

# ICANN / NRO / WSIS Update

APNIC Members Meeting  
Kyoto

# Number Resource Organization

- Formed in October 2003
  - “Coalition of all RIRs
- Umbrella for joint RIR Activities
  - Joint RIR representation
  - Interaction with external parties
  - Joint Technical Activities
- Interaction with ICANN Community
  - Though the new ASO

# NRO MoU with ICANN

- ICANN / NRO MoU signed in October 2004
  - Replaces the ASO MoU
  - ASO as the interface between the RIRs and ICANN
  - Defines a global Policy Development Process

# NRO

[www.nro.net](http://www.nro.net)

- NRO Executive Council for 2005
  - Axel Pawlik – Chair
  - Raúl Echeberría – Secretary
  - Ray Plzak – Treasurer
- NRO Secretariat: LACNIC
- Engineering Coordination Group (RIR CTOs)
  - Andrei Robachevsky (Chair)

# Address Council

- Global policy coordination function
- Appoint 2 ICANN Board Members
- Composition:
  - 2 members elected from each regional address community
  - 1 member appointed by each RIR
  - APNIC
    - Kenny Huang appointed by APNIC EC in January 2005
    - Takashi Arano (2003 – 2005)
    - Hyun-juun Kwon (2004 – 2006)
  - Liaison appointments

# NRO Current Activities

- Provisional recognition of AfriNIC as an NRO member
  - Likely to be recognized as an RIR by ICANN at the April ICANN meeting
- Response to WGIG Draft Working Papers
  - <http://www.nro.net/archive/press-releases/comments-wgig-drafts-200502.pdf>
- RIRs soliciting comments on ICANN Strategic Plan

# WSIS

- Intergovernmental summit hosted by UN
  - Phase I: Geneva 2003 (complete)
  - Phase II: Tunis 2005
- WSIS scope covers all aspects of ICTs
  - Very broad scope of study
    - Content, hacking, spam, crime, digital divide, ecommerce...
    - Internet areas include study of coordination of administration of names, numbers, interconnection
- Outcomes include “Declaration” and “Plan of Action”
  - Guidance to UN and Governments
  - Non-binding, but highly influential

# WGIG Status

- Tasked by WSIS to develop a working definition of Internet Governance, and identify relevant public policy issues
- November 2004
  - Membership announced (7 AP members)
  - Initial Meeting
- February 2005
  - Release of first draft of Issue Papers
  - Second Meeting, Geneva (14-16 Feb)
- July 2005
  - Submit final report to UN Secretary General



# APNIC's Position

- Promote the need for continued stability in IP address distribution systems
- Dispel misconceptions and misunderstanding relating to the address community's policy process, the address distribution system and address distribution outcomes
- Promote a position of “do no harm”, and be mindful of cross-impacts when proposing changes to infrastructure administrative functions

# Recent APNIC Activities

- Dispel misconceptions and misunderstandings
  - December 2004 publications on
    - The myth of address shortage in China
    - A background briefing paper on ICANN, the ITU, WSIS and Internet Governance
    - IP Addressing schemes – a comparison of geographic and provider based IP address schemes
- Responded to WGIG paper on Domain Names and IP Addresses
  - WGIG paper  
<http://www.wgig.org/docs/WP-IPaddresses.pdf>
  - APNIC response  
<http://www.wgig.org/docs/Comment-APNIC.pdf>

# Recent APNIC Activities

- Added Internet Governance area on APNIC web site to publish digest of recent developments  
<http://www.apnic.net/news/hot-topics/internet-gov>
- Support the development of AP regional perspectives on the WGIG activity
  - Collaboration with APDIP to launch ORDIG (Open regional dialogue on Internet Governance)
  - Supporting the UNDP APDIP Internet Governance Portal
  - Loan of 2 APNIC staff members (Kapil Chawla, Sam Dickinson) to assist APDIP in project

# Recent NRO Activities

- NRO Statement in December 2004
  - Supporting the role of ICANN and its path to genuine internationalization and independence in its role
  - Calling on the US government for a clear plan for independence of ICANN
  - Support the involvement of the public sector, in the context of the current models of management of administrative functions

# Thank you

## Questions?