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Workshop Summary Report

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Brief summary of presentations

•   Around 100 participants attended the Day 0 program, including around 60 yIGF participants.

•   Several presentations were made and these were conducted at the introductory level as this is a newcomer session. There were several speakers involved throughout. The key sessions are below:

- Edmon Chung, CEO DotAsiaOrganisation: Introduction to Internet Governance
- Paul Wilson, DG, APNIC: On Domain Name System, Critical Internet Resources
- Kuo-Wei Wu, CEO, NIIEPA: On IANA Stewardship Transition and ICANN Accountability
- Hong Xue, Professor, Beijiing Normal University: Internet Users' Rights
- Chat Garcia, APC, Senior Manager; JacKee, APC, Consultant : On women rights on the Internet
- Yasmin Masidi, Founder Empower Malaysia; Noelle De Guzman, Regional Coordinator, ISOC APAC; Prof Ang Peng Hwa, Director, Singapore Internet Research Centre: Panel discussion on Emerging trends/technologies

Substantive summary of the key issues

•   "General: Intro to Internet Governance" covered general Internet Governance issues including governance of Internet and governance on Internet, public interest, net neutrality, privacy and anonymity, and as well as key drivers and milestones in Internet Governance. This includes a brief round up of the players in the eco-system, such as introduction to ICANN and multistakeholder. There was a brief discussion on the multistakeholder model and its pros/cons in Internet policy making.

•   "Updates on IANA transition" covered the background and updates to the IANA stewardship transition. There were some questions from the Fellows on the future of the IANA transition, such as what is going to replace US government's oversight. There was also an observation from the audience that in part due to the discussion on the replacement, in India there is some revived interest (positive development) within the Government in what is happening now. The audience also engaged presenters and organizers on how we can get people interested within ASEAN, what are the efforts to build capacity, how Government can participate better, and how we can tap on greater help from the local community.

•   On the implementation phase for the IANA transition, there was further discussion on the impact on businesses, as well the importance of regional balance.

•   "Technical: How the Internet Works" touched on the management of critical internet resources, state of IPv4 vs IPv6 adoption, etc. There was discussion on the rationale for low adoption for, and measures to take for developing countries in terms of IPv6 adoption.

•   "Internet User's Rights" touched on rights to data, to be forgotten, consumer rights. A related topic on "Human rights and the Internet" introduced the concept of human rights and topics such as the regulation of content on social media platform; internet intermediaries, Internet shutdowns and disruption, defamation of religion, rights to access to information and women's human rights.

•   The audience engaged the presenters on questions such as abuse of rights, and overlap/conflict between freedom of expression and other rights. Some attendees spoke up to share the laws within their countries – Pakistan, India, Malaysia.

•   At the Closing plenary, ISOC APAC shared the development and security considerations for IoT (Internet of Things). Other panelists such as Yasmin Masidi also shared their perspective women's rights on the Internet, and other topics such as on the regulation of Uber etc.

Conclusions and Suggestions of Way Forward

•   Overall, the full day session was well received. Getting Fellows to attend the APILP was a good idea, as they had asked thoughtful questions that helped generate discussions throughout the course of the day long APILP. This should be continued. We should also continue to seek better coordination so that yIGF participants will be able to fully benefit from this program.