



Association For Progressive Communications Nomination

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Country/region: International

Statement

APC has almost 20 years experience advocating for social justice, human rights and development in national, regional and international policy processes. Work in the 80's and 90's was very much grounded in the national efforts of it's membership base, particularly in the area of internet rights, culminating in regional internet rights initiatives being established in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

APC has participated in United Nations World Conference from 1992 (the Earth Summit) until the present day. During this time, advocacy has focused on the role of information and communication technologies and it's intersection with environmental sustainability, sustainable livelihoods, population and development, human rights, women's rights, and of 'the information society' (WSIS).

During the WSIS process, APC was instrumental in facilitating and coordinating civil society participation in the WSIS process and was a member of the 'Working Group on Internet Governance' which led to the formation of the Internet Governance Forum, within which APC has similarly been intensively engaged.

APC has also been involved in civil society advocacy in relevant International Telecommunication Union (ITU), World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), and Numbers (ICANN) processes.

APC has extensive partnerships with organisations and individuals from Civil Society, the private sector, government and academia. This combined with it's 50+ members around the world places APC in a strong position to be able to outreach and identify 'experts' who can compliment APC's own expertise in relation to specific needs of the OECD ICCP processes.

APC has experience that is relevant to almost all of the CSISAC goals. This, together with our extensive advocacy and lobbying experience, membership of various committees and secretariats over the last 20 years, engagement with a variety of related policy processes, southern and northern membership base and strong partnership network puts APC in a strong position to assist in development of the CSISAC, bring relevant expertise and experience related to the CSISAC goals to the various OECD ICCP processes and to diversify the pool of experts that the CSISAC will need to draw on in it's work.

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APC and the United Nations:

<http://www.apc.org/about/history/enabling-civil-society-policy-making>