

AFRALO Monthly Report - April 2013

AFRALO's main activities of April 2013 are following:

1. Statement of the Africa Community during the joint AFRALO - AfrICANN Meeting at ICANN46 in Beijing, China.

The draft statement issued in Beijing during the joint AFRALO-AFRICANN was submitted to the African mailing lists for comments. After that period of comments, the final version of the statement was issued and posted on the AFRALO wiki (<https://community.icann.org/display/AFRALO/AFRALO-AfrICANN+Declaration+of+the+Joint+Meeting+of+the+African+Community+in+Beijing+April+2013>);

The statement proposed the creation of an Internet Development Fund to support development of the Domain Names Industry in developing countries and their participation in ICANN policies development processes. It was transmitted to the ICANN CEO for submission to the ICANN Board.

2. Virtual capacity Building Program for African ALSes.

A meeting between the AFRALO leaders and ICANN staff was held to discuss the establishment of a virtual training platform for the benefit of African ALSes. To this end, it was decided to organize three training sessions during the weeks of June 3, June 19 and July 1st;

The program of each session will be sent to the African-Afralo lists by the ICANN Staff. An active participation of the AFRALO Chair of the ALAC and ICANN VP for Africa to this online Capacity Building activities was recommended.

3. AFRALO Activities for ICANN47 in Durban, South Africa.

A call for proposals has been sent to the AFRALO members and ALSes in order to make a list of activities to be organized during ICANN47 in Durban;

An organizing committee composed with the AFRALO members was formed to prepare the selected events;

A call was made to members of AFRALO to submit proposals for activities to be organized during the ICANN meeting to be held in Durban from 14 to 18 July 2013. An organizing committee consisting of members of AFRALO was formed to prepare a few events.

Thus, it was proposed to organize an AFRALO Show-Case and training activities for the benefit of the local communities (Associations, NGOs, academia, media, etc ...).