

# APRALO Newsletter July -Aug 2024

A brief update for the period of Jul- JAUG 2024, from the APRALO perspective



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## Message

**From APRALO Chair Amrita Choudhury**

Dear APRALO community,

With your support we have now adopted the APRALO 2024 Rules of Procedure. As next steps we will be working with the small team on working to make the changes necessary.

We are now gearing up for ICANN 81 which will be held in Istanbul, Turkiye and will be sharing more on the preparations underway in the APRALO Monthly Call on 19 September 6 UTC.

We organised an **Onboarding session on At Large and APRALO** on 12th September 2024, which was very well attended. You can go through this link for the recording of the session [2024-09-12 APRALO Onboarding Session](#).

Look forward to your inputs and continued engagement in APRALO.

Regards,

Amrita



## Messages

**From APRALO Vice Chair Aris Ignacio**



Hello and good day to all!

Preparations for ICANN 81 in Istanbul, Türkiye are currently underway. We would like to invite everyone to attend either virtually or onsite from November 9-14, 2024 as it will be held at the Istanbul Convention Center (ICC). This six-day Annual General Meeting (AGM) will showcase ICANN's work, with a focus on capacity building and leadership training. It also marks the seating of new ICANN Board members.

Calling all community members to fill up the APRALO Register of Skills & Interests Pilot Cycle 1 if you have not done so. The registration will close on 13th of September at 2359 UTC.

Finally, our APRALO monthly call is scheduled on September 19 at 0600 UTC. Kindly keep posted on the details in our respective emails. Looking forward to seeing you all in the call.

Thank you for your continued engagement in all our APRALO endeavors. Together, we can make a difference!

Happy to serve!

Yours truly,  
Aris

# ICANN Updates

## Announced

[Placing .Nowruz into emergency back-end Registry Operator Program](#)

[Recipients of the ICANN81 Fellowship](#)

[NextGen@ICANN81 Participants](#)

[ICANN's 2024 Nominating Committee Announces Leadership Selections](#)

[APAC Domain Name System \(DNS\) Forum 2025](#) will take place 8–9 May 2025, in Hanoi Vietnam

## Published

Results of the [Annual Internet Assigned Numbers Authority \(IANA\) Functions Customer Engagement Survey](#) that measures customers' and external stakeholders' satisfaction with their interactions with the IANA team.

[IDN report June 2024](#)

[The new DNSSEC Trust Anchor to Prepare for 2026](#)

## Appointment

In the APAC region following Jia-Rong's departure, Samiran Gupta has been [appointed](#) as the VP, Stakeholder Engagement and Managing Director, APAC.

## Organised

[Webinar](#) on [Registration Data Request Service \(RDRS\)](#) on 8 August

ICANN organized [community-wide discussion on the resolution of contention sets in the New Generic Top-Level Domains \(gTLD\) Program: Next Round](#) on 13 and 14 August

Webinar on [Applicant Support Program Outreach](#)

## Launched

Launched the new [Root Server System Advisory Committee \(RSSAC\) pages on icann.org](#).

## Seeking

[Searching for a Senior Vice President \(SVP\) Policy Development and Support](#)

## Government Engagement Team Update

[Submitted comments to the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; ICANN along with Internet Society and Internet Architecture Board, submitted comments to FCC;](#)

Listed [Community Opportunities for Policy Contribution](#)

Update on [Community Opportunities for Policy Contribution](#)

## Public Comments

### Closed for inputs

Seeking inputs on [Registries Stakeholder Group Charter Amendments](#) by 26 August

[ICANN Board Seeks Input on Applicant Support Program Use of Auction Proceeds](#) by 12 August

[Preliminary Issue Report on Latin Script Diacritics](#) by 27 August

[Proposed Language for the Next Round Applicant Support Program and Registry Service Provider Evaluation Program Terms and Conditions](#) by 23 August.

### Seeking inputs

- [Data Processing Specification for ICANN-Accredited Registries and Registrars](#) by 9 September
- [Proposed updates to the IRP Supplementary Procedures](#) by 16 September
- ICANN Board is seeking comments on [proposed fundamental bylaws Amendments related to Grant Program](#) by 16 September
- [Request for proposal by 20 September for conducting Domain Name Consumer Surveys 2024](#)

## Opportunities

Applications are invited for [NextGen@ICANN82](#) from North America region till 27 September.

