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YIEN CHYN TAN

Thanks, Jian Chuan. So, good morning, everyone and to people who are remotely participating. Morning, good afternoon, good evening. So, I'm Yien Chyn from the APAC regional office. Thanks for joining us today here at APAC Space at ICANN82. I will actually

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hand over the time to Andrew who will be assisting us with running through the agenda. Jian Chuan, would you please move to next slide, please? So, this is the broad overview of our agenda.

We will start with welcome remarks from Samiran and then we are very happy to have Sajid here with us from Board. He will be sharing from Board priorities and then thereafter we'll have Ram sharing updates on that side, Ching Chiao sharing from NomCom. I'll share a little bit about the upcoming APAC DNS Forum happening in May this year. And then Andrew will be continuing with that facilitating the open community discussion. And then we'll move on to group photo after the networking. So, without further ado, I will hand over to Andrew to help us run through with the agenda. Andrew, over to you, please.

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Thank you, Yien and good morning, everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to lead this session. First of all, we will have welcome remarks from Samiran. Samiran is a VP, Stakeholder Engagement and Managing Director of APAC and ICANN and will be joining us remotely. Thank you, Samiran.

SAMIRAN GUPTA

Thank you, Andrew. And I hope everyone can hear me. Yes. Can you get a thumbs up?

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Yes, no problem.

SAMIRAN GUPTA

Okay, wonderful. Thank you so much. Welcome, everybody, to this session. And I'm sorry, I'm unable to be with you in person but I'm certainly there in spirit. And we have a very packed session as Andrew already told us about. We've got a lot of speakers but let me take a couple of minutes to again tell you what this session is about. So, APAC space is the space that we have for our community members from the APAC region. And the whole idea is to bring our participants who come to ICANN meeting into this room and give them a chance to meet other participants and also to ask questions that they may feel, they may not be very comfortable asking in other sessions.

So, this is as my predecessor would say, Jerome would say, this session is for you to practice being a community member. Now, I know that there are in the room, there will also be community members who are veterans but they're also newcomers. And yes, so this is the whole idea behind the session. So, the APAC space is held at every ICANN meeting and it's based again, the agenda is crowdsourced from the community. So, we put out a call to the community members and this time we've got very good responses.

So, the agenda is very full. And then we've got Andrew who's from the community to moderate the Q&A session or the discussion at the end before you break for tea. So, without further ado, let me hand it back to Andrew, but once again, welcome to APAC space at ICANN82. Andrew?

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Thank you, Samiran. We will move to some information from the Board and I will hand over to Sajid Farhan who is ICANN Board member. Thank you, Sajid.

SAJID RAHMAN

Thank you, Andrew. And good morning. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak here. We have a few ex-Board members in the room, so please feel free to join. One thing, so the way I was thinking of deciding on the priorities, as you know, there are a lot of things that keep coming to the Board all the times, right? So, one way to decide on the priorities maybe is to look how the Board spends their time during the Board workshops, right? Which sort of decides the areas that the Board is now focused on. So, the first thing, which of course is not a surprise, is the Next Round. That has been a very key topic.

A lot of resources are working on it in the Board, in the Org, from the community, across a whole spectrum of things. And we spend a lot of time to track how the project is going, whether we are on time, whether the costs are within the, as initially planned. So, that takes quite a bit of time for us in the Board to keep a close tab on how the Next Round coming up. And the good news so far is it's on track. So, there are a couple of work streams where we may need to fast track a few things. But in general, the Org still believes that the Next Round is on track as initially planned.

The second thing is, which I'm sure some of you have picked up, is finance. So, one of the issues for the Board is to ensure that the budget is balanced. We had some challenges, a deficit last year, which resulted for the Board and the Org to take quite a few actions in terms of reengineering, restructuring, reprioritizing different agendas. And as we are, so by the way, the ICANN budget is July, June, unlike January, December. So, we are almost seven months in the year, a bit more than that. And as of now, the numbers are looking good.

