

**Report by Dr Abdulkarim A Oloyede to AFRALO Community of AFRINIC 29 Held in Hammamet, Tunisia between the 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2018**

Dear AFRALO Community,

First, I would like to thank the members and leadership of AFRALO for finding me worthy of representing the group at AFRINIC 29 in Tunisia. I would specially like to thank the AFRALO Chair, Muhammed El Bashir, and Sarah Kiden for their support. My special appreciation also to Tijani Ben Jemma for his support and also in guiding me throughout the process. I learnt a lot from him and he made me feel welcomed in his country, Tunisia. He was present at the event and provided those that helped in managing the AFRALO desk in order for me to attend various sessions of interest. Thanks, Tijani.

The experience was an eye opener for me and I hope it would encourage me to do more for the AFRALO community.

I departed Abuja, Nigeria on 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 and arrived Tunisia the next day. On my arrival in Hammamet just after noon on 26<sup>th</sup>, I went straight into the meeting of the African Government Working Group (AFGWG). This was a closed-door session, but I was allowed into this meeting because I was representing AFRALO. The session is where government officials discuss on how things can be improved with internet connectivity in Africa, issues about government support for AFRINIC and on how to improve the activities of AFRINIC in general.

Throughout my stay in Hammamet, I also attended other relevant sessions. However, I would only highlight some useful information in this report as my aim is to make this report brief.

1. Deployment of IPV6 in Africa: The meeting emphasised the need to deploy more IPV6 in Africa. A lot of the sessions were dedicated to this and different speakers spoke on the need and how to deploy IPV6 across Africa.
2. The opening ceremony took place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of November. It was well attended, and it was chaired by Mr Habib who is the secretary for Trade and Industry for the Tunisian Government.
3. After the opening ceremony a session on ICANN was presented and moderated by Yaovi Atohou. Tijani Ben Jemma and Caleb Ogunmuyiwa also presented during this session. Tijani's presentation was around At LARGE and AFRALO. After this session, a register was opened at the AFRALO booth for participants to register their interest in AFRALO.
4. I gave a presentation on "Connecting the Unconnected in Africa: The Only Way Forward" on Wednesday 27, The presentation was an extract from my current research work. Later in the day, some updates were also provided by AFRINIC on what AFRINIC has been doing during the year 2018.

5. The AFRALO booth was very active and by the time I was leaving on Thursday about Twenty Three (23) people have registered their interest about knowing more and joining AFRALO. Myself, Tijani and the ladies who helped out at the booth also had a 1-1 conversation with over 90 participants while giving out some of the AFRALO leaflets.
6. The meeting provided a good avenue for talking about the activities of AFRALO and recruiting new people into AFRALO.
7. The meeting highlights the need for more participation of AFRALO members in AFRNIC
8. The list of those who registered their interest in AFRALO would be sent to the AFRALO Secretary for follow up.
9. I did not really participate in the PDP session on Thursday afternoon and Friday as I had to leave on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> because I was only funded for 3 nights.
10. The meeting also reinstates its commitment and relevance of ICANN and AFRALO to the internet echo system.
11. Below are some of the pictures taken in Hammamet during the AFRINC 29

I would once again like to thank the community for putting me forward and the believe in my ability to represent this noble community.

Thank You

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