AFRALO Activity Report (August 2012)

The main Afralo activities during August 2012 have focused on the following:

1. Open Public Consultations for the July-August period:

- DRAFT Statement of ICANN's Role and Remit in Security, Stability and Resiliency of the Internet's Unique Identifier Systems,
- Inter Consulting Group's WHOIS Proxy/Privacy Reveal & Relay Feasibility Survey,
- Security, Stability & Resiliency of the DNS Review Team (SSR RT) Final Report,
- Proposed Modifications to GNSO Operating Procedures,
- Name Registry Agreement Renewal,
- Locking of a Domain Name Subject to UDRP Proceedings,
- Preliminary Issue Report on Uniformity of Contracts to Address Registration Abuse

2. Participation of Afralo to different Working Groups (WG):

AFRALO members continue to participate actively to different Working Groups:

- Group on revision of objections of ALAC related to requests from gTLD,
- Group on rules, procedures and metric aspects,
- Group on ICANN African Strategy,
- Ad Hoc Groups on the