So, from a deficit of last year and a projected deficit or projected budget of deficit for 24, 25, we are now looking at a surplus. It is too early to call it a win. We are still going to keep a close tab and continuously continue our efforts to manage expenses, look for options for better funding scenarios. But so far, at least we are moving from a deficit to a surplus this year, which is looking good.

The third thing that is, again, another focus for us is, of course, as you know, we have a new CEO. And one of the things that we do around this time of the year is to set the objectives and the targets for the CEO, which obviously gets down to the executive team and the whole Org. So, that's one of the areas which we are now focused on. And in the couple of months, we'll finalize the objective of the CEO for the next financial year. And that's one of the priorities that the Board is now very focused on.

The fourth thing, going back, looking a bit outside, inside, and that's about what is happening globally. With everything that's happening in the world, one of the things that the Board is keeping

a very close tab on is how the policies of different governments, organizations, and what is the impact of that on multi-stakeholder model, and specifically on ICANN. So, that's one of the burning issues that keeps evolving, and the Board is keeping a very close eye on all the challenges and the policies and the situations that are constantly developing in the world and how it is impacting us.

Since I have five minutes, so I'll go with the, that was the fourth priority. The fifth priority, of course, is the, how we are handling this strategy, five-year strategy. So, as you know, we are almost finalizing the five-year strategy and plan, it's almost done. And it is a culmination of work of almost one and a half, two years. And this sets the agenda for the next five years, how we see the ICANN and the whole community and the whole environment develop. So, our Strategy and Planning Process has been a key focus now, and now we are moving direction on the execution of the five-year strategy. So, that, in summary, is what is on the top of the mind of the Board. Thank you.

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Thank you, Sajid. Moving on, next is our, is Ram Mohan, who is chair of SSAC, and he will be providing updates on SSAC. Thank you. Ram?

RAM MOHAN

Thanks, Andrew. Good to be here. Thank you for inviting me to this. I have just a few slides, and I wanted to share what the Security and Stability Advisory Committee is doing. So, if you look

at ICANN itself, you know, it has, a big part of its mission is to ensure the stable and secure operation of the internet's unique identifier systems. That's its core mission.

Inside of that is where the SSAC's role is. We are a group of technical experts who come together to advise the ICANN Board, as well as the ICANN community, on matters that relate to the security and the integrity of the naming and address allocation systems. So, that's the core job. It's a committee that consists of primarily technical experts. Next slide, please.

So, we have several responsibilities, and the way we actually do our work, we look at various issues that exist with respect to naming, with respect to addressing, and each one of those, we engage with the communities that we are a part of. We analyze and see what are the threats, what are the risks to the naming and addressing systems. And then we coordinate with other entities, with folks in the IETF, with RSAC, with the RIRs, et cetera, among others, to get and collate and collect data on that. Some of our members are part of the anti-phishing working group, they're part of the male anti-abuse working group, et cetera.

So, we are distributed across the security landscape as it pertains to critical infrastructure, right? So, that's our core focus. Once we look at that, we then look at what are the topics that are important, that we believe are important, or that you in the community come to us and tell us, you guys should be looking at this. So, we've had, for instance, in recent years, we've had folks come to us and say, can you tell us more about the impact, or potential impact of the

blockchain naming space that is being developed, and its interaction with the domain namespace, right? And as it develops, is that going to pose risks? What is the potential impact on security and stability? That's one example, right?

We've had other examples where we've had the ICANN Board come to us and say, we plan to launch New TLDs, and when applicants come in, they're going to apply for strings, and those strings, some of those strings are already out on the internet due to other reasons, and there are likely to be collisions when if we allocate a string that is already popular, or that is already being used on the internet. An example of it in the last time around, when ICANN issued new TLDs, was a string called .corp, C-O-R-P, right? C-O-R-P had not been an ICANN TLD, it's not a gTLD anywhere. However, several large technology companies in their manuals to their system administrators had said, when you're setting up your local network in companies, as an example, set them up as whatever .corp, right?

