One of the key regional initiatives on Internet governance, the 10th Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) convened in Vladivostok, Russian Federation. ICANN org participated actively in the multistakeholder platform, including organizing a session titled “Universality of the Domain Name System,” urging for Internet systems and applications to be Universal Acceptance-ready.

ICANN and the Korea Internet and Security Agency (KISA) co-organized the 4th Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy (APIGA), a five-day capacity-building workshop targeting young people.

ICANN org participated in the annual CyFy conference in New Delhi, India, in a Speed Talk keynote as well as a panel session. The Speed Talk session focused on potential adverse impacts new technologies could have on the unified Internet.

The inaugural India Internet Week was organized by India Internet Foundation. ICANN org participated in several programs during the week, including the Youth Internet Governance Forum and the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise Internet Infrastructure Initiative.

The China UA Local Initiative is officially launched by the Internet Society of China (ISC).

A first-ever ICANN Readout was held for APAC Space where prominent APAC community leaders shared their key perspectives and takeaways from ICANN67.

Work is underway to install the first ICANN-Managed Root Server (IMRS) instance in the Republic of Palau. There are now 22 IMRS instances located in 12 economies in Oceania.
In 2019, ICANN and NASSCOM’s Center of Excellence for Internet of Things (IoT) embarked on a research project on the Domain Name System (DNS) and Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) in the IoT context.

The research team tested the use of the DNS to update IoT firmware, studying how the proposed technology could scale outside a lab environment. The team published its findings in early 2020, which generated keen interest amongst the ICANN community in India.

This project is the result of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in June 2018. The MoU aims to enhance collaboration and engagement activities that will foster innovation in Internet identifier technologies. Both parties are now working on defining the next project.

**SUPPORTING A MULTILINGUAL INTERNET IN ASIA PACIFIC**

The Neo-Brahmi Generation Panel (NBGP) was first seated in May 2015 with 65 members from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Singapore, and Sri Lanka. The Panel tasked itself to work on the Label Generation Rules (LGR) of nine scripts: Bengali (Bangla), Devanagari, Gurmukhi, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Odiya, Tamil, and Telugu. These nine scripts are used to write scores of languages spoken in the Indian subcontinent.

In April last year, the LGR of eight NBGP scripts were integrated into the root zone. On 29 June 2020, the last script from NBGP, Bengali (Bangla), was included in the fourth version of Root Zone Label Generation Rules, together with Chinese and Malayalam scripts.

The LGRs enable a transparent mechanism for communities to determine valid top-level labels for these complex scripts, supporting secure use of IDNs in these scripts. In the case of the NBGP, this transparent mechanism helped in building trust in ICANN’s processes.
Capacity-Development Activities in Asia Pacific

Note: The FY20 training calendar was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNITY
As part of ICANN’s Mission to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet’s unique identifier systems, ICANN org provides capacity-building training for the Domain Name System (DNS), DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC), and DNS/Network Security to APAC community.

Total number of workshops in FY20: 23
Total number of workshops in FY19: 13

TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
ICANN org provides training for law enforcement agencies (LEA) so that they can better handle abuse and misuse related to Internet identifiers.

Total number of workshops in FY20: 4
Total number of workshops in FY19: 2

TRAINING FOR NONTECHNICAL COMMUNITY
ICANN org also regularly helps to build capacity for nontechnical community members such as accredited registrars and registry operators. These trainings are aimed towards helping these stakeholders to better understand ICANN policies and processes.

Total number of workshops in FY20: 1
Total number of workshops in FY19: 5
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