

AP* Meeting

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Agenda

Time	Program
09:00-09:05	Welcome
09:05-10:00	AP* Special Task Force Updates
10:00-11:00	Community Sharing/ Technical Coordination - Updates/Presentations/Sharing from Members
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	Interactive Discussions on Capacity Building Program Coordination
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:10	Interactive Discussions on WSIS+20 Review's Potential Impacts on AP* Community
16:10	END
17:20 onwards	Dinner/Social (Hosted by APNIC)



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Segment 1: AP* Special Task Force Update

Formation of the Task Force

- Extensive review of all the 3 different membership list
- Removed orgs no longer exist / active
- Determine who are the core AP* Organisations per the existing Charter / Member List
- Members from the core AP* orgs are invited to join as steering group members

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| • APAN | • APNOG/APRICOT |
| • APIX | • ICANN (APAC) |
| • APNG | • ISOC Asia Pacific |
| • APNIC | • (APTLD) |

Not meant to be exclusive club, just a controllable start. Will call for more members at the end of the segment.

Vision/Mission Statement

Existing

The vision of AP* is to provide a strong united front for all Asia Pacific internet organisations to deal with International issues of governance, administration, management, research, development, education, public awareness of the Internet

Proposed

AP* aims to coordinate and liaise across the Asia Pacific (APAC) Internet organizations in **coordinating and achieving our common and respective goals** on technical operations, as well as **global Internet issues as it relates to the technical functioning** of the Internet in the APAC region.

AP* Objectives

Existing

- **AP* secretariat** would
 - a) Act as **International Liaison** with other AP* organisations
 - b) Will **provide a framework** for the AP* organisations
 - c) Would provide an environment such that it is a **spawning group for new AP* organisations**
 - d) Will **foster creation of International bodies** such as MINC
 - e) Will **host international secretariats** such as DNSO Secretariat , ccTLD constituency secretariat (more)

Proposed

- To coordinate across the community of APAC Internet organizations on identifying shared priorities towards strengthening the technical operations of the Internet.
- To foster meaningful dialogue and exchange information on key initiatives and updates across the APAC Internet organizations.
- To provide a platform for discussions on a common position or understanding on ongoing global Internet topics, such as governance and research/education, and its potential impacts to the APAC region.
- To facilitate resource coordination across APAC Internet organizations towards effectively achieving common goals.

What We Do (Proposed)

Existing

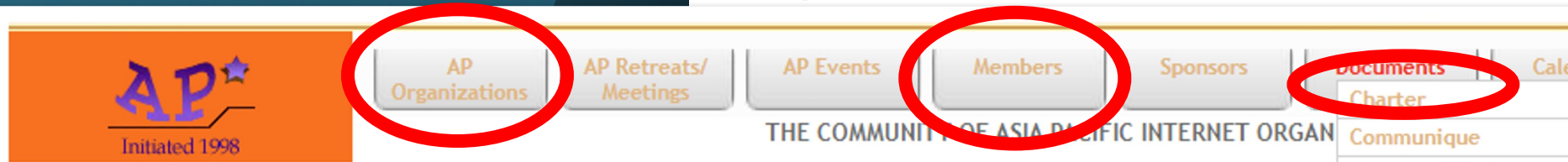
Nil

Proposed

- The AP* community gathers twice a year to discuss recent developments and updates impacting the Internet's technical operations.
- Where applicable, the community convenes intersessionally to provide relevant updates and/or form a common understanding/rough consensus on selected issues that may impact the technical functioning of the Internet in the APAC region.

AP* Membership

- Different membership lists can be found in 3 different areas with different list:
 1. Charter ; 2. “AP Organisation” ; 3. “Members”
- Different and sometime conflicting definition
- 2 types of members: 1. AP Org and 2. Affiliates to #1
- Some orgs are “key leaders”, some have specific roles which are no longer valid



i. How we could improve networking within AP* organizations.