At that time, when they wrote the manuals, there was no .corp, so they knew that if you set up an internal network with every computer on the network identified as something .corp, it would be unique, it would just work, and they would be able to use the lookup properties of the DNS in order to route traffic inside of a corporate network, right? But imagine if that network suddenly is, if somebody applies for a .corp, and that .corp is a gTLD, and you have a whole bunch of .corps sitting inside of your network, right? Then when you send a document to be printed out, you send it out in Singapore, and it might end up getting printed in Delhi, right?

Because it's just been configured at some other company, some other place the same way, right? So, we provide advice on things like that.

Next slide. So, the SSAC in the last year and a half, we've done a few things that have changed our focus. We have said that there are five keystone topics that we always care about in the SSAC, and those five topics are listed right there in front of you. DNS Abuse, which if you don't focus on it, you're going to have problems with the integrity of the DNS, right, New gTLDs, I just spoke about that.

DNSSEC. DNSSEC is a longstanding protocol a longstanding technology that enhances the security and the trustworthiness of DNS. The short form of DNSSEC is that it's a technology that guarantees when you click on a link that comes into your inbox, it guarantees that you actually will get to that link, that it cannot be hijacked in the middle and taken somewhere else, right? So, that's what the DNSSEC technology guarantees.

I also mentioned earlier, we're looking at alternative namespaces, and including in, it's not just alternative namespaces, but it's emerging technology. So, we have recently been speaking also about the impact of AI on DNS Abuse, and how that is a brand-new area that poses new risks and new threats to security and stability. And finally, we also look at the SSR aspects of internet governance. Next slide, please.

The way the SSAC works, we publish documents. So, the group meets, we analyze issues, and then we publish documents. These documents are numbered, and that allows for them to be

referenced, that allows for them to be used, not just now, but way in the future. So, SAC006, I was part of that. And SAC121, right there on the bottom right, I was part of that as well. But that gives you a sense of, we've written quite a lot about DNS security, about DNS management, about registration data, about IDNs, routing security, et cetera. Next slide, please.

And most recently, on the left-hand side, you will see we have been focused on name collision, on alternative namespaces, that's what SAC123 is about. We've written about name server management, and also about DNSSEC delegation signing. Right now, we have three things that we're working on. We're working on DNS blocking. Now, DNS blocking is, we wrote about this about a decade ago, and a decade ago, we said certain things, but as time has evolved, we've come to the realization that in many jurisdictions, many governments actually implement DNS blocking as a part of their legal framework, right?

So, 10 years ago, we had said DNS blocking kind of almost reflexively is just a bad idea. Now we're saying it's now more nuanced. So, now what we're trying to do is to say, when you do DNS blocking, be aware of the consequences, be aware of the unintended consequences of it, and try and focus on being as precise as possible. If you do need to block, look at it with precision, but if you do it in a very rough way, there might be significant consequences. So, that's where we're working.

We're also looking at Open-Source software that's used in DNS infrastructure, and finally, we are looking at integration of

blockchain and other systems, how they can responsibly work with the DNS. So, that, I think that basically brings me to the end of what we're doing. Just one slide before that, one slide prior. Thank you. So, this is the new SSAC. A year and a half ago, the SSAC was mostly North America and Europe. So, we are steadily expanding. You will still see that we are at a zero on Latin America and Caribbean regions, but we are growing. And in the APAC region, we've had some significant successes in the last year and a half, recruiting qualified members who've come into the SSAC. So, I'm really happy about that, as well as in Africa. Next slide.

The team itself, you have all the people there, but the biggest thing with the team is that we work very collaboratively with the ICANN policy team, and our work is done together with them. They get a say in what the SSAC does, not just us as a leadership team in terms of how the SSAC works. And I'll give it back to you, Andrew.

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Thank you, Ram, for those important updates from SSAC. Next, we will have updates from the ICANN NomCom, and we have Ching Chiao here as a delegate from the NomCom.

