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Applicant Organization: Association Haitienne des Internautes

Region: LACRALO

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1) COMMITMENTS

a. Does the applicant commit to supporting individual Internet users' informed participation in ICANN?

YES: x NO:

b. Does the applicant agree to assist the RALO in performing its function?

YES: x NO:

2) GOVERNANCE

a. Which geographical area(s) are the applicants' memberships drawn from?

LACRALO

b. Is the applicant constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the geographic region in which the ALS is based control the organization?

YES: x NO:

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response: As per application form:
"It is an association evolving in Haiti, with the clear and precise aim of helping Haitians, particularly Internet users.

Any person wishing to be a member must demonstrate leadership and accountability, as well as the ability of expressing themselves freely in the language of all the members (Creole or French)"

c. Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES: x NO:

Provide any references used to answer the question here: As per the application form: *“There is no prevailing group of interest but several professional sectors (students, teachers, business managers, accountants, IT consultants, journalists)” “Founding members = 8 Active members = 4 Honorary members = 5”*

If YES on (c) above, are these members active, or do they mostly just sign up and delegate to their leaders?

ACTIVE: x DELEGATE:

d. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: NO: x

e. Does the applicant have governmental bodies or quasi-governmental bodies as members?

YES: NO: x

f. Does the applicant permit additional participation by others that is compatible with the interests of the individual Internet users within the region?

YES: x NO:

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response: As per email exchange with the applicant: *“Yes, we accept the participation of others (as in, not members of the organization) when they are relevant to your mission. We advocate non-exclusive, so for those we called honorary members.”*

g. Is the applicant self-supporting? (i.e. will not rely on ICANN for funding).

YES: x NO:

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How is the organization funded and what source material or information did you rely on to make your judgment?

The applicant initially misunderstood the question on the application form and selected no as answer. An email exchange with the applicant clarified the situation and he changed the reply to yes, with the following comment: *“It is a non-profit activity, ie voluntary, but any activity at a price, a price. We first prioritize personal effort with members, the fee is our main source of funding, but if the cost of an activity is excessive, however, we could make a request to another instance, a person of good will, or other.”*

h. Does the applicant post on the Internet current information about their goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s)?

YES: x NO: They have no website as such, but, the organization has a blog and an active mailing list.

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i. Do the membership, leadership and internal mechanisms described in the application correspond to those exposed on the website?

YES: NO: x

If ‘YES’, how and where are the references?

There is no website as such, but the leadership members are listed in the Bylaws which are attached to this email, and appear clearly in the application form.

j. How does the applicant appear to be funded?

As per application form: *“Contributions Donations Revenues from the activities carried out”* Members also have to pay registration fees. The registration form is attached to this email and the fee is stated in article 13 of the Bylaws.

k. Does the funding mechanism show dependence on other interest groups (i.e. industry, government)?

YES: NO: x

I. Are the leaders of the applicant organization involved in other organizations or entities?

YES: x NO:

If 'YES', please reference the sources for this answer: As per email exchange with the applicant, the coordinator of the organization is member of Toastmaster, a leadership and presentation skills training program. None of the leaders have been involved in Internet Governance issues, but they do recognize the need for Haiti to be further implicated and have plans to make this happen.

If YES were they already involved in Internet governance issues in the past, and in which role?

YES: NO: x

m. Is the mission / policy statement actually related to ICANN / Internet governance issues / advocating users'/consumers interests?

YES: x NO:

If YES, include mission/policy statement, and reference the source:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TlxXpujDee_mYJ9yJlIPgFSQsxQBmLw3HaCTlr_rl_m4/edit?pli=1 (please open in Chrome for the EN or ES translation, of articles 1 and 8)

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

a. Is the contact information for the organization and its contact person complete and reasonable?

YES: x NO:

Does the listed URL work?

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YES: x NO:

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: NO: There are also other communication means as per applicant: ***“(1) publication on the blog (2) e-mail message (3) SMS (4) telephone call”***

As per email exchange with applicant: “This week we have a Facebook page and a Twitter account in reality people hardly use Google+ it should be one of the reasons, the majority of our publications will be on Facebook and twitter.”

There are plans to have a website soon, as per applicant: “Yes, we think about it because it is the safest and fastest way to disseminate information but we also work on the empowerment and involvement of other parts of the country (the other departments).” “Certainly the blog is a bit young but we are working on are and shape of the blog and also wanting to reduce the number of advertising broadcast by marquettes online.”

Does the website have online discussion forums?

YES: NO: n/a

If archives are publicly available, do these forums show signs of recent activity (in the last few months)?

YES: NO: n/a

If public, are they kept up to date? n/a

YES: NO:

4) ADDITIONAL DUE DILIGENCE

a. How active and well known is the applicant organization?

Number of results for a Google search of organisation in quotes: 4 results, not including the results concerning their application as ALS.

Additional information if any: Staff raised the issue that the working languages of the organization are French and Creole, and LACRALO teleconferences take place in Spanish and English. As per email exchange with applicant: “We operate in a Creole-speaking and French-speaking environment to deliver messages for everyone to be

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understood, but at the committee level 3/5 of the people speak English, 1/5 speaks Spanish with ease. We would not have problem for meetings by videoconference.”

b. Were you familiar with this applicant before the applicant applied to become an ALS?

YES: NO:

If ‘YES” please provide some detail of your previous knowledge:

c. What kind of issues does it focus on mostly?

As per email exchange with applicant: “Our objective is to help consolidate and Internet users. Cooperate with the end user of the Internet, through courses or conferences. Divide the problems in social networks on harassment, pedophilia.

Example: Digicel, the best markets in Haiti ISP prevented users from using certain applications. Information Source: Le Nouvelliste | Published: July 9, 2014

Since June 20, the company Digicel has decided to block VOIP applications such as Viber, Nimbuzz, Tango and others on its mobile networks. Maarten Boute, CEO of Digicel Haiti, reported on the case.”

- Has the applicant set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users?

YES: NO:

Additional information if any: No, but they plan to take part actively, they just lack the necessary funding for the moment. As per email exchange with the applicant: “Yes, we plan to organize events and online activities and we are ready to receive any activity yet we are unable to take any responsibility in funding.”

- Has the applicant been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

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ACTIVE: INACTIVE:

As per email exchange with the applicant, they have not been active in the past, but this is their main project now, as illustrated with the ALS application.