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MEETING



APAC Space

28 October 2025

Agenda

- ❑ **Welcome and Introductions (2 mins)** – Samiran Gupta, Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement & Managing Director, ICANN APAC
- ❑ **APAC Regional Report: FY25 Achievements (10 mins)** – Samiran Gupta, Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement & Managing Director, ICANN APAC
- ❑ **Draft APAC Regional Plan: FY26 – FY30 (15 mins)**
 - Samiran Gupta, Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement & Managing Director, APAC, ICANN
 - Yien Chyn Tan, Director, Stakeholder Engagement, APAC, ICANN
- ❑ **“Introduction of Project Jake and its Pilot System” (5 mins)**
 - Steve Crocker, President, Edgemoor Research Institute
 - Jo-Fan Yu, Managing Director, Taiwan Network Information Centre (TWNIC)
- ❑ **AOB (3 mins)**
 - ❑ **ARTICLE 19 DNS Abuse Study** – Michaela Nakayama Shapiro, Programme Officer – Censorship, ARTICLE 19
- ❑ **Open Community Discussion (15 mins)** - Phavanhna Douangboupha, General Manager, Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD)
- ❑ **Group Photo and Networking (10 mins)**



Welcome and Introductions



Samiran Gupta
VP, Stakeholder Engagement &
Managing Director, ICANN APAC

APAC SPACE

- ❖ “Space” for APAC community members
- ❖ To facilitate networking, discussion and participation
- ❖ Held at each ICANN meeting
- ❖ Community-led agenda and community facilitator



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APAC Regional Report: FY25 Achievements

Reporting Period: Aug 2024 – June 2025



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FY25 Events: APAC DNS Forum 2025 (May 2025)



- Hosted locally by the Vietnam Internet Network Information Centre (VNNIC) and ICANN.
- 351 in-person and 230 virtual participants over two days.
- Co-located with 2025 UA Day and the Contracted Parties Summit to enhance new partnerships among stakeholders across the global Internet ecosystem.
- Key topics discussed: New gTLD Program: Next Round, digital inclusion vis-a-vis Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance (UA), WSIS+20 Review, next generation leaders, and the evolving Internet regulatory landscape in APAC.
- Featured greater community involvement with sub-events and sessions led by regional partners.

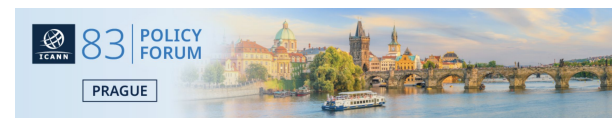
FY25 Events: UA Day 2025 (Mar - May 2025)



- APAC hosted 15 of the 59 UA Day events held globally.
- Local UA Day events were held in Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong (virtual), India, Laos, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines (virtual), Myanmar (virtual), Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, and Vietnam.



FY25 Events: APAC Space (Nov 2024, Mar & Jun 2025)



- 266 in-person and virtual attendees participated across three APAC Space sessions.
- Recurring topics discussed were the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20 Review and New gTLD Program: Next Round.

Upcoming FY26 Events



ICANN85 (Mumbai)



UA Day 2026
(Mar-May)



- Regional APIGA 2026 (South Korea)
- Local APIGAs (Australia, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Nepal, and Pakistan)

FY25 Projects – Strategic Objective 1

Strategic Objective 1: Strengthen the security of the DNS and the DNS root server system

- Beijing Guoxu Network Technology Co. joined as a participant in the Knowledge-Sharing and Instantiating Norms for DNS and Naming Security (KINDNS) program (Jan 2025). 
- DNSSEC Validation for Oceania increased from 44.53% (FY24) to 51% (FY25).
- L-root instances
 - Completed installation for CyberPeace Foundation - Ranchi, India (Oct 2024) and Vodafone Cook Islands (Nov 2024) (IPv4 only).
 - Completed renewal for ChungHwa Telecom Co. Ltd. in Chinese Taipei (Jan 2025)

FY25 Projects – Strategic Objective 2

Strategic Objective 2: Improve the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model of governance

