

## AFRALO activity Report (December 2012)

The main AFRALO activities during the month of December 2012 were related to the following issues:

### 1. Appointment of Pierre Dandjinou as Vice President of ICANN for Africa

Following his appointment as Vice President of ICANN for Africa, Mr. Pierre Dandjinou, who used to be the founder of AFRALO, has been invited to the AFRALO conference call held on 5 December 2012. He assured the participants that he would like to work closely with all African constituents at ICANN and particularly with AFRALO for the implementation of the African Strategy. Topics were discussed such as Ambassadors programs, capacity building program for AFRALO ALSes, etc. ..

### 2. Recent and future activities of AFRALO members

As agreed during the AFRALO monthly call held on 14 November 2012, the workspace for the AFRALO ALS Activities has been created. This workspace will gather the ALS monthly reports. The AFRALO ALS representatives are invited to publish their information directly on the workspace or email the AFRALO secretariat.

<https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=38044510>

### 3. Preparation of the fiscal year 2014 budget

The ad hoc consultation group on the Budget process reviewed the process of the budget for the fiscal year 2014 based on the vision of the new management of ICANN. They will continue their consultations to assist the ICANN finance department to préparer the budget.

### 4. Virtual Capacity building program for ALSes

The AFRALO Chair insisted at the conference call in December that all ALS representatives express their views on the content of the virtual training scheduled for this fiscal year.

See: <https://community.icann.org/display/AFRALO/AFRALO+Dakar+Capacity+Building+Tools>

### 5. IGF 2012 in Baku, Azerbaijan (Workshop AFRALO)

The Workshop on "New gTLDs: an opportunity for development or another mean to worsen the digital divide", proposed and organized by AFRALO took place during the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Baku, Azerbaijan from 6 to 9 November 2012.

This workshop was the contribution of AFRALO in the successful participation of ICANN, management team, staff and community, in the 2012 edition of the Internet Governance Forum.

The AFRALO workshop was a great success, given the quality of the speakers and their presentations and the depth of the debate. It was chosen as a feeder workshop to the main session on Internet Governance for Development. You can download the transcript here:

<http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/2012-igfbaku/transcripts> ((No.61) New gTLD program: an opportunity for development or a mean for more digital divide?)

