organizations, Governments and the Industry, to progress towards achieving Universal Acceptance. The type of events for the UA Day may include awareness building sessions, technical training, and strategy sessions.

The deadline for applying for proposals is 31 Jan 2023. Please note that events can be planned at single ALS, multi-ALS, multi-country or regional levels. For more details, please visit: <https://uasg.tech/ua-day/>



By Satish Babu

## Highlights of APRALO Monthly Calls

### November Call

In the [November monthly call](#),

- Maureen presented on the DNS Abuse Institute and its initiatives,
- Shreedeeep shared on the APRALO Policy Forum
- Cheryl presented an overview of the work on the ROP done so far.

### December Call

In the [December monthly call](#)

- Satish provided an overview of the discussions of the EPDP discussion on IDNs
- Shreedeeep updated on the call of the APRALO policy forum
- Amrita provided an overview of the outreach and engagement plan of APRALO and GSE which is being drafted
- Cheryl gave an update on the progress made in the APRALO ROP document.



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The APRALO Policy Forum met in [December](#) where Shreedeeep gave his view on what the aim and focus of the Policy Forum in 2023.

Community members then shared their perspective of what should be the focus of the policy forum.

As an action item Shreedeeep shared a [document](#) where he encouraged community members to share their inputs on his suggestions.

We hope to see more action from the Policy Forum in days to come.

Click [here to get more details](#) on the past APRALO Policy Forum's work.

## Working Group Updates

### ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement

By Aris Ignacio

One of the highlights of the APRALO activities during ICANN75 was the ICANNdiscover@ICANN75 program where students and their mentors participated. Most of the participants already inquired about a couple of opportunities from ICANN such as the Fellowship and NextGen programs. This was participated in by 46 individuals in collaboration with Dr. Suhaidi Hassan and ISOC-MY through Ameena Puteri and Asyraf Mirza.

The Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement is currently laying out the plans for FY23 and 24 with the concentration of aligning activities with At-Large policy priorities. Some of these are capacity, skill and knowledge building, partnerships and development of new policies focused on O&E to name a few.

The APRALO outreach and engagement plan in coordination with ICANN APAC is currently underway. We will be bringing you updates on some of the programs that are in store for the cycle year.

Finally, the 17th annual IGF meeting was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia last November 28 to December 2, 2022, under the overarching theme: Resilient Internet for a Shared Sustainable and Common Future. A list of the At-Large Outreach Activities at IGF 2022 can be found [here](#).



## Working Group Updates

### Social Media Working Group (SMWG)

By Shah Zahidur Rahman

In December, the Social Media (SoME) regional leaders with ICANN staff had an initial discussion for upcoming ICANN76 social media strategy and on event promotion.

A preliminary three-week strategic plan was proposed and it will be shared with other SMWG community members next week.

Like the previous meeting, ICANN76 will also have a social media contest and two prizes would be allocated for the winners.

SoME WG is thinking of proposing to set up a booth where At-large and other learning material brochures will be displayed and possibly engage the O&E team to work jointly with SMWG to support.

Social media details working plan for ICANN76 will be shared on At-Large SMWG web page by February.



## Other Updates

### Opportunities

- Nominations are invited for [ICANN Community Excellence Award](#) till 28 March.
- [Community Regional Outreach Program for FY23](#) has been reinitiated.

### Upcoming Events

- APRALO Policy Forum will organise their [call](#) on 12 January, 2023, 6 UTC
- APRALO [January Monthly Call](#) will be held on 19 January, 2023
- ICANN76 Community Forum will be held in Cancún, Mexico from 11–16 March 2023

Thank You for reading the Newsletter!

Do send you feedback and comments to: [amritachoudhury@ccaoi.in](mailto:amritachoudhury@ccaoi.in)