CHING CHIAO

Thank you. Thank you, Andrew. This is Ching here. For those who know me, I've been in the APAC community for the last two decades. It's good to be back in this capacity as a NomCom delegate. Many of you here in the room serve as NomCom or have been in the process of the NomCom selection. So, once again,

welcome. My here, the role that I play here as one of my many jobs that we're doing right now, but one part of this at this stage is to outreach to all of you here, make sure that we have enough presentation from APAC. So, I'm going to run very quickly on the slide, but one slide, I'll stop to explain a little bit more.

I think most of you know what we're doing, where the singular focus is for us to act independently and to select the best people that we are able to do in this selection cycle. So, if your goal is to influence the global internet policy or you'd like to get engaged with other, I mean, industry leaders here, if you like to help guide the next version of the DNS, I mean, ecosystem, feel free to apply, that's what I will say. So, in this selection cycle, next, please. We're looking for leaders for three members of the Board of directors of ICANN, next. One for PTI, next. Three regional representatives for ALAC, next. One for ccNSO council, and then next. Two for GNSO, one for contracted party and one for NCP. Right, next one. So, this is the summary, and next.

So, things change since we made the announcement on the January 15, the opening of the process. It is due to the recent Board elections by the ccNSO and GNSO, meaning Byron replacing Katrina and then Greg, the current GNSO chair to replace Becky Burr on the GNSO contracted party house seat. So, we have acknowledged that, and then we have talked and discussed based on the ICANN bylaws, the regional diversity calculation that we understand that in this selection cycle, the candidates from North America are not eligible.

So, we have made the announcement on the application portal, and please feel free to reach out to us, ways to cure, ways to participate. We still strongly recommend that people from the North American to participate. That means that people from the APAC in this room, yeah, the chance is yours. Next, I think that's it. I'll be trying to keep my time like within five minutes. I have two other delegates here who might wish to say a few words, but before I end, I'd like to remind all of you, please apply early as soon as you can. It's because two, I mean, two particular reasons.

Firstly, I mean, obviously towards to the end, there will be flooding of the application, that's for sure, and for those of you who be in my seat, you've been through this. And secondly, this year we're using a new system. So, this will be new to all of you who apply. This will be new for us as well. So, get yourself familiar with the submission system, and then make sure that you submit by 28th of March. I'll probably see you in somewhere down the hall the next few days, but in any case, please feel free to reach out. I'm not sure if Nitin and Louis would like to have anything to say. Oh, okay. Nitin, all right.

NITIN WALIA

Thank you, Ching. So, Nitin for the record, I think Ching has already covered up the majority of the points, which is regarding the application process. The only request we have to this group is that we seek your participation. So, in case if any of you would like to apply, please feel free to reach out to any one of us if you need any help, any kind of assistance. Otherwise, the process is pretty

simple, and you have to simply go online and fill your credentials, which are seek into the application. And in case if you are not willing to do so, and if you think there is somebody within the region whom you know, please recommend him to step forward and fill the applications before the deadlines. Thank you.

CHING CHIAO

Thank you very much, Nitin. I have the flyers here. I'll be putting the link in the Zoom chatroom as well for the system that we're using this year. So, once again, yeah, thank you for your attention. Thank you.

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Thank you, Ching, for those updates from NomCom. Next up, we have updates from Yien Chyn Tan, who is the Director of Stakeholder Engagement in the APAC region from ICANN, and she will be sharing on APAC DNS 2025. Thank you. Yien?

YIEN CHYN TAN

Thank you, Andrew. I guess I'm going to start with... Ching Tan, if you could go to the next slide and could share the screen for the website, please. So, I'm going to start while we're opening up the website to check in in this room. Maybe just a show of hands, who has heard of the APAC DNS Forum 2025 already? Okay, not so bad. I was a little concerned. Okay, and the reason is because we're kind of getting a little close, right? So, May, and we did want to take this opportunity to also share a bit more details on the program.

