



APTLD's Capacity Building Projects

A presentation for the AP* retreat
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The Background

- Emerged organically as a part of our mandate
- The uptake occurred in 2018
- Both bottom-up and top-down
- The number of Members participating as donors and recipients is on the rise
- Fuels competition between donors (sic!)
- The community now can tackle serious capacity building (CP) and technical assistance (TA) projects
- Methodology is clear
- *Note that our members oftentimes do both names and numbers and also are a sole gateway to the local ICT community*

Projects Status to Date

Subject	Recipient (s)	Donor(s)	Status
DNSSEC and IDN	AF &UZ	APTLD, AU	Completed
IDN Launch Roadmap	LA	APTLD, CentralNic*, .RU, Gransy, Edoms*, IN	Completed
IDN& EAI Recommendations	LA & ASEAN Council	ASEAN, APTLD, AM	Completed
ccTLD Development Roadmap	TL	AU, APTLD, ID, PT*	On halt
ccTld Reform and IDN Launch	KH	APTLD, TH, RU, IN, GoDaddy Registry	On halt
IDN Launch	AF	APTLD	On halt
DNSSEC	BD	LK	On halt
How-to Webinars	APTLD Members	APTLD	In progress (10 webinars to date)
IDN/EAI	APTLD Members	ICANN* + APTLD	In progress
*Non-Member			

Challenges

- The number of projects on the rise
- The number of donors is limited
- We do not know what recipients want- worse, they do not know what they need
- Geopolitical factors behind the competition among donors
- The threat of corporate capture is there
- Logistics is a nightmare
- Online format is inefficient , a hard sell to recipients over time
- Lack of trained mentors in the community
- Lack of recipient's project implementation culture
- Internal struggle for illusory benefits at the recipient's

Lessons Learned

- So far efforts have been patchy;
- AP* orgs spoil the market for CP and TA and pamper recipients through unintended competition
- More things can be done, provided that there are:
 - Other AP* orgs' commitment;
 - Proper coordination;
 - AP*orgs' communication skills;
 - Qualified mentors;
 - Consistency and coherence in programming and implementation

Any comments?

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