



# Asia-Pacific School on Internet Governance (APSIG)

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AP\* Retreat 2020

# Overview

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# APSIG: The Background

- The Asia-Pacific region is large and considerably diverse
- Participation from different regions and nations in Internet Governance (IG) was somewhat low in the last decade
- Many IG practitioners felt the need for a capacity building initiative in the region
- Prof Kilnam Chon took the initiative to found a regional School on Internet Governance (SIG) in 2015

# APSIG: Objectives

- **APSIG has the following objectives:**
  - Provide a capacity building mechanism to IG practitioners & national and sub-regional SIGs organizers in Asia-Pacific through its annual meeting, in both traditional IG topics as well as emerging technologies
  - Provide support to existing SIGs in the region
  - Provide support for setting up new SIGs and related initiatives
  - Provide a platform (“The All SIGs Group”) for SIGs to network and discuss matters relevant to them
  - Participate in SIG-related international activities (eg., the IGF DC on SIGs)
  - Provide support to other IG initiatives (including IGF and APriGF)

# APSIG Governance

- From 2015 to 2019, APSIG was governed by a small committee chaired by Prof Chon
- In Jan 2019, a committee was set up from the APSIG community to draft APSIG bylaws
- The drafting was completed in Jun 2019 and the bylaws formally adopted in July 2019
- Membership was opened to the community (37 members have joined)
- Elections were conducted under the Bylaws and the new Executive Committee took charge on 1 Sep 2019 for a 2-year term

# APSIG Executive Committee

- **The elected EC consists of:**
  - Satish Babu, Chair (India)
  - Mubashir Sargana, Vice Chair (Pakistan)
  - Dr Govind, Vice Chair (India)
  - Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Secretary (Nepal)
  - Ms. Nadira Al Araj, Treasurer (Palestine)

# APSIG Advisory Council

- **According to the provisions of the bylaws, APSIG constituted its Advisory Council in Dec 2019**
- **The following are the members of the Advisory council:**
  - Prof Kilnam Chon
  - Pablo Hinojosa
  - Ms. Shita Laksmi
  - Leonid Todorov

# APSIG 2020 Virtual Meeting

- After discussions within the APSIG and APrIGF communities, it was decided to co-locate APSIG with APrIGF for 2020
- An MoU for this was signed between APSIG, APrIGF Secretariat and the APrIGF 2020 local hosts
- However, the global COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the cancellation of the face-to-face meeting
- APSIG 2020 is now being re-designed as a virtual program. All funds raised will be retained for the next face-to-face program



# Future Plans

- **APSIG 2020 is now being moved to October 2020 as a virtual session**
- **APSIG EC will be closely monitoring the conduct of the first virtual APSIG so that we can integrate findings for our future efforts**
- **APSIG is still working for co-location with APriGF in the next face-to-face meeting**
- **APSIG hopes it can work effectively as a part of the Asia-Pacific Internet Governance community**

**Thank You!**