Application invited for [ICANN81 Community Childcare Grants Program](#) till 4 October

Application invited for [IGF 2024 Support for Global South Journalists](#) to attend IGF till 18th October.

## Blogs of Interest

- [ICANN80 Policy and Advice Outcomes](#)
- [ICANN Org's Universal Acceptance Readiness](#)
- [Internet Governance and the Global Digital Compact: ICANN's Observations](#)
- [We Need Your Input on the Next Five-Year Plans](#)
- [Chair's Blog: Recap of the June Board Workshop and ICANN80](#)
- [Expanding the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy](#)
- [Outreach in the Middle East and Africa: FY24 Recap and FY25 Goals](#)
- [ICANN Join Debuts for the Community](#)
- [ICANN Travel Management Company Review: Ensuring Excellence in Travel Services](#)
- [UA Day 2024 Report Highlights Strong Interest in Universal Acceptance Adoption](#)
- [Networking, Collaborating, and Learning Drive APAC DNS Forum 2024](#)
- [ICANN Voices Support for an Open, Global, and Interoperable Internet](#)

For more updates on ICANN read the [ICANN Blogs here](#).

## 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 \(OFB-WG\)](#)

## July Call

In the [July](#) monthly call chaired by Ali, Cheryl gave a [presentation](#) on the draft APRALO Rules of Procedure (RoP) 2024, there was a [presentation](#) given by the small team on on APRALO Continuous Improvement Program Submission, discussion of the APRALO Outreach & Engagement Plan FY25. This was followed by a moderated experience sharing by few ICANN80 fellows from our region.

## August Call

In the [August](#) call, Cheryl updates on the next steps post the adoption of [Rules of Procedure 2024](#), Justine shared as update on the Continuous Improvement Program Community Coordination Group ([CIP-CCG](#)): Status and the Survey of Respondents planned; there was a discussion on the APRALO Individual Members' Representative Selection, [FY25 Outreach & Engagement Plan](#). Justine shared on the call to Register of Skills & Interests [Pilot Cycle 1 by 13 Sep](#). There was an update provided on [APRALOs Response to How We Meet.pdf](#) and planning for ICANN81

By **Justine Chew**

## Reactivating Project RoSI - APRALO Register of Skills & Interests

The [APRALO Register of Skills & Interests \(RoSI\)](#) is intended to be a dynamic register to which APRALO At-Large Structure Members and APRALO Unaffiliated Individual Members may wish to submit data on their skills and interests specifically in areas within ICANN's remit. Under the leadership of **Justine Chew**, this project has been reactivated after a lengthy intermission and will be proceeding as a pilot, implemented using a Google form. The pilot incorporates many of the project's 2021 goals, but instead of assessing candidates for entry into RoSI, the approach for the pilot will be to invite all interested respondents from the APRALO Community to not only indicate their expertise and/or knowledge in (some) identified topics and themes within ICANN's remit, but also to express an interest in learning about others.

This RoSI pilot implementation is expected to run over 2 cycles (Cycle1: Jul-Aug 2024, and Cycle 2: Sep-Nov 2024) to enable adjustments to be made in consideration of new input. After each cycle, the pilot will be reviewed for continuous improvement and durability (as needed). The 2-cycle approach is also meant to facilitate the participation of new respondents over time, and to enable past respondents to update their previously submitted data. Watch for an announcement!

# NOMCOM Updates

By Maureen Hilyard – AP Delegate to the NomCom 2024

## NomCom report – September 2024.

On 5 August, the (ICANN) 2024 Nominating Committee announce its selections for the seven leadership positions they were tasked to fill for 2025:

### ICANN Board of Directors

Amitabh Singhal (AP), Miriam Sapiro (NA) and Tripti Sinha (NA)

### At-Large Advisory Committee

Natalie Tercova (EU), Judith Hellerstein (NA)

### Country Code Names Supporting Organisation Council

Jajit Bhattacharyya (AP)