APIA - industry people
APPLe - legal and policy and regulators
APNG - researchers and founders?!!
APccTLD - names people www.apng.org/apcctld
APNIC - numbers people
APDIP - UN developing country people www.adip.net
PAN - IDRC developing country people

Asia Pacific's Role in the future of Internet Governance"

APNIC - AP's Role in the Future of Internet Governance of IP Addresses
APIA - AP's Role in the Future of Internet Governance of E-Commerce
APccTLD - AP's Role in the internationalisation of Domain Names etc

This could be a platform for us to inaugurate a powerful Federation of Asia Pacific Internet Organisations (FAPIO)
Annex: Early document on AP* Joint Secretariat authored by Kilnam Chon, 2000.4.8

Who Should Attend (Proposed)

Existing

Nil

Proposed

Who Should Attend:

APAC Internet organizations, including but not limited to:

- Leaders of regional Internet organizations (e.g. APNIC, ICANN, ISOC)
- Leaders of Network Operators Group (regional and local NOGs)
- Leaders of Internet Service Provider(ISP)/Internet Exchange (IX) associations
- Leaders of Computer Emergency Response Team (regional and local CERTs)
- Leaders of country-code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) operators + Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association (APTLD)
- Leaders of Research and Education Network (national RENs)

AP* Membership (Proposed)

Existing

As outlined in previous slide

Proposed

AP* Structure/Membership

- Steering group: APNOG, ISOC, ICANN, APNIC, APNG, APIX, APAN, (APTLD)
- AP* Meeting – steering group + “who should attend” list + invited contributors
 - Non objection approach for registered attendees

Note: APTLD commitment is pending

AP* Retreat / Meeting Format

Existing

- Largely dependent on the co-chairs
- Regular updates/presentations
- Proposed session from the community

Proposed

- Name changed to “AP* Meeting” to reflect the actual format (not a Retreat)
- Trial and Error:
 - Mix of breakout/interactive discussions and updates/presentations
 - Updates/presentation segment to focus on technical coordination aspects
 - Where needed:
 - Intersessions to provide updates or prepare for upcoming AP* meeting
 - Liaise with other technical community for dial in/remote hub or other forms of collaboration

AP* Meeting Format (other ideas raised)

- On-site meeting– currently default twice a year
 - First meeting tagged to APRICOT
 - Second meeting tagged to APNIC
 - Potential third meeting to tag to other meetings in the region depending on objective and funding availability
- Networking session– depending on the meeting and funding availability, could be lunch, dinner, drinks
 - At the APRICOT meeting, typically overlaps with DotAsia hosted dinner, and AP* meeting attendees are invited to join
 - At the APNIC meeting, will tag on invites from APNIC/local host e.g. APNIC60 dinner at Hoi An
 - This will remain fluid for each meeting, until if we secure funding for this to be a staple part of the program

AP* Funding

Existing

- Support from meeting hosts (APNOG, APNIC, DotAsia) for main logistic costs
- ISOC/ICANN/APNIC provides sponsorship for Secretariat on-site support

Proposed

- Same as before but
- Attendance fee to (i) manage attendance number; and (ii) as back-up funds for incidental fees (e.g. venue cancellation fees)
 - Registration/attendance fee (only on-site attendees): 25 USD
 - [Reserve funds to not go beyond ~1,000 USD. Allocation of funds to e.g. coffee break, dinner if there are excess– to be handled meeting by meeting]
 - [Fees will be charged starting APRICOT2026; website to include information on fees charged and purpose]

Role and Terms of AP* Co-Chairs

Existing

- Changed each meeting
- No explicit criteria
- Terms = Appointed for the upcoming meeting
- Role = organize the meeting program

Proposed

- Term = 2 years
- Chairs to change in staggering format to ensure continuation
- Criteria: No formal criteria, but should at least have attended 2 AP* meeting and appointed by the community
- Role:
 - Key driver for AP* meeting program
 - Drive intersessional work if required
 - Chair the STF meetings
- Chair will not be elected until next meeting at APRICOT

