ICANN's Africa Regional Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025

- 1. The 3rd version of its kind first strategy was in 2012
- 2. The document was prepared by the community (AFRALO was well represented in the WG)
- 3. Facilitated by the GSE Africa Team
- 4. Strategic objective focused on 5 key areas as it affects the region:
 - a. Security
 - b. ICANN Governance
 - c. Unique Identifiers System
 - d. Geopolitics
 - e. Financials
- 5. Under each ICANN strategic focus area, the following were identified:
 - Strategic Objective Regional Goals Targeted Outcomes Action Steps
 - Strategic Risks

AFRALO Draft Response Statement

- 6. Draft under development on the wiki
- 7. The draft statement is receiving comments from the community
- 8 AFRALO response focused on 5 key areas as stated in the draft plan:
 - a. Security: We talked about not limiting security just to Internet engineering standards
 - b. ICANN Governance: Commitment to contribute towards ICANN multistakeholderism, suggestion for consideration on other meeting locations in Africa
 - c. Unique Identifiers System: Suggestion to prioritize the Unique identifier system advocacy as the region move towards online in response to COVID-19
 - d. Geopolitics: To strategically (and to the extent that ICANN mission permits) be involved in discouraging Internet shutdowns
 - e. Financials: We encourage more support towards registry/registrar development in the region.

AFRALO/APRALO collaborated to respond to the <u>public comment request</u> on Middle East and Adjoining Countries (MEAC) Strategy 2021-2025.