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1st VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES REGARDING PACIFIC INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM PROPOSAL ON THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY, 2017 FROM 02:00PM to 03:00PM FIJI TIME AT THE UNIVERISTY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC, LAUCALA CAMPUS, SUVA, FIJI.

PRESENT BY VIDEO: Elvin Prasad and John Chand

PRESENT AT USP: Donnie DeFreitas and Marc Lipton

Apologies: Jackson (unable to link from Vanuatu), Haggai (conflict with other commitment) Save (prior family commitment), Johnnyboy (time confusion), Pua (travel conflict)

Discussions

Donnie led the meeting

Informed group that Jackson will submit to DFAT on behalf of the group a proposal for funding an Annual Pacific IGF Conference. Work on the 2017 Pacific IGF would move forward regardless of DFAT funding.

An overall need has been identified to organize a forum for discussion of Pacific Island issues to present to the regional Asia Pacific IGF and other international IGFs. While the goal is to be inclusive, it is also necessary to ensure that the stakeholders that speak for the Pacific in these fora actually represent a consensus of all Pacific stakeholders rather than a minority agenda. Their minority views should be considered, but should not be positioned as the only Pacific viewpoint.

PIRRC looks to the others on the distribution list for input on which other stakeholders should be included and how to publicize the initiative so that the outreach goes beyond even those known to the distribution list. Current suggestions include service providers, academia, civil society, regional ICT market participants, regional and international ICT groups, other aspects of government, and trade groups.

The current proposal is a face to face meeting supplemented by remote participation, but that can be flipped to a largely virtual meeting if necessary.

Elvin asked if there is flexibility in the proposed issue list, to which Donnie replied yes. The suggestion is to align the issues discussed with those proposed to be discussed at the AP RIGF forum in Bangkok.

John asked to confirm that the possible sites so far are Fiji and Vanuatu. Donnie confirmed this, adding that at one time Samoa was also interested. He also added that PIRRC was not in a position to host, since it could not obtain Fiji governmental approval, but that PIRRC would lend administrative assistance.

Jackson indicated that Vanuatu would be happy to coordinate logistics in Vanuatu. If Vanuatu is chosen as the venue then they would provide a local organizing committee. He further stated then someone else, such as PIRRC, be the team leader for the working group for this event.



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Jackson further indicated that his office will provide its full support to have this event in Vanuatu.

The target date is prior to the July 26 AP RIGF. Donnie said that PIRRC will be seeking input from the distribution list (particularly regulators and ministries) on what they wanted to see addressed at the Pacific forum and the AP forum.

Agreement was that minutes of this call would be sent promptly, and that there would be a follow up call on next Thursday, which would give all a chance to review the minutes.

Proposed follow up activities

1. Jackson to send proposal to DFAT by Feb 17th on behalf of the group
2. Persons to send in suggestions for a mailing list for this initiative by Wednesday 22nd Feb
3. Suggestions on who to be participants and presenters for this event will be sought
4. Feedback on proposal for choice of venue, indicating if any other country willing to make firm commitment
5. Suggestions on date for event
6. Feedback on concept note and discussions by 22nd February
7. Minutes to be sent promptly to participants and other interested parties
8. PIRRC to solicit from countries what are the key Internet Governance issues they would like to have discussed at the 2017 Pacific IGF
9. Follow up session on Thursday 23rd at 2 pm Fiji time

Call ended at 1435 Fiji time.

Donnie



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