

## DotAsia Board Community Projects Committee (BCC) Meeting Minutes

<b>Date(s) &amp; Time:</b>	May 24, 2022 (Tuesday) 15:03 – 16:02 HKT
<b>Location:</b>	DotAsia Zoom Meeting Room: <a href="http://aji.asia/zoomboardcommunity">http://aji.asia/zoomboardcommunity</a>
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>Kashif ADEEL <sup>*a</sup>                      Edmon CHUNG                      Murad IBRAGIMOV                      Leonid TODOROV <sup>*b</sup>                      Ellen STRICKLAND (Chair)                      Freda CHEUNG (DotAsia Team)</p> <p>Apologies:                      Santanu ACHARYA                      Joel DISINI</p> <p>Absents:                      Andi BUDIMANSYAH</p> <p><sup>*a</sup> Left meeting after Discussion Item 4.2.  <sup>*a</sup> Joined meeting after Discussion Item 3.5.2, left meeting after Discussion Item 3.6; rejoined meeting during Discussion Item 3.6.1.</p>

No.	Action Items:	Owner	Remarks
C2022.02.A04	Report DotAsia's engagement with BT and CN regarding root zone LGR to the Board at Feb Board meeting.	BCC Chair	Completed.
C2022.03.A01	Recommend the Board to confirm the reappointment of Ellen STRICKLAND to be the BCC Chair at Mar Board meeting.	BCC	Completed.
C2022.04.A01	Draft an action plan regarding the correspondence of reserved names to GAC representatives for further discussion.	Edmon CHUNG	In progress.
C2022.04.A02	Circulate the draft 3 of Community Reserved Names Policy to the Board, and make recommendation to the Board for adoption at the next full Board Meeting.	Edmon CHUNG	Completed.
C2022.05.A01	Draft implementation plan on outreach to Sponsor Members regarding the SCP.	Edmon CHUNG	
C2022.05.A02	Have a mock up with additional graphics explaining the SCP Program at the next BCC meeting for comments.	Edmon CHUNG	
C2022.05.A03	Organize a special meeting of interested Board Members with the DotAsia team on government engagement.	Board Secretariat	

## Discussions:

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### 1. Roll Call

- 1.1. May BCC meeting was postponed from the scheduled meeting on May 20 and reconvened on May 24, 2022.
- 1.2. Ms. Ellen STRICKLAND chaired the meeting as BCC Chair.
- 1.3. Roll call. Those present for all or part of the meeting are included in the Attendees section.

### 2. Approval of Last Board Community Projects Committee Meeting Minutes (Apr 25, 2022)

- 2.1. Draft 1 of BCC meeting minutes 2022.04.25 and action items were presented.
- 2.2. BCC meeting minutes 2022.04.25 approved with no objections.

### 3. SCP Process Review

- 3.1. The concept of the SCP program as it was instituted was circulated via email, presented and briefed to BCC.
  - 3.1.1. It was highlighted that the SCP program was envisioned to be a light program as one of the ways that DotAsia contributes to the community.
  - 3.1.2. It was also highlighted that the mechanism does not envision DotAsia to be a fully-fledged “assessor”, but rather depend on the Sponsor (ccTLD) Member to vet project and organizers. The funding must only go to other organizations and not the ccTLD Member, therefore, the design is such that there are only minimal requirements for the project details in the application process.
  - 3.1.3. It was noted that Sponsor Members would help determine that the proposals, budget and project are sound and ready to be supported, where DotAsia would focus on assessing whether the proposal aligns with DotAsia’s Vision and Mission utilizing BCC-001 as the operationalized framework.
- 3.2. It was noted that there were suggestions on updating the SCP application progress to include more detailed requirements on budget and acceptable/unacceptable types of expenses. Several considerations were briefed to BCC for discussion.
- 3.3. Several community project funding programs from other organizations (e.g., ISIF, ISOC Foundation) were briefed to BCC for reference.
- 3.4. It was commented that based on the current concept of SCP Funds, it has a very different circumstance from community project funding programs from other organizations.
- 3.5. Question was raised on whether there is any actual concern from the Board and DotAsia team on the current SCP process.

