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Applicant Organisation: Pakistan ICT Policy Monitor

Region: APRALO

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1) **COMMITMENTS**

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

YES: X NO:

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

YES: X NO:

2) **GOVERNANCE**

c. **Which geographical area(s) are the applicants membership drawn from?**

Organization is based in Lahore, Pakistan within the APRALO region. According to its application: "Membership is Open to all Multistakeholders from Pakistan and Internationally without any membership charges or mandatory requirements but contributions are moderated to avoid spam and privacy (when identified)".

d. **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 organisation?**

YES: X NO:

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

URL: <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/pakistanictpolicy>.

According to their application: “This multistakeholder group is dedicated to discuss, highlight and monitor ICT policy issues in Pakistan. Overall objectives of Pakistan ICT Policy Monitoring group are: - to highlight and capture ICT and development related campaign issues in Pakistan and register civil society perspective to those issues. - to work as a bridge in between ICT and development professionals, technologists, policy makers, academia, media and larger civil society. - to launch policy advocacy campaigns around various ICT policy issues in the country. - to work as an information gateway for ICT and development communities in Pakistan. Pakistan ICT Policy Monitor Network website is accessible at: <http://pakistanictpolicy.bytesforall.net/>”.

e. Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES: X NO:

Provide any references used to answer the question here:

The application states that they have individual members comprising of “Civil Society, Journalists, Researchers, Academia, Govt, Private Sector, Internet Organizations etc. without membership restrictions...”

They currently have 265 members.

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

ACTIVE: X DELEGATE:

f. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: X NO:

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members:

Their application states:

“The membership of 265 (and growing still since the last three years) gets together in a non-profit-making environment and is comprised of three key multi-stakeholder member organizations and individuals. A percentage approximation would be 15% Govt, 55% Civil Society-Researchers-Academia-Journalists-Personal Interest Individuals, 25% Private Sector and 5% international observers-researchers-other similar network members.”

IF YES: Provide information about the control they exert over the organisation, whether or not the organizational members are themselves predominantly organised for the benefit of individual internet users.

All members have the same rights.

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

YES: X NO:

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members. In particular, describe whether or not the nature of these members is congruent with the *Guidelines for Evaluating ALS Applications* as regards the Second Criterion, and how you arrived at your judgment in this regard:

The application of ICT Policy Monitor states: “ As a Multistakeholder Participation Platform, the Pakistan ICT Policy Monitor brings together an unrestricted form of participation from Civil Society, Consumer Associations, both Internet Consumer individuals and organizations, all the citizens of the country that are affected by the Internet and for those yet to connect to the Internet. The platform acts as a central open and inclusive dialogue forum and is one of the few where issues of national ICT policy have been taken into practical discussion and action between all three Internet Governance stakeholders including the Civil Society, Govt and Private Sector organizations and individuals in their personal capacities who are concerned about the ICT/Internet/Web and it’s affects on them from the individual to the national interest.”

h. 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:

Their application states:

“The platform acts as a central open and inclusive dialogue forum and is one of the few where issues of national ICT policy have been taken into practical discussion and action between all three Internet Governance stakeholders including the Civil Society, Govt and Private Sector organizations and individuals in their personal capacities who are concerned about the ICT/Internet/Web and it’s affects on them from the individual to the national interest.”

i. 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?

Voluntary or otherwise through public support and sponsorships or paid research studies.

j. 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:

If YES, please provide the URLs where you found the information (preferably specific to the question, not simply the homepage URL):

ICT Policy Monitor objectives are:

Overall objectives of Pakistan ICT Policy Monitoring group are:

- to highlight and capture ICT and development related campaign issues in Pakistan and register civil society perspective to those issues.
- to work as a bridge in between ICT and development professionals, technologists, policy makers, academia, media and larger civil society.
- to launch policy advocacy campaigns around various ICT policy issues in the country.
- to work as an information gateway for ICT and development communities in Pakistan.

Source: <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/pakistanictpolicy/>

k. 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?

The application states the same information as on the website.

l. How does the applicant appear to be funded?

Outline funding sources: Voluntary or otherwise through public support and sponsorships or paid research studies.

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

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

YES: NO: X

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

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):

n. 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:

See: <http://www.commonwealthigf.org/cms/index.php/blog/2009/11/06/4-message-to-the-cigf-from-fouad-bajwa>

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

YES: X NO:

If YES, role(s): Fouad Bajwa has been very active in local, regional and global Internet governance issues. He states:

“I come from Pakistan and represent the voice of the Technical and Technology Civil Society both locally and globally. My capacity was developed by DiploFoundation in 2006 when I was given a scholarship to participate from Pakistan. After the program I catalysed ICT Policy development and Internet Governance awareness efforts from bottom to top.

Then I moved towards joining the Civil Society Multistakeholder component of the international UN-IGF and was nominated by the Internet Governance Caucus (Civil Society) for position on the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) that helps the UN Secretary General plan, organize and conduct the IGF. I am amongst the many Commonwealth member country citizens that have moved from regional policy making initiatives to the global level.”

(Source: <http://www.commonwealthigf.org/cms/index.php/blog/2009/11/06/4-message-to-the-cigf-from-fouad-bajwa>)

o. 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:

A (online and offline) Multi-stakeholder Forum that meets and has on the ground activities (nationally advertised) and inclusive of all citizens of Pakistan irrespective of where and when required/necessary including but not limited to: 1. National ICT Policy Consultations, 2. Workshops, 3. Conferences, 4. Awareness and Advocacy Activities.

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:

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: X NO:

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

YES: X NO:

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: X NO:

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: 2,740 results

Additional information if any:

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

YES: NO: X

If 'YES' please provide some detail of your previous knowledge:

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

Outline focus issues:

According to their application, Pakistan ICT Policy Monitor is interested in the following issues;

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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: X NO:

Additional information if any: The organization works within various forums for discussion.

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

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ACTIVE: X INACTIVE:

If Active, please provide details of activities or reference URLs for the same:

See response to question N.