

Asia PKI Consortium Engages in Cross-Regional Dialogue at Cloud Signature Consortium and Africa PKI Forum Events in Cape Town



The Asia PKI Consortium (APKIC) actively participated in two major global digital trust events held in Cape Town, South Africa, in April 2025 — the **Cloud Signature Consortium (CSC) Annual Event** and the **Africa PKI Forum Meeting**. These events brought together stakeholders from multiple continents to discuss the future of digital identity, cross-border trust services, and the evolution of Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) in the context of global interoperability.

Representing the Asia PKI Consortium, **Mr. Vijayakumar Manjunatha**, Secretary General of APKIC, joined a distinguished lineup of global experts in shaping discussions around trusted digital infrastructure and advancing public trust frameworks.

Cloud Signature Consortium Annual Event



Held under the theme **“Trust Without Borders,”** the Cloud Signature Consortium’s event focused on the role of cloud-based trust services in enabling global digital transformation. Asia PKI Consortium contributed its perspectives on:

- The need for **mutual recognition** frameworks across continents.
- Regional progress in **remote signing technologies** and the role of mobile-based identity.
- Aligning standards between CSC, ETSI, and regional PKI policies in Asia.

Mr. Manjunatha participated in expert sessions emphasizing the role of **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)**, trusted organizational identity, and the interplay between **regulatory harmonization** and technical interoperability in enabling scalable, secure digital ecosystems.



The Africa PKI Forum meeting brought together representatives from national CAs, government IT agencies, and digital identity stakeholders from across the African continent. Asia PKI Consortium was invited to present its **regional updates and best practices** from Asia's journey in scaling PKI frameworks and establishing **cross-border trust** mechanisms. Opening talk from Asia PKI Consortium was given by Mr. William Gee, Vice Chair who joined from Hong Kong. He iterated the significance of collaboration to move forward on Digital Trust and emphasised on being Post Quantum Ready.

In his presentation, Mr. Manjunatha shared:

- Lessons learned from Asia's **multi-country PKI collaboration**, including experience from mutual recognition pilots and legal harmonization efforts.
- The rise of **sectoral PKI adoption** in Asia across finance, health, education, and e-governance.
- Ongoing efforts in standardization, compliance (e.g., ETSI/CABF/WebTrust), and capacity-building within member economies.

The Consortium also expressed strong support for continued **inter-regional collaboration**, particularly in areas like **certificate validation infrastructure**, **root CA governance models**, and **trust-list transparency**.

Strengthening Global Ties

Asia PKI Consortium reaffirmed its commitment to support multilateral cooperation with organizations such as **Cloud Signature Consortium**, **Africa PKI Forum**, and others working toward a **globally trusted digital environment**.

These engagements are part of APKIC's broader goal of building a cohesive trust ecosystem that respects **regional needs while supporting global interoperability**, ensuring that the future of digital identity and security is inclusive, scalable, and resilient.

