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# AFRICA REGIONAL REPORT

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# LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF GLOBAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR AFRICA

This fiscal year ICANN org continued to raise awareness of the African Domain Name System (DNS) industry as a critical cog in the nascent African digital economy. The Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) team in Africa has advanced its regional engagement agenda with a two-pronged approach in line with **ICANN org's Africa Strategy**, crafted by the African community.

First, ICANN org hosted a number of capacity development workshops and actively participated in strategic local and regional events. Additionally, ICANN org continued its support to foster African stakeholders' participation in Internet-related policy work, with special focus on those at the leadership level and members of key working groups across the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees.

During this period of time, the GSE team in Africa also intensified its outreach efforts to increase awareness amongst governments on the critical position that the DNS and its security plays in digital economies. The rising attention on legislative activities across many countries in Africa with the emergence of new data protection policies, such as the Global Data Protection Regulation of the European Union, was a central issue in the region. Consequently, a series of workshops on DNS abuse and mitigation for law enforcement agencies, universities, and research centers was launched.

As part of the broader ICANN org, we will continue working closely with the regional stakeholders, especially with African governments, to support their participation in Internet governance forums and the policy-making processes by providing technical expertise within ICANN org's remit.
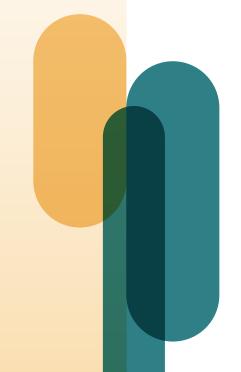
Lastly, I would like to thank all the community members for making FY19 a successful year. We look forward to continuing our efforts in FY20, and the years to come.
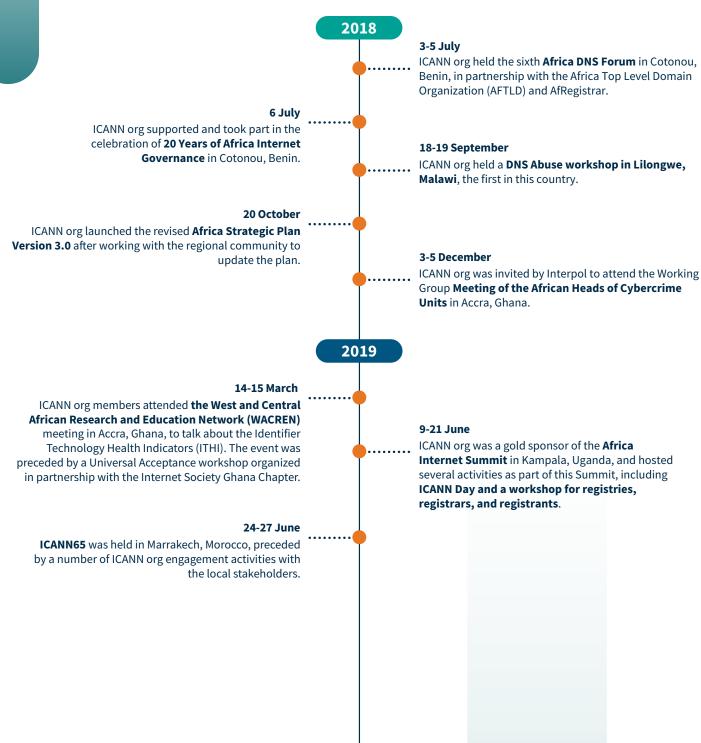
Sincerely,
**Pierre Dandjinou**
Vice President, Global Stakeholder Engagement, Africa

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## YEAR AT A GLANCE - TIMELINE

### 2018

**3-5 July**
ICANN org held the sixth **Africa DNS Forum** in Cotonou, Benin, in partnership with the Africa Top Level Domain Organization (AFTLD) and AfRegistrar.

**6 July**
ICANN org supported and took part in the celebration of **20 Years of Africa Internet Governance** in Cotonou, Benin.

**18-19 September**
ICANN org held a **DNS Abuse workshop in Lilongwe, Malawi**, the first in this country.

**20 October**
ICANN org launched the revised **Africa Strategic Plan Version 3.0** after working with the regional community to update the plan.

