



# Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association

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Ms. Fiona M. Alexander  
Office of International Affairs  
National Telecommunications and  
Information Authority  
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Room 4701  
Washington, DC 20230  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Ms. Alexander,

## **Docket No. 090420688-9689-01**

### **Assessment of the Transition of the Technical Coordination and Management of the Internet's Domain Name and Addressing System**

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APTLD is pleased to submit comments to you on the above matter, especially in relation to the upcoming expiration of the Joint Project Agreement ("JPA") with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ("ICANN").

#### **About APTLD**

The Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association is an association of country code top level domains ("ccTLD") managers, and other organisations that have an interest in ccTLDs, in the Asia-Pacific region. Our aim is to assist our members to operate world class ccTLDs.

#### **APTLD involvement in ICANN**

Although APTLD is not part of the ICANN structure, many of our members are also members of ICANN's supporting organisations, primarily the Country Code Names Supporting Organization ("ccNSO"), and as such we value this opportunity to comment on the captioned subject matter.

#### **APTLD's Position**

We support the goal of the JPA to transition the coordination of DNS responsibilities, previously performed on behalf of the US Government, to the private sector so as to enable industry leadership and bottom-up policy making.

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We acknowledge that with ICANN there has been progress in achieving this goal through a multistakeholder organisation capable of fulfilling its limited mandate of technical coordination of the Internet's naming and numbering resources. The development of the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process is one good example that ICANN is fulfilling some of the expectations of the of the APTLD community.

With the goal in mind, the expiry of the JPA on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 should be seen as an opportunity for ICANN to continue and further the transition of technical coordination of the Internet's naming and numbering resources in a bottom-up policy making multistakeholder environment independently from the US Government and without direct oversight by any government. Initiatives towards this end will receive the support of APTLD.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ramesh', with a horizontal line underneath it.

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