

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE DSS PROJECT

In implementing the Project, the APTLD Members, which are Parties to it, are guided by the following principles, which in the context of the Project mean:

1. **Good faith**- the Parties to the Project will deal with each other honestly and fairly so as to not destroy the right of the other party or parties to fully benefit from its implementation and they commit to the peaceful and humanitarian, and public interest-driven nature of the project, without prejudice to each Member's cybersecurity interests.
2. **Trust**- each and all the Parties to the Project believe that they are honest and sincere and will not deliberately do anything to harm or otherwise inflict damages on each other's DNS infrastructure and zone files and the project itself.
3. **Collaboration** – the Parties commit to working together on the Project and render assistance to each other out to achieve its ultimate objective, namely, a robust collaboratively managed DNS servers. Also, the project may, if members so agree, collaborate with other parties to further the objectives of the project.
4. **Neutrality** - the project's status arises from its merely technical and public interest- driven nature which demands its non-involvement and impartiality from any and all potential conflicts, disputes and contests between the Parties and/or their governments and other non-Member actors, and the recognition by such actors the Project's abstention and impartiality.
5. **Equality** –recognition of all the Parties' right to the non-discriminatory participation in the Project and its benefits, whether the Party is a contributor or a recipient of the Project.
6. **Diversity** - recognition of differences and respect for, and encouragement of: such differences for everyone's individual and the Membership's collective benefit by bringing fresh ideas and perceptions, so that the APTLD community could draw upon the widest range of experiences and could listen to, and meet, the needs of its Members and the regional community it serves.
7. **Transparency** - as an overarching concept behind the Project that is characterized by an emphasis on transparency and collaboration openness also refers to the accessibility of knowledge, technology and other resources; the transparency of action; the permeability of organizational arrangements; and the inclusiveness of participation in the Project.
8. **Proportionality** – each party agrees to commit to the project according to the capacity of each party.
9. **Scalability** - as the Project is poised to expand over time, the Parties agree to handle a growing amount of work by adding their resources to the system when need be.
10. **Universality** – the Project is envisaged to encompass the whole Asia Pacific region and involve every incumbent and future APTLD Ordinary Member.
11. **Exclusivity** – whilst the Project aims to ultimately benefit the Asia Pacific region and its residents, participation in the project, contribution to, and receipt of immediate benefits from, it is open to APTLD Members only.