Next Steps

- Integrate inputs from today's discussions
- Continue discussions on remaining topics such as Secretariat role, sharing of meeting notes, etc.
- Invite other members to join STF group

*Secretariat update



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Segment 2: Community Sharing / Technical Coordination

Discussion Flow



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Local Host Sharing: Internet Developments in Vietnam	VNNIC	10 min
Community Sharing: ICP-2 Updates	Akinori Maemura	10 min
Community Sharing: Establishing an Eduroam Confederation to Empower the Pacific- An Update	Brook Schofield	10 min
Technical Coordination: Social Media Protocol in Fediverse	Edmon Chung	10 min
I*/AP* Organizations Sharing	APNIC, ISOC, ICANN	15 min
Alignment: Sponsorships for Events	Joyce Chen, Edmon Chung	5 min



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Segment 3: Capacity Building Program Coordination

How Do We Go About This?

Overview (5 mins)

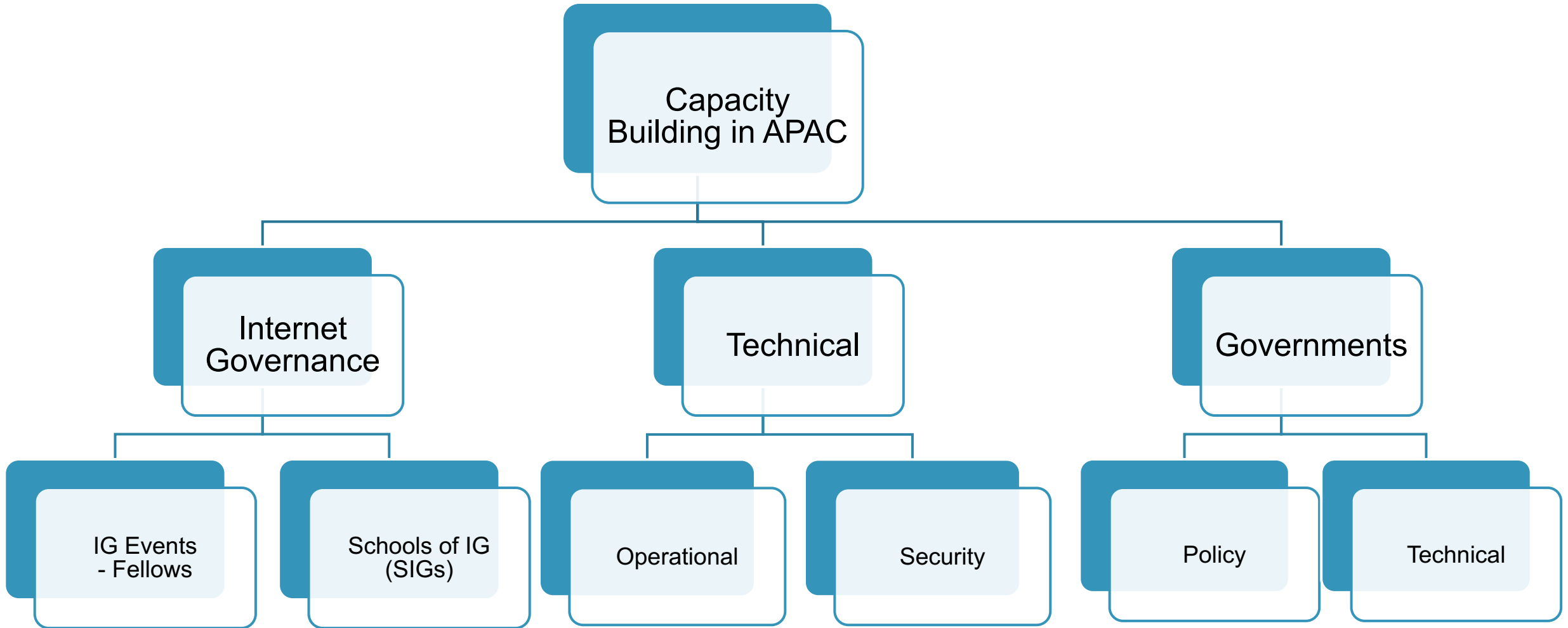
Breakout 1 (25 + 10 mins)

Set the scene: Sharing and update from different programs (20 mins)

Breakout 2 (20 + 10 mins)

How to better coordinate fellowship selection process and information sharing?

