

ICANN / NRO / WSIS Update

APNIC Annual Members Meeting

Friday 25 February 2005

Kyoto, Japan

Number Resource Organization

- Formed in October 2003
 - “Coalition of all RIRs
 - Website <http://www.nro.net>
- Umbrella for joint RIR Activities
 - Joint RIR representation
 - Interaction with external parties
 - Joint technical activities
- Interaction with ICANN Community
 - Though the new ASO

NRO MoU with ICANN

- ICANN / NRO MoU signed in October 2004
 - Replaces the ASO MoU
 - ASO as the interface between the RIRs and ICANN
 - Defines a global Policy Development Process



NRO

- NRO Executive Council for 2005
 - Axel Pawlik – Chair
 - Raúl Echeberría – Secretary
 - Ray Plzak – Treasurer
- NRO Secretariat: LACNIC
 - Thanks to RIPE NCC 2004
- Engineering Coordination Group (RIR CTOs)
 - Andrei Robachevsky (Chair)

NRO Current Activities

- Provisional recognition of AfriNIC as an NRO member
 - Likely to be recognized as an RIR by ICANN at the April ICANN meeting
- Response to WGIG Draft Working Papers
 - <http://www.nro.net/archive/press-releases/comments-wgig-drafts-200502.pdf>
- RIRs soliciting comments on ICANN Strategic Plan

WSIS

- Intergovernmental summit hosted by UN
 - Phase I: Geneva 2003 (complete)
 - Phase II: Tunis 2005
- WSIS scope covers all aspects of ICTs
 - Very broad scope of study
 - Content, hacking, spam, crime, digital divide, ecommerce...
 - Internet areas include study of coordination of administration of names, numbers, interconnection
- Outcomes include “Declaration” and “Plan of Action”
 - Guidance to UN and Governments
 - Non-binding, but highly influential

WGIG Status

- Tasked by WSIS to develop a working definition of Internet Governance, and identify relevant public policy issues
- November 2004
 - Membership announced (7 AP members)
 - Initial Meeting
- February 2005
 - Release of first draft of Issue Papers
 - Second Meeting, Geneva (14-16 Feb)
- July 2005
 - Submit final report to UN Secretary General

APNIC's Position

- Promote the need for continued stability in IP address distribution systems
- Dispel misconceptions and misunderstanding relating to the address community's policy process, the address distribution system and address distribution outcomes
- Promote a position of “do no harm”, and be mindful of cross-impacts when proposing changes to infrastructure administrative functions

Recent APNIC Activities

- Dispel misconceptions and misunderstandings
 - December 2004 publications on
 - The myth of address shortage in China
 - A background briefing paper on ICANN, the ITU, WSIS and Internet Governance
 - IP Addressing schemes – a comparison of geographic and provider based IP address schemes
- Responded to WGIG paper on Domain Names and IP Addresses
 - WGIG paper
<http://www.wgig.org/docs/WP-IPaddresses.pdf>
 - APNIC response
<http://www.wgig.org/docs/Comment-APNIC.pdf>





Recent APNIC Activities

- Added Internet Governance area on APNIC web site to publish digest of recent developments
 - <http://www.apnic.net/news/hot-topics/internet-gov>
- Support the development of AP regional perspectives on the WGIG activity
 - Collaboration with APDIP to launch ORDIG (Open regional dialogue on Internet Governance)
 - Supporting the UNDP APDIP Internet Governance Portal
 - Loan of 2 APNIC staff members (Kapil Chawla, Sam Dickinson) to assist APDIP in project
- UNECOSOC accreditation as an NGO
 - Official invites to UN meetings

NRO statements on WSIS

- NRO Statement in December 2004
 - Supporting the role of ICANN and its path to genuine internationalization and independence in its role
 - Calling on the US government for a clear plan for independence of ICANN
 - Support the involvement of the public sector, in the context of the current models of management of administrative functions



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Thank you



Questions?