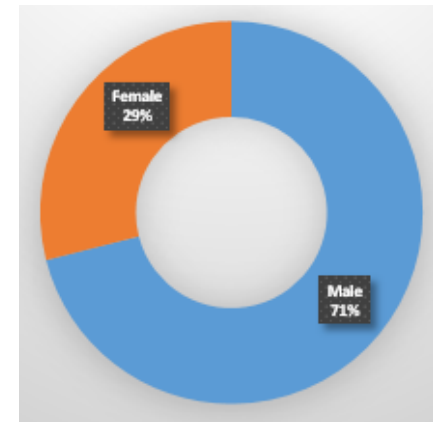
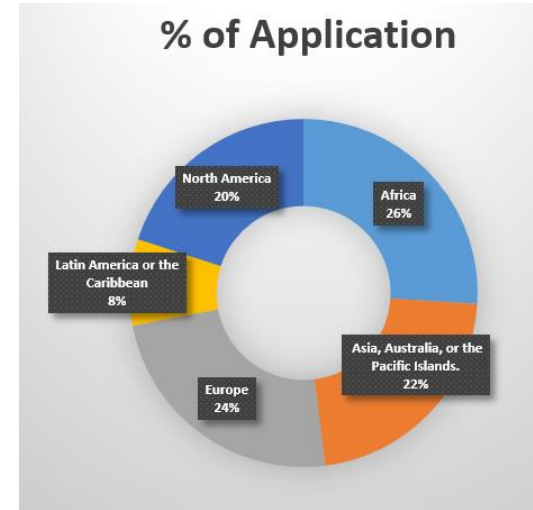
### Generic Names Supporting Organisation Council

Anne Aikman-Scalse (NA)

Those selected will begin their terms at the conclusion of the [ICANN81 Annual General Meeting](#) in November 2024.

## About the 2024 Nominating Committee Applicants

The 2024 Nominating Committee received 78 completed applications during the application period from 2 January 2024 to 15 March 2024. Out of 78 applicants:



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### ALAC appointees to the ICANN Nominating Committee for 2025-2026

On behalf of Jonathan Zuck, ALAC Chair, we are pleased to announce the results of the ALAC NomCom Delegates votes. Following the close of the votes, the following RALO candidates have been endorsed by the ALAC for the position of ALAC Delegate to the NomCom representing their regions. Their terms will begin at the end of the 2024 AGM.

- **Dave Kissoondoyal** - ALAC appointed delegate to the NomCom from the African region for the term 2024 AGM-2025 AGM.
- **Charles Mok** - ALAC appointed delegate to the NomCom from the Asian-Australasian-Pacific region for the term 2024 AGM - 2026 AGM.
- **Anne Marie Joly** - ALAC appointed delegate to the NomCom from the European region for the term 2024 AGM - 2026 AGM.
- **Humberto Carrasco** - ALAC appointed delegate to the NomCom from the Latin American and Caribbean region for the term 2024 AGM - 2025 AGM.
- **Glenn McKnight** - ALAC appointed delegate to the NomCom from the North American region for the period 2024 AGM - 2025 AGM.

### **Outreach & Engagement - Aris Ignacio**

Requesting all ALSes and UIMs to update in suggestion mode the Outreach and Engagement Sheet of APRALO for FY 25 on the activities or you plan to do with APRALO/ICANNs concerns.

Kindly take note that ICANN FY 25 is from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Here is the link for your reference:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18nqy0Jme8YshDvxIzbZZqowRzKopDdncOzDy4ZsDnpY/edit?usp=sharing>

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the success of APRALO/ICANN's outreach and engagement efforts.

### CIP-CCG Group - Amrita Choudhury

The Continuous Improvement Program Community Coordination Group (CIP-CCG) has been set up to evolve the ICANN Bylaw-mandated organisational review of ICANN component into a continuous improvement process.

The APRALO CIP Small Team worked and submitted the draft criteria and proposed indicators that are suitable for APRALO (Refer [APRALO CIP-CCG page](#)) as part of the first phase.