How can we tap on synergies and collaborate across our capacity building programs?



Mainly:
Parliamentarians
Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs)
Regulators / Policymakers

Programs focused on building next generation leaders? Youths? Youth-led initiatives?

Breakout 1: Guiding Questions

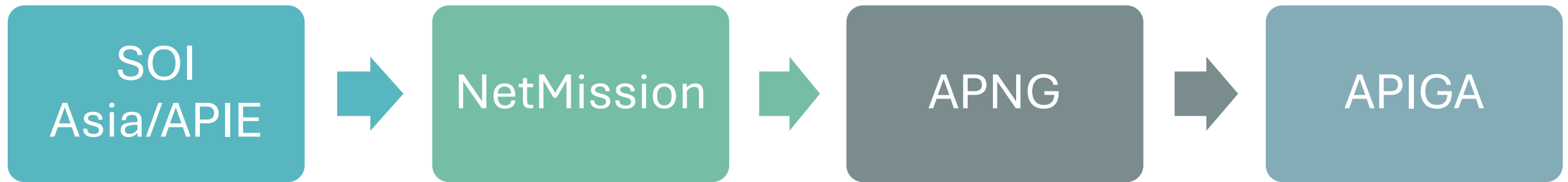


1. Should we, and how can we share information on selected fellows (whether they are good or bad, or anything to note)?
2. How is your program addressing use of AI for fellowship applications?

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Set the Scene – Sharing from Existing Programs



