

## AFRALO Monthly Report - July 2013

AFRALO's main activities of July 2013 are following:

### 1. Program of the Virtual Capacity Building for African ALS

A third and final session of the virtual capacity-building was held on July 08, 2013 for the benefit of African ALS. This 3<sup>rd</sup> Webinar took place on the theme "*How you can help shape the future on the internet?*" For more details consult the wiki page:

(<https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=41893402>)

### 2. Report on the Durban meeting

#### a. Durban AFRALO Show Case

Under the theme: "*AFRALO: Getting closer to the Local African end-user Community*", this exhibition had a great success in Durban and took place with the presence of several personalities: Mr. Fadi Chehade CEO of ICANN, Mr. Steve Crocker, Chairman of the Council, Mr. Pierre Dandjinou Vice Chairman of ICANN for Africa, Mr. Sébastien Bachollet member of the Council, Mr. Olivier Crépin Le Blond Chairman of ALAC, members of APRALO, EURALO and LACRALO NARALO and members of other constituencies of ICANN.

During the show Case, 16 young local users of the Internet (students, university teachers and NGO representatives) from 5 different cities of South Africa (Cape Town, Johannesburg, Pretoria, Centurion and Durban), took the floor in front of the audience to express their experiences, ideas and expectations of the ICANN as end users.

It is through the financial support of Google and the technical support of AfriNIC and local associations FOSSFA and APC, that these young people were able to make the trip to attend the Durban meeting. They therefore had the opportunity to participate in the activities of the public meeting of ICANN and were able to discover how the ICANN multi-stakeholder model is running.

A brochure describing each of the 25 African ALS developed for this purpose was distributed to the participants. You can find videos of the show box on the AFRALO wiki:

<https://community.ICANN.org/display/AFRALO/AFRALO+Durban+events+2013>. One can also find some testimonials on the following links:

- Mercy Moyo: <http://www.icann.org/en/news/press/kits/durban47/video-newcomer-moyo-18jul13-en.htm>
- James Njenga: <http://www.icann.org/en/news/press/kits/durban47/video-newcomer-njenga-18jul13-en.htm>
- KudzaniTenga: <http://www.icann.org/en/news/press/kits/durban47/video-newcomer-tenga-18jul13-en.htm>.

#### b. The AFRALO-AfrICANN joint meeting

The African community of Afralo/AfrICANN joint meeting was held this time under the theme: "*Evaluation of the AFRALO-AfrICANN initiative after 8 meetings*". This theme was decided after a consultation on line with the community. The objective is to assess the various statements and their impact on the decisions of the ICANN

An inventory of the different statements of the AFRALO/AfriCANN meeting were reviewed, followed by a presentation on the impact they have had in the presence of the president of ICANN and the president of the Board of ICANN.

At the end of this meeting and at the request of CEO of ICANN Mr. Fadi Chehade, it was agreed to draw up a scorecard on the responses of the statements of AFRALO/AfriCANN. For this purpose, a working group was established to follow-up on the declarations of the African community in ICANN.

### **c. The other Durban meetings**

The Other meetings attended by members of Afralo during the week of Durban, focused on several points:

- The update of global participation and requests for the budget for fiscal year 2014,
- The update of the working groups on strategy meetings, metrics on the DSSA and RAA documents,
- A Presentation of the State of location of the online education platform,
- A discussion on new gTLDs and the concerns of consumers regarding public interest in this program,
- At - Large Development of policy: how the RALO's can better work with the RIR?
- The subjects that concern the GAC and ALAC: security, stability (SSAC) and new gTLDs.
- The update of the proposal of the ATLAS II of London Summit,
- The capacity-building of the RALOS on specific issues.

### **3. meeting between the CEO of ICANN and the RALO representatives**

In addition to the ICANN meeting, a special meeting was held between Mr. Fadi Chehadé, CEO of ICANN and the representatives of the five RALO's. This meeting was the first and was the occasion for officials of the RALO's present their activities in each of the five regions represented on the ALAC.

### **4. MOU between AFRALO and AFRINIC**

A Memorandum of cooperation and understanding was signed between the African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC) and the African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO). The purpose of this agreement is to:

- Strengthen cooperation for mutual development of the two organizations,
- Ensure financial management and administrative services of Afralo,
- Facilitate joint capacity-building
- Organization of events and activities of mutual interest, including meetings, projects or workshops for research and development concerning the African region.