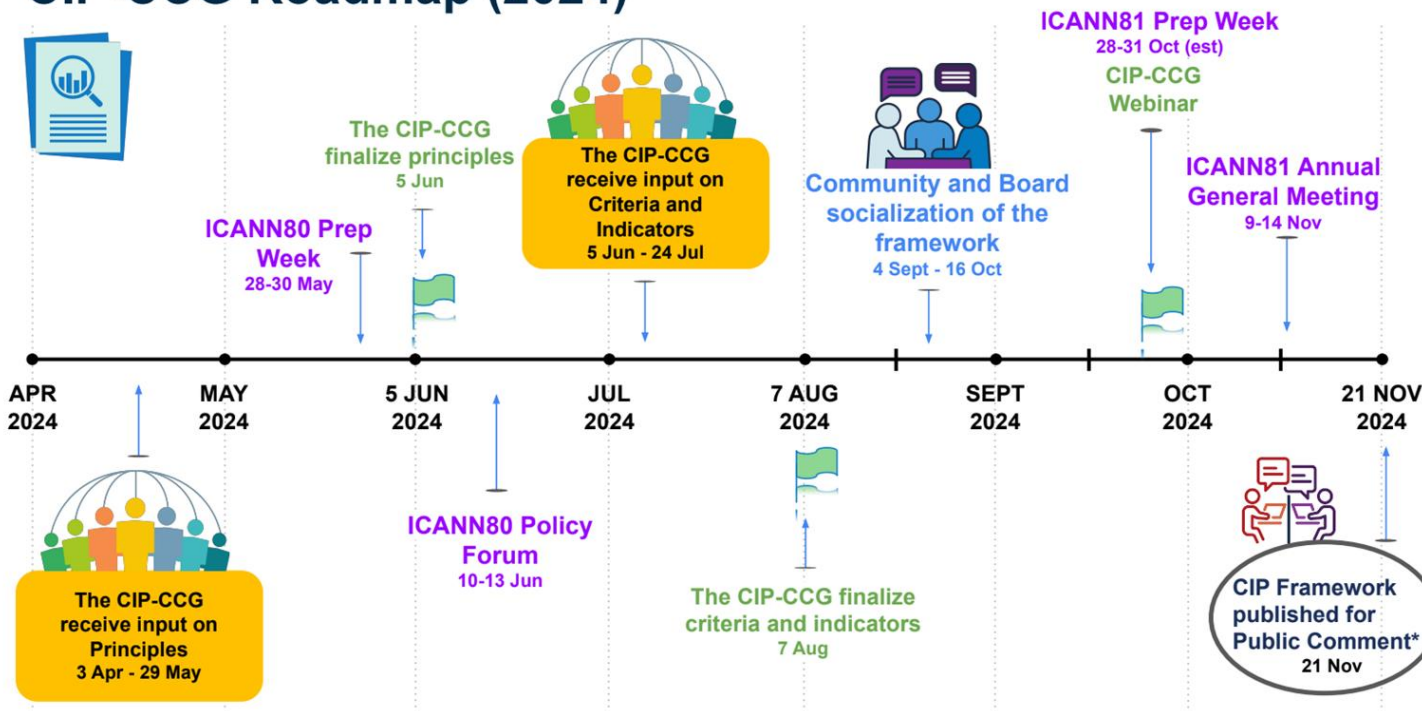
To address the feedback from IPC, a group of CIP-CCG Volunteers (Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Bukola Oronti (ALAC), Sean Copeland (ccNSO Council), and Glen De Saint Gery (IPC)) is supporting ICANN org in the development of introductory language for the 5 Principles in the draft CIP Framework

As next steps the CIP-CCG will continue discussions on what has to be done next under Phase 4, which is between September - October, when the CIP CCG group has to finalize and reach consensus on criteria and indicators, and next steps for the Public Comment proceeding and related engagement, CIP survey, and first CIP assessment utilizing the CIP Framework.

During all stages, the CIP-CCG volunteers are expected to be updating their community and gathering feedback from their groups.