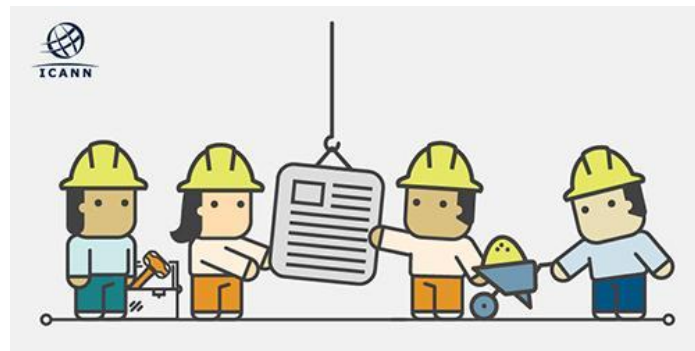


- Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA) Expansion:
 - Held seven Local APIGA events in the cities of Kathmandu, Greater Jakarta, Melbourne, Putrajaya, New Delhi, Taipei, and Hong Kong.
 - A total of 219 youths participated in-person across all these events.
 - A few Local APIGA youth organizers served as mentors at the Regional APIGA 2025 in South Korea (Aug 2025).

FY25 Projects – Strategic Objective 2

Strategic Objective 2: Improve the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model of governance

- APAC Community made significant contributions to 11 Public Comment proceedings. The top contributions included:
 - 81% of the total submissions for “Additional Reference Label Generation Rules and Related Updates”
 - 75% of the total submissions for “Han Script Single Character IDNs Generic Top-Level Domain”



FY25 APAC Leaders (1)

NAME	POSITION(S)
Ai-Chin Lu*	ccNSO Council Member
Akinori Maemura*	ASO Council Member
Ali Hussain	RSSAC Advisory Committee – Representative to the NextGen@ICANN Mentoring Committee
Aman Masjide	UASG Ambassador
Amitabh Singhal*	ICANN Board Member
Amrita Choudhury*	APRALO Chair and ALAC Community Engagement Subcommittee Chair
Anawin Pongsaboripat	UA Local Initiative Thailand - Chair

NAME	POSITION(S)
Anil Kumar Jain	UASG Chair
Annaliese Williams	ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee Chair
Antonia Chu*	ccNSO Liaison to GNSO
Anupam Agrawal	PTI Board Member
Aris Ignacio*	APRALO Vice-Chair
Balendu Sharma	UASG Ambassador
Bruce Tonkin	ccNSO DNS Abuse Standing Committee Vice Chair
Charles Mok*	NomCom Delegate for ALAC
Cheryl Langdon-Orr	ALAC CIP Small Team Chair

FY25 APAC Leaders (2)

NAME	POSITION(S)
Chris Chapman	ICANN Board Vice-Chair
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Gaurav Kansal	ASO Council Member and RSSAC Advisory Committee Representative to the ICANN Fellowship Selection Committee
Geoff Huston	SSAC Advisory Committee Member
Guo Feng	GAC Operating Principles Evolution Working Group Co-Chair
Harish Chowdhary	UASG Ambassador

NAME	POSITION(S)
Harsha Wijayawardhana	UA Local Initiative Sri Lanka - Chair
Hiro Hotta*	Customer Standing Committee (CSC) Vice-Chair, RSSAC Liaison to ICANN CSC, and RSSAC Advisory Committee Alternate for WIDE Project
Hong-Fu (Tom) Meng	GNSO Council Member (RrSG)
Ian Sheldon*	GAC Vice-Chair, GAC Operating Principles Evolution Working Group Co-Chair, and GAC Commonwealth Co-Chair
Imran Hossen	UASG Measurement Working Group Vice-Chair

FY25 APAC Leaders (3)

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Jaijit Bhattacharya*	ccNSO Council Member
Jennifer Chung	GNSO Council Member (RySG)
Jiankang Yao	ccNSO Council Member and SSAC Advisory Committee Member
Jordan Carter*	ccNSO Council Vice-Chair and Policy Gap Analysis Working Group Chair
Jun Murai	RSSAC Advisory Committee Representative for WIDE Project
Justine Chew*	ALAC Vice Chair and ALAC Liaison to the GNSO
Lu Chaoyi*	SSAC Advisory Committee Member

NAME	POSITION(S)
Manju Chen	GNSO Council Member (NCSG)
Naail Abdul Rahman*	Thaana Script Generation Panel Chair
Nicole Chan*	ASO Council Vice-Chair and Member
Nitin Walia*	NomCom Delegate to GNSO ISPCP, UASG Vice-Chair, and UASG EAI Working Group Vice-Chair
Pavan Budhrani	APRALO Secretariat
Russell Woruba	GAC Commonwealth Co-Chair
Sajid Rahman	ICANN Board Member
Sarika Gulyani	UA Local Initiative India - Chair

FY25 APAC Leaders (4)