- 3.5.1. It was noted that the DotAsia team is fine with the current SCP process, and is happy to seek additional information from Sponsor Members for clarifications when needed.
- 3.5.2. It was also noted that based on previous applications, SCP Funds are potentially used for supporting small events from local initiatives, as well as a supplement to larger events. For example, application from .ID for part of the support for the IGF held in Indonesia, and application from .CN for part of the ICANN activities in Beijing.
- 3.5.3. It was highlighted that the flexibility of fitting SCP Funds into different types of projects with minimal requirements boosts its usefulness.
- 3.6. There was suggestion on having a mechanism to allow Board Members as individual to make comment to a specific SCP application, and setting up the application process on the DotAsia website.
  - 3.6.1. It was noted that it is planned to implement the SCP application process online through a web form on the DotAsia website.
  - 3.6.2. It was clarified that Board Members are invited to provide comments, however, the approval process is not currently envisioned to be organized for supporting online assessments by different assessors.
- 3.7. Based on received feedbacks from certain Sponsor Members, concern was raised on transparency and lack of understanding of the SCP process. There was suggestion on scheduling short briefing sessions with Sponsor Members on the SCP process for better understanding of and encouraging its utilization.
  - 3.7.1. It was commented that the concern is well noted, however, it seems to be an issue of communications rather than an issue of the actual process that needs to be updated, where the BCC-002: DotAsia SCP Process was just adopted in Mar 2021 updating the previous SCP process.
  - 3.7.2. It was suggested to lay out the action plan of updating DotAsia website to include guidance, support and training for SCP Funds for reference.
  - 3.7.3. It was discussed and agreed that reaching out to Sponsor Members to explain the SCP process would be useful for promoting better understanding of the program and to encourage utilization.
  - 3.7.4. It was noted that DotAsia team will prepare some graphic materials on the flow of SCP process.
  - 3.7.5. It was highlighted that the approval process is intended to be more administrative than substantive vetting.
- 3.8. It was suggested and agreed to draft an implementation plan for outreach to Sponsor Members. (C2022.05.A01)
- 3.9. It is planned to have a mock up with additional graphics and explanation of the SCP Program at the next BCC meeting for comments. (C2022.05.A02)
- 3.10. There was suggestion on drafting FAQs regarding SCP application process for Sponsor Members' reference.

#### **4. Government Representatives Outreach**

- 4.1. Background of government representatives outreach since DotAsia was launched in 2007 was briefed to BCC for reference.
  - 4.1.1. It was highlighted that DotAsia was very active in the GAC meetings between 2004 and 2007 to obtain an extensive set of reserved names list, and the reserved name list was put in place and utilised based on the discussions at the GAC. Reserved names included country names, capital cities, major cities, provinces, as well as a number of special names that governments would like reserved.
  - 4.1.2. It was also highlighted that based on the Sunrise and Reserved Name Policies, .Asia by default works with the respective GAC representative from a particular cc-locality, and if unreachable otherwise fall back to the respective ccTLD manager, and further to the GAC Chair and secretariat for guidance.
  - 4.1.3. It was also noted that DotAsia continues to reference and rely on communications with relevant government or public authorities as suggested in the Principles and Guidelines for ccTLD from the GAC.
- 4.2. In terms of future official outreach regarding Reserved Names to different governments, it was recommended to continue to rely on the GAC to avoid the potential problematic issue of determining the right authorities to liaise with for the purpose, although it was noted that not all countries/territories are represented on the GAC.
- 4.3. Question was raised on the purpose of engagement and which level of government should DotAsia be expected to engage with.
  - 4.3.1. It was commented that engaging with individual national governments would be more challenging but productive than engaging with GAC representatives, and that DotAsia's engagement with national governments of Sponsor Members is critical in linking different governments and other countries in the region.
  - 4.3.2. It was also commented that it is important to maintain a balanced and realistic approach in dealing with governments.
- 4.4. It was suggested to schedule a special meeting of interested Board Members with the DotAsia team to brainstorm what DotAsia could offer to governments, and for what purposes such engagement would serve. (C2022.05.A03)

#### **5. Member Engagement & Community Project Updates**

- 5.1. It was reported that the scope and scale of the EcoInternet Index (EII) is expected to be expanded in 2022. It was highlighted that many of the members expressed interest in exploring further collaboration on the EII during the bilateral engagement meetings.
- 5.2. It was also reported that EII is officially launched and a press release of "Do More, Waste Less" campaign has been published.
- 5.3. It is planned to have the F2F Board Meeting on Sep 7 & 8, 2022, which is shortly before the start of APSIG, APriGF and other Internet Governance events scheduled for Singapore in September 2022.

- 5.4. It was reported that current preparations of .KIDS is focused on developing the Sunrise and Startup policies and implementation of the launch of the registry.
- 5.5. It was suggested to provide more updates on .KIDS at the next BCC meeting.
- 5.6. It was reported that the recruitment of APIGA 2022 has been put out, and APIGA is tentatively planned to be held in Aug 2022 in Korea, but it is also possible to be postponed to Nov 2022.