# APNIC 29 PDP BoF report

## Tuesday 2 March 2010

# The Goal

Increase Participation
in Discussions
and in Deliberations

# Potential changes to the PDP

1. Move the deadline for proposals from 4 weeks to 6 weeks before the meeting
   - Why?
     - To give the community more time to discuss the proposals and for communities such as the NIRs to organize local meetings to discuss the proposals

# Potential changes to the PDP

1. Remove the AMM consensus call step
   - Why?
     - The AMM consensus call step was added to the PDP at a time that APNIC meetings had more than one track of SIGs. But this is no longer the practice at meetings.

# Potential changes to the PDP

1. Adding a step after the APNIC meeting in which all APNIC members and affected stakeholder groups are contacted to let them know which proposals have reached consensus and are now in final comment period.
   - Why?
     - To encourage members to participate in policy development.

# Potential changes to the PDP

1. Add an emergency process for policy development for time-critical policy proposals.

    - Why?
        - Current PDP allows policy proposals to reach consensus at APNIC meetings, which are held six months apart.
        - ARIN and LACNIC both have emergency policy processes in place.

# Possible ways to increase participation

- Create a wiki in which policy proposals, and summaries of discussions about policy proposals can be added.

  - Why?

    - Multiple replies to discussion on mailing lists can be hard to track.

    - A single page per proposal can provide a community-edited summary of the latest policy discussions (including value-added information such as data on which stakeholders the proposal would affect)

# Possible ways to increase participation

- When a new APNIC contact is added (hostmaster, corporate, etc), trigger an email that explains how to participate in policy development and why it is important to do so

  - Why?

    - Departing contacts often do not pass on information to new contacts and therefore may not know they can participate in policy development.