

Applicant Information

First Name: Benjamin

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Gender: Male

Country of Residence: Namibia

Stakeholder Group/Constituency Affiliation: NCSG /NCUC

Questions

1. **Current employer and position. Please describe the type of work you perform:** Namibia
University of Science and Technology, Namibia
Research student
Currently engaged in academic research in the field of Health Informatics

2. **Education:** B.Sc. Physics, University of Lagos, M.Sc. IT (National Open University of Nigeria)

3. **Please identify any GNSO Working Groups and/or chartered teams in which you are participating:**
 - My participation is listed below
Fellowship Alumni AfrICANN group
CCWG Accountability
GNSO Next-Gen RDS PDP WG
Draft Proposal of the New Fellowship Program Approach – *commented on the NCSG draft statement.*
Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in all gTLDs PDP Working Group – *member – regularly on call of this WG*
Defunct Next-Gen WHOIS/RDS PDP WG, however following closely the EPDP process. – *Member of draft teams (DT) on Domain Sales and WHOIS Data elements.*
Making comments as part of the NCSG, formed a team on the ICANN Africa Strategic Plan 2016-2020 version 3.0 – *volunteered to on the comment drafting team*
NPOC Policy committee - *volunteer*

4. Please describe any past involvement in the ICANN Fellowship Program, if applicable. For example, have you previously been a fellow or served as a program mentor?

3 times fellow and unofficial mentors to a couple of fellows and newcomers.
At ICANN66 provided guidance to a couple of fellows though being a fellow myself and handheld a newcomer through the entire meeting.

5. Please assess and explain how your knowledge, experience and expertise address the criteria listed below. Leave the response blank if not applicable to you.

- **Active participant in GNSO structures and policy development processes with a track record of engagement:** My participation is listed below
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- **Previous experience serving as a mentor, teacher, or learning facilitator is a plus –** I have experience mentoring newcomers and fellows to be, eg Adisa Bolutife , who I introduced the fellowship to in Nigeria and guided them to apply for the fellowship with success.
- **Strong written and verbal communication skills –** Currently a researcher doing academic writing full time and comfortable with public speaking as member of Toastmasters International.
- **Project management and coordination skills :** I have over 10 years' experience as an IT manager , engaged in various Health IT and digital health projects, also with Project Management for development training (PMD Pro)
- **Networking skills –** I have built strong relationships both within and outside ICANN. I can easily connect and relate with colleagues as I create positive and friendly environment suitable for learning.

6. **Please assess and explain how your knowledge, experience & personality meet the desired attributes listed below. Leave the response blank if not applicable to you.**

- **Member of a GNSO Stakeholder Group and/or Constituency:**

I am currently an NCUC Africa EC member who is also involved in NCUC members capacity building and Buddy Mentor program. These initiatives encourage meaningful and improved members engagement in ICANN's policy development processes.

- **Understanding of the ICANN's mission, structure, and multistakeholder model:**

ICANN's mission is to ensure that the domain name system remains stable and secured and inclusive participation of the different stakeholders in the policies guiding the continuous growth and development of the unique identifier internet resource. ICANN provides the platform where diverse population of volunteers participate in making decisions in a safe and conducive environment on issues that affect the future of the Internet.

- **Willingness to devote the necessary time a resources prior to and during the ICANN meeting :**

As a German Academie Exchange (DAAD) Scholar, I have adequate time to support a mentee and resources to motivate a newcomer or fellow in ICANN.

- **Ability to create a supportive atmosphere for mentees by being open, accessible, and approachable-** I am easy to access as I have shown with my warm and charismatic personality

- **Robust network within the ICANN community and ability to leverage and share that network** – I am active member of diverse groups within and outside of ICANN, Internet Governance structures such as Afrinic, Diplo , ISOC , IGF and different regional structures.

- **Ability to present information in a manner that is simple and easy to understand:** My strong area of competence due to my many years as helpdesk support is to simplify technical information for diverse demographics for easy understanding.

- **Ability to establish weekly projects and deliverables for mentees using a clear and consistent learning approach:** I am well equipped to provide weekly projects and deliverables to mentees before and after meeting with various online and Realtime tools such as Emails, Facebook, WhatsApp, slack and skype calls.

7. **Please explain your interest in serving as a mentor and what you will bring to the Fellowship Program if selected.**

I am interested in serving as a mentor because it gives me the opportunity to support newcomers and fellows for more active engagement. It is a means for me to serve and support my constituency and increase participation and continue to grow in my

understanding of ICANN issues. This process will enable to learn more as I guide new fellows. I have a unique opportunity to share some of the experiences I have gather for the past 5 years participating and observing the ICANN multistakeholder model.