

Memorandum of Understanding

Réseaux IP Européens Network Coordination Centre,
1001EB Amsterdam, The Netherlands, represented by Hans Petter Holen, Managing Director
(hereinafter referred to as "RIPE NCC")

and

Asia Pacific Top-Level Domain Association
Level 22, Axiata Tower No. 9 Jalan Stesen Sentral 5 Kuala Lumpur Sentral 50470 Kuala Lumpur, represented by Ai-chin LU, Board Chair Asia Pacific Top-Level Domain Association
(hereinafter referred to as "APTLD")

Whereas, RIPE NCC is a not-for-profit association whose purpose is to carry out coordination activities to support the stable operation of the Internet;

Whereas, APTLD is a not-for-profit regional association to serve as the forum of information exchange regarding technological and operational issues of country-code top-level domain name registries in the Asia Pacific region,

The undersigned RIPE NCC and APTLD (jointly referred to as "the Parties") wish to declare their willingness to cooperate on an ongoing collaboration for the promotion of Internet coordination activities.

I.

Scope of Cooperation

The following provisions govern the scope of cooperation between the Parties under this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU"):

1. Information Exchange

The Parties agree to regularly share information and updates on activities, initiatives, and developments of mutual interest, as well as matters relevant to their common memberships. This exchange of information aims to foster alignment of efforts and identify opportunities for collaboration.

2. Mutual Participation in Projects and Events

The Parties will actively involve each other in projects of mutual interest. This includes inviting one another to participate in relevant initiatives, conferences, and public events, and to contribute as speakers or panellists. Such engagement will enhance knowledge sharing, broaden the reach of each organisation's work, and foster cross-community learning and collaboration.

3. Promotion of Open Internet Standards

The Parties reaffirm their commitment to the adoption and implementation of open Internet standards that ensure the Internet's scalability, security, interoperability, and resilience.

4. Capacity Building

The Parties will collaborate on delivering technical training, workshops, and educational initiatives, promoting capacity building in areas where both organisations have expertise.

5. Commitment to the Multistakeholder Model of Internet Governance

The Parties affirm their mutual support for the multistakeholder model of Internet governance and advocate for the role of the technical community in shaping policies, ensuring that technical expertise informs policymaking.

II.

Nature of Memorandum

1. The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that this MoU is non-binding and does not create any obligations under law.
2. Each Party shall bear full responsibility for its expenses incurred from activities under this MoU unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing.
3. This MoU and the collaboration described are independent from other collaboration efforts the RIPE NCC may undertake.

III.

Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising between the Parties from or in connection with this MoU shall be resolved directly and amicably by mutual negotiations between the Parties.

IV.

Communication

All communication under this MoU shall be conducted in writing via e-mail or other means agreed upon by both Parties and sent to the addresses specified in this MoU.

V.

Terms, Termination, and Amendments

1. This MoU shall come into effect upon signing by both Parties and remain valid until December 31, 2026. After that date, the MoU shall be automatically extended for one year at a time unless one of the Parties notifies the other Party at least three months before the scheduled termination date of its intention not to extend the MoU. Such notice must be given by means of a written notice sent to the other party.
2. This MoU may be amended at any time based on a written agreement between both Parties.

Signatories:

Signed on behalf of the Parties on 9 September 2025 in Belgrade, Serbia

For RIPE NCC:

Hans Petter Holen
Executive Director

For APTLD:

Ai-chin LU
Board Chair