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ATHENA FOO

Thank you very much, Mabda. Hello, everyone. Good afternoon and good time of day for those of you joining us online. Thank you for being on time. My name is Athena. I will be the moderator for this session. I am from the ICANN APAC team.

Can we have the agenda on the slide, please? So, we have a rather packed schedule today. And without further ado, I will pass the time over to Samiran Gupta, our Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement and Managing Director for APAC, for some welcome remarks.

SAMIRAN GUPTA

Thank you so much, Athena, and welcome everyone to this session. I know it's a little odd for those who joined online from the APAC region, it's not the most convenient, but thank you all for those who've joined. And I see several Board members who I acknowledge in the room. Thank you for being here with us today. Next slide, please.

We do this slide every time. This time, we've got a new picture. It's broadly to let you know what this APAC space session is about, particularly those who are new to the APAC space session. The whole idea is this is a space for community members from the region and part of the idea is to facilitate networking, discussions, and participation.

And it's very important to note here, I was reminded the last time that I wasn't very clear to mention that there is tea and coffee and snacks after the session. That's where the networking happens. And of course, there's a group photograph that takes place.

But we do this at every ICANN meeting and the agenda is community-led. And eventually, when we have the discussion for the community, that too is led by a community facilitator. Now with that, let me turn it back to Athena.

ATHENA FOO

Thank you, Samiran. Next on the agenda, we have an APAC board member sharing by Mr. Sajid Rahman, who is our ICANN board vice chair.

SAJID RAHMAN

Thank you. I noticed that it's 10 minutes, but I thought it would be three minutes. I brought in a backup. So, Amitabh will cover whatever time is left. And then we have, of course, CK, Christian Kaufmann, and Catherine, existing Board members and Edmon and Avri, our two distinguished, as Nico would like to say, ex-Board members, who obviously know much more than I know.

So, a couple of updates which I think is out in the public realm, so will not be a surprise. First of course is the New gTLD, right? So, the big achievement or the big news is that the New gTLD is now out. It will be closed sometime in August, I guess 12th of August. And we obviously are expecting quite a bit of participation, specifically

from APAC region, because it has always been somewhat underrepresented.

So, we are hoping more and more players would take opportunity of this New gTLD and will participate. To help to some extent, we have the application support program, which, of course, the fee is quite high, \$227,000. So, we brought in the Application Support Program to encourage more applications to go through the process.

So, we will see how it plays out. That's the big achievement, so to speak, or the big milestone. The second one, of course, is the broader governance team. As you know, we had a successful WSIS+20 outcome. So, of course, the broader governance team remains something to be closely observed by the ICANN Board as well as the broader ICANN community. The world is changing very fast and we don't know with the influence of AI how the whole thing will shape out in future.

Not only the internet as industry, but also the governance of internet, because a lot of players are coming in, a lot of players are putting in a lot of money in the space. So, again, this is an evolving space, but something I think all the members in APAC should keep a close eye on. So, that's the second one. The third one, of course, has been mentioned many times, but will continue to be mentioned is DNS Abuse.

So, this is clearly top of the agenda now for us. In fact, in Manchester, we almost spent a whole day, the Board, to go through

the DNS Abuse challenges, why we are not seeing the level of outcome that we would expect to see, what are the challenges to address these issues, how we can do the job better, what needs to change. And so, that became a big theme for us, and it will continue to be a them as we continue in the future.

The fourth one is, of course, the whole idea of, which we discussed to some extent in Manchester and to some extent also in the Board workshop we had beginning of the week or sort of like over the weekend, is the impact of AI. So, how AI is going to actually impact the DNS abuse, how we can use it better, what would the other players do to make it worse, and how we can prepare ourselves.

So, I think that's sort of the theme I noticed at different workstream happening this week. But clearly, that's something I'm sure a lot of you would be interested to participate and give us inputs on what we at ICANN should do to prepare ourselves better. Just to wear my finance hat, the numbers are looking good. It would be announced soon, but we have a good surplus this year and also the last year.

And we are now thinking how to allocate the fund in different projects, et cetera. So, that's something which will come up very soon. Also, I don't know whether you have seen that today the news went out that we are donating a million dollars to IGF. So, the news is out.

And essentially, I think ICANN is now probably, given the overall governance structure and how it is shaping out, we probably need

to play a much broader role in the internet governance than we used to do. So, these are the broad themes that we are now closely observing from the Board. Anything, Amitabh, you want to add?

