

DotAsia Board Community Projects Committee (BCC) Meeting Minutes

Date(s) & Time:	May 13, 2025 (Tue) 12:30 PM – 13:31 PM (HKT)
Location:	DotAsia Zoom Meeting Room: http://aji.asia/zoomboardcommunity
Attendees:	Edmon CHUNG Maureen HILYARD Boyoung KIM Akinori MAEMURA Rupesh SHRESTHA Jo-Fan YU Timothy LI (DotAsia Team)

No.	Action Items:	Owner	Remarks
C2025.02.A01	Present more detailed analysis of Member Engagement Survey results and suggestions for next steps.	Edmon CHUNG & DotAsia team	Completed.
C2025.02.A02	Finalize the details and processes for the "shared pool" concept, including getting feedback from the BFC. Further report to the full Board during F2F Board meeting.	Edmon CHUNG & Rebecca CHAN	Completed (continued in C2025.05.01).
C2025.05.A01	Update the SCP Process and Report (BCC-002/003) to reflect the changes discussed.	Edmon CHUNG & Rebecca CHAN	To be circulated before next BCC meeting.

Discussions:

1. Roll Call

- 1.1. Maureen HILYARD chaired BCC meeting on May 13, 2025.
- 1.2. Roll call. Those present for all or part of the meeting are included in the Attendees section.

2. Adoption of Last BCC Meeting Minutes (Feb 4, 2025)

- 2.1. Draft 1 of BCC meeting minutes on Feb 4, 2025 was presented.
- 2.2. The BCC meeting minutes Feb 4, 2025 were adopted.

3. Quarterly Community Projects Scorecard

- 3.1. The Quarterly Community Projects Scorecard was circulated and presented. It was reported that in general, the core projects are proceeding well, highlighting that EII and DIPCC are back on track and marked green.
- 3.2. For NetMission, it was reported that NetMission Academy 2025 has been completed and that support to and collaboration with Afghanistan and Cambodia YIGF is progressing well.
 - 3.2.1. Updates on Local APIGAs in Taipei (April 19-20) and Hong Kong (April 24-25) were reported.
 - 3.2.2. It was highlighted that the research on youth perspectives on AI policies conducted by the Asia Pacific Policy Observatory (APPO) initiative under the NetMission+ network, which is funded by a grant from TWNIC, is underway. Also, that the NetMission+ network is being activated to engage in talks about how WSIS+20 impacts the broader Internet Governance ecosystem.
 - 3.2.3. It was reported that five IGF workshop proposals DotAsia has submitted were selected.
- 3.3. For APriGF, it was highlighted that the new round of committees and leadership is seated, and that the dates and venue for APriGF 2025 have been confirmed with the hosts, and will be held from October 11-14, 2025.
 - 3.3.1. It was noted that efforts have been started to identify and coordinate with potential side events, including APSIG at APriGF 2025.
 - 3.3.2. Update on the assessment of AI transcription capabilities (vs. human scribes) was reported. Preliminary results indicate interesting potential for utilizing AI captioning for future events. The team will look into piloting the use of AI captioning for meetings to assess further.
 - 3.3.3. Active outreach to potential hosts for 2026 and 2027 is ongoing.
- 3.4. For IG Engagements & Other Works, it was noted that IGFSa is operating steadily, and that the DIPCC quarterly newsletter has been restarted and a gathering of DIPCC members is being considered for Aug 2025 in Beijing.
 - 3.4.1. It was reported that the grant proposal for expanding the EII work has been submitted to APNIC Foundation.
 - 3.4.2. It was noted that IPGO and DNSGO games are being updated with a new set potentially ready for APIGA in August.
 - 3.4.3. For AP*, the new website is targeted to be launched by July to support registration for the September AP* Retreat at APNIC in Da Nang.

4. SCP Common Pool Concept (BCC-002/003)

- 4.1. Redlined drafts for BCC-002 and BCC-003 was circulated and presented. Three main changes to the document were explained:
 - Explanation of the introduction of the Common Pool concept to SCP program from suggestion by the AC;
 - Expansion of the Co-Sponsor Members are now allowed to apply from the common pool;
 - lengthen the expiration timeline to 3 years.
- 4.2. A question was raised on how reports are received by DotAsia Members. It was clarified that reports are sent to Members annually and that they could also request for it anytime if they didn't receive it. It was suggested that the policy should simply state that the report be available to Members upon request.
- 4.3. Another question was raised on the possibility of Sponsor Members applying for the Common Pool for extra funds. It was noted that the current proposal does allow Sponsor Members to sponsor an application to the Common Pool. A suggestion was made to emphasize this point in the document.
- 4.4. A proposal was suggested for SCP proposals to be received and processed in rounds based on particular time intervals (e.g. a few months), rather than allowing year-round applications. It was clarified that the current rolling process allows for projects to be applied at any time providing flexibility and timely response. It was further noted that unlike other grants employing grant cycles and evaluation panels, the SCP is intended to be a lightweight process relying on Members to vet projects and grant recipients.
- 4.5. A specific time frame (a few months) during which grant applications can be submitted, rather than allowing year-round applications, was proposed and discussed. It was clarified that a rolling application process for the SCP fund was adopted in previous experiences, in order to allow flexibility in funding smaller projects, unlike other sources with fixed application windows and stricter evaluations. Also, the SCP fund relies on Members to vet projects quickly, enabling timely support and payments in a lump sum.
- 4.6. A question was raised on whether the Advisory Council (AC) is required to review the SCP funding applications. It was clarified that the AC does not need to meet to process SCP applications – proposals are circulated to the AC for feedback via email and will proceed through the process if there are no objections received.
- 4.7. A question was raised on how and when Sponsor Members will be notified of expiring funds going into the Common Pool. It was explained that Sponsor Members currently receive an annual report detailing their available and expiring funds. In the future, they will receive two reports each year: one on funds specific to themselves and another on the Common Pool allocation.
- 4.8. Two minor updates were also presented:
 - 4.8.1. It was noted that previously there was no provision for allowing partial funding of proposals, this is updated to allow for such flexibility. It is suggested that brief guidelines on this be included.

4.8.2. It was explained that because the SCP Report (BCC-003) was developed at a later time, the SCP Application (BCC-002 and its predecessor) did not include a requirement for grant recipients to submit such a report. A statement affirming the applicant's commitment to submit the report is being added.

4.9. Updated SCP Process and Report (BCC-002/003) documents will be further discussed at the next BCC meeting, and planned for consideration at the next F2F Board meeting. (C2025.05.A01)

5. Preparations for AC meeting (May 23, Fri)

5.1. The draft agenda for the upcoming AC meeting was presented.

5.2. It was highlighted that SCP Common Pool development update, update on DotAsia's Response to Next Round of New gTLDs, next steps for the Member Engagement, as well as community activities update will be presented to the AC to seek their feedback.

6. AOB

6.1. It was reported that DotAsia will more broadly reach out to Members in accordance with the approach in response to the Member Survey as reported at the DotAsia AGM.

6.2. It was highlighted that the GoCreate! initiative was successfully launched at the APAC DNS Forum, which included two sessions and a reception, and that articles will be written on the sessions, highlighting new ideas for utilizing domain names.

6.3. It was reported that Satish had submitted a request for travel support to the IGF. There is no requirement for approval because it is already a Known Accepted Community Event (KACE) in accordance with the Board Community Engagement Support (BFC-003) policy. This is a report to the BCC in accordance with BFC-003.