Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum 2023

Highlights of SIA Report

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Highlights #1

This was a 2nd Hybrid APrIGF hosted since pandemic, with auDA being the 1st time host in Brisbane. APrIGF 2023 was able to recruit more online participants and Pacific community.

- Numbers of on-site participants:
450(-24%)

- Numbers of online participants:
689(+117%)

- Numbers of total participants:
1139 (+25%)

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Highlights #2

Number of submitted proposals has slightly increased, likely reaching the cap of program agenda.

More sessions could be selected in the designed schedule with 3 parallel tracks (2 on 2022). The new format of 30-minute showcases was also well received, has been adopting more formats with 30-minute duration such as Birds of a Feather (BoF) and fireside.

- Numbers of proposals submitted:
  86 (+6%)

- Number of sessions selected:
  34 (+36%)

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Highlights #3

Overall diversity of attendees and speakers was satisfactory, which has always been one of the goals of APrIGF. However, number of economies slightly decreased and we may want to keep track/ connected with the missing communities that have joined but disconnected this year.

- Number of economies/countries the attendees are from:
42 (-34%)

- Gender ratio of speakers:
F: 65%
M: 45%

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Highlights #4

Number of fellowship applications has slightly decreased, as the program returned to be an independent from APSIG comparing with 2022 as a joint.

Diversity and inclusion have been taken much into consideration during selection process. 23 fellows came from 18 different economies/countries, including 1 person with disability. However, there is room of improvement on fostering access and inclusion of the fellowship while another selected fellow with disability withdraw during the process.

- Number of fellowship applications received:
137 (-27%)

- Number of economies/countries the fellows are from:
18 (+0%)

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Prospect of APrIGF 2024

- The Multistakeholder Steering Group (MSG) has formed a working group of previous leaders to focus on the sustainability of APrIGF model, with the objective to make it more attractive to local hosts, sponsors and partners.

- PR and media coverage have still been an issue for APrIGF. The MSG is looking into Stakeholder Engagement Committee on promoting the event more proactively.

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Updated SIA Goals

- To establish DotAsia as a **trusted facilitator** and champion of multistakeholder Internet governance processes in Asia Pacific regionally and globally, through supporting the APrIGF, as its Secretariat, to be a platform to convene, discuss and advance collaboration locally, regionally, globally.

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Updated ToC

- "Provide operational support to ensure smooth operation…" add "Asia Pacific region"
- Add "**amplify" voices** from Asia Pacific … add "encourage youth voices"
- "Participation from Asia Pacific in the global IG community", add "in GDC and WSIS+20 related activities."
- New Point: "Increase in diversity of engagement i.e. geographical / stakeholder group/ gender"

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