AMITABH SINGHAL

Thank you, Sajid. That was a good sum up of most of the important issues at hand. I wouldn't know where to begin, but I think let us begin on a more somber note. We lost our sitting Board member, Alan Barrett. In remembrance, we do have a Memorial Day offer, so please do attend. You are free to pay your tributes. So, that's something you must note. And I think in his honor, it is befitting that we have a minute of silence among ourselves. Thank you.

So, I think he was a great Board member, very precise always, very well prepared for all the meetings, and I think the Board and the community will miss him definitely. Okay. So, with that, to move on and take up from where Sajid left, I'll try to involve everyone because I didn't have the mandate to speak today, but thank you for extending the time. It's important. So, on DNS Abuse, I think this is an ongoing concern with the entire community, we keep talking about it.

There are various policies that have been prepared in the past, approved in the past, and there are other policy development processes in place. One of them that is coming up is the Associated Domain Checks. So, anyone who's interested in DNS Abuse, and everyone should be, because this is a matter of concern for us, even if you wear an end-user hat, we are all affected by DNS Abuse, right?

And there are two aspects to it. One is that we try, sometimes we get mixed up with the technical abuse and the other kinds of abuse.

From ICANN's remit point of view, we are concerned with the technical abuse, but it also does impinge upon other aspects as well. So, at the Board level, we have been discussing it extensively. GAC has been very seriously concerned about how the progress on DNS abuse issues is. Sometimes we think we need to speed up our progress on addressing issues around DNS abuse.

I think it will again be in the news that we did work in this workshop here in Seville on the transfer policy which also has aspects of transfer policy for domains between registrars which has an effect on abuse. So, those are the kind of things that have been discussed extensively in the Board. We spent a lot of time. There's a lot of concern there, but we are addressing that. And inputs from the community is always very welcome.

So, when the ADC, the Associated Domain Check PDP starts developing, please do make sure that all of you contribute. It's important for everyone as a community. And also, do keep in mind other aspects of the DNS abuse that we have handled in the past and now. Connect the dots, see the larger picture, because sometimes to my mind, this is my personal view, is that there are many aspects of DNS abuse which we have addressed separately, but somewhere along the line we need to have a whole picture, so as we said holistic picture, before we start addressing.

So, that's something I would caution on. Sajid talked about discussion on AI. Now, if everyone remembers, as a strategic planning committee, we started our first annual review of the strategic plan 2630, and we received inputs. So, the staff within the .Org is currently analyzing the inputs. We have started some discussions amongst the strategic planning team. We are looking at the inputs.

We still have not yet come back to the Board from the committee, but we will do that soon once we have analyzed the inputs. But broadly, I think three things did come out, which the community has shown concern about in terms of what should be reviewed around the strategic plan. One is of course the impact of AI.

And I think everyone talked about the fact that we have four strategic objectives broadly, and AI impacts all four categories of our objectives and the sub components of it. So, we need to be very careful as to how we trade there. And how we review it and if there are changes required or not required, we'll have to look at that. DNS abuse again became a big topic, but I've already touched upon it.

The good news, Sajid shared, surplus coming up, so it's a big change after two years, three years rather when we had a different situation, so it's a total turnaround. So, I think we can thank the [00:14:04 – inaudible] for its contribution. And I'm part of the committee, so. Okay. Thank you. I think the other thing is when it

comes to community, the role of ombuds, I think everyone understands the role of ombuds.

We at the Board level have had discussions, we always do that with the ombuds, we try to see that we keep improving upon the ombuds work and how to support the ombuds in supporting the community. So, we try to keep improving on how the ombuds work for the benefit of the community. So, if there are any feedbacks, always welcome to share with us.

So, with that, of course, we in the Board do discuss about the internet governance broadly. We talk about geopolitical developments, but that's something as an input to do an environmental scan, so to say, which is the role for the leaders or the leadership to really keep in mind as to what's happening around and be mindful of it so that we actually use whatever we are seeing around to impact our policy discussions and the way we make decisions.

So, that's the overall perspective I could give. Anything else that comes to your mind you want to know about, any subject that we may have left out, please feel free to discuss.

SAMIRAN GUPTA

I will take you up during the community discussion.

AMITABH SINGHAL

Okay, sure.

