



APNIC Foundation Update

July 2026



Building Capabilities in the Asia Pacific

Overview

BCAP continues to strengthen technical and professional capabilities across the Asia Pacific through structured learning pathways in Network Operations, Cybersecurity, and IT & Tech Support.

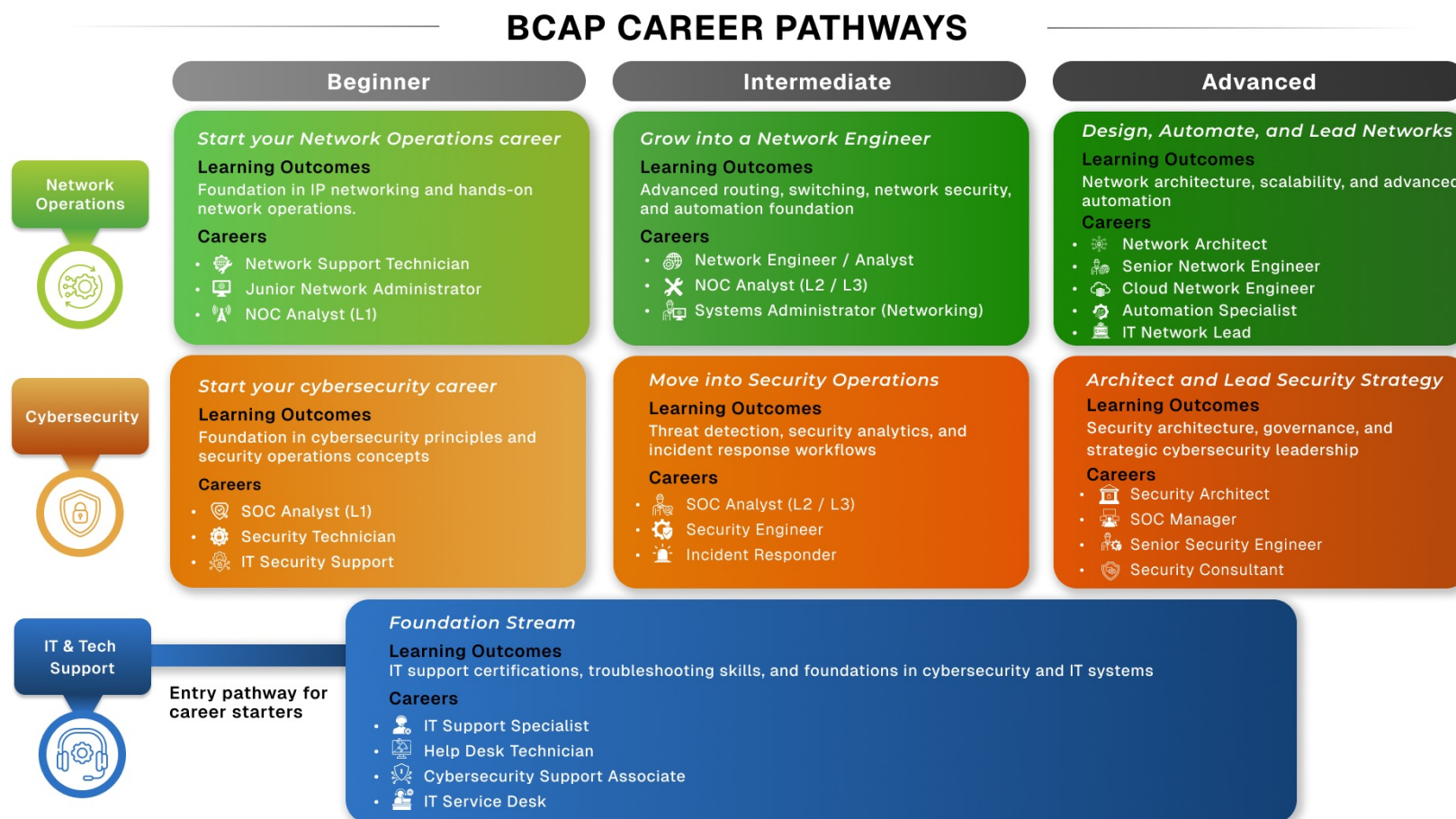
Key Updates

- Expanded implementation across 30 economies, including increased engagement in the Pacific
- 1,544 applications received from 29 economies
- 300 participants selected, representing 298 organisations
- Structured learning pathways aligned to industry-relevant skills and certifications
- Professional Development Management System introduced to support participant tracking and monthly evaluations





Building Capabilities in the Asia Pacific (BCAP) Pathways





Building Capabilities in the Asia Pacific

The APNIC Foundation is proud to share that the Building Capabilities in the Asia Pacific (BCAP) project was awarded the 2026 WSIS Prize in the *Capacity Building* category at the WSIS Forum in Geneva.

Following a competitive global selection process, including public voting and expert evaluation, BCAP was recognised among outstanding initiatives from around the world, highlighting the importance of investing in digital skills, technical communities, and the people who keep the Internet's infrastructure strong, secure, and resilient.





APNIC Foundation Alumni Network (AFAN)

Overview

The APNIC Foundation Alumni Network has been launched to strengthen long-term engagement with past beneficiaries and support sustained regional collaboration.

Key Updates

- Structured platform established for continued engagement and knowledge sharing
- Supports professional networking and peer collaboration across economies
- Encourages alumni-led engagement and mentorship opportunities
- Strengthens long-term relationships beyond programme delivery





Research Fellowship 2026

Overview

The 2026 Research Fellowship supports research to address practical, policy-relevant Internet and digital development challenges across the Asia Pacific.

Key Updates

- 168 applications received from across the region
- 5 research fellows selected, with wide topical and geographical spread
- Strong diversity across economies and research backgrounds
- Focus on applied research addressing real-world challenges





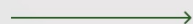
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Key areas of focus

The Fellowship focuses on three thematic tracks:



Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)

Research on systems such as digital identity, payments, data exchange, interoperability, cross-border public infrastructure, and last-mile digital inclusion.

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Internet Infrastructure and Resilience

Research on routing security, traffic measurement, subsea cable resilience, and other issues that affect the stability and performance of Internet infrastructure.

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Sustainable AI

Research examining the environmental footprint of AI systems, including energy and water use, as well as approaches that make AI infrastructure more sustainable and efficient.





ISIF Asia 2026 Call for Concept Notes

Overview

ISIF Asia continues to support innovative approaches to Internet and digital development through an open and competitive grants process across the Asia Pacific.

Key Updates

- Improved application and assessment processes introduced to strengthen proposal quality and programme impact
- Enhanced selection criteria implemented to support stronger alignment with community needs and long-term sustainability
- Expanded regional outreach activities conducted to encourage broader participation across focus areas
- Despite expanded outreach efforts, the number of IPv6-related applications remains low





EmpowerTech Summit 2026

Overview

Southeast Asia's 700 million people continue to face significant gaps in meaningful connectivity and digital inclusion, highlighting the need for stronger collaboration between technical, policy, and development communities.

Key Updates

- The EmpowerTech Summit 2026 is a high-level, invitation-only regional dialogue focused on supporting inclusive digital transformation outcomes
- Building on EmpowerTech dialogues conducted across six Southeast Asian economies in 2025
- Convening stakeholders across government, industry, academia, and the technical community to support practical and outcomes-focused regional collaboration





Thank you!



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