

APRICOT 2026 Fellowship Report

I would like to sincerely thank the APRICOT team for giving me this valuable opportunity to participate in the Fellowship program. I am truly grateful for the support, guidance, and well-organized program throughout the event.

It was a valuable opportunity for me to learn from experienced trainers and connect with professionals from different countries.

It was my third time attending APRICOT, and the trainings have always been very helpful for my work. Each time I attend, I learn new technologies and best practices. After returning to my workplace, I apply these ideas in our network operations, which brings clear benefits to our organization.

Among all the sessions at APRICOT 2026, the most valuable part for me was the Advanced BGP Masterclass. The training combined theory and hands-on lab exercises, which made it very practical and effective.

During the advanced BGP masterclass, we learned:

- BGP Configuration
- BGP Advanced Features
- BGP Scaling Techniques
- BGP Best Practices
- BGP Traffic Engineering
- BGP Communities and Multi-IXP Policies

Because the training included real lab scenarios, we were able to practice what we learned immediately. This helped me better understand how to apply BGP concepts in real network environments.

As a network engineer responsible for international gateway infrastructure, this training was very close to my daily work. It helped me strengthen my existing knowledge and also gave me new ideas to improve BGP scaling, traffic engineering strategies, and community-based routing policies in multi-IXP environments.

In addition, the overall event organization was excellent. The coffee breaks, food, snacks, desserts, and the graduation social event were very well arranged. These activities created a friendly atmosphere and gave us a good opportunity to communicate with other fellows and network engineers.

The APRICOT 2026 Fellowship has been a very valuable experience. It strengthened my technical skills, expanded my professional network, and provided practical knowledge that I can implement directly in my daily work. I am grateful for the opportunity and look forward to applying what I have learned to improve our network operations and share insights with the wider community.

During the conference week, I attended tutorials and sessions such as Interconnecting with CDNs, Git for Everyone, NOG Reports, Segment Routing, and the Network Management session where my colleague, Ulsbold, participated as a speaker. He presented our full automation workflow, from the source of truth system to configuring new IP routers in the production network. The system automatically integrates routers into the monitoring system, and all steps send email log alerts so we can monitor and check the configuration process. We have no vendor limitations and can configure routers for all the vendors we use. We learned and started implementing these automation systems based on knowledge gained from APNIC and APRICOT training courses.

The conference was also a good opportunity to share our implementation experience. Presenting our work was a big challenge for us because we needed to speak in English on stage, but it was a valuable experience and helped improve our communication skills.

In addition, we met with our business partners and representatives from other companies to discuss ongoing collaborations, current projects, and possible future initiatives. Before these meetings, we coordinated with our commercial team to define clear objectives. We also explored other companies' products and solutions to understand how they operate and what technologies could be useful for our network.

We learned about the history and development of NOG organizations in other countries, which gave us new ideas for improving our own community. Some of our volunteers also met potential sponsor companies for mnNOG, which is important for our future activities.

Overall, APRICOT was a very productive event for my professional development. It provided strong networking opportunities, allowed me to share and learn practical experience with engineers from the Asia-Pacific region, and offered cultural experiences through social events and traveling to a new country. It was a meaningful and memorable experience.