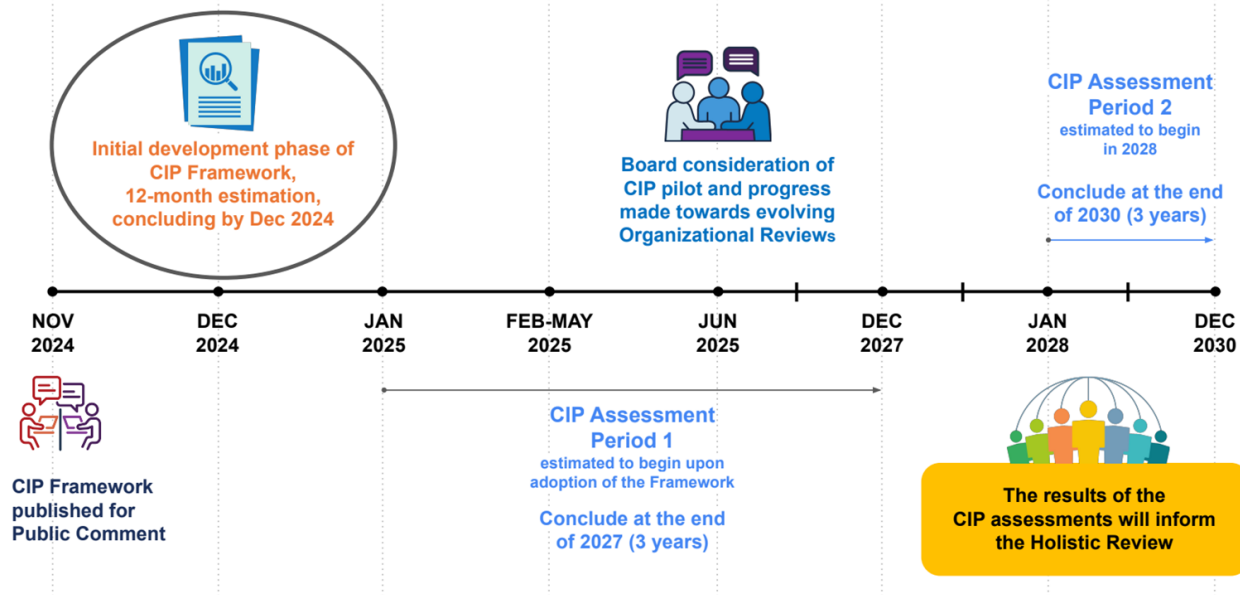
A [presentation](#) on APRALO Continuous Improvement Program Submission was made in the APRALO July monthly call.

## CIP-CCG Roadmap (2024)



\*The CIP-CCG will address input received and revise the CIP Framework, where relevant.

## Continuous Improvement Program Roadmap



## Regional Updates

### Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA 2024)

The Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) 2024, a capacity-development program focused on Internet governance for Asia Pacific youth was held in Busan, South Korea on 8-12 July had 39 selected participants (out of over 300 applications) from 22 economies engage enthusiastically in a [5-day program](#) guided by multiple mentors and youth leaders. Co-hosted by ICANN and the Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA), it is organised annually and in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC), DotAsia Organisation, the Internet Society (ISOC), and the Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD).



Justine Chew, member of APRALO Leadership team was one of mentor invited by the organizers and spoke on the goals of ICANN's New gTLD Program and the upcoming Next Round of New gTLDs.

### APAC DNS Forum “Building Bridges: Strengthening Collaboration to Shape the Internet’s Future”

The Asia Pacific Domain Name System Forum (APAC DNS Forum) 2024 took place from 23 to 24 July 2024 at The Westin Resort Nusa Dua in Bali, Indonesia. Jointly organized by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and Pengelola Nama Domain Internet Indonesia (PANDI), this year’s event was themed “Building Bridges: Strengthening Collaboration to Shape the Internet’s Future.” The forum convened regional experts from the Internet and domain name industry to discuss the latest developments, opportunities, and challenges in the Internet and domain name marketplace.

The APAC DNS Forum 2024 featured a multitude of topics, exploring the role of the DNS from various perspectives. In addition to technical discussions on cybersecurity and emerging technologies, the sessions covered industry trends, business opportunities, and broader topics, such as the potential impacts of regulatory, policy, and technological developments on the DNS industry. Shita Laxmi, APRALO community member moderated a session on Impact of Tech Policies and Regulation/ Legislation on the Internet



### APSIG 2024

APSIG 2024 was held at the National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan between 19- 21 August 2024. This year over 40 fellows from 19 economies of APAC participated in the school. The program details can be viewed [here](#)

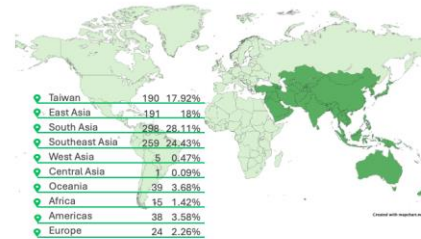


## Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF 2024 )

The Asia Pacific regional IGF ([APrIGF 2024](#)) was held in hybrid mode in Taipei, Taiwan, between 21-23 August. This was the fifteenth edition. The host of the event was TWNIC. The event was attended by over 644 people in-person and over 1700 people online, belonging to 63 different economies, 27 fellows, and 5 regional hubs (Samoa, Islamabad, Dhaka, Amritsar and Manila). 46% of the attendees were female, 5% identified as non-binary, and 49% were male. There were 27 official APrIGF sessions, in addition to 10 pre and side events. This year the sessions were organized under the overarching theme “Evolving Ecosystems, Enduring Principles: Shaping Responsible Internet Governance,” with three high-level thematic tracks: “Security & Trust”, “Resilience”, and “Ethical Governance of Emerging Technologies.”

