

Internet Society Malaysia Borneo Chapter (BISOC)

BISOC Chapter Application Submission

A. Proposed Chapter Name

- Internet Society Malaysia Borneo Chapter (BISOC)

B. Community of Interest the Chapter Will Serve

- **Geographic Scope:**

The Internet Society Malaysia Borneo Chapter is geographically defined and legally registered in Malaysia. It serves the communities of Sarawak and Sabah, the Malaysian states located on the island of Borneo.

- **Cross-Regional Collaboration:**

Borneo is the world's third-largest island and represents a shared regional ecosystem across three countries - Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, and Indonesia. While the Chapter's jurisdiction is limited to Malaysia, it will actively foster cross-regional collaboration with the existing ISOC Indonesia Chapter (and its Kalimantan-focused activities) and with stakeholders in Brunei. This collaborative approach recognises the shared geographic, ecological, and socio-cultural realities of the island while respecting the chapter governance principle of single-country legal registration.

- **Description:**

The Chapter, based in Malaysia Borneo, will serve communities in Sarawak and Sabah, and will provide an Internet governance and technical community platform that engages constructively with neighbouring chapters and stakeholders to address distinct cross-border digital challenges - particularly connectivity gaps in rural and Indigenous communities, multilingual content access, and infrastructure resilience.

C. Purpose and Scope of the Chapter

- The Chapter advances the Internet Society's mission by promoting an open, globally connected, secure, and trustworthy Internet. It focuses on strengthening cross-border coordination, increasing participation in regional and global Internet governance, promoting infrastructure resilience, and supporting digital inclusion and Indigenous connectivity rights. The Chapter bylaws align fully with Internet Society policies to support multistakeholder governance and community-based Internet development.

D. Key Priorities for the First Year

1. **Capacity Building:** Launching the Borneo School of Internet Governance (BIGS) and conducting workshops on cybersecurity and digital rights.
2. **Multistakeholder Dialogues:** Organizing specialized discussions on Indigenous connectivity rights and community engagement for operationalizing and managing BISOC.
3. **Global Participation:** Facilitating regional representation in the APrIGF and global IGF processes.

E. Founding Members (Minimum 25 Required)

The initial target is 25 founding members; membership is open to all ISOC members residing in or affiliated with Borneo.

1	Dr. Muhammad Farhan Jalil	Senior Lecturer, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia
2	Dr. Adnan Shahid Khan	Associate Professor, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia
3	Brandon Chong Kian Hua	IT Executive, Sarawak Energy Berhad, Malaysia
4	Tang Tze Lee	Senior Research Officer, Sarawak Development Institute, Malaysia
5	Rosalind Wong	Chief Operating Officer, Sarawak Development Institute, Malaysia
6	Dr. Tariq Zaman	Professor, University of Technology Sarawak, Malaysia
7	Dr. Shaista Falak	Lecturer, , University of Technology Sarawak, Malaysia
8	Dr. Gary Loh Chee Wyai	Senior Lecturer, University of Technology Sarawak, Malaysia
9	Dr. Ezmieralda Melissa	Lecturer, Binus University, Indonesia
10	Azriel Christian Nurcahyo	Lecturer, Shanti Bhuana Institute in West Kalimantan, Indonesia
11	Marcella Peter	Lecturer, , University of Technology Sarawak, Malaysia
12	Dr. Zalizah Awang Long	Professor, Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
13	Mohammad Hazami Bin Hasnah	Student, University of Technology Sarawak, Malaysia
14	Shahdayana Syerina Binti Khusrin Shah	Student, University of Technology Sarawak, Malaysia

15	Mu'izzatul Eisyah Binti Yahya	Student, University of Technology Sarawak, Malaysia	2363439
16	Ng Boon Ding	Program Leader, Politeknik Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia	2362940
17	Cheng Haw Yih	Lecturer, University of Technology Sarawak, Malaysia	2363136
18	Naqib Izzuddin Bin Hussien	Internee, SL Allied Sdn. Bhd. Malaysia	2362983
19	Pamela Anak Louis	Administrator, Yayasan Sarawak International Secondary School, Malaysia	2363068
20	Chiang Chia Yang	Student, University of Technology Sarawak, Malaysia	2363066
21	Carolus Ningki	Student, Universitas Tanjungpura, Pontianak, Indonesia	2363112
22	Pramataty Resindra Widya	Lecturer, Shanti Bhuana Institute in West Kalimantan, Indonesia	2363448
23	Stanley Paransa	IT Technician, West Kalimantan, Indonesia	2363113
24	Emmy Dahliana Hossain	Senior Lecturer, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia	2363168
25	Eka Wahyu Sholeha	Lecturer, State Polytechnic of Tanah Laut, Indonesia	2363502
26	Ahmad Rusadi Arrahimi	Lecturer, State Polytechnic of Tanah Laut, Indonesia	2363508
27	Noviyanti. P, S. Kom., M. Kom.	Lecturer, Institute Shanti Bhuana, Indonesia	2371575
28	M. Najamudin Ridha, S.Kom., M.Kom	Dosen, State Polytechnic of Tanah Laut, Indonesia	2363701

F. Supporters and Partner Organizations

The initial support for the proposed Chapter is provided by a diverse group of individual members who represent a range of academic, industry, and community organizations across the Borneo region. These include representatives from institutions such as Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), University of Technology Sarawak (UTS), Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Universiti Teknologi Brunei, BINUS University (Indonesia), and Shanti Bhuana Institute (Indonesia).

Support also extends from professionals in key organizations including Sarawak Energy and the Sarawak Development Institute, as well as industry partners such as Caliphs Digital Group Sdn. Bhd. In addition, participation from students and early-career members further strengthens the Chapter's foundation.

This diverse representation reflects strong regional commitment and provides a solid base for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and sustained growth of the Chapter.

G. Membership Engagement Plan

The Borneo Chapter will adopt an inclusive and community-centered approach, with a strong emphasis on Indigenous participation across the region. Communication will be maintained through digital platforms, including a chapter website, email (newsletters), and WhatsApp group, ensuring accessible and regular updates for all members. Engagement will be fostered through regular events such as workshops, seminars, and community-based activities, including collaborations with Indigenous communities across Borneo. The Chapter will encourage active participation by creating opportunities for members to contribute, lead initiatives, and engage in knowledge sharing, while outreach through universities and community networks will ensure a steady flow of new members and volunteers. Engagement will be driven through annual flagship programs like BIGS and volunteer-led committees with low administrative overhead.

H. Local Legal / Regulatory Requirements

We consulted with an Executive at the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM), Sibü Branch, regarding the regulatory requirements for establishing the Chapter. Based on this discussion, it was advised that the Chapter be incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLBG) in Malaysia.

A CLBG is a public company structure designed for non-profit entities such as professional bodies and associations. It is regulated by the Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia (SSM), does not have share capital or shareholders, and members' liability is limited to a guaranteed amount in the event of winding up.

The registration fee is RM 500. We were also advised to engage an agent for secretarial services, which we are currently exploring.

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