SAMIRAN GUPTA

Thank you.

AMITABH SINGHAL

Thank you so much again.

ATHENA FOO

Thank you so much, Sajid and Amitabh. Certainly, has given us a lot to think about and discuss during the AOB later and the positive news of the surplus. So, hopefully we'll have more prosperous years to come. So, moving on to the next part of the APAC space, we have the community sharing, starting off with Avri Doria and Edmon Chung sharing more about the EcoInternet Index.

EDMON CHUNG

Thank you. This is Edmon here from DotAsia. Always very excited to be at APAC Space. I have to apologize ahead of time. I'm going to make my talks brief and hand it over to Avri, because I need to go to the ALAC room where the Universal Acceptance discussion is happening. Those of you who know me know that's a very passion of my work.

So, about the EcoInternet Index, we actually gave a little bit of an update last time in Mumbai as well. And we intend and hope to engage with the broader community to continue to work on this. This is a project that we started when the pandemic hit, actually,

when people suddenly were very concerned about the carbon footprint of the internet.

And at the same time, also, the ICANN sustainability discussion was ongoing. So, APNIC Foundation and us have been working on this for the last six years now. And this time around, this reason why we're engaging Avri is to look at it, because the pilot was done in 2021, and then a full index was issued in 2023. It's been a few years since the model that we're using has been used.

So, we're engaging Avri to take a look at uh where improvements might be. And as I was talking about AI, we're also looking at how AI impacts the work that we do. So with that, oh, one thing that that is really important is we really want to engage with the other community organizations to bring this to your local government and also bringing this to your local sustainability NGOs, because we have had a pretty good experience with a few of the NGOs taking our index and using it for advocacy in their local countries.

And that's the kind of thing that we'd like to spark. And as I mentioned, we're also communicating with the ICANN team who's working on the ICANN sustainability work as well. And hopefully this would be useful. With that, I'll pass to Avri. And I'll move to the other room so questions can be directed at Avri.

AVRI DORIA

Thank you, Edmon. Thank you for bringing me in on this. And yeah, in addition to being an ICANN process geek, I am also a research

consultant and do that. And can we have the next slide, please, and a little bit, have a very short time here on this. So, Edmon already covered the quick history of this, a report in 2023, and there will be another one in 2026.

That's not what I'm working on. What I'm working on now is looking at this sustainability project. And as Edmon said, is it working? Is it doing what the originators of it thought that they would want out of it? And how can it be augmented if it can be augmented? So, part of that is looking at the model. I don't know how many of you are aware of the model, but there is a sort of mathematical or formulae set of thoughts behind it in a model.

After three years of looking at results of the model, it's sort of looking at it as does it help? Does it give an accurate picture? Is it something that's useful to people? So, that's part of it. Can it be improved? How can everything be improved? So, that's a silly question. But how can it be improved? How can it be augmented? What can we do to make it more useful?

Because even if it is being useful to you all, and I really have no idea yet whether it has been useful to people because I wasn't paying that much attention to it until I was brought in to do. So, I'm coming into this as an outside investigator, though I did spend a year living and working in Korea, so, I'm not complete outsider.

AI was mentioned, has been mentioned constantly here. So, in terms of this, looking at it, how is AI involved? Can it be involved? And looking at it in two different pictures. One, can AI be used to

augment the study, to augment the data, to help build other models, to build the model out, etc.

The other thing is, is AI impacting on the energy used and such? So, is it useful in terms of building the EcoIndex? And also, is it affecting the EcoIndex? And trying to look at it in both of those respects. And basically, then looking at it, should we be doing more in terms of getting data at the moment? The data that's being used, the registries that are being used, are those that basically can be found for free on the internet.

Now, is there something more you can do, either by contracting to an existing registry of data, or actually do a certain amount of scraping if you can get all the permissions and buy all the privacy issues. So, that sort of shapes what I'm doing. It's a project that is to last till the end of this year. So, it's a half year project essentially. Next slide, please. So, some of the questions that come up, and I only got two slides, so I won't use that much time.

I can look at chairs and say okay, but anyhow. So, is the internet infrastructure and sustainability significant in DNS operations? In other words, okay, we can look at energy, we can say it's significant, but what what's the effect on DNS? How does it affect it? Is it an important factor in the analysis? Especially with regard to Asia, how can it model the needs and effects of internet rapid growth that's being seen in Asia, being able to understand that, being able to prepare for it and such?