### Registration & Attendance

APrIGF and TWIGF 2024 in Taipei drew 1,060 participants, with Taiwan, India, Indonesia, and Bangladesh leading registrations from the Asia-Pacific.



## 1,060

total registrations

## 667

in-person registrations

## 293

online registrations



## Regional Updates

### Side Event @APNIC58, Wellington, NZ :APSTAR (AP\*) Retreat.

**APSTAR (AP\*) Retreat.** Maureen Hilyard was honored when Hiro Hotta (JPRS) invited to serve as the local co-host for the AP\* Retreat in New Zealand, alongside Joyce Chen from APNIC as the international co-host. The attendees shared updates from regional organizations such as APRALO (presented by Amrita Choudhury), ISOC, ICANN, APNIC, and others. The meeting, coordinated by DotAsia and APNIC, also featured national updates from auDA, InternetNZ, and more. Notable discussions included Ian Sheldon's presentation on Australia's new platform connecting the government with multistakeholder IG resources, Noriatsu Kudo's overview of the Asia Pacific Internet Engineering (APIE) project, and Suba Samarukh's talk on the effects of shutdowns in Bangladesh, sparking broader debates on shutdowns.



Cheryl Langdon-Orr reporting on an up-coming auIGF event, during the AP\* Retreat

### Side Event @APNIC58, Wellington, NZ : Pacific ccTLD Managers Forum

**Pacific ccTLD Managers Forum.** Keith Davidson, former InternetNZ CEO and PIR Board member, and **Maureen Hilyard**, as former PICISOC Board Chair and ALAC Liaison, co-hosted an inaugural event for Pacific ccTLD managers to discuss issues and connect with regional experts. The forum, sponsored by auDA, featured a presentation by Kim Davies of IANA on their roles within IANA and ICANN, with support from Oceania GSE rep, Save Vocea. Topics, based on surveys, covered cybersecurity, registry selection, policies, and marketing ccTLDs. The session concluded with a discussion on capacity building, leading to the creation of an online meeting list to continue dialogue, supported by auDA and InternetNZ.



Rosemary Sinclair, CEO auDA, contributing to the ccTLD discussions.

### Internet Australia Update

**By Cheryl Langdon Orr**

Internet Australia is delighted to support and announce a major initiative we are annually involved with; the 2024 [Australian Internet Governance Forum \(auIGF\) 2024](#), previously known as NetThing, will take place in Melbourne on October 28-29 in a hybrid format.

The forum will as usual bring together a diverse and multidisciplinary community of stakeholders and provides a vital platform to discuss the key issues shaping the future of the Internet in Australia.

The forum will explore a range of topics such as digital rights and cybersecurity, emerging technologies and the evolving digital economy. [Submit your ideas for session themes](#) to help shape the auIGF program and have your say.

Registrations for the forum will be announced soon. Join us and engage with experts, policymakers and community leaders, and contribute to the conversations that will shape Australia's digital landscape.

# Updates From Our ALSes & Individual Members

## Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy Nepal (APIGA Nepal 2024)

APIGA Nepal 2024, the **first local edition** of the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA), was a milestone event led by **Bibek Silwal** and coordinated by **Udeep Baral**, hosted by **CAN Federation** (Federation of Computer Association Nepal). This two-day academy focused on educating Nepalese youth about the intricacies of Internet governance, ICANN, APNIC, and the multistakeholder model. T

Through interactive sessions, expert panels, and the hands-on **Model ICANN Conference**, participants were divided into groups representing key ICANN bodies (GAC, ALAC, GNSO) and engaged in policy-making simulations. Notable speakers from ICANN, APNIC, UNESCO, and the Government of Nepal contributed to the rich learning environment. APIGA Nepal 2024 provided a unique platform for youth to understand and actively engage in shaping Internet governance and digital policy processes, empowering the next generation to take leadership roles in the digital ecosystem. Amrita Choudhury from APRALO and Samiran Gupta from ICANN org were guest speakers during the session and Yash Agarwal from ICANN org was on-site facilitator for the event.

