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Internet PNG Clique

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2017 Year in Review

By Stanley Osao

The year 2017 was an inaugural for Internet PNG Clique (iPNGC) as an ICANN ALS *(Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, At-Large Structure).* An ALS is an affiliation with ICANN that will accredit an organization to contribute in ICANN Policy Development processes.

The board did not do much for the society in 2017 to engage internet users in programs and events locally; however we have had few highlights that reflected the benefits of knowledge capacity building in the community. This newsletter briefly outlines the highlights of 2017 and an overview of the society.

1. iPNGC an ICANN ALS
- iPNGC was accepted as an ALS on 17 of January 2017
- First ALS in PNG and only the 5th ALS in the Pacific outside Australia and New Zealand.

2. Capacity Building Highlights
- **ICANN Staff Visit to Unitech** – In February 2017, I CANN Staff Mr. Save Vocea visited Unitech to meet with .pg management. The iPNGC board coordinated the visit and made arrangement with the

University administration so Save had the opportunity to speak to University staff and students on ICANN's Multistakeholder Model.

- **ALS Orientation** - June 2017, iPNGC attended APRALO (*Asia Pacific Regional At-Large Structure)* Monthly Call. We briefly introduced iPNGC to APRALO Leaders and members. 5 iPNGC members attended the online call.

- **ICANN Fellowships** – Number of ICANN fellows from PNG have increased in the last 3 years when iPNGC began awareness. In 2015, Priscilla Kevin attended ICANN54 in Dublin. In 2016 I (Stanley Osao) attended ICANN56 in Helsinki, Matilda Pamao & Kasek Galgal attended ICANN57 in Hyderabad. In 2017, Violet Ningakun attended ICANN58 in Copenhagen, Priscilla Kevin, Kasek Galgal & myself attended ICANN59 in Johannesburg; while at ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi, Decka David & Patrick Nolye were selected.

ICANN Staff Visit to Unitech
ICANN Staff Save Vocea with iPNGC board members from Lae. L-R. Decka David, Bill Tomon, Save Vocea & Berry Amol.

ICANN59 Fellows
Violet Ningakun with other fellows at ICANN 58 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

To date, we have 11 ICANN Fellowship Alumni in PNG. All of them involving in various sectors and contributing to development of internet ecosystem in the country. Anyone can become an ICANN Fellow if you have an interest in Internet.

- **APIGA Fellowship** – In August 2017, one of iPNGC members, Matilda Pamao was selected to attend Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA), in Seoul, South Korea. It was one of the highlights of iPNGC capacity building efforts thru information dissemination.

- **NexGen@ICANN Promotion** –We made a flyer for this program for ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi. Sent the flyers to major universities in the country and we have had great interests and responses from the students regarding ICANN and internet governance in general. Print media reached greater audiences than we experienced on social media and other online communication.

3. **Board Members**
It is stipulated in the iPNGC By Laws that the board is renewed on a yearly basis. The term for current board ended last year. We were late to call for board elections last year for 2018. I will send the notice shortly.

Current board (2017)

- Chair – Stanley Osao (Private/Consulting)
- Vice Chair – Bill Tomon (ccTLD, .pg)
- Co-Vice Chair – Priscilla Kevin (Private/Business)
- Board Member - Decka David (Academic)
- Board Member - Carol Cholai (Not For Profit/End User)

The advisory committee members are:

- Arua Taravatu (Technical/SOE)
- Gava Lakau (Government/Regulator)
- Picky Airi (Academic)

The volunteers will be asked shortly to express interest for the board positions for 2018.

4. **Membership Update**
- Membership grew from 100 to 120 this year. We have also removed some members due to email bouncing – may have left organization they were before
- Diverse membership – new interests are mostly students and graduates – good indication of youth in internet governance in the country.

5. **APRALO AGM**
I was invited as an ALS rep for iPNGC to APRALO Annual General Meeting at ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi. Very information capacity building sessions & events. We have discussed on ways to improve engagement processes and platforms for APRALO members to contribute in ICANN Policy development processes.