How can the model help to meet global challenges? How does, I already spoke of, AI energy consumption fit in? Does anything else need to be measured and modeled? In other words, by talking to people that are in the area that are perhaps using it or perhaps would use it, if only it did this or that, how can it be improved? And the last slide, I believe.

Next one, please, is an invitation. Basically, come talk to me, come contact me. I'll be trying to contact some of you. Tell me who I should contact. Let's talk about the model. I don't know whether it'll be worth having a webinar or something along the way that discusses the model in a way that gives people the ability to look at what they would add to the model. It's working on a principle of three axes that are being looked at.

Does it need to be more multivariate, more axes looked at it. What else do you think needs to be covered in it? And that's my last slide, but just so I end on it. Next slide. That's the model at the moment. It's there in the slides. I'll certainly be happy to schedule some time where I talk about it and ask those questions.

But please, if I don't get to you, get to me, because I really need to hear from you all whether anybody has used it and how it can be involved and how it can be improved. Thanks. I hope I didn't use too much time.

ATHENA FOO

Thanks very much. Not at all. It's very good sharing. I think a lot of times when we think about the internet infrastructure, a lot of us overlook the energy variable aspect of it. And it's actually quite important as internet usage grows and we bring more internet users into the space and energy is often a consideration that sometimes it's a little bit of an afterthought.

So, thank you very much for what you do. We look forward to an interesting discussion after this. Next up, we have Anthony Lee from TWNIC. who will give us a readout on their Internet Week 2026.

ANTHONY LEE

Okay, thank you, everyone. Good afternoon. I'm Anthony Lee from TWNIC. Today, I would like to share a short readout of the Internet Week 2026 that took place from May 12th to the 15th in Taipei, organized by TWNIC. The main idea of the Internet Week is simple. We would like to bring the different Internet communities into one shared platform. Next slide, please.

As you can see on this slide, the topics include DNS, IP resources and network operations, digital policy, AI-charged platform governance, and civic perspective. So, Internet Week is a way to connect the local discussion with APAC and global Internet governance discussion. Next slide, please.

So, you can see from this slide, it shows that overall of the Internet Week 2026, it was a four-day platform with one joint opening

ceremony, six programs, 66 sessions and 170 speakers. We also have the 1,319 registered participants and 924 on-site check-in participants. We also have the 1,792 online attendance counts. So, actually I think this was not just one event. It was a connected week for different internet communities. The key point is that we brought technical, policy, governance, and important international topics to discuss together in the same week.

Next slide, please. So, what the program discussed? So, you can see the first area is DNS and unique identifiers less included registration data, RDAP, DNS security, Trusted Notifier, DNS abuse and identifier evolution. And the second area, so, you can find the IP resources and the network operations so that we combine together that including IPv6, routing security, and operator community exchange. The third area, that is very hard, that issue that for the community to discuss like the AI digital trust and the platform governance.

So, this was about the AI governance and online safety platform, the responsibility and the digital rights. And the last area is resilience and the public interest. This includes critical infrastructure, cyber resilience, digital sovereignty, child protection, and internet literacy. So, from this slide, we can see one very clear message. So, internet governance is becoming more connected across technical policy and social issues. Next slide, please.

And this is the fee rate. I think that is very positive. So, we can see the 70% of the respondents were very satisfied, and the other 29% were satisfied. So, you can see Also, we have the overall certification score 4.65. That's out of the five for the scale. And also, we ask the participant the willingness to recommend the Internet Week. So, that is also very high at 4.63. So, for us, I think this number is meaningful for us.

That means participants found the Internet Week useful and meaningful for them to participate. So, it's also show that it is the real demand for such design of the cross-community platform. So, next slide please. So, let's go to what kind of the topic they found in the session. So, this is according to our statistic, so we can count the participants for each session.

So, the 10 sessions, so by unsigned attendance, so you can see from this, the bar chart indicates the topics covered, child protection, AI, platform governance, internet literacy, infrastructure capacity, and the joint opening sessions. So, that's the information about the technical and the policy, and also that is a very important point that is for the social impact.

So, for example, the session on the child protection and the age verification had the highest on-site attendance. And the high-level panel discussion, trusted in every click, also have the strong participation. So, what does this tell us? It tells us that the people are interested in topics that connect the technology with the society.

