# Sri Lanka School on Internet Governance (SLSIG)

**Project Proposal for ICANN Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program**

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## Abstract

The Internet is a fundamental component of economic, social, and political life around the world. It currently connects more than three billion people, and it is estimated that 50 billion devices will be connected to the Internet by 2020. The stable and flexible functioning of the Internet is increasingly important for developed, emerging, and developing countries and their citizens.

The governance of this ecosystem has long been the concern of a selected group of stakeholders, but the number of interested parties, both state and non-state stakeholders, is increasing as global connectivity spreads. Internet Governance is a contested topic, where the Sri Lanka School on Internet Governance (SLSIG) will try to offer understanding, framing, and actions to be taken in this Internet governance current environment. It will offer potential governance scenarios and analyze its international, regional, and national political, economical, and technical implications.

## Local Host

Sri Lanka Next Generation (SLNG - http://www.slng.asia) is the local body of Sri Lanka for the Asia Pacific Next Generation (APNG). Sri Lanka Next Generation (SLNG) is a certified At-Large Structure (ALS). Recently APNIC and SLNG signed a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate and encourage the development of the Internet in Sri Lanka.

## Project Objectives

The Sri Lanka School on Internet Governance (SLSIG) will help individuals from Sri Lanka to better understand the global and regional Internet Governance issues, settings, and processes while gaining access to comprehensive and structured knowledge on the various aspects of Internet Governance, and the actors, issues and settings surrounding it.

Strengthen the understanding of Internet Governance within stakeholder groups and individuals will ensure effective participation in regional and global Internet Governance fora.

## Project Scope and Methodology

The inaugural SLSIG will offer a one day learning course. The course will cover the basic of political, legal, economic, socio-cultural, technological and other dimensions of the Internet Governance within the context of the Sri Lanka national imperatives. The program is expected to carry practical oriented workshops, round tables, and case presentations.

## Project Details

Basic project details are as follows (summary).

**Project Duration:**    03 months

**Project Start:**    April 2016

**Project Closure:**    June 2016

**Project Budget:**      5,000 USD

**Funding:**           50% of the budget is expected to be funded by CROPP

## Project Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

This will be done according to the guidelines and requirements of the CROPP. The final project report will be submitted in the project closure.

Financial reporting will be done according to the financial reporting guidelines provided by CROPP.

## Target Audience

The target audience will be comprised of students, practitioners, researchers and professionals from the following sectors:

- Academia and Research
- Civil Society and NGOs
- Government and Public Sector
- Technical Community
- Private Sector and Business

Simple knowledge and understanding of the Internet is enough to attend this school.

## Venue

Lecture Hall
EDULINK COLOMBO
498, R.A. De Mel Mawatha,
Colombo 03,
Sri Lanka.
http://edulink.edu.lk/

## Date

June 2016

## Agenda

The agenda is to be published.

## Details of Supporting Organizations

- Xelude Information Systems (www.xelude.com)
- MindTrade Solutions Pvt Ltd (www.mindtrade.lk)
- Edulink International Campus (http://edulink.edu.lk)
- ICANN ???
- APNIC ???

## SLSIG Outline

- History of the Internet and its Evolution
- Internet Ecosystem in Sri Lanka
- Introduction to Internet Governance
- The IANA Functions
- Role of Governments in the IG Ecosystem
- The Domain Name Industry Ecosystem

## Resource People

From local universities, industry, ICANN, APNIC…etc.