

DotAsia Board Community Projects Committee (BCC) Meeting Minutes

Date(s) & Time:	Jan 20, 2026 (Tue) 13:00 PM – 14:00 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 Evin ERDOGDU (DotAsia Team) Amina MEIRASBEK (DotAsia Team)

No.	Action Items:	Owner	Remarks
C2025.11.A02	Allocate time at the upcoming AGM to explain the updates SCP Common Pool and promote a follow-up webinar.	Edmon CHUNG	Completed.
C2026.01.A01	Circulate a clean version of the updated DotAsia Position Paper, incorporating edits on Topics 3 and 4, to the Board.	Edmon CHUNG	Completed.
C2026.01.A02	Present SIA highlights at Board F2F meeting.	Edmon CHUNG	Completed.

Discussions:

1. Roll Call

- 1.1. Maureen HILYARD chaired the Board Community Project Committee (BCC) meeting on Jan 20, 2026.
- 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 (Nov 18, 2025)

- 2.1. Draft 1.1 of BCC meeting minutes on Nov 18, 2025 was presented.
- 2.2. The BCC meeting minutes Nov 18, 2025 were adopted.

3. DotAsia Position Paper

- 3.1. An updated DotAsia Position Paper based on previous BCC discussion was circulated and presented. It was reported that, following the Board F2F and the last BCC meeting, the staff team met several times to refine wording and incorporate additional examples and youth quotations throughout the document.

- 3.1.1. It was highlighted that the wording around the evolution of the multistakeholder model had been refined, and that context and source of some of the youth perspectives incorporated were added.
- 3.1.2. Key changes for the remainder of the document were discussed. A comment was made that the Position Paper structure is helpful, with the bullet points highlighted talking points for different contexts.
- 3.1.3. It was clarified that the Position Paper is intended as an internal living document to support team and Board interventions at community events and not intended to be published.
- 3.2. It was suggested that the current tracked-changes version, with multiple colors, can be visually confusing, and that a clean copy should be circulated before the Board F2F meeting for discussion and finalization. (C2026.01.A01)

4. SIA Reports 2025

- 4.1. An update was provided on the 2025 Social Impact Assessment (SIA) reports for APriGF, NetMission and other Internet governance (IG) engagements.
- 4.2. It was noted that the SIA reports are very comprehensive and data rich, however question was raised on whether the detailed documents would be suitable for presentation to Members at the AGM. It was clarified that besides the detailed report, a summary presentation deck is included each year, highlighting the improvements and setbacks in each project, as well as the learning and adjustments planned for the coming year. The importance for the Membership and wider community to understand DotAsia's achievement was emphasized. It was noted that the team leads will join the Board F2F Meeting to present on the summary and highlights. (2026.01.A02)
- 4.3. There was discussion about the background on the development of the SIA framework, along with how it is framed around DotAsia's vision and mission, as well as the SMART model for Theory of Change (ToC) and the customization of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) framework. It was acknowledged that more data is being collected currently, and that there are plans to engage HKCSS as a consultant for further refinements after two 3-year cycles.
 - 4.3.1. A concern was raised about workload and long-term sustainability, given the intensity and number of events DotAsia is involved in. It was noted that maintaining staff workload is an ongoing consideration for collecting data for the SIA reports.

5. Preparations for AC Meeting

- 5.1. The agenda for the upcoming Advisory Council (AC) meeting, scheduled for Jan 29, 2026 was presented and discussion items briefed to the BFC.
- 5.2. It was requested that time allocation be added to the AC agenda, similar to other Board and Board Committee meetings. It was agreed that the Secretariat will add and circulate time allocations. (C2026.01.A03)

6. SCP Common Pool (BCC-002/003) Implementation

- 6.1. Updates on the implementation of the SCP Common Pool Concept (BCC-002/003) were provided.

- 6.1.1. It was reported that the annual reports have been sent to Sponsor Members as usual at the end of 2026, and for the first time, Co-Sponsor Members are also getting a report providing the funds that is allocated to the Common Pool.
- 6.1.2. Sample of the reports and email sent to Sponsor and Co-Sponsor Members were presented.
- 6.2. Questions were raised on how Sponsor Member funds are accumulated and how Co-Sponsor Members can contribute to the SCP program.
 - 6.2.1. It was explained that US\$1 is allocated into Sponsor Member funds for each regular priced domain registration and renewal from the respective cc-locality regardless of which registrar the domain was registered through.
 - 6.2.2. It was further explained that similar to Sponsor Members, Co-Sponsor Members contribute to the SCP program by helping identify and vet SCP applications. With the implementation of the Common Pool system, SCP proposals submitted through Co-Sponsor Members will draw on the Common Pool.
 - 6.2.3. The process for DotAsia to evaluate SCP proposals was explained. It was highlighted that the DotAsia team and the BCC review proposals for their alignment with DotAsia's mission, vision and core values, while the AC and BFC are informed and feedback, if any, obtained for the Board's final decision.
 - 6.2.4. It was reiterated that Member organizations cannot themselves be the grant recipient, but that DotAsia relies on Members to act as the sponsoring entity for grant recipients, which serves as a vetting process (i.e. DotAsia will not have to do background checking of applicants).
- 6.3. A question was raised on whether there are specific application windows for the common pool and whether the process is first-come-first-served. It was responded that there is no fixed cycle or application window, so applications are accepted on a rolling basis and processed broadly in order of receipt, subject to available funds and Board meeting schedules.
 - 6.3.1. It was noted that, under normal circumstances, the expected processing time from a complete application to decision is in the range of two to three months, depending on the timing of BCC and Board meetings.
 - 6.3.2. It was confirmed that the Common Pool is already open to applications and will remain open on a rolling basis.
- 6.4. As per discussion at previous BCC meetings, a webinar will be organized to explain the SCP common pool and application process, and that a short explanation for the promotion of such webinar will also be announced at the AGM. (C2025.11.A02)

7. AOB

- 7.1. Updates on AP* Meeting were shared. It was reported that the revamped AP* structure and processes are being worked out since DotAsia took on the Secretariat role.
 - 7.1.1. It was noted that participation fees are being reintroduced for AP* meetings to support better management of meeting space and to encourage commitment to sessions.

- 7.1.2. It was further noted that DotAsia will pay AP* meeting fees for DotAsia Board members and that Board members may either register and claim reimbursement or request that DotAsia pay on their behalf.
- 7.2. Updates on APNG Camp were provided. It was reported that the Chair and Vice-Chair of APNG Camp have resigned following ongoing disputes despite efforts from DotAsia supporting their continued involvement.
 - 7.2.1. It was reported that as APNG Camp's financial secretariat, DotAsia had helped to clear out some issues around financial transparency that had led to the disputes, and had committed to underwrite the APNG Camp in Jakarta with the aim of driving collaboration among the APNG leadership for the camp ahead of governance improvement discussions immediately after.
 - 7.2.2. It was noted that the proposed arrangement was accepted by all parties involved when it was presented at a joint meeting in early Dec 2025, and that APNG Camp in Jakarta (Feb 6–8) will go ahead, with around 50–60 youth participants expected. The resignations that were tendered in at a later time were unfortunate.
 - 7.2.3. The DotAsia Board is scheduled to participate as mentors in a dialogue with the APNG Camp participants on different aspects of the Internet governance ecosystem.