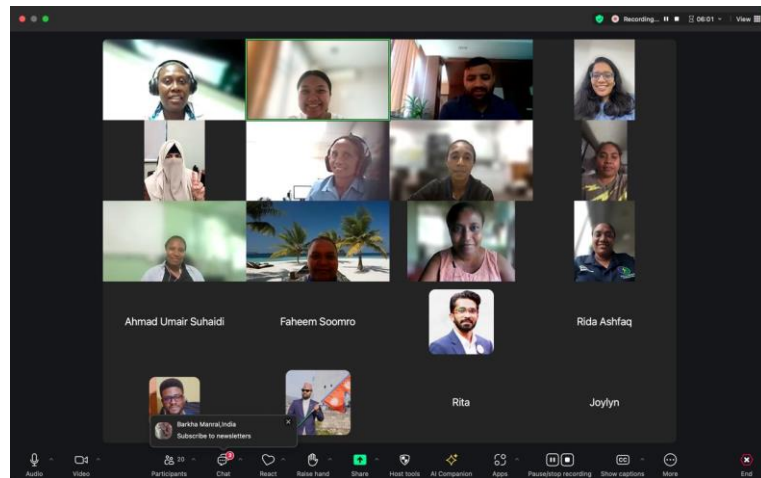


### A world of oceans through Fellows Journey: Internet Governance Barkha Manral (ISOC-Delhi)

A group of **women fellows from ICANN78 and ICANN80** have come together to launch an initiative aimed at guiding women from the Asia-Pacific region into the world of ICANN and Internet Governance.

Inspired by ICANN's DNS Women, **Barkha Manral (ISOC-Delhi)**, **Phyo Thiri Lwin (Netmission.Asia)**, and **Letitia Masaea (WITSI)** held a session on **July 26, 2024**. The session also featured **Bibek Silwal from Nepal**, a fellow cohort member, as a guest speaker. During the session, the four speakers shared their personal journeys, discussing how they began, what they are currently involved in, and how they contribute to ICANN and Internet Governance.

Around 30 participants attended the session, including 20 women and 5 men. Although the session was initially designed for women, the male participants were welcomed due to their strong interest in the topic, as reflected in the application forms. The session was a first step, and plans are underway for future follow-up sessions to encourage more women to take on leadership roles in ICANN and the broader Internet Governance community.



## Update from Our ALSes & Individual Members

### DAV COLLEGE, AMRITSAR)

The **APrIGF 2024 Local Hub** at DAV College, Amritsar, brought together around 100 participants for a series of events aimed at enhancing digital literacy and security. One of the key events, the "Tech Trends in Emerging Technologies and Disruptive Innovations for the Next Billion Citizens," focused on the latest advancements and challenges in the digital space. The event featured an **ICANN Learn workshop on cybersecurity**, equipping participants with insights into cyber threats and prevention strategies.

Another significant event was the "**Secure DNS Ecosystem Training**," organized using APNIC's virtual lab. This session trained 50 participants in key aspects of DNS security, including cybersecurity protocols, routing, and MANRS (Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security). Under the mentorship of **Dr. Preeti Kamra and Prof. Kapil Goyal**, participants used Cisco Packet Tracer for hands-on experience in configuring and securing DNS infrastructure, resulting in stronger DNS resilience and practical skills in real-world scenarios.



### Pacific Internet Governance Forum 2024 (PACIGF2024)

By Sarai Tevita

The Pacific IGF 2024, co-located with APNIC58, took place on September 2-3, 2024, in Wellington, NZ, under the theme “Strengthening Digital Governance and Resilience in the Pacific Islands.”

This was organised by PICISOC. Around 120 policymakers, experts, academics, civil society, and private sector representatives registered, with 84 attending on September 2 and over 100 on September 3, including APNIC58 fellows. The event addressed local internet governance issues and provided impartial advice to governments. Thirteen Pacific fellows and six UNESCO-sponsored participants attended. ICANN presented on Universal Access, while the forum emphasized capacity building, cooperation, and informed decision-making for the region’s digital transformation.

For more details on the program visit this [link](#). The full report will be available in 2 weeks.



# Thank You

Thank You for reading the Newsletter!

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