



Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum 2022

Highlights of SIA Report

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Highlights of SIA Report on APriIGF 2022

1. After 2 years of being mostly virtual, APriIGF collaborated with APSIG and APNIC to organize face-to-face events in Singapore. It was a successful event, with participants giving off positive vibe and great synergy.

- Numbers of on-site participants:

594

- Numbers of online participants:

317

- Numbers of total participants:

911 (+50%)



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2. Number of submitted proposals has significantly increased, likely because of the benefits of returning to a face-to-face event.

More sessions were fitted in the schedule for the physical event while keeping 2 parallel tracks, but some comments were that the day was a bit too long and slightly exhausting. The new format of 30-minute showcases was also well received, could explore more formats with 30-minute duration.

- Numbers of proposals submitted:
81 (+76%)
- Number of sessions selected:
25 (+39%)



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3. Overall diversity of attendees and speakers was satisfactory, which has always been one of the goals of APrIGF. Co-locating with APNIC conference also helped bringing different communities to APrIGF.

- Number of economies/countries the attendees are from:

64 (+33%)

- Gender ratio of speakers:

F: 65%

M: 43%

O: 2%



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4. Number of fellowship applications has vastly increased, as the program returned to offering travel support to selected fellows.

Diversity and inclusion have been taken much into consideration during selection process. 27 fellows came from 18 different economies/countries, including 1 person with disability and 1 gender diverse person. However, the Fellowship Committee did review that the quality of fellows must be taken more seriously and the top priority while selecting fellows.

- Number of fellowship applications received:

188 (+135%)

- Number of economies/countries the fellows are from:

18 (+50%)



Remarks on APriIGF 2022

- There was a zoombombing incident during one of the sessions and the session organizer was upset with our way of handling. An official complaint was received and the Complaints Committee had made a great effort into resolving the issue as well as providing suggestions for improvements.
- There were comments about APriIGF being overshadowed by APNIC conference, from the event branding to the registration process.



Possible Improvements for APrIGF 2023

- It has been realized that the APrIGF model is not favorable and the cost is too high, which make it difficult to find local hosts, sponsors or partners. Volunteers from the Multistakeholder Steering Group (MSG) has formed a working group to review the APrIGF model, One of the main tasks is to revise and update the Request-for-Proposal document, to make it simpler and more attractive to interested parties.
- Lack of PR and media coverage has been an issue for years for APrIGF. The MSG is looking into promoting the event in a more professional way and have budget allocated for this. Will need a better plan to find resources.

