

# South Asian Network Operators Group (SANOG)

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# Agenda

- Where
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- Why
- When
- How

# South Asia ..



- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- India
- Maldives
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka

# What is SANOG

- SANOG is South Asian Network Operators Group
  - Similar to NANOG in North America, RIPE meetings in Europe, AFNOG in Africa, and APRICOT in the broader Asia Pacific Region
- It's based on the non-commercial agenda of sharing of networking and operational experiences within and with the rest of the world.

# Why

- The presence of people from the South Asian region at the other international forums is poor
  - Cost, culture, distance and level of discussions are all factors
- The people networking within the region was non-existent
- The only few who did get a chance to be at APRICOT/NANOG etc, couldn't share the knowledge because of lack of a local forum.

# So, we setup SANOG

- SANOG was setup as a smaller version of APRICOT
  - Workshops, tutorials, Conference
  - Close co-operation with APNIC
  - Co-operation with most of APRICOT instructors
- Main aim was to foster people networking and operational best practices in the region
- Get engineering folks to talk tech and provide them a forum

# When

- OPEN Meeting
  - Everyone is welcome to participate
  - Typical meeting have people from the region, plus a wide range of participants from all over the world
- It's hosted in the SA region.
  - Twice a year, in Northern summer and winter

# SANOG History

- SANOG I : 22-28 January, 2003, Kathmandu, Nepal
  - Fairly Small, co-located, no workshops, 110+
- SANOG II : 20-27 July 2003, Colombo Sri Lanka
  - Co-located, with 2 workshops, small conference, 110+
- SANOG III: 15-22 January, 2004, Bangalore, India
  - Co-located with v6 summit, good overall feedback, ISOC Support for fellowship. 150+
- SANOG IV : 23- 30 July, 2004, Kathmandu, Nepal
  - Independent event, 3 workshops, NSRC collaboration, MoU with APNIC, APIA, new website, More committees, 150+



# SANOG datelines

- SANOG V : 6-13 February, 2005, Dhaka, Bangladesh
  - Very well attended despite ongoing uncertainty due to tsunami, SAARC summit, political changes in Nepal etc.. 160+
- SANOG VI : 16-23 July, 2005, Thimphu, Bhutan
  - First such large event in Bhutan, large local participation, much higher quality conference program, 140+
- SANOG VII 16-24 January, 2006, Mumbai, India
  - Hosted by ISP Association of India, support from NIXI, and GoI. 220+ participants

# SANOG VIII

- First networking event in Pakistan, hosted by the newly formed Networking Society of Pakistan.
- Same format as before
  - 3 workshops, 11 tutorials in two days and two days conference along with APNIC OPM showcase.
  - Topics like MPLS, DNSSec, Anti-SPAM, Data Center Design, Storage Area Networks, IPv6, VOIP, BGP, IXP, L2 Security & Multicast
- Lots of positive outcomes
  - "As a useful by-product, we in Pakistan are more networked after the SANOG8 event. - Tee Emm"

# SANOG datelines

- SANOG IX : 14-24 January 2007,  
Colombo, Sri Lanka
- SANOG X / APNIC 24 : 29 August 2007  
to 7 September 2007, New Delhi, India
- SANOG XI : 16-24 January, 2008,  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

# SANOG I - VIII

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# Structure

- Core committee
  - Programme Committee
  - Fellowship Committee
- Advisory Council
- Meeting is 9 days
  - 3 parallel 5 days workshops
  - 3 parallel tracks 2 days of tutorial
  - Single track 2 days conference

# Collaborations

- Signed MoU with APNIC during APNIC 16 for co-operation
- Co-operation with ISOC and NSRC since SANOG III.
- ISOC funding has been critical for fellowship program
- ISC, APIA, PCH, NetNod, IPJ, npIX, IPv6 Forum India, ISPAI, ISPAN, BDIX, NSP
- The community of folks in the region

# Financially

- We have sponsors
  - Local sponsors generally provide services and support
  - Major international commercial sponsors provide cash and other resources
  - ISOC sponsors the Fellowship Program
  - Few sponsors like Netnod, ISC, PCH, NPIX help to keep SANOG going by providing ongoing support
  - APNIC provides both cash and resources and has very strongly supported SANOG from the beginning

# Administrative

- SANOG secretariat is still run voluntarily
  - It mostly involves correspondence and making announcements and receiving mail (err.. spam)
  - No bank account, APIA MoU for a/c in Singapore
  - Each local hosts handles the entire finances of each event, and if a profit is made contributes to a general SANOG fund for making the Secretariat more active in future
  - Program Committee and Core-committee all discuss things on e-mail and meet at each SANOG and at other internet related meetings, most often at APRICOT.



# Procedures

- Venue selection
- Dates Fixed
- Call for papers, fellowships announced
- After preliminary program is ready, open registrations
- Keep the announcements going out regularly.
- Event organized
- Post event analysis by core-committee.

# Some More Information...

- The website is updated as required.
  - [www.sanog.org](http://www.sanog.org)
- Mailing list is fairly low volume
  - send e-mail to [sanog-request@sanog.org](mailto:sanog-request@sanog.org) with 'subscribe' in subject to subscribe to the list

# RIPE NCC Collaboration

- OPEN OPEN OPEN meeting..
- We have ongoing collaboration with the RIPE NCC
- RIPE NCC members get discounts like APNIC members
- The RIPE NCC Services Working Group Chair - Kurtis Lindqvist is member of the program committee
- West Asia BoF organized once

# Other NOGs

- APRICOT - Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies  
[www.apricot.net](http://www.apricot.net)
  - 21 February - 2 March, 2007, Bali Indonesia
  - Similar structure as SANOG but larger, more complex, once a year
- NANOG : [www.nanog.org](http://www.nanog.org) - a lot more intense, complex. 3 times a year
- AfNOG : [www.afnog.org](http://www.afnog.org) - not so intense, not so complex either, once a year

# Other NOGs

- EOF - European Operators Forum held as part of RIPE meetings
- Latin America (LACNIC/NAPLA)
- PacNOG : Pacific NOG, once a year
- JANOG - Biggest country NOG, entirely in Japanese
- SwiNOG - Switzerland NOG, whenever people feel like it.
- NZNOG - In New Zealand once a year.



Your turn to speak..



# Thank You

hopefully, we'll see you at the next

**SANOG**

14-24 January 2007, Colombo, Sri Lanka