

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ASIA PACIFIC NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER (APNIC)
AND
TAIWAN NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER (TWNIC)**

DATE

23 February 2025

PARTIES

This Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) is made between:

- A. APNIC Pty Ltd ACN 081 528 101 for and on behalf of the ASIA PACIFIC NETWORK INFORMATION CENTRE (**APNIC**); and
- B. TAIWAN NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER (**TWNIC**)

Background

- 1. APNIC functions as the Regional Internet Registry for the Asia Pacific, in service of its members and the wider community. TWNIC functions as the National Internet Registry for Taiwan, in service of its members and the wider community.
- 2. APNIC and TWNIC both perform critical roles within their own communities which support the growth of an open, secure, stable Internet.
- 3. APNIC and TWNIC also organize diverse but related activities focused on Internet development, capacity building, IPv6 deployment, promotion of Internet Security, Internet governance and participation.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. This MoU has the following specific objectives:
 - (a) Many activities of APNIC and TWNIC are complementary, in terms of common or closely related audience, subject matter, locations and objectives;
 - (b) APNIC and TWNIC are committed to working together in complementary activities wherever possible and appropriate, to enhance cooperation towards their individual and shared objectives;

- (c) To develop an action plan with the objective to facilitate and promote the co-ordination and efficiency of the cooperative relationship between the Parties; and
- (d) To monitor the progress and effectiveness of the joint activities undertaken pursuant to the cooperative relationship between the Parties.

RECORD OF UNDERSTANDING

2. Acting within the framework of their objectives, powers, interests and responsibilities and based upon the principles of mutual respect, equality, and reciprocity and in furtherance of the objectives of this MoU, the Parties agree to develop a focused cooperation starting from the following joint activities:
 - a. To cooperate to enhance the role of TWNIC and APNIC in the development of Internet in Taiwan as well as in the Asia Pacific region;
 - b. To support and enhance the deployment of Internet infrastructure, such as Internet exchange points, anycast root servers, and Internet measurement probes, to improve digital infrastructure and transformation in Taiwan and the Asia Pacific region;
 - c. To cooperate toward the achievement of a global, open, stable, and secure Internet in order to encourage Internet development in Taiwan as well as in the Asia Pacific region;
 - d. To promote effective Internet governance model based on the principles of openness, transparency, technical interoperability and respect for Internet users' benefits and privacy;
 - e. To actively collaborate and support TWNIC in enhancing its resource management system (RMS) and related services, including the Registry API, Reverse DNS, RPKI, and RDAP, and documentation to integrate with the APNIC systems;
 - f. To cooperate in staff exchange programs on Internet policies, technologies, technical issues such as WHOIS, IRR, RPKI, etc., and communications in order to share information, discuss, and jointly encourage Internet community development in Taiwan;
 - g. To cooperate and render mutual assistance to host technical training programs and courses in Taiwan developed and coordinated by APNIC for TWNIC members, as well as the community, with a focus on Internet number policies, measurements, network operation, Internet security, emerging technologies, and Internet governance;
 - h. To collaborate efforts in organizing TWNIC Engagement Forum, TWNIC IP Open Policy Meeting, and cybersecurity training for Law

Enforcement Agencies by contributing technical expertise, agenda, speakers, and sponsorship where possible;

- i. To strengthen APNIC and TWNIC collaboration for the Parties' mutual interests in the development and management of critical Internet resources;
- j. To share information with the community to mutually encourage APNIC and TWNIC Members to attend technical training programs, seminars, and conferences organized by APNIC in Taiwan and elsewhere in the Asia Pacific region;
- k. To enhance the effects of training programs or courses developed by APNIC as well as to promote APNIC's Internet policies to the Internet community in Taiwan;
- l. To collaborate on opportunities for TWNIC to support increased representation of participants from Taiwan in APNIC's fellowship programs;
- m. To actively cooperate and support registry accuracy and WHOIS management projects initiated and deployed by APNIC for the mutual interest in management of Internet number resources, where possible; and
- n. To cooperate and support each other's activities and projects in international Internet forums (such as ICANN, IGF, WSIS, ITU, etc.,) towards a stable and secure Internet in Asia Pacific region.

NO PARTNERSHIP OR AGENCY

- 3. This MoU does not create any partnership, agency, association, employment, or any other fiduciary relationship.
- 4. This MoU does not give any party any authority to act as an agent for, or on behalf of, or to represent or bind the other party in any manner.

NO TRANSFER OF FUNDS

- 5. This MoU contemplates no transfer of funds between the parties. In the event this document is terminated, each party is solely responsible for the payment of any expenses it has incurred.

STATUS OF THIS MoU

- 6. The parties record their mutual intention that this MoU serves as a non-binding record of their understanding.

7. This MoU does not create any enforceable obligations under law.

DURATION AND AMENDMENTS

8. This document supersedes and replaces any and all previous non-binding Memorandums of Understanding between the Parties.
9. The parties can modify this MoU by recording any such modification in writing signed by both parties.
10. The effective date of this MoU is the first date after both Parties have signed the document. This MoU will expire three (3) years from the effective date unless sooner terminated, revoked or modified by mutual written agreement between the Parties. Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving 30 days' notice in writing to the other Party. This MoU may be extended further by mutual written agreement.

SIGNATURES

For APNIC:



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