## APTLD UPDATE for the A\* Orgs Meeting Wellington, New Zealand by

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#### Membership: In and Out

- 48 Ordinary & 28 Associate
- a total of 3 Members lost on the YoY count, due to:
- Arrears;
- Technical issues (e.g. sanctions, government's decision on continuing as a member, etc.);
- Purported lack of interest in continuing with APTLD (2 cases);
- Still a strong interest in Associate Membership (4 new Associate members in 2024 alone);
- Attracting new Ordinary members across Asia Pacific has been a challenge
- Still, the largest Regional Organization for ccTLD managers

#### Amplifying the Community's Voice, Setting Wheels in Motion

Internet for All Statement Adopted in September 2023, in the presence of some A\*orgs

- Clearly defined and realistic objects;
- Actionable items
- Consistency in following up
- A dedicated session at the upcoming APTLD86 to identify specific initiatives to kickstart, bilateral and multilateral projects

### **Revised Constitution and by-Laws**

- The Current constitution and By-Laws are obsolete and ambiguous,
  thus giving rise to counterproductive and controversial interpretations
- The dedicated Member Working Group revised and revamped the documents to bring them in line with best corporate governance practices.
- The documents have been submitted to the Malaysian authorities for clearance and approval.
- If adopted, they are poised to help retaining a healthy and well-governed organization.

#### On a Lookout for a New GM

- The incumbent GM has been there for 10 years and is going to retire
- The Board received his notice in September 2023 and has been developing ToR until February 2024
- An open, public Call for EoI was launched in mid-May 2024 through mid-August 2024, resulting in 60+ applications
- Candidates should be shortlisted by 20 September 2024
- Shortlisted candidates to be interviewed for the job in October and November
- A successful candidate will be awarded a contract with a commencement date of 1
  January 2025, starting as a shadow GM
- (S)he will formally start the tenure at APTLD87 on 13 February 2025

NB: the whole process has been robust, consistent, fair, open and transparent, and competition-based.

# Questions?

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