

AFRALO Activity Report (February 2013)

The main AFRALO activities during the month of February 2013 were related to the following issues:

1. Regional Multi-stakeholder Internet Governance meetings in the Middle East and Africa

AFRALO will participate in the regional multi-stakeholder Internet governance meetings that will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 3 to 5 March, and in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia between 6 and 8 March. These events are organized by ICANN in partnership with several global and regional organizations, with regional leaders of governments, private sector and civil society:

<http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-07feb13-en.htm>

[Africa MIG Works Back#C9E16 \(2\).doc](#);

[Four Tracks and Breakaway sessions.docx](#);

[Information Note for participants ICANN Africa Addis 2013.doc](#)

2. Meeting with the ICANN CEO

AFRALO is considering the possibility of inviting the new ICANN CEO Fadi Chehadé to participate in a teleconference with AFRALO. Indeed, the CEO expressed previously his willingness to meet with At-Large members, particularly the ALSes.

3. Joint AFRALO - AfrICANN Meeting in Beijing

An online discussion was initiated last September to define the agenda of the joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting that took place in Toronto. The agreed theme was "the possibility of the creation of an Internet Development Fund for developing countries". A drafting group, composed of AFRALO members, prepared a statement. However, the meeting was canceled because the Working Group on African strategy held during the same week a plenary meeting gathering the African community in the Toronto meeting. AFRALO decided during his monthly meeting in February 2013 to propose to AfrICANN members the same theme, namely "the possibility of creating a fund for the development of the Internet in developing countries."

4. Activities to be programmed for the July meeting in Durban

Following on the success of the two African meetings (Nairobi and Dakar), AFRALO will organize a series of events during the next meeting to be held in Durban from 14 to 17 July 2013 in South Africa. Recall that during the meeting in Dakar, AFRALO organized a capacity Building Program for the African ALSes, a Show Case and a General Assembly.

The reflection has already been launched and it is expected that during the teleconference of March, specific proposals will be made about the nature of events to be organized in Durban.

5. Actions items

- The staff should check whether the remote participation will be available for the meeting in Addis, and send the link, if any, to the AFRALO mailing list.
- The AFRALO representatives in the new gTLD review group should communicate an Update to the AFRALO mailing list concerning the review group activities.
- Staff should work with Adigo in order to improve the audio quality of the telephone lines used by for the teleconferences.