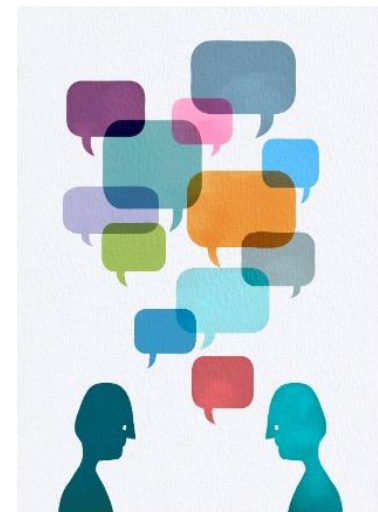
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Satish Babu*	ALAC Member and UASG Technology Working Group Chair
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Vivek Goyal*	GNSO Council Member (CSG)
Wang Lang	GAC Vice-Chair

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Wei Pei	UA Local Initiative China - Chair
Xiucheng Wu (Marvin Woo)	UASG Ambassador
Yangyi Wu (Walter Wu)	UASG Ambassador
Zhijiang Liu	UASG Ambassador

FY25 Projects – Strategic Objective 3

Strategic Objective 3: Evolve the Unique Identifier Systems in Coordination and Collaboration with Relevant Parties to Continue to Serve the Needs of the Global Internet User Base

- The “[UA Case Study - China](#)” was published in collaboration with China’s Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), China’s UA Local Initiative, and industry leaders to promote UA of Chinese domain names.
- [Published](#) Second-Level LGRs for the Balinese script and the Thaana script.
- Published seven articles to raise awareness on the New gTLD Program: Next Round
- Published two use cases from APAC on the successful use of new gTLDs/IDNs
 - [.商标](#) (.trademark in Han script) and [.网址](#) (.website in Han script)





Draft APAC Regional Plan

FY2026 – FY2030



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Drafting Process – Example (1)

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

13. Geopolitical Monitoring and Engagement

SUBGOAL

1.2.3. Proactively engage with governments, regulators, intergovernmental organizations, and other public policy stakeholders

GOAL

1.2 Enhance the agility and effectiveness of policy and advice development

ENGAGEMENT AREAS/ ACTIVITY

Monitor legislative initiatives in the APAC region that could impact ICANN's mission, and proactively engage with relevant stakeholders



Drafting Process – Example (2)

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

32. Increase ICANN's Coordination and Collaboration with the Numbers Community

SUBGOAL

4.1.3 Increase ICANN's coordination and collaboration with the numbers community for secure, stable, and resilient numbering and routing systems

GOAL

4.1 Strengthen partnerships with relevant stakeholders to reinforce the shared responsibility of ensuring secure and stable Internet's unique identifier systems

ENGAGEMENT AREAS/ACTIVITY

Coordinate and explore collaboration with APNIC for secure, stable, and resilient numbering and routing systems



Drafting Process

The APAC Regional Plan **focuses on 16 out of the total 35 initiatives** from the [ICANN Operating and Financial \(O&F\) Plan](#).

Refer to [Appendix B](#) (pg. 231 - 232) to view the mapping of the Strategic Initiatives to [ICANN's Strategic Goals/Objectives](#).

Strategic Initiatives

FY26-30

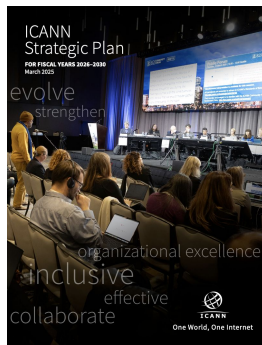
The FY26-30 Operating and Financial Plan demonstrates how ICANN plans to implement the FY26-30 Strategic Plan and carry out its Mission through Strategic Initiatives and ICANN continuing operations.

Strategic Initiatives are the projects that support the achievement of the strategies set forth in the [ICANN Strategic Plan for FY26-30](#). The [Draft Operating Plan Framework for FY26-30](#), which accompanied the Strategic Plan, provided the first view of the high level activities necessary to effectively deliver on the ICANN Strategic Plan for FY26-30 effectively. As part of the FY26-30 Operating Plan and Budget development process, ICANN has begun to develop project plans, which are outlined as Strategic Initiatives.

The Strategic Initiatives that are defined to support the achievement of the FY26-30 Strategic Plan have varying levels of priority and urgency. While some Strategic Initiatives might be crucial for addressing immediate organizational changes or the macro environment, others may be less urgent and can be initiated when the time is right during the five years.