So, online safety, AI trust, platform governance, and infrastructure capacity are becoming the shared concerns within our community. So, this is why Internet Week is meaningful. So, it allows the different communities to see the connection between their issues.

So next slide, please. So, this slide summarizes what we learned. First, community demand is clear. More than 1,300 people registered and more than 500 joined on site. The second, the hybrid access, so that is very important. So, it matters. So, we always use the hybrid to invite more people to join us, especially in the past ICANN and APAC engagement forum, and this year that is also prior to the Internet Week 2026.

So, online participation helped it extend the discussion just beyond the physical venue in Taipei. The third, we would think that the agenda basically works. It worked. So, the most popular session was not limited to one area. They chose technical policy and social themes. So, the key message is very, very simple. Internet Week is not only an event. It combines the different meetings, but it is an open space to connect communities together. It turns a separate conversation into one network of public forum.

Next slide, please. So, this slide that you can see is showing the very clear picture for Internet Week, in which a platform for Internet dialogue and communication. So, after the number and the result, I would like to move to the big meaning of the Internet Week. For TWNIC, I think the value is not only the numbers of the session or participants.

The value is that Internet Week helped the different communities meet in the same space trying to share with the different communities with their issues. They can have the communication there. So, over four days, it connected a local internet community with APAC and global stakeholders together for fruitful discussion. Next slide, please.

In the past, many internet issues were discussed separately, like the domain name, IP resources, network operation, platform governance, and social issues often have different meetings, but now the challenges are the more connected. So, something like DNS security is connected with resilience. AI governance is connected with trust and online safety.

Platform governance is connected with public interest and digital rights. So, the Internet Week model tries to create connected dialogue. It brings the technical operation, public policy, AI trust, online safety, and global Internet governance into one shared platform. For us, the most important output was not one single conclusion.

The most important output was the platform itself. It helped the different communities understand each other's roles. Next slide, please. Looking ahead. So, TWNIC will continue to convince Internet Week. We want Internet Week to remain an open and inclusive dialogue space. We also want to deepen the connection between local community and APAC discussion.

And we would like to invite APAC partners to join, support, and help shape the next Internet Week. So, I think this year, Internet Week 2026 was a very important step, but we see it as a beginning, and we will see all of you and invite you to come to join us in the next year Internet Week 2026. Next slide. Thank you so much.

ATHENA FOO

Okay. Sorry. Thanks very much, Anthony, and congratulations again on a very successful Internet Week 2026. I particularly like what you said about how it has become a platform to bring different communities towards a shared understanding even if they're not in the same room. I think this is what we've always been trying to do at ICANN and other similar IG platforms, internet, a lot of our community discussions and platforms, we always see, not that it's a bad thing, but there's familiar faces, but it's also important for us to continually bring new people, new community members because internet governance doesn't just affect us, it affects everyone who has to use and depend on internet.

So, with that, we'll move on to the last part of the community agenda. We will have our speakers from KISA, Mr. Sang Jung Lee, President of the Korea Internet and Security Agency, as well as Mr. Jungsup Park, Director of KISA. Please.

BOYOUNG KIM

Hello, everyone. My name is Boyoung Kim from KISA. I'm here today with our president of KISA. So, he prepared his remark in Korean. So, I will translate in English. Thank you.

SANG JUNG LEE

Hello, I'm Sang Jung Lee, President of the Korea Internet and Security Agency, KISA, which is the .KR ccTLD Registry. First of all, I'm very pleased to meet all of you here today at the APAC Space Session. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to ICANN and to all stakeholders from the APAC region for organizing these meaningful opportunities.

KISA is a government agency responsible for the Internet and digital trust in Korea. Our work covers a wide range of Internet-related areas, not only domain names, IP addresses, and domain names, DNS, but also cybersecurity, privacy, and digital user protection. Around 800 employees are working together at KISA to carry out these responsibilities.

As the head of the organization with such a broad mandate, it's not always easy for KISA president to attend ICANN meeting in person. Nevertheless, this year is especially meaningful as APIGA, which KISA and ICANN have jointly promoted, marked its 10th anniversary. When I heard that there would be an opportunity to look back on APIGA's achievements over the past decades and discuss its future direction together, I came here without hesitation.

KISA had originally planned to announce a vision for the future development of APIGA at ICANN86, so it's somewhat regretful that the plan has been postponed. However, I also believe this gives us more time to reflect together and discuss the way forward with all of you.

