

Hina Naeem — APRICOT'30 (APNIC'59) Report

I am deeply honored to have been selected as one of the fellows from the Asia-Pacific region for APRICOT 30 and the only fellow representing Pakistan. This report highlights my enriching experiences, the vast knowledge gained, and the invaluable connections made during the APRICOT Soft Skills Workshop and Conference. These lessons will significantly enhance my professional capabilities and contributions to my organization and community.

APRICOT Soft Skills Workshop Experience

The soft skills workshop was an engaging and interactive experience, filled with hands-on activities designed to enhance our communication, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities. One of the key exercises involved proposing a policy. We were divided into groups, selected a policy, presented it to an audience, and then defended our stance through constructive debate. Another memorable activity required our group to introduce an alcogel (hand sanitizer) to a five-year-old child in a simple and engaging manner. The workshop was full of fun and thought-provoking exercises that reinforced the importance of effective communication, adaptability, and collaboration.



APRICOT 2025 Conference Experience

The three-day APRICOT 2025 conference was an incredible experience, packed with insightful discussions, back-to-back meetings, and meaningful networking opportunities. The sessions delved into crucial topics such as Internet governance, IPv4/IPv6 transitions, and APNIC's Annual General Meeting (AGM). With around 1,100 registered attendees representing diverse economies across the Asia-Pacific region, APRICOT 2025 truly fostered a sense of community and collaboration.



Each day of the conference was a unique blend of learning and interaction. I had the opportunity to engage with industry leaders and peers, exchanging ideas and gaining valuable insights. The social events added a lively dimension to the experience, making networking both enjoyable and productive.

Acknowledgments and Takeaways

A huge thank you to the organizers and sponsors, including MYNOG, APNIC, LARUS Limited, and MyIX, for making this event a resounding success. The APRICOT team and sponsors generously provided us with souvenirs, adding a personal touch to the experience. My days at the conference were meticulously planned to maximize learning—balancing thematic sessions, interactive discussions, and networking.

The insights and skills garnered from APRICOT 2025 are invaluable treasures that I will carry forward in my professional journey. The experience not only deepened my technical expertise but also refined my soft skills, preparing me to contribute more effectively to my organization and the broader IT community. I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to applying these lessons to future endeavors.