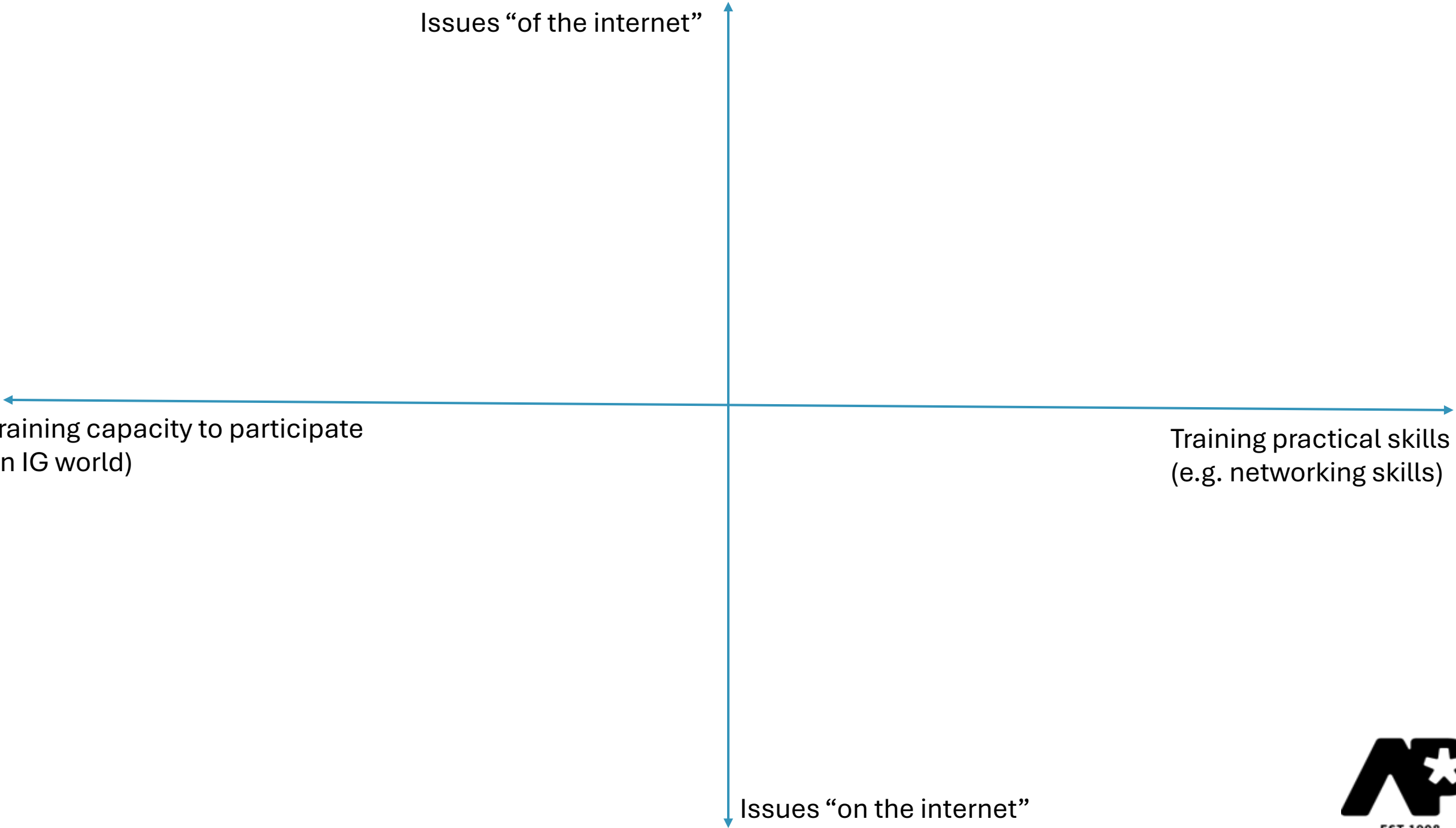
Breakout 2: Guiding Questions



How can we tap on synergies and collaborate across our capacity building programs?

[Note: This discussion will focus on youth programs, training youths, and youth-led initiatives]

Issues “of the internet”



Training capacity to participate
(in IG world)

Training practical skills
(e.g. networking skills)

Issues “on the internet”



Fully Remote

Fellowship- specific
expertise/group

Fellowship- mixed
background

Only On Site





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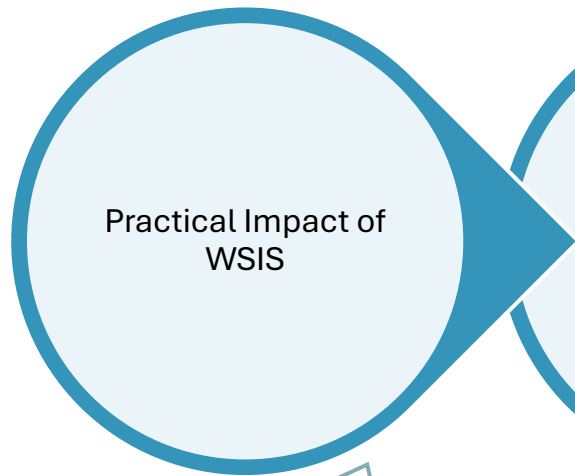
Segment 4: WSIS+20 Review

How Do We Go About This?



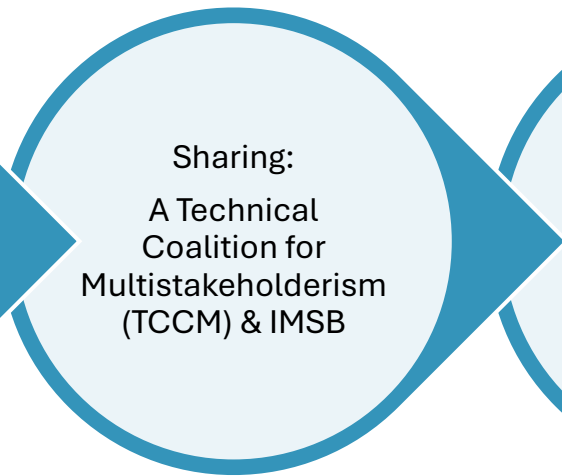
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~15 Min