So, in short, we do have side events as well on 7th May, that's day zero, and then the APAC DNS Forum will happen from 8 to 9 May. And then this time we're co-locating with the Contracted Party Summit as well. So, the Contracted Party Summit will happen from 5th to 7 May. So, of course, we welcome you to be there for the whole week, but if you are unable to, the breakdown is on top. So, you would basically pick and choose whichever that I guess is kind of the closest in terms of your interests. Also, this year, we're also co-locating with Universal Acceptance Day.

So, every year we'll have the Global UA Day, and this year it's integrated into the forum. So, it's actually part of the program at for the APAC DNS Forum. Jian Chuan, if you could open the website, please. So, while he's opening the website, on 7th May, I mentioned that we will have some side events, so that's day zero. So, just to share a little bit more on that, we are planning for potentially a closed ccTLD session. I'm still trying to snoop around a bit of all the ccTLDs and topics of interest to see what we could do there, because we do want to make sure that it's worthwhile for you to be there to have discussions with your peers. That would be in the morning for day zero on 7th May. And then we'll move on to the afternoon where we're planning for an APAC GAC session. So, it'll be in two parts.

So, it'll be capacity building. Currently we're thinking of topics of Next Round and WSIS, but of course we welcome inputs from the APAC GAC members. And then we'll end it with a network session. So, actually just a couple days ago here in Seattle, we did hold a network session as well, and we're hoping to gain momentum and

continue building that and strengthen that relationship across all the APAC GAC members. And then we do have a networking reception on day zero at the end of the day, and this is actually hosted by .Asia, so they're one of our partners for the forum this time. I'll let Edmund speak later during the community discussion.

He'll probably do like a marketing spiel as well to have all of you there. But the idea is really to have the regional folks be able to network with the global community as well, because as we mentioned, the contracted parties is happening right before. So, we're expecting global gTLD registries and registrars to be at the event. And I guess we won't be able to show the website, but if you're interested right now, you can search APACDNSforum.asia, and then just go to 2025 page, and then you'll see the program. But I'll post it in the Zoom chat as well later, so you all can take a look after the APAC space. Oh, we have it, okay.

So, if you just scroll down, please. And no, as in, okay, that's fine. So, yeah, I'll just speak to it, okay? So, because I wanted to give everyone a flavor of what we're covering in terms of topics in case you haven't seen it. Some of you might have heard this. I apologize in advance if you heard me say this 10 times, but just quick overview. So, we start on day one on 8th May with APAC DNS Forum, the opening ceremony, opening plenary. Plenary will look into the future of the internet. So, it is really a broad topic talking about an inclusive internet. And then we go on to the UA Day opening remarks. We do have UNESCO this time confirmed to be participating. So, from global headquarters as well as the Vietnam rep. So, opening remarks, and then we go into UA Day plenary. So,

also talking about enabling digital inclusion. And then in the afternoon on day one, we split into two parallel tracks.

Track A would be more on business side talking about how domain names are important as critical infrastructure. We're trying to pick people's brains a bit more out of the normal conversation. So, we're trying to have speakers from different industry, I would say. It's like blockchain, AI, to kind of share their perspectives and do they think domain names are still important. Hint, hint, yes. So, we just need to make sure that they speak about that.

And then also Dadeja is running a session as well on new ways of using domains. And then on track B, we'll focus on IDNs and UA. And for day one, we'll end with the plenary on Next Round. So, that is a key focus topic for ICANN and we'll be talking about that in collaboration with GDS. We're building a program. And then for day two, we start with the plenary on WSIS. So, this is a key topic that's being discussed as well currently. So, generally on multi-stakeholder model as well, we'll focus a little bit more on that in that plenary. And then we'll move on to a plenary on technical discussion on namespace evolution.

So, Ram mentioned earlier on emerging technologies, how does it impact the namespace? So, we're trying to have that conversation in that plenary. And then in the afternoon, we split again into parallel tracks. So, some topics, we have the NS security topic, holding this session in collaboration with NetBeacon Institute. And now we have a session on building next generation leaders. So, in the APAC region, I think most of you have heard of us talking about

APIGA. So, Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy. We do have some alumni here with us as well. But besides APIGA, we do have a lot of youth programs as well in the region. For example, Nat Mission, Youth IGF, et cetera, et cetera.

