Working Group Report
to
APNIC Member Meeting (AMM)
on
Public Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC)

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Working Group - Facts

- Formed at APNIC 30, August 2010, Gold Coast, Australia

- Original Charter – To discuss specific proposals in which
  Governments can further develop their involvement and report
  back at APNIC 32 – Proposed by Mr. Rajesh Chharia

- Present strength of Working Group Subscribers – 63

-Discussion Mode:
   - On-line discussions in the working group
   - In progress report presented in AMM at APNIC 31, Hong Kong
   - Face to Face Meeting with the Members at Busan on 29th August 2011

Revised Proposal Summary

- Public Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC) in APNIC is proposed to be a multi stakeholder formal advisory body comprising of:

  • Industry / Community participants

  • Government Representatives

- PPAC is a framework to institutionalize the private ~ public engagement within APNIC on matters relating to Public Policies encompassing all the facets of Internet.

- PPAC's role will be to work with APNIC on matters related to Public Policy Issues for development of internet in the region.

- It will pro-actively advise APNIC on new policies/emerging developments in the respective regions.

- It will also provide APNIC an opportunity to participate in the policy developments processes of respective member countries.

Revised Proposal Summary

- PPAC aims to provide an interface with appropriate Governmental organizations on matters related to the Internet community.

- Advise all stakeholders to propose ways and means to accelerate the availability and affordability of the Internet in their regions.

- Discuss public policy issues to foster sustainability, security, stability and development of the Internet;

- Facilitate the exchange of information and best practices.

- Strengthen and enhance the engagement of stakeholders in existing and/or future Internet policy developments;

- Identify emerging issues and to bring them to the attention of APNIC community.

- Discuss issues related to critical Internet resources.

- Work as an advocacy group to help the Government make informed decision in overall interest of growth of internet.

Summary of Discussions

- Opinions were expressed on the Role and Importance of Government in the Growth of Internet.

- Support was extended finally to the revised proposal of engaging multi-stakeholders for the body.

- It was suggested that further deliberation to operationalize needs firming up.

-     In summary, the queries were relating to understanding how the proposed committee will function.

Report / Recommendations

Report

- Consensus achieved in the Community to constitute the advisory body at APNIC.

Recommendations

- Executive Council (EC) to initiate steps to operationalize the body.

-The body be named "Public Policy Advisory Committee".

- Discussions to continue amongst the community to work on the fine print and structure.

- The conclusive framework of the committee to be presented in APNIC 33, New Delhi

Useful Links

- **To join the working group**:

 http://mailman.apnic.net/mailman/listinfo/wg-government

-**To view collection of prior postings in the working group**:

 http://mailman.apnic.net/mailing-lists/wg-government/

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