I am honoured to accept this nomination. Between 2016 and 2020, I have had the privilege of serving the AFRALO Community as Secretariat and would love to continue contributing in another capacity as ALAC Member (RALO). As Secretariat, I participated in several working groups and supported regional leadership and members, helped to curate 2 volumes of the AFRALO Newsletter, organised Joint AFRALO-Africann meetings, participated in organising AFRALO Showcases, a General Assembly and outreach and engagement activities.

I have also served in other capacities: I was the ICANN Fellowship Mentor from At-Large for ICANN66 and ICANN67. I am always happy to give back to the fellowship program, having joined the ICANN community through the Fellowship and NextGen programs. I have participated in the Africa Strategy Working Group (ASWG) in 2018, AFRALO Operating Principles Review Working Group, ALS Mobilisation Working Party, At-Large Review Working Party, Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG), Technology Taskforce (TTF), Finance and Budget Subcommittee, Outreach and Engagement, Social Media Working Group, among others.

Outside the ICANN Community, I am a Marie Curie Research Fellow on Open Design of Trusted Things (OpenDoTT [opendott.org]), a joint programme between the University of Dundee and Mozilla, exploring how to build a more open, secure, and trustworthy Internet of Things (IoT). My project explores possibilities for smaller-scale local IoT technology and how communities and neighbourhoods can be supported in making the best use of them. Previously, I was a Ford-Mozilla Open Web Fellow hosted by Research ICT Africa, and working on broadband performance and Internet measurements. I also continue to contribute to Internet policy and capacity building through the Internet Society Uganda Chapter.

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving the community.

Please see my Statement of Interest (SOI) and User dashboard.

Kind regards,

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