

Applicant Information

First Name: Arsene

Last Name: Tungali

Gender: Male

Country of Residence: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Stakeholder Group/Constituency Affiliation: NCSG

Questions

1. Current employer and position. Please describe the type of work you perform:

Executive Director, Rudi International

Rudi International works at the intersection of human rights and technology with program focused on capacity building, research and advocacy.

Rudi International is a member organization with NCSG's NPOC and will soon join AFRALO as an ALS.

2. Education:

Master Student (2023) in Development Studies with focus on ICT4D.

3. Please identify any GNSO Working Groups and/or chartered teams in which you are participating:

I am currently part of no WG but have been active in PDG WGs, from 2014 to two years ago when I took a sabbatical off ICANN.

During that period, I also served as a member of the GNSO Council for one term (two years). The GNSO Council oversees the PDP work across the GNSO.

I am currently serving as a member of GNSO Standing Selection Committee.

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?

I joined ICANN as a Fellow in 2014. "Once a fellow, always a fellow", is the spirit!

My fellowship was renewed twice and for the third time, I joined as a Coach/Mentor which was an opportunity to support onboarding 2 newcomers.

When I first joined ICANN, I benefited from the support of a Coach who helped me find my way in that ICANN meeting, an experience I also shared with newcomers. I found this very important. I believe in mentorship!

I was involved in the Fellowship Program review and was one of the voices in support of its stay because I see its value, helping bring new blood and new voices to ICANN but also supporting those who are willing to come back and continue their involvement.

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**

After the opportunity given to me by the Fellowship program to get introduced to ICANN, I had to find my way in order to be able to stay and contribute to ICANN's work. In fact, that's what newcomers at ICANN (through the fellowship) need to be told by their mentors; that they should use the fellowship to come in, then be active in a specific community in order to be able to come back through other available opportunities.

Being selected to the GNSO Council by the NCSG was a highlight for the Fellowship program and I was used as a good example of someone who got in through the fellowship and then worked his way up to a leadership role.

All this, because I was active in my SG and a good contributor to the PDP WGs.

- **Previous experience serving as a mentor, teacher, or learning facilitator is a plus**

Within ICANN, I officially served as a Coach (Mentor) after my two fellowships; a rewarding experience, a way to give back and introduce new commers to ICANN.

In my professional life, I have served as a trainer and a learning facilitator, being the executive of a nonprofit running capacity building programs.

I have also supported the onboarding of newcomers within various programs and opportunities I have had in the past, outside of ICANN.

- **Strong written and verbal communication skills**

I am fluent in French (mother tongue) and English (work language), which is a plus in this ICANN ecosystem that welcomes those who are non-English natives as well.

I know how difficult it is for a non-English native to get into ICANN and find their way, I will be happy to specifically help this category of fellows navigate. I am also a sworn-in translator between English and French.

I am a researcher in social sciences and have produced research reports (in ICT field), have given interviews and have been an outstanding blogger in my younger age. I still blog, but not very often anymore due to time constraint. I am a published author.

- **Project management and coordination skills**

Having benefited from the help of a Coach for my first ICANN meeting and later on served in the same capacity, I know how important it is to be able to better organize oneself and to coordinate tasks and fellows, ensuring everyone is ready for the meeting, is able to navigate the actual meeting as well as able to feedback after the meeting (reporting phase).

As an executive for the last 10 years, I can confirm my project management and coordination skills that I am willing to lend to the fellowship program.

- **Networking skills**

Fellows need to be introduced to the ICANN community and to its leaders. This is important and having been in and around ICANN since 2014, I will be able to help this way.

Outside of ICANN, I have served in the global IGF MAG for three years (currently with the African IGF MAG), been active in ISOC, the ITU and the other major I* institutions, giving me a broad understanding of the ecosystem and the necessary networks to support fellows.

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 a member of the NCSG

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

As a former member of the ICANN leadership (GNSO Council), I do have a very good understanding of ICANN Org and its structures.

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

Because I am rejoining ICANN and not yet involved in PDPs, I can confirm that I have the necessary time to dedicate to the task.

- **Ability to create a supportive atmosphere for mentees by being open, accessible, and approachable**

Having been mentored for ICANN and having mentored others, I have the required qualities such as openness, accessibility and I am very approachable.

I am coming from a disadvantaged community, I know how important being sponsored to attend an ICANN meeting can be a lifetime opportunity, I will therefore do my best to make sure selected fellows make the most of their ICANN meeting.

- **Robust network within the ICANN community and ability to leverage and share that network**

I have been around ICANN since 2014, have been very active in the community, not only my own SG but across other SG/Cs.

- **Ability to present information in a manner that is simple and easy to understand**

Able to.

- **Ability to establish weekly projects and deliverables for mentees using a clear and consistent learning approach**

Able to.

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

I believe my answers to the previous questions highly speak about my interest and willingness to serve as a Mentor for the Fellowship program. I hope the GNSO will put their trust in me and designate me for this role.