So, we're really trying to build youth leaders here by giving them the exposure to be on panel because it's usually difficult. When you're a newcomer, it's easy because you're just learning. And then you want to move on and to kind of progress towards being a leader. But that center part is usually the gap and the hardest to move on. So, we're hoping at this forum to give that space to some of the new generation leaders to be able to be on panel and start having that exposure to speak as a panelist.

And now we do have sessions on Internet Regulatory Landscape as well, as well as for sessions for registrants. So, how do we actually encourage more bulk registrations and getting hooked on domains is actually the topic. So, this is also run by Asia. We do have a session on expanding trusted notifier network in APAC as well. So, just as a background, quick background. In the region, we are also expanding on trusted notifier network.

So, across the industry, registries, registrars, we're also expanding it out to platform apps as well. Of course, this is led by community leaders, but it's facilitated by the APAC office. So, some of the pioneers that are leading this in the region is twick.asia.csc. So, they're trying to reach out as well to quite a few ccTLDs at least of what I know of, at least now some telcos as well. So, the idea is

really to strengthen DNS security as a whole in the region. And so, we're hoping to have that discussion as well at the forum.

And finally, a technical one on DNS operational best practice. And we're working on the collaboration for this session with DNS-ORG. So, there's a lot of information. I hope that I didn't confuse you, but instead provide a snapshot and maybe some of them really interest you. And I really do encourage you to be with us in Hanoi, but if you really can't, at least be with us virtually. But I do hope to see most people there in Hanoi, hopefully. And I'm going to pause here and then hand it back to Andrew for community discussion. Thank you.

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Thank you, Yien, and for those updates on the DNS forum. Our session now is for the community discussion. We have 10 minutes and you have listened to the speakers and if you have some comments and questions, then raise them in this time. We have gone 10 minutes past our normal time, but I'm sure we can get those 10 minutes from coffee Jian, if that's okay.

JIAN CHUAN ZHANG

Yeah.

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Okay. So, the floor is open. Please keep your questions or comments short and specific. Thank you.

JIAN CHUAN ZHANG

Vivek has raised a hand in Zoom.

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Yes. Yeah, just raise your hand and introduce yourself and then speak. Thank you.

VIVEK GOYAL

Hi, thank you. So good to be among people from Asia. My name is Vivek Goyal. I used to be; I've spent two years on NomCom. So, just adding a little bit to what Ching and Nitin said, you know, you doubt yourself that you may not be good for the position. And trust me when you're sitting in NomCom and you look through the applications, you're like, how can't we get one decent person for this job, right? You go through so much crap where there are people who are in engineering colleges saying, I would like to apply for ccNSO, ICANN Board and GNSO position.

And I'm like, all we are getting are students applying for Board, right? So, while if you have any doubts on, I should apply or not apply, please talk to us. Nitin and I are based in India, so a better time zone for you. I'm happy to share my information. I'm available in WhatsApp. Reach out to us. We are happy to solve any questions you might have, give you guidance, suggest possible ways to make your application better, do anything we can to help you to put in your application. But you know, please put in your application. Nobody can help us as Asian community if you do not put your application in, right? So, I'm offering my help to everybody here. Please apply. Thank you.

CHING CHIAO That is not in the playbook, but it's a better one. Thank you. Thank you for adding that.

ANDREW MOLIVURAE Thank you for that. Yeah, the floor is open. Thank you.

MABDA FAJRILLA SIDIQ Thank you. My name is Mabda. I'm an ICANN82 fellow. I have a question that I wish to direct towards the point from Board priorities. With regards to the New gTLD round, I was, I happened to join the GAC Africa session yesterday and they were discussing about the ASP for the New gTLD round.