Thus, it is important to note that the FY26-30 Operating and Financial Plan only includes detailed project plans for Strategic Initiatives that are immediate priorities. Strategic Initiatives that will be initiated later in the five-year period will be planned out in future years of the five-year cycle. Please refer to [Appendix A – Operating Plan Strategic Initiatives to Support the Strategic Plan](#) for details.

1. Pilot Holistic Review
2. Continuous Improvement Program
3. Improving Stakeholder Representation
4. Improving Cross-Community Collaboration
5. Improving Community Engagement and Retention
6. Academic Engagement Plan
7. New Skills and Leadership Training for the Community
8. Developing Pathways to Community Leadership
9. Coalition for Digital Africa
10. Facilitating Consensus in Policy and Advice Development
11. Improving ICANN Hybrid Meetings
12. Advice Consideration Process Improvements
13. Geopolitical Monitoring and Engagement
14. Policy Development and Implementation Process Improvements
15. Evolving Communications on ICANN's Multistakeholder Model
16. WSIS+20 Review Project and Outreach Network
17. Improve ICANN Org Agility
18. Annual Strategy Review Program
19. Evaluating ICANN's Funding Structure
20. Improving Forecasting and Financial Planning
21. Enhancing ICANN's Fiscal Responsibility
22. Evolving ICANN's Working Hybrid Model
23. Ecological Responsibility
24. Universal Acceptance
25. New gTLD Program
26. Identifying Opportunities to Enhance the Stable and Secure Operations of Unique Identifiers
27. Evolve Understanding of the Identifier System Landscape
28. Technological Development Assessment and Responsiveness
29. Implement an IANA Long-Term Sustainability Plan
30. Regional Events Redesign
31. Security Risk Identification and Mitigation
32. Increase ICANN's Coordination and Collaboration with the Numbers Community
33. Implementation of the Recommendations of the Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSSGWG)
34. Redundancy and Accessibility of Root Zone Generation and Distribution
35. Support Coordinated Plans to Address DNS Root Server System Attacks



Drafting Process

FY21 – FY25 Regional Plan

Strategic Objective 4: Address geopolitical issues impacting ICANN's mission to ensure a single and globally interoperable Internet

Strategic Objective 2: Improve the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model of governance

Strategic Objective 1: Strengthen the security of the DNS and the DNS root server system

Strategic Objective 3: Evolve the unique identifier systems in coordination and collaboration with relevant parties to continue to serve the needs of the global Internet user base

FY26 – FY30 Regional Plan (Draft)

Strategic Objective 1: Evolve and Promote ICANN's Multistakeholder Model to Sustain its Inclusive Approach to Internet Governance

Strategic Objective 4: Strengthen the Stability and Security of the Internet's Unique Identifier Systems

Strategic Objective 3: Collaborate with Relevant Stakeholders to Evolve the Internet's Unique Identifier Systems

FY26 – 30 Regional Plan: Focus Areas



Strategic Objective 1

- APAC community participation and leaders
- Ongoing communications on ICANN's multistakeholder model
- Monitor legislative initiatives in the APAC region



Strategic Objective 3

- Engagements on New gTLD Program: Next Round
- IDNs implementation work, UA activities and adoption
- Potential impacts of new technologies on the DNS



Strategic Objective 4

- Hold ICANN led events, speak and engage at community-led events and local/regional Internet governance events
- Deploy and renew L-root instances, and resolve L-root incidents



Check out the full [APAC FY25 Regional Report](#) and [draft FY2026 – 2030 APAC Regional Plan](#).

- This presentation on FY25 APAC Achievements will be published on the [ICANN website](#).



Send your feedback on the draft FY2026 – 2030 APAC Regional Plan by 16 November 2025 to apachub@icann.org.