Launched in 2016 as a joint project between KISA and ICANN, APIGA has now become an important pathway for use young leaders in the region to think about the future digital era and participate in global internet governance.

The main achievement and significance of APIGA will be introduced in detail shortly by Jung-Sup Park, Director of KRNIC. In addition, at this year's APIGA, which will be held in Korea in July, we plan to widely share the achievements of the past 10 years and as well as APIGA's future direction and plans. I would like to ask all of you here today for your continued interest and support for APIGA.

I hope this program will expand to more economies and communities across the Asia Pacific region and further develop as a platform where we can work together to nurture future leaders in Internet governance. Thank you.

JUNG-SUP PARK

Thank you for all. My name is Jung-Sup Park, and I'm responsible for KRNIC at Korea Internet and Security Agency KISA. Before I begin, may I ask for a warm round of applause to help me relax? First of all, I'd like to sincerely thank you for giving me this valuable

opportunity to speak today. This presentation shares KISA's current thinking on the future of APIGA. It is a vision in the making, just a proposal of KISA. And we hope to develop it into a shared vision through open dialogue with ICANN and Internet Governance Communities across the Asia-Pacific region.

Next slide, please. Let me briefly introduce KISA. KISA is a government-funded organization specializing in internet and cyber security. Its major mission includes cyber security incident response, security industry promotion, internet infrastructure support, digital trust, and personal data protection.

Through these roles, KISA contributes to a secure, reliable, and inclusive digital future society. Next slide, please. This slide shows KISA's key milestone. KISA was established in 2009 by integrating three organizations related to information security, internet development, and international IT cooperation. Since then, KISA has expanded its role in line with changing digital environment. In 2016, based on cooperation with ICANN, KISA began hosting APIGA. Over the past decade, APIGA has grown into a meaningful regional program for youth participation in internet governance.

Next slide, please. KISA is led by President Lee Sang Jung. It has about 800 employees across six groups, 20 divisions, and more than 60 teams. Among them, the digital infrastructure group is closely related to today's topic. This group supports internet infrastructure, internet address resource, digital trust, user protection, and internet governance participation.

Next slide, please. KISA carries out both regulatory and supportive functions. It responds to cyber threats, supports the cybersecurity and AI security industry, protects personal data, and strengthens digital trust. At the same time, KISA supports the foundation of Internet, including Internet address resource and Internet governance. In this sense, KISA works not only to protect the internet but also to help build a safer and more trusted digital society. Next slide, please.

Now, let me move on to APIGA. APIGA stands for Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy. It's a youth capacity building program that helps young people understand the internet governance and participate in shaping the future of internet.

The Asia Pacific region is rich in language, culture, communities, and perspectives. This diversity is not a challenge to overcome. It is a strength to be connected. APIGA helps young people understand how the internet is governed, why the multi-stakeholder model matters, and how they can take part in Internet governance process. Next slide.

Since 2016, KISA and ICANN have jointly operated APIGA to empower young people in the Asia Pacific region as future Internet governance leaders. APIGA has also worked closely with regional partners, including APNIC, .Asia, and ISOC. These partners have supported participant selection, curriculum development, mentoring, and program operation. I'd like to express our sincere

appreciation to all partners and individuals who have supported APIGA over the years.

Next slide, please. Over the past decade, APIGA has achieved meaningful results. In total, 422 young leaders from 32 countries and communities have completed the program. Many alumni have continued their journey through the ICANN fellowship IGF, APRIGF, IETF, ITU internships, and other regional global opportunities. This shows that APIGA is not just a one-time training program. It's a starting point for long-term youth engagement in Internet governance.

To broaden participation, KISA and its partners launched Local APIGA. In this year, local APIGA is expected to be held in 10 countries, while regional APIGA will continue to be hosted in Korea. Through this regional local model, we hope to create more opportunity for young people to learn, participate, and grow.

Next slide, please. As APIGA celebrates its first 10 years, we are now preparing for the next decade. We call this Vision APIGA+10. The goal is to make APIGA stronger, more sustainable, and more influential regional platform for youth participation in internet governance. There are three key directions, institutional strengthening, regional expansion, and becoming a flagship program. Through APIGA+10, we hope to turn youth participation from a one-time experience into a continuous journey.

