

Statement of Interest – Seun Ojedeji
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I became active in ICANN processes through the fellowship program and thereafter started active participation within CWG of the IANA Stewardship transition. I can say its been an interesting journey for me as I have served in various roles, learnt a lot, and made good connection and relationships in the process.

I am probably the only chair that has not experienced the physical ICANN meeting as Chair (no thanks for Covid-19) ;-), irrespective of that I am very happy to report that I have worked with my colleagues within the AFRALO leadership and the AFRALO membership to continue to perform our role of representing the interest of Internet users.

During my current term, we continue to run various activities and I am personally happy with the growth that we have experienced both in ALS membership and Individual membership. While we have experienced membership growth, I also need to recognise that there is need to improve our level of participation hence this will be one of the areas that I hope to work with you and the rest of the members towards improving through my 2nd term; We need to further build our internal human capacity to allow us better contribute, we need to encourage our ALSes and members to come out with initiatives that will help achieve our strategic objectives and that are remote based friendly as this is now the new normal and we need to encourage our members to take on leadership roles, from leading statement drafting, chairing workgroups, and serving in other leadership roles.

I therefore like to thank members who nominated and supported my nomination and as I have stated in my acceptance, I trust to count on your continued support going forward. Thank you for the honour of trusting me to lead this great RALO, let us continue to see our diversity in AFRALO as a source of strength and not division!

Long Live AFRALO, Long Live the Internet!!!

Seun Ojedeji