Quote

" In matters of public policy, including but not limited to public safety, security, privacy, law enforcement, conduct of electronic commerce, protection of digital property and freedom of speech, broad and international agreements may be needed if the Internet is to serve as a useful, global infrastructure. " *by Vince Cerf,* The Father of Internet.

iPNGC In The Beginning……

Internet PNG Clique (iPNGC) began in 2011 as a national network of internet users in PNG with inclusion of some members from Pacific region. It began with mainly discussion of internet governance issues in the country; and also create awareness on challenges and opportunities created by internet.

On October 2016, iPNGC was officially recognized by National Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) through Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) as a legal entity and registered not for profit organization.

On January 16 2017, iPNGC was officially accredited as an ALS under APRALO by ICANN. In the first year of involvement as an ICANN ALS, iPNGC engaged its members and local community through knowledge capacity building and information sharing. It has assisted many young social entrepreneurs, aspiring leaders and professionals as well consumers and end users.   Below are testimonies from two selected individuals.

APRALO AGM at ICANN60
Stanley Osao, Board Chair of iPNGC speaking at one of the Capacity Building Sessions.

Fellowship wrap up at ICANN59
Priscilla Kevin with co-fellows from Africa at ICANN59 in Johannesburg, South Africa

Fellows Introduction at ICANN60
Patrick Nolye introducing himself at ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirate

ICANN Staff Mr. Save Vocea speaking to staff & students at PNG University of Technology

APIGA Experience……..
By Matilda Pamao

It was indeed a wonderful and fruitful experience at the 2017 Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) at the Ewha Women's University in Seoul, South Korea from August 7-11. From the ICANN and ISOC pre-requisite courses to the ranging IG topics capturing History of IG through to the Future of the Internet and the Mock ICANN Conference, they were all very informative and fundamental for the young participants. APIGA is a must for the young population who have their eyes set on Internet issues and ICANN.

I learned of APIGA through our local ALS, the iPNGC. APIGA is one of the many events and programs in the region iPNGC had been promoting and making awareness on since its inception. There is always something new to learn and iPNGC has been sharing vital information on various Internet related issues which I follow with great interest. I count myself advantaged to be a member and as I watch it reaching out, I am very hopeful for a rewarding growth and future.

My deepest gratitude to the sponsors, the Korea Internet Security Agency (KISA) and ICANN for the APIGA experience as well as the unforgettable taste of Korea!

Matilda Pamao at Ewha Women's University in Seoul, South Korea

Lowey Institute Experience ……
By Kasek Galgal

"The Internet PNG Clique has been a revelation among Papua New Guinea's Internet community. A much needed space for sharing and collaboration for those with an interest in the Internet in PNG. Prior to becoming a member, I was learning about the Internet ecosystem and engaging with communities outside of the country. It was encouraging to know that there were others with similar interests and objectives to engage with in-country and to share what we know within the community. One particular highlight of my own engagement with iPNGC was when I learned of the Lowy Institute for International Policy's Emerging Leaders Fellow program through the iPNGC mailing list. I applied and was accepted as a research fellow contributing work on PNG and Pacific Island Internet and development policies. I am glad this has helped bring Internet policy closer to the fore in policy discussion as other important issues such as health, education, aid often take precedence. For iPNGC, becoming an At-large structure is also important as it now gives an extra avenue for Papua New Guineans to be able to contribute to ICANN policy development more readily. I am sure iPNGC will continue to make important contributions to the Internet in PNG."

Kasek Galgal in front of Indigenous Australian artwork at the Lowy head office.

THANK YOU

Going Forward

Internet technology applications have many benefits in all facets of life, but it came with various challenges. The challenges are transpired by either positive or negative impact of the technology.

The objective of iPNGC is to transform the passion and impact into producing positive gains for all stakeholders and the internet users. The internet users in PNG need to know:

- If the internet is open & secured
- If their privacy online is protected
- What cybercrime is
- The impact of internet on children
- How internet is used as an essential business tool
- Why it is important to understand the data protection & regulation issues
- How bad laws cripple the growth of internet in a country
- And many more…

We have an obligation as learned citizens of this great country so educate, promote and inspire the internet user community in PNG to be responsible internet users.

To become a member of ICANN Community, involve in ICANN programs and events, we have a local organization in Papua New Guinea (PNG), which has affiliation in ICANN Structure. For more information:
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