Next slide, please. To make this vision possible, we propose establishing a dedicated APIGA Secretariat. The Secretariat would

support year-round coordination, program planning, alumni engagement, partnerships, regional cooperation, and external communication.

It would follow the 5C strategy, coordinate, curate, convene, collaborate, and connect. It would coordinate APIGA activities, curate training programs, convene regional APIGA, collaborate with local APIGA organizers, and connect alumni with future opportunities. The detailed structure can be developed step by step through consultation with partners. But the direction is very clear. APIGA needs a stronger and more sustainable foundation for the next 10 years.

Next slide, please. This slide presents a possible roadmap for APIGA's next decade. In phase 1, from 2026 to 2027, the focus would be on institutional strengthening, including the secretarial structure, governance, partner roles, and funding framework. In phase 2, from 2028 to 2035, the focus would be on regional expansion, including more local APIGA programs, the trainer models, alumni mentorship, and stronger partnerships.

In part three, maybe in 2036, APIGA aims to become a regional flagship program and a reading internet governance capacity building initiative. This roadmap is also part of our proposal, and we hope to refine it together with our community.

Next slide. Before closing, I'd like to mention an important new opportunity. The Korean government is highly committed to building a prosperous and inclusive digital future for all. Recently,

the Korean government hosted the Global AI Hub event in Seoul, with major international organizations and multilateral development banks.

The Global AI Hub aims to address global challenges through AI and digital technology, while supporting safe, trustworthy, and inclusive AI governance. This is highly relevant to APIGA. The future digital society will not be shaped by technology alone. It must be shaped by people, value, governance, and participation. By connecting the global AI hub with APIGA, we can take more active roles in building an inclusive, trustworthy for AI-driven digital future. In this sense, APIGA can become a bridge between Internet governance and AI technology and AI governance.

Next slide. Let me close with this message, Internet for All. One world, one Internet. The Internet connects people, culture, languages, communities, and ideas across time and space. But the Internet becomes truly meaningful only when many different voices are welcomed, respected, and connected. This is the vision that ICANN KISA and many partners have carried forward through APIGA over the past 10 years.

As we move into the AI era, we hope to build internet governance where diverse stakeholders, especially young people, can participate equally safely and meaningfully. To make this future possible, we need your continued interest, support, and partnership. As I mentioned at the beginning, everything I have shared so far is KISA's proposal. We hope to develop it further

together and we would sincerely appreciate the interesting comments and suggestions of everyone here today.

And as a small token of our appreciation, we have prepared a small gift for everyone here today. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of APIGA, we have prepared a bookmark. It is designed in the shape of Seoul Tower, one of the well-known landmarks of Seoul. You can find it on the table over there. Please feel free to take one with you. Together, let us build an internet that belongs to everyone and a digital future that leaves no one behind. Thank you.

ATHENA FOO

Thank you very much for the sharing on APIGA plans. We are certain as partners of APIGA, we have seen how it has become a very important starting point for a lot of youth in the region to get into the IG space and some of them have also eventually found their way even if not in ICANN in other parts of the IG community and continue to be active in this space. So, we definitely look forward to the next 10 years of APIGA.

And we also want to extend our appreciation to Mr. Sang Jung Lee, the President of KISA for being with us here today. We'll move to the last part of the APAC space, which is the open community discussion. It will be moderated by Antonia Chu, Head of Internet Governance Research at CNNIC.

ATHONIA CHU

Thank you, Athena. So, this is Antonia Chu speaking for the record, and it's a great honor for me to be the moderator of this session. So, I noticed that we are running a little bit late for schedule, so let's just open the floor to any hands or questions.

Yeah, if you have any questions to raise for the community sharing speakers, just raise your hand. And if you are new to this session, you are also welcome just to stand up and let everyone know you. Please. Okay.

SONGO NORE

For the records, I am Songo Nore from Papua New Guinea in the Pacific Islands. I am so pleased to have the presence of people from KISA because I was part of the APIGA 2024 program. And I also want to acknowledge the chair of the program today, Athena Foo, she was part of the program as well, Amrita Choudhury, and the ICANN Board management here. Thank you very much.

I had a discussion on the intersession of internet and climate change, so I want to make some remarks on that. Yeah, we had some online discussions on that previously and nothing was discussed about that. So, you made mention of that. Yeah, how to measure the carbon footprint?

