

## **AFRALO NomCom Representative Hadia ElMiniawi EOI**

Last year, the AFRALO community choosing me as the ALAC AFRALO representative to the NomCom honored me. Since then, the NomCom was able to meet F2F at the ICANN66 meeting in Montreal and like most other committees and working groups; we have not been able to meet F2F again due to the worldwide pandemic. Nevertheless, we have been trying to work productively and efficiently to have the selection process completed within the timeline. During the past months, I was able to see the big picture better, learn more about the talents and skills that we possess as a community and have spoken about the leadership positions at AFRALO's monthly meetings and through the newsletter. Although the challenges posed due to COVID-19 do not seem to go away soon, I believe the experience I gained during this term, would help me continue during these challenging times to work to the benefit of the ICANN and the community to find the most qualified candidates for the ICANN open leadership positions.

Previously, I was AFRALO Representative to the ALAC from Nov. 2017 – Nov. 2019 and I am an active member of several ICANN working groups and subcommittees such as

- GNSO EPDP of the Temporary Specification for the gTLD Registration Data, Phase I and Phase II
- CPWG
- ME SWG
- CBWG – Webinars team lead

I participate in F2F meetings, calls and policy development processes regarding many ICANN related topics that affect Internet users and lead to advises, statements and policy recommendations. To that end I am familiar with the ICANN groups to which the NomCom appoints and familiar with At-large and the wider ICANN community expectations.

As the Director of the DNS Entrepreneurship Center, I work on developing the Internet ecosystem. This requires an understanding of the needs of end users and the region, in relation to the advancement of the Internet. It also requires a lot of outreach and engagement, which allows me to interact and work with the community. All of this enriches my understanding and familiarity with the community and gives me the opportunity to engage with many active and brilliant people. I believe all this will help me again in conducting the outreach required by a NomCom member.

My participation in policy development processes like the EPDP, and other regional and local events like DNS forums, ME SIG, and AF IGF, in addition to being a current board member of the Egyptian Diplomats Spouses Association and previously serving on other non-profit boards has taught me to listen carefully, defend my positions and work collaboratively with others.

Through my current work and experience at .eg, the Hungarian National Trading House, the Board of the American International School of Budapest and some other roles, I have gained experience and knowledge in relation to candidate selection. With the ability to understand different candidates and acknowledge different abilities and talents.

I am fluent in English (listening, reading, writing and speaking), and have good online skills, where I write and edit the DNS-EC's English newsletter and have contributed to policy recommendations and statements. I also commit to the time and travel requirements required by the position.

If selected for the AFRALO NomCom Representative for one more term, I shall work collaboratively with others to ensure that the interests of the Internet community are met.

### **Biography**

Hadia holds a M.Sc. in Management and Leadership from Szent Istvan University, Hungary, a B.Sc. in Electronics and Communications and a Diploma in Engineering Management from the Faculty of Engineering, Cairo University. She has successfully attended courses, in artificial intelligence: technology governance and policy frameworks 1905, Diplo Foundation, in Internet technology and policy with Diplo foundation and Internet

Governance in the MENA region with Hivos and Diplo foundation. She has proposed, organized and was a speaker at a session at the African IGF, 2017 and at the 4<sup>th</sup> ME DNS Forum. In addition to being a panelist and speaker at different DNS forums and ICANN meetings. Hadia is actively involved in At-Large working groups related to policy, outreach and engagement and organizational matters. She has worked for more than 14 years at .eg, is a board member of a nonprofit organization and has worked with organizations that help empower women. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/hadia-elminiawi-80695053/>