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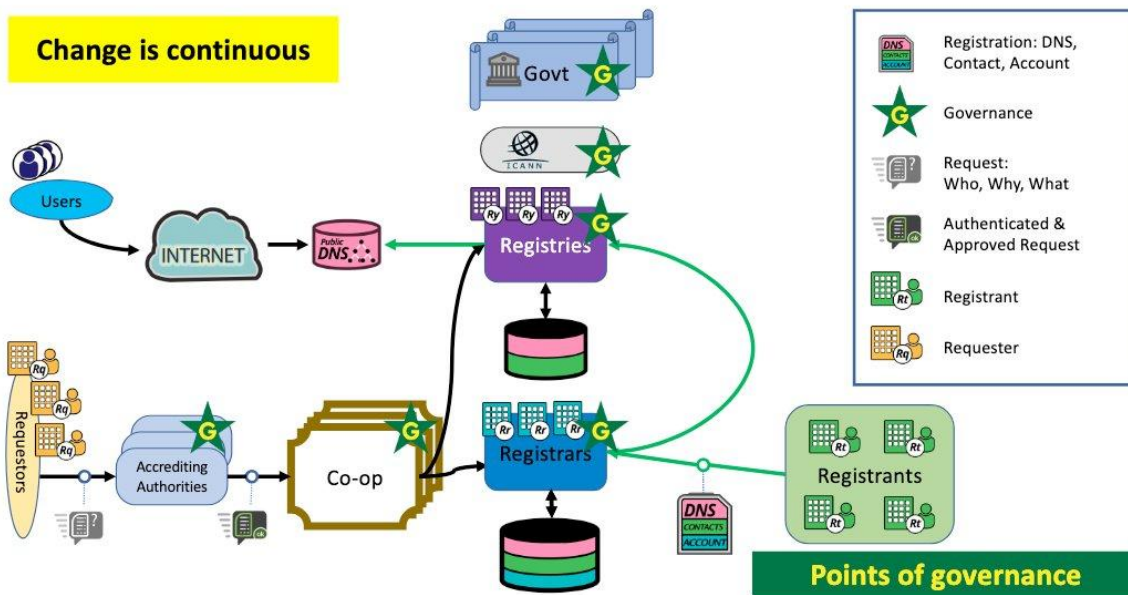
Project Jake and Pilot System



Edgemoor Research Institute/
TWNIC

Project Jake

Change is continuous



The Problem

- The old WHOIS system failed to keep pace with privacy laws like GDPR.
- The challenges faced by data requestors include data inaccuracy and lack of responses.
- The chaos also increase the operation cost for data holders.

The Solution

A voluntary technical framework -

- to modernize the collection and disclosure of domain registration data
- to balance privacy protection and legitimate access needs.
- that provides sufficient flexibility for data holders.

What is Project

Project Jake is -

- RDAP-based processes
- for automated, controlled access (including pre-agreed requests, requests requiring manual review, and requests from unaffiliated requestors).
- to label data according to different levels of sensitivity and validation, and to respond in accordance with data holder's policies.

Why Project Jake Matters



A New Framework of Domain Registration Data Disclosure

- **Policy-Driven System**
- **RDAP Implementation**
- **Secure Authentication**

ERI/TWNIC Collaboration Launched in August 2025

Focuses on the initial implementation of Project Jake, concentrating on the disclosure portion of the system.

Target to release beta version in spring 2026.

Key Benefits

- **Data Holders (Registries, Registrars):** Fewer manual requests, with consistent implementation and compliance
- **Requestors:** Fast, policy-aligned access. Know what data you can access and why before you request it
- **Registrants:** Transparent & limited exposure
- **System:** Scalable automation with governance built in

	Speed	Processing Cost
Anonymous requests (Legacy Whois)	Fast	Low
Public requests with identity and attribution	Fast	Low
Automated Credentialed Requests	Fast	Low/Medium
Credentialed Requests Manual Review	Slow	High
None of the above	Very Slow	Very High

Automation is important

What It Is

- Flexible framework for both Requestors and Data Holders
 - Data Holder = Registrars and Registries
 - Project Jake implements policies; it does not make policies
- Data Holders control collection, labelling and disclosure
 - Multiple levels of privacy
- Agreements between Requestor Groups and Data Holder Groups
- Agreements: approved purposes, privacy level, T & C
 - Reduce workload related to each Request
 - Improve common understanding
- Pilot with TWNIC by 31 March 2026

Why It's Helpful

- Verification of Requestors
- Increased transparency and visibility
- Compatibility with existing Registrar systems.
 - Early adopters will benefit from differentiation
- Distributed. No Central Control. Efficient
- Uses Standard Protocols
 - RDAP, OpenID, etc.

In Shaping the Future of Domain Registration Data Disclosure



Engage

Registries, registrars, and stakeholders welcome



Collaborate

Share insights and expertise



Build Together

Create a safer, transparent internet

Ready to participate? Join ERI and TWNIC in advancing internet security standards.

Discussion Time

10:00 – 11:30

Meeting Room

Liffey Hall 1 – Level 1

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Visit edgemoorresearch.org/jakespage to learn more and get involved.

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Thank You.

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Open Community Discussion



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APAC Community Networking