Yeah, I just want to ask, because I participated in Papua New Guinea Green Planets Program, which was supported by Global Green Road Institute, funded by the Australia's DFED. So, I just want to know whether we have come up with an AI model that can

measure the amount of carbon footprint that is released by, like, vehicles, automobiles or gensets, generators like diesel, fuels, petrol or diesel gensets.

Is there an AI model where we have developed where it can measure the amount of CO2 that has been released? Because right now in that little project that I participated, I used ChatGPT, and it gave me some answers, and when I submitted that as part of the submission of my project to an Indian consulting firm that was engaged to train us, they like critic my paper and they said what was the source?

And when I refer to chat GPT, they said you have to verify some other sources. So, I did online search and I used US energy production authorities to use the equation they use to calculate the amount of CO2 emissions produced by automobiles and gensets, but it's still not reliable.

So, I'm trying to ask whether there's an AI model being built already or that is in place that can be able to calculate the amount of carbon emissions that have been released by cars, automobiles, or other gensets.

And if that is the case now, if you can calculate that now, because I'm doing a project that tries to replace gensets with solar energy to offset the CO2 emissions. So, yeah anything around that, any insight so that can clear out here. Thank you.

AVRI DORIA

Thank you. You probably know more about it at this point than I do. What we've done on the project so far is used existing data sets and such that were not AI generated there. They were just the measured is one of the things I'm trying to look for is what data sets are there, how are they done, and whether AI is useful.

So, actually, talking to you at some point based on the release that you got would help me. But at the moment, I don't have any answers to give you. And I'll be especially looking for sort of AI to help me figure out what it is we're using in this industry and did the DNS industry in that and in terms of measurements of CO2. So, I think you're ahead of me at this point. Sorry.

ANTHONIA CHU

Thanks, everyone for the response. So, any more questions in the room. I noticed that there's a few questions in the chat room. So, anyone or the remote participation moderator would read the question out.

MABDA FAJRILLA

Thank you. We have received two questions online. First, Barkha's question is connected to Songo's previous question, with the expansion of AI infrastructure, which brings greater energy use and heat generation from data centers, is this an area that the EcoInternet Index is also focusing on? Is it an ongoing research? And second question from Ashirwad, how can we extend support

to regional IGF to be specific API IGF? And how can we discuss this in APAC space?

ANTHONIA CHU

Thank you. Yeah. So, I think the maybe the first the questions should refer to Avri. Yeah, Avri, please.

AVRI DORIA

I had trouble picking up on what the question actually was.

ANTHONIA CHU

All right, I'll read it again. As AI infrastructure continues to expand, bringing greater energy use and heat generation from data centers, is this an area that the Eco Internet Index is also focusing on in its ongoing research?

AVRI DORIA

That will be. In other words, that is indeed one of the things we need to figure out how much is that and what percentage is it of a global increase in the usage, what portion of it? That is indeed one of the points that we'll be looking for. But just starting the research now, so, don't have a lot of information, but have a lot of intention.

ANTHONIA CHU

Thanks, Avri. The second question is about ICANN's contribution for the permanence of IGF. I think in the chat room that this

question has already been answered. So, any more to add from ICANN? Yes, please.

SAMIRAN GUPTA

Just to add on, this is Samiran Gupta for the record, and I see that Shah Rahman has actually answered Ashirwad Tripathi's question, but he goes on to ask that since the IGF structure is becoming permanent, is there going to be additional support to the APR IGF?

And quite frankly, we've not really thought through it as much, but we do support the regional IGF every year, and it's based on the specific event that is held. And we will continue to support it, and what that amount ends up being is something that there's no fixed amount that we've decided. So, thank you.

ANTHONIA CHU

Okay. Thank you. So, I think we've cleared the questions in the chat room. Any more questions in the meeting room? No more? Okay, so I think it's, yes, we are nine minutes left for the end of the session. So, let's just close the community discussion. Thank you, everyone.

ATHENA FOO

Thank you very much, Antonia. Before we close, we've come to the most important part of APAC Space, the group photo. So, can we organize ourselves? Yep.

SAMIRAN GUPTA

The group photo will be taken outside and the snacks are also served over here. So, it's a bit of going back and forth. But if I may request, I want to just move out and we'll do the group photo first. Thank you.

ATHENA FOO

Thank you, everyone. We can stop the recording. Thank you.

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