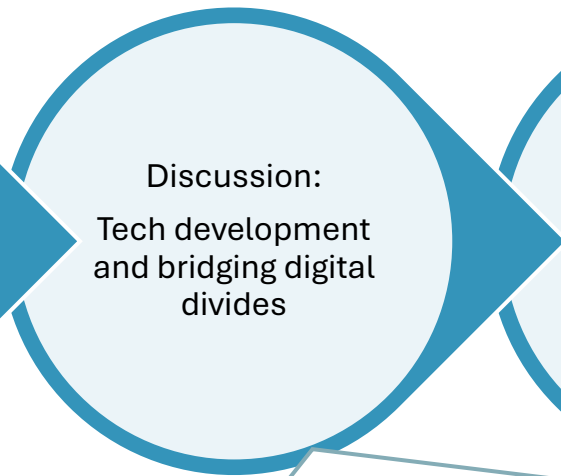
Practical Impact of
WSIS

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Sharing:
A Technical
Coalition for
Multistakeholderism
(TCCM) & IMSB

~30 Min



Discussion:
Tech development
and bridging digital
divides

~30 Min



Discussion:
Financial
mechanism and IG

~20 Min



Feedback + Next
step

“How WSIS may affect Govt actions, investment and policies”
- Ian Sheldon, Australia

- Discussion to be divided into 2 groups:
- Group 1 – Focusing on impacts on technical community and technical development
 - Group 2 – Focusing on public policy issues and impact

Group Division

Tech – In-Person

- **Ian / Joyce**
- Noriatsu Kudo
- Akinori Maemura
- Achmad Thamrin
- Toshiaki Tateishi
- Kams Yeung
- Raquel Gomez
- Joy Chan
- Rupesh Shrestha
- Bikram Shrestha

Tech – Remote

- **Jennifer Chung**
- Edmon Chung
- Jean Queralt
- Sunny Chendi
- Sunyong Yang
- Shyama Sagarika
- Ole Jacobsen
- Hiro Hotta
- Brook Schofield

IG – In-Person

- **Ian / Joyce**
- Jo-Fan Yu
- Yien Chyn Tan
- Athena Foo
- Joyce Chen
- Phyo Thiri Lwin
- Alban Kwan
- Charles Noir
- Thuy Nguyen Thi Thu

IG – Remote

- **Amrita Choudhury**
- Cheryl Langdon-Orr
- Sylvia Cadena
- Bea Guevarra
- Evin Erdogdu
- Jenna Fung
- Felix Hlatky
- Doowan Lee
- Kilnam Chon
- Rani Retmono

Information and communications technologies for development

- WSIS+20 Zero Draft Summary



- **Deeply concerned** - digital divides and inequalities between and within countries, regions and communities
 - 1/3 still no access to Internet + limited local content + limited digital skills
- **Recognise** - United Nations Group on the Information Society (UNGIS) created a **matrix** aligning the outcomes of WSIS, SDG and GDC
- **Acknowledge** - the importance of and the need to increase investment of:
 - Digital public goods – open-source software, data, AI model, standards, and content
 - Content: adhere to privacy and other applicable international laws, standards and best practices and do no harm
 - **Digital public infrastructure - Resilient, safe, inclusive and interoperable**
 - Multiple models – and each society will develop, and use share digital systems according to its priorities and needs

Bridging digital divides - WSIS+20 Zero Draft Summary



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- **Concerned** – high-income countries using internet is 3.5 times of low-income; rural area only 50% population have access to Internet
- **Particularly concerned** – gender digital divides
- **Call for concerted action** - promote accessibility and equal access by persons with disabilities as a priority.
- **Further concerned** - elderly, ethnic and linguistic minorities, Indigenous Peoples, refugees and migrants are underrepresented online
- **Particular concerned** - digital divides between and within regions and countries, and within societies, and the rapid pace of development of digital technologies, may exacerbate economic and social inequalities

Bridging digital divides - WSIS+20 Zero Draft Summary



- **Determined** – achievement of universal meaningful and affordable access to the Internet and digital services
 - **Networks of high capabilities**; Affordability of access, data and devices; Availability of content (multilingual); Capability to make effective use of it
- **Committed** - achieving **entry-level broadband subscription costs** that are accessible to the widest section of the population
- **Reiterate** – the need for multilingual local content and services
- **Reiterate** – the need for capacity building to use the technology
- **Call on** - governments, multilateral development banks, relevant international organisations and the private sector – to **develop financing mechanism and incentives to connect the unconnected**

Sample discussion questions:

20 Min

Any positive development that we should voice our support?

Group 1

- What are the key difficulties in digital public infra development?
- Is “acknowledge” the importance of digital infra dev enough?
- What kind of inter-govt coop is required to build more networks of high capabilities?
- Can the tech community support this development? How?
- What needs to happen to ensure entry-level broadband subscription costs is affordable to everyone?

Group 2:

- Does the WSIS text addressed all the social concerns in APAC?
- Are the concerns practical?
- How can we measure these?
- How would you like MSM involved in the process? Should MSM involvement be explicitly mentioned in the text?

Financial Mechanism - WSIS+20 Zero Draft Summary



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- **Recognise** – Scope and scale of ICT investment grown enormously, but require further sustained investment in infrastructure and services, capacity-building, R&D and transfer of tech, with public and private funds
- **Call on** – all **stakeholders** to promote an enabling policy environment for investment, and foster public-private investment
- **Note and reaffirm** – Sevilla Commitment – to close infrastructure gap
- **Recognise** – critical importance of private sector investment; encourage govt to create legal and regulatory framework conducive to increase investment
- **Recognise** – development banks and public funding played an important role

Internet Governance - WSIS+20 Zero Draft Summary



- **Reaffirm** - the working definition of Internet Governance in Tunis Agenda and Geneva Declaration of Principles that the management of the Internet encompasses **both technical and public policy issues**
- **Recognise** – the need to promote greater participation and engagement in Internet governance discussions by all MSM
- **Reaffirm** - that IG should follow the principles setup in Geneva and Tunis agenda, but also highlight “**enhanced cooperation**” is part of it
 - WGEW (Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation) to develop recommendation on how to implement “**enhanced cooperation**”
- **Call on** – member states and MSM to continue cooperation

Internet Governance - WSIS+20 Zero Draft Summary

- **Welcome** – the evolution of IGF from annual meeting to an ecosystem
- **Request** – Annual report on its progress to Commission on Science and Technology for Development
- **Decide** – IGF shall be made permanent forum of UN
- **Call upon** – IGF to report on outcomes (meeting and intersessional) to relevant UN agencies to duly take IGF outcomes into account
- **Call upon** – IGF to enhance its working modalities; enforcing its intersessional work and supporting national/regional initiatives (NRIs)
- **Call for** – Strengthening of the Secretariat of IGF and
- **Invite** - Secretary-General to make proposals concerning future funding

Sample discussion questions:

25 Min

Any positive development that we should voice our support?

Group 1

- How can tech community draw funding from Sevilla Commitment? (closing investment gap of USD4 Trillion per year)
- Is Private Sector doing enough in APAC? How can we engage with them and raise their interest to support?
- How to better matching the need and investment commitment?
- Is there a role for AP* facilitate further discussion?

Group 2

- Are you satisfied with the text in WSIS?
- How can the MSM involved in the discussion with Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation?
- Any areas you want to change/improve regarding how IGF should be enhanced / strengthened?

Next steps: WSIS+20



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- Do we need to anything as AP* Community?
 - Submit written input on Zero Draft
 - Engage with APT in our respective country
 - Further coordination / discussion



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Wrap up