And as mentioned in the statistics, Asia Pacific has the most applicants, which of course I think is something that we should be proud about. But I was wondering about whether you have any observations on interest from the region and the diversity of applicants from our region in joining ASP and whether there is any sort of like specific approach that is tailored to APAC when it comes to outreach because I observed that Africa has like specific strategies in localizing outreach. So, I was wondering if there's any APAC specific approach to that. Thank you.

SAJID RAHMAN Probably, I don't know, Samiran, if he's in the call, might help.

SAMIRAN GUPTA

Yeah, I'm happy to answer. Thank you. So, this time around, across the world, we've had more outreach and much more targeted and much more organized outreach. And we've had events, we've spoken at events or, and in our region, we've done a workshop and we have one more event. We had, for example, in India, we had Nixie hosting an information session and then we have one coming up, let's say, which DH Nick will be hosting later in, you know, in a few weeks from now. And then thereafter, we've got more events happening, one more, which is the Brand Protection Congress that's happening in Singapore.

So, there are many events that are taking place over here in the region, and we've been able to get the word out. But I also noticed that Bob, who's coordinating our efforts, is in the room. So, I'm going to request Bob to say a few words. Bob?

BOB OCHIENG

Thank you, Samiran. Bob Ochieng from the program Coordinating Outreach. So, I think in addition to what Samiran has added, we are working very closely with regional RVPs and for the Asia region. Probably what I would want to reinforce is we have developed a Champions Toolkit, really a very rich set of engagement material that has been posted on the Next Round website that we are really inviting you, the community, to make use of, to support us and extend beyond the reach of what staff can reach.

ASV is targeted at very specific set of entities, four broad categories, either not-for-profit, IGOs, indigenous communities, or small-medium enterprises. So, it's not for everyone. So, it is those

particular entities that we are targeting in those respective regions. And you know, it's open till November 19th this year. So, we do not have a lot of time to reach out to such entities that are potential. So, we are seeking your collaboration and partnership. And that's why we have availed this material. And it's in the ICANN six languages to really enable you to support our engagement efforts. Otherwise, feel free. We have a booth on third floor next to the GAC room should you need further information. Thank you, Samiran.

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Thank you. Before, yeah, I got Edmon's hand up there. Please, Edmon. Edmon Chung.

EDMON CHUNG

Thank you, Edmon here. Building on the response, actually, allow me to maybe advertise a little bit. DotAsia has put ourselves in as a pro bono support for Applicant Support Program applicants. And we're very proud to be operating .Kids, which is the one applicant that successfully went through the Applicant Support Program last time. So, we're happy to share our knowledge and experience and help more, especially coming from the Asia-Pacific region. So, just look for me, look for us.

We have our new staff member, Evan, from Turkey. Oh, I should say Türkiye, learning to read that country name. So, yeah, I think we're happy to help. I'll be in the THNIC event, actually, next week that Samira mentioned as well. And I think, you know, really hoping that more-New gTLDs can come from the region. Going back to

Yen-Chin's invitation for me to speak a little bit further, I hope to see everyone in this room in Hanoi. This is, I think, developing to be a really good meeting for the Asia-Pacific community. You see that we have a gathering for the GAC members. We have a gathering from ccTLDs in the region, and the contracted parties, so the registries and the registrars will all be there.

We're excited to be working alongside Yien Chyn and her team to have a couple of sessions focused really on the market side of things as well. So, it's not just the policy side, so keep that in mind. Yeah, so I would love to see everyone who's in this room to be there in Hanoi as well. And the last thing I did want to touch on is, Ram mentioned about the DNS blocking side of things. I think that's a very interesting discussion that is happening, coming from never do it to understanding the realities, especially coming in from this region, the Asia-Pacific region, for better or worse.

A lot of activities of DNS blocking are happening. We know that it's happening, but knowing the implications I think is really important. In fact, ICANN and APNIC and us at DotAsia, we have been running a IP Go and DNS Go game for capacity building, and this year we were just looking at adding a component, because we explained the DNS resolution, how a man-in-the-middle attack works, and how DNSSEC works. This year we're planning to add how DNS blocking works to explain in the capacity building. So, it is a topic that I do believe is very important.

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Thank you, Edmon. We do have time limits here, so we're going to close the session shortly. So, we have, I think, two speakers to finish off. I'll give it to you first, and then we have Barkha as the final speaker. Thank you.

PHAVANHNA DOUANGBOUPHA

Phavanhna, I'm the new GM of APTLD. Since I don't have time, so I would just say, really excited to be here, and thank you for the sessions with a lot of stakeholders, including GAC's. So the conversation will have to keep continuing if I don't have time to speak. Thank you.

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Thank you. So, our last intervention will be from Barkha. Thank you.

BARKHA MANRAL

Yeah, thank you, thank you so much. Hi, everyone, Barkha Manral from India. So, as we were discussing the technical and the non-technical aspects at the same time in this session, so I have a very, let's say, general question. So, I might be not aware whether that discussion is going on or not.

So, my question is, is there any ongoing discussion, particularly in the APAC region, about developing a regional framework in respect of DNS Abuse mitigation? We can take the example of the EU's DNS Abuse framework. So, my question is related to whether, is there

anything happening with respect to the DNS Abuse mitigation framework or not in the APAC region?

RAM MOHAN

Thank you. I think it's a really good question. This is Ram Mohan, just for the record. I don't know of something like that framework for the APAC region that is underway. I know of several national initiatives that have to do with addressing DNS Abuse and a couple of smaller regional efforts, but nothing that spans the entire Asia-Pacific region that I'm aware of.

KENNY HUANG

Kenny Huang, Chair of TWNIC, APNIC. Actually, I'll just add a little bit about DNS blocking, how to mitigate DNS Abuse, because I can already define some framework to mitigate DNS Abuse according to the country commitment. And also, we have collaborated with some registry registrar. For example, we have partnership with the DotAsia and also with CSC, and try to define some particular region, for example, like phishing, and that will be a technical identifiable abuse. So, based on the technical identifiable abuse, we build trust and notify framework with our partner. And we recognize each other as a trust notifier.

So, once they receive any notification from our side, they will speed up the process, providing we provide all aware evidence to them, so they can speed up the process to do the adequate mitigation process. So, I think that kind of trust and notify scheme can be

applied if you are interested, happy to help if you're willing to see how to join that kind of trust and notify framework. Thank you.

RAM MOHAN

Thanks, Kenny. One more thing to add in that, the SSAC is working and collaborating with the ALAC on a campaign that we're calling Safer Cyber. And the Safer Cyber campaign, we just have the first module finished. And that's a module that is focused on how to, not only how to protect yourself from phishing, but more importantly, what do you do after you get phished? Because as much as we all want to protect ourselves, we're going to get phished. And when that happens, then how do you protect yourself?

So, we have a module and the ALAC has produced that. That's available in only a few languages. I think in the APAC region, it'll be great for APRALO or others to get involved and take that material and have it made available in the many languages that come from our region.

ANDREW MOLIVURAE

Thank you, everyone. I think that concludes our session here. I want to thank everyone for the time and the important information that has been shared by the speakers. I'm sure the conversation doesn't stop here. Please reach out to those who might be useful to talk to during the networking and coffee break. I'll pass on to Yien for final remarks. Thank You.

YIEN CHYN TAN

Thank you, Andrew. Also, thank you again to all our speakers here for being with us and sharing a lot of insights here. We will take a group photo. We actually have the official photograph of us this time. And for our remote participants, this time we have a good room as well. So, please stay on if you can and turn on your videos. So, for onsite participants, if you could all move to in front of the screen facing this site, and I will have to photograph a take from here. And after the group photo, we'll proceed for networking. So, tea and coffee will be prepared outside of this room.

Actually, a lot of you, like I've been texting you before or during ICANN82, but I haven't even seen you here. So, I'm pretty sure this is the same for everyone here. So, please have that conversation, network here, and I hope you build new relations or strengthen your relations here. All right, thank you, everyone.

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