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Future of NIR SIG

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Introduction

- The purpose of the presentation is to have discussions on whether;
 - NIR SIG should continue under the current SIG format OR
 - Considering other format of the session may match with the realities

SIGs at APNIC Conference

- In the past, NIR SIG was one of the various SIGs organized at APNIC conferences
 - Database SIG, IPv6 technical SIG, IX SIG, etc
 - Initially started as a closed meeting for APNIC and NIR staff but changed to an open session based on community feedback
- Operational SIGs abolished its format as a SIG and had incorporated into other sessions
 - APOPS, IPv6 Plenary, etc
 - Initially kept as sleeping SIGs for a few years before the decision to abolish
- Today, Policy SIG and NIR SIG are the only SIGs at APNIC conference

NIR SIG Today

- Mostly informational updates to share NIR or APNIC activities
- While Policy SIG handles proposals, no proposals since APNIC25 (Feb 2008)
 - Proposals which effect NIRs such as Fee Schedule, Voting rights are now discussed at dedicated sessions organized per needs basis
- It is more similar to other APNIC sessions which do not take SIG format,
 - e.g. Global reports, APNIC services, which focus on sharing latest registry activities or services
 - Organize elections every two years as a matter of form, due to its format as a SIG

An idea for alternative session format

- Make it a regular session which focus on information sharing on NIR activities/APNIC services related to NIRs
 - e.g. “NIR Activities Report” session
 - The session will continue be held at every APNIC conference
- Will no longer handle a formal proposal but can continue to bring up presentations with discussions purpose per needs basis
- Making it a non-SIG format could:
 - Allow chance for wider NIR staff to chair the session
 - e.g., each NIR can take turns to chair the session
 - Consider a similar format as Global Reports where each NIR has a chance to give updates at each APNIC conferences
 - i.e., more comprehensive information sharing

If you think the idea is agreeable

- Let's try this format from the next APNIC conference.
- NIR SIG can continue to sustain as a sleeping SIG so that if any topic arises which needs discussions under the SIG format, it can be revitalized

Question

- Do you have any concerns if we the format changes to non-SIG, but continue as a regular session for NIRs to exchange information?
- Is there anything else we could change to improve information exchange on NIR activities?
 - e.g. have a dedicated mailing list for NIR host masters to share service/policy status?
 - Activate the use of wiki?

Questions?

