

Expression of Interest for GNSO Policy Development Process - One Day Training Workshop

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Why they are interested in attending this course;

Information Security Analyst, Internet Public Policy researcher and currently pursuing higher education (Cloud Computing & Governance Technology) at the University of Malaya. In the past served as Lead Regional Chapter at PISA (Pakistan Information Security Association), Senior Malware Researcher at Ebryx (Pvt) Ltd. Actively involved in NRIs of Global IGF, participated in ICANN60 under NextGen program, MSG member of APriIGF, a regular attendee of PkSIGs, and also take a keen interest in ICT policy and development activities in Pakistan.

Since March 2017, I am doing my Master's degree with majors in Digital Rights Management (DRM) from the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. I have received bachelors in information and communication system engineering (2008-2012) from NUST Pakistan. I have successfully completed Internet government online course offered by Internet Society (July 2017-18), Conducted 2-day hands-on training for online security and security analysis (Aug 2017) and also completed many courses via ICANN Learn platform. Last year, I served as returning Fellow APriIGF 2018 and also attendee IETF 103 Bangkok meeting.

My research focus on Cloud-based DRM project is in collaboration with Silicon Valley-based data-centric user security solution provider named NextLab (Inc). And doing research about the Security and privacy issues of cloud computing and storages. I am looking to further develop my skills in policy making so that I can move to the next stage and become more involved in the ICANN Policy Development Process (PDP). I have been engaging in various ICANN constituencies (NextGen) and groups (Observer WHOIS review team), and actively looking for opportunities to enhance their skills and elevate their engagement within ICANN. I am also trying to attend ICANN64 on self-finance and my visa application is in progress with Japan embassy Kuala Lumpur.

What current / previous ICANN experience they have;

I started my career as Information Security Analyst in June 2012 and in parallel actively participated in various Internet governance and Cybersecurity awareness conference and training across the globe. As Internet Public Policy researcher, I served as Lead Regional Chapter at PISA (Pakistan Information Security Association), Fellow for SANOG-27, Fellow for APriIGF 2017 & 2018, NextGen ICANN60, and Speaker at APriIGF 2018 and trainer at University of Malaya. Actively involved in NRIs of Global IGF, MSG member of APriIGF, attended PkSIGs in past, and active contributor to raising the awareness of user online privacy and intellectual property protection and goal is to make the internet an open and safer place; continues to bridge the gap among societies segments until all social economic needs of people are addressed properly with the help of the Internet.

<http://rigf.asia/members.html#AHussain>

My past demonstrates the good capacity to contribute to Internet governance and capacity building for secure, safer and trusted internet. I believe internet connectivity is a Power. I am passionate and motivated to highlight the main issues of Internet governance of the region and to help it make better in the context of local practice and understanding. The intellectual property rights protection over internet, Data security, online freedom of expression and economic empowerment.

ICANN60 was the first time I actively engage with ICANN community, though I had met few ICANN staff like Dr. Rick Lamb in SANOG27, Mr. Fahad in PkSIG. I have learned general process and divisions of ICANN and abstract level understanding of working of ICANN as a whole. After that, I stay engaged with WHOIS review team as an observer.

Recently I meet APAC space office staff at APriGF 2018 and my engagement is improving my understanding of the work of ICANN and its people. I have learned to reach and enrich broad global communities with different demographics. I present a workshop at APriGF 2018 regarding the cross-border data protection in e-commerce.

<http://apps.2018.rigf.asia/submission/proposaldetail?id=282>.

Here is my blog post for key takeaways out of APriGF 2018 fellowship program.

<http://alibicse6b.blogspot.com/2018/08/aprigf-2018-experience.htm>

As my area of research, is to protect the rights of entities over the internet. I would be happy to share my opinion from a technical and right assurance process. More specifically, I can assist in the assurance of charter-compliant registrations and avoidance of abusive registration practices, assurance of adequate dispute-resolution mechanisms and provision of ICANN-policy compliant Whois service.

Now, I feel like I have quite helpful understanding of the technical protocols, standards and multi-Stakeholder model of Internet Governance, exploring more about internet stakeholders, sharing my ideas and engaging with people of the same area of interest and utilizing my technical soft and technical skills to contribute in multistakeholder community like I am already contributing as MSG of APriGF.

How this course will help them become more involved in GNSO PDP(s).

I want to contribute to privacy-preserving technology so as to build more users trust over the internet and And also to attract the next new billion users. At IETF 103 I focus on Privacy-Enhanced RTP Conferencing (perc) working group and secure authentication and authorization technologies. All the experience give the technical understanding of protocol running over DNS and now I would like to further develop skills in policy making so that they I can move to the next stage and become more involved in ICANN Policy Development Process (PDP).

Through this 1-Day training, I want to improve my understanding specifically about gNSO specific work. I will learn Evaluation Methodology and Selection Criteria, A Plan of Action, regarding New gTLDs, appropriateness assessment of the Sponsoring and so on. After this training I will be in a better position to utilize my research and engagement experience to critically understand the gNSO work and if future contribute in it.