

Update for BoT Meeting June 2006

Area: Education

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Goals according to SOP:

- to provide and distribute information related to the Internet and its technologies to individuals and to public and private organizations, including governments
- to provide assistance with Internet deployment and use to people in technologically developing countries and regions; and
- to promote the development of self-sustaining communities able to effectively deploy and exploit local and regional education and training resources.

Sub Area: Regional Operators Fora

Status: Information

The main outcome of the workshops at Regional Meetings is that participants are equipped to develop and maintain scalable services and networks in their countries. After having participated in such workshops, they are equipped with sufficient training material to enable them to train other technical professionals in their community thereby carrying technologies further into the emerging networks.

We see an increasing number of initiatives to organise local tutorials and workshops organised by instructors or participants of earlier regional workshops. Also about half the instructors at the regional workshops come from the region itself and are typically former students in these workshops. Chapters are a good vehicle to host such workshops in the countries.

The Regional network training workshops are attended by 100 - 200 participants (depending on the region).

Another step towards more independence and self-sustainability is the fact that an increasing percentage of the revenue comes through registration fees

We also see a move from pure technical infrastructure to topics more related to applications, usability and policy (e.g. Content Development, Security and Open Source Software)

After SANOG7 in January and AfNOG in May, there will be PacNOG in June, WALC in July and SANOG8 in July

Sub Area: ISOC Regional Meetings

Status: Information

Our Regional INET Conference organised on 18May in conjunction with the AfNOG and the AfriNIC meeting was very well attended and received overwhelmingly positive feedback. The agenda was a mixture of technical and policy topics (see Appendix) which attracted a very broad audience, including many policy makers from the region. We especially reached out to those individuals to make them aware of the meeting.

This event has shown ISOC not only as sponsor and supporter of the African Internet community, but has contributed useful topics and discussions and has proven that we actively listen to issues relevant to developing countries. ISOC will use this feedback in discussions related to Internet Governance on the global level. It is clear that ISOC programs have contributed to policy makers being better informed and more aware of the activities and responsibilities of Internet organisations. ISOC will continue and intensify this effort, also through our Regional Bureaus and Regional Policy Advisory Groups. It has been suggested to make the INET Africa meeting a regular event at AfNOG meetings!

ISOC is now a member of the AfNOG programme committee and discussions have started to ensure INET Africa is included in the program of AfNOG and AfriNIC meetings next year in Nigeria. We are also discussing the possibility of organising an event in conjunction with the AfriNIC meeting in November in Mauritius.

Find some more information in the Policy update.

Sub Area: ccTLD workshops

Status: Information

The next ccTLD workshop is organised as part of PacNOG in Samoa in June which shows a great collaboration between various Internet organisations. 15 operators from 9 different ccTLDs in the region will participate. The workshop will cover again technical topics as well as policy considerations and best current practices.

The next workshop is planned for fall in the Carribean, Many re-delegations are taking place in that region and this is a good time for training.

With the experience from previous workshops we have developed a very good package, consisting of presentations, hands-on exercises and example tools. As a next step material will be developed for an advanced workshop covering topics related to security and stability in more depth.

We have a very skilled and dedicated instructor team and the cooperation with NSRC and ICANN is excellent. We have established a very good working relationship with the IANA staff and the ccTLD workshops have a positive impact on the communication between IANA and the ccTLDs who attended such training.

Sub Area: Regional Bureau Africa

Status: Information

We are currently working on a training program for the candidate and a work plan for the first year. This will require significant involvement and management from all areas: chapter/members, policy and education. Education and training has been listed as one of the priorities for this activity. This will include technical training as well as education for policy makers. Chapters will play an integral role in this endeavor.

A more detailed report is included in the membership update.

Sub Area: IETF Journal

Status: Information

Volume 2, Issue 1 now available online and in printed version. Again, we received many good contributions. With the IASA model fully implemented effective Jan. 1 2006, the IETF Journal is now distributed with the welcome pack for every IETF participant. We received very positive feedback.

We will work to improve the review process in order to ensure timely publication. We are also planning to have a professional copy editor for the next issue.

Sub Area: ISOC Fellowship for participation in the IETF

Status: Information - New Pilot Program

In its long tradition of helping to build capacity in developing regions and to facilitate more participation, the Internet Society is piloting a mentoring programme to facilitate developing country participation in IETF meetings and work programs beginning with the IETF 66 Meeting in Montreal.

In an initial pilot phase ISOC has invited two individuals from Lesser Developed Countries (LDCs) to attend IETF 66. This initiative will be reviewed and evaluated after the meeting and will be taken into account when establishing a more long-term programme for future IETFs.

Each individual will be paired with a mentor who will be their main contact person during the IETF Meeting and will help them to get as much as possible out of it. Both, the mentor as well as the ISOC fellow will be asked to provide feedback after the meeting. This is especially important during the pilot phase of the project as this will help to further re-fine and improve the project in the future.

Appendix:

1. Regional Operators Fora

AfNOG2006 /AfrinIC

- chapter updates during AfNOG conference
- many fruitful discussions with chapters or prospective chapters
- expanded to more tracks (incl. french track)
- almost 100 students
- 30% paid registration fees
- half of the instructors now from the region (train-the-trainers program works)
- MoU between AfNOG and AriNIC
- in general increased cooperation among regional organisations, especially with the education networks

<http://www.afrinic.net/meeting/afrinic-4/index.htm>

See my report sent to the Board list

WALC:

- 24 - 29 July, Quito, Ecuador
- 8 different tracks
- 40 scholarships (20 covered by ISOC)
- Afiliats contributed an extra amount

<http://www.walc2006.ula.ve>

SANOG

- SANOG 8 in Karachi, Pakistan in July
- extensive discussion with SANOG organisers about closer collaboration between SANOG and ISOC (possibly organising a bigger ISOC event in conjunction with SANOG in summer 2007)

<http://www.sanog.org/sanog8/index.htm>

PacNOG

- Apia, Samoa, June 2006
 - two tracks
 - routing
- ccTLD (organised by ISOC)
ISOC sponsors students for routing track and some of the instructors

<http://www.pacnog.org/pacnog2/>

2. Regional INET Africa

- topics:
 - Internet Standards & IETF
 - Internationalisation/Localisation
 - Education and Reserach Networking in Africa
 - Policy Roundtable
- 100 attendees
- many policy people
- reception after the event
- excellent cooperation with AfNOG, AfriNIC and AfREN

<http://www.isoc.org/isoc/conferences/inet/06/>

Also see report sent to the Board list

3. ccTLD workshops

- ccTLD workshop in Pacific Region: 20 - 25 June
- organised as part of PacNOG
- attendees: AS, CK, KI, MH, SB, WS, TO, TV, VU

<http://www.pacnog.org/pacnog2/track1/agenda.html>

- good cooperation wirth IANA and ICANN and NSRC
- preparations for 'advanced' ccTLD workshop
 - o development of new material