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

• 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
  - 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

• 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
  – APNIC response http://www.wgig.org/docs/Comment-APNIC.pdf
Recent APNIC Activities

• Added Internet Governance area on APNIC website to publish digest of recent developments
  

• 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?