**3-5 December**
ICANN org was invited by Interpol to attend the Working Group **Meeting of the African Heads of Cybercrime Units** in Accra, Ghana.

### 2019

**14-15 March**
ICANN org members attended **the West and Central African Research and Education Network (WACREN)** meeting in Accra, Ghana, to talk about the Identifier Technology Health Indicators (ITHI). The event was preceded by a Universal Acceptance workshop organized in partnership with the Internet Society Ghana Chapter.

**9-21 June**
ICANN org was a gold sponsor of the **Africa Internet Summit** in Kampala, Uganda, and hosted several activities as part of this Summit, including **ICANN Day and a workshop for registries, registrars, and registrants**.

**24-27 June**
**ICANN65** was held in Marrakech, Morocco, preceded by a number of ICANN org engagement activities with the local stakeholders.

## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

### THE GROWTH OF THE AFRICA DNS FORUM



ICANN org's Domain Name System (DNS) Forum has become a flagship event and a key platform for capacity development. The sixth Africa DNS Forum, hosted by the Communications Regulator in Benin (ARCEP), was held in Cotonou, Benin, from 3-5 July 2018. This event followed previous successful Forums held in South Africa (2013), Nigeria (2014), Kenya (2015), Morocco (2016), and the United Republic of Tanzania (2017).

The Forum addresses national and regional industry topics, including:

• Registry and registrar strategies.

• Legal issues such as dispute resolutions and cross-border domain registrations.

• Registrar accreditation.

• Automation such as the resiliency of registries and payment gateways, etc.

• Governments supporting the growth of ccTLDs.

Through the Africa DNS Forum and other similar initiatives, ICANN org is committed to helping the African DNS industry become a significant contributor to the digital economy in Africa.

## THE AFRICA STRATEGIC PLAN VERSION 3.0 LAUNCHED



ICANN org's Africa Strategy is the cornerstone of all engagement efforts within the continent. Prepared by the regional ICANN community, it has served as a road map for ICANN org activities in Africa.

Since the adoption of the strategy, three reviews have been held to ensure alignment with the changing needs of the African community. Following the third review process in May 2018 and a Public Comment period, the final strategy document, **ICANN Africa Strategy Version 3.0 2016 – 2020**, was completed.

## ICANN AT THE AFRICA INTERNET SUMMIT



For the seventh year in a row, ICANN org participated in the Africa Internet Summit (AIS). This year, it was held in Kampala, Uganda, from 9-21 June 2019. As a gold sponsor and a key player at the Summit, ICANN org hosted an ICANN Day, a workshop for African registries, registrars, and registrants, an IANA update, and a media roundtable.

A youth community workshop was also held on the AIS sidelines on 13-14 June. It was organized by ICANN org in partnership with ISOC Uganda Chapter, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of Uganda (NTIA-U), and the Ministry of ICT of Uganda. More information is available **here**.

# REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

## ICANN|ASO

**ADDRESS SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION**

**3** *out of* **15**
ASO Address councilors are from Africa

## ICANN|ccNSO

**COUNTRY CODE NAMES SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION**

**3** *out of* **18**
ccNSO councilors are from Africa

## ICANN|GNSO

**GENERIC NAMES SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION**

**GNSO COUNCIL**

**2** *out of* **23**
councilors are from Africa

**NON-FOR-PROFIT OPERATIONAL CONCERNS CONSTITUENCY (NPOC)**

**1** *out of* **5**
members of the Executive Committee is from Africa

**NONCOMMERCIAL USERS CONSTITUENCY (NCUC)**

**1** *out of* **6**
members of the Executive Committee is from Africa

**BUSINESS CONSTITUENCY (BC)**

**1** *out of* **6**
members of the Executive Committee is from Africa

## Regional SO leaders

**Caleb Olumuyiwa Ogundele**
NPOC Executive Committee

**Wafa Dahmani**
ASO Address councilor

**Omo Oiya**
ASO Address councilor

**Noah Maina**
ASO Address councilor

**Abdallah Omari**
ccNSO councilor

**Souleymane Oumtanaga**
ccNSO councilor

**Biyi Oladipo**
ccNSO councilor

**Arsene Tungali**
GNSO councilor

**Ines Hfaiedh**
NCUC Executive Committee

**Jimson Olufuye**
Business Constituency Executive Committee

# REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : ADVISORY COMMITTEES

## AT-LARGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**ICANN**
**AT-LARGE**

**3** *out of* **19**
members

**60** At-Large Structures in **32** African countries and territories are part of the African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO).

### ICANN | GAC

**GOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**45** *out of* **54**
countries and territories in the Africa region are GAC members

### ICANN | RSSAC

**ROOT SERVER SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**4** *out of* **112**
members are from Africa

### ICANN | SSAC

**SECURITY AND STABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**3** *out of* **39**
members are from Africa

## Regional AC leaders

**Manal Ismail**
GAC Chair

**Cherif Diallo**
GAC Vice Chair

**Tijani Ben Jemaa**
ALAC Vice Chair

**Mohamed Elbashir**
AFRALO Chair

**Fatimata Seye Sylla**
AFRALO Vice Chair

# REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : OTHERS

## ICANN | NOMCOM

### ICANN NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**3** *out of* **21**
delegates are from Africa

### Community Leadership

**Lawrence Olawale-Roberts**
NomCom delegate

**Anriette Esterhuysen**
NomCom delegate

**Aziz Hilali**
NomCom delegate

## POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES (PDP)

### NEW GTLD SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURES

**18** *out of* **198**
members are from Africa

## CROSS-COMMUNITY WORKING GROUPS

### CROSS-COMMUNITYWORKING GROUP ON NEW GTLD AUCTION PROCEEDS

**1** *out of* **25**
members is from Africa

## REVIEWS

### SPECIFIC REVIEWS
### THIRD ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY REVIEW TEAM (ATRT3)

**2** *out of* **18**
members are from Africa

# REGIONAL PARTICIPATION : UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE AND INTERNATIONALIZED DOMAIN NAMES

## Universal Acceptance

In FY19, five countries from Africa (Benin, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa) were selected for special outreach on Universal Acceptance (UA) and Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs). Workshops were organized for academics, content developers, governments, and the private sector in the selected countries to raise awareness around UA and IDNs. These were also used as an opportunity to invite these new audiences to participate in ICANN.

## Regional UA Ambassadors
Abdalmonem Galila - Egypt

## Internationalized Domain Names

Two Script Generation Panels that are relevant to Africa were formed, completed, and integrated:

| Forming | Working | Finalizing | Integrated |
|---------|---------|------------|------------|
|         |         |            | Arabic     |
|         |         |            | Ethiopic   |

## CAPACITY-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA

### TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

ICANN org held technical workshops and webinars on DNSSEC and Universal Acceptance across the region.

*Total number of workshops:*

**4**

*Number of participants:*

**90**

### TRAINING FOR NON-TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

The focus this year in the region was on bolstering the multistakeholder model.

*Total number of workshops:*

**6**

*Number of participants:*

**199**

### TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

ICANN org provides training for law enforcement agencies so that they can better handle abuse and misuse related to Internet identifiers.

*Total number of workshops:*

**4**

*Number of participants:*

**300**

## LOOKING AHEAD

During FY20, ICANN org will continue to support its flagship programs in the region like the DNS Exchange Program, the Africa DNS Forum, and the DNSSEC roadshow. Capacity development, as well as the promotion of informed participation from African stakeholders in ICANN, will continue to be an important part of the regional efforts.

ICANN org will continue to focus on areas within cybersecurity that conform to ICANN's remit to help build trust and confidence in the Internet. ICANN org will continue to build strategic partnerships with the International Telecommunication Union, the Africa Union Commission, the Africa Telecommunication Union, and the UN Economic Commission for Africa to support governments and other stakeholders with Internet governance related issues within ICANN's mission and remit.

ICANN org has finalized its Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2021-2025, and this will require the participation of the African community to align the regional strategy with the newly adopted ICANN org strategy.

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