

Expression of Interest for MAG 2016 Civil Society slots to the Multi-stakeholder Group Advisory Group

To: IGC Coordinators; Best Bits Coalition Coordinators; (Civil Society Groups)

From: Salanieta Tamanikaiwaimaro (Applicant)

Re: **Expression of Interest [Self Nomination] for MAG Civil Society Slots**

Expression of Interest

I would like to express my interest in submitting my name for consideration regarding the selection of Civil Society nominees for the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (MAG). Kindly find a brief Biography about myself. I would be pleased to channel and be a bridge for civil society interests. I have good working relationships with the sectors such as the Public Sector, Private Sector and the Technical community and am able to raise civil society concerns and engaging in productive dialogue. One of my favourite analogies about Internet Governance was provided by Dr Jovan Kurbalija when he shared the story about the Blind Indostan men and the elephant where each of the blind man only saw in part but together saw a greater whole. This powerful imagery to me captures the conflicts and diverse perspectives within the global internet governance. I am an advocate for an open and free internet.

About Myself

I am Salanieta Tamanikaiwaimaro also known as Sala T. Originally from Fiji, I am an Indigenous Fijian and passionate about development. I am an Attorney at Law. I am Diplo Foundation Alumni and a European Summer School on Internet Governance Alumni.

Work on Internet Governance

I founded a Think Tank called Pasifika Nexus¹ that is based in Fiji which is geared towards sustainable development and have run several programs in Fiji and the Pacific which have included hosting remote internet governance discussions amongst Pacific communities, Internet Exchange Point Symposiums², Girls and Women in ICT events³,

¹ Our major Project in 2016 is to provide technical and strategic counsel for Parliamentary Opposition in preparation for the debate of 26 Bills that will take place within 4 weeks within Fiji's Parliament.

² <http://www.pasifikanexus.nu/2012/12/11/ixp-executive-briefing/>

Youth Tech Camps⁴, Regional and National Computer Quizzes for Secondary Schools and participated actively in Access for persons with Disabilities⁵ and work closely with the Pacific Islands Disabled Persons Forum in advocating “access”. I also founded the Pacific Digital Alliance for Women in ICT⁶ and am a keen advocate for Child Online Protection and work closely with several Pacific countries in this area. I have chaired National Cyber Security Working Group within Fiji and worked as a national expert and regional expert in the area in devising Policy and advising several Pacific Governments. I am also the World Summit Award National Expert for several Pacific countries and participated in speaking roles in Pacific Network Operator Group Events, Internet Governance Forums (IGFs), Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APriGF), Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forums (PRiGF), APNIC and Pacific Telecom Council meetings. From time to time, I provide Advisories to the Region on matters of interest regarding ICT or internet governance issues. I enjoy writing opinion pieces on Circle ID.

Areas of Interest in Internet Governance

Human Rights, Access, Critical Internet Resources, ICT, Cyber Security, Gender

Current Key Roles Held

Currently, I am the President of the South Pacific Computer Society (SPaCS) and an Executive Council member of the South East Asia Computer Confederation (SEARCC). I am a member of the Pacific Chapter of the Internet Society (PICISOC). I am also on the Advisory Council of BrightPath Foundation. I also manage the Japan Pacific ICT Centre⁷ within the University of the South Pacific.

Previous Capacities

In previous capacities, I had the privilege of serving as co-coordinator of the Civil Society Internet Governance Caucus (IGC) for two years where I replaced Dr. Jeremy Malcolm and served alongside Dr Izumi Aizu and then later Norbert Bollow. Two organisations that I am a member of are both accredited At Large Organisations,

³ <http://www.pasifikanexus.nu/2012/12/16/girls-and-women-in-ict/>

⁴ <http://www.pasifikanexus.nu/development/dev-project/>

⁵ <http://www.fijitimes.com/story.aspx?id=295530>

⁶ <http://www.pacificwomen4ict.org/>

⁷ <http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=11599#.VqlkE1Kj7IU>

namely SPaCS and PICISOC. I was nominated and elected to represent the Asian Pacific Regional At Large Organisation (APRALO) where I served on the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) where together with the At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and members of the At Large structure under Dr Olivier Crepin LeBlond's leadership participated in raising concerns from a global public interest perspective on policy development processes. Over the years, I have presented and facilitated workshops on Internet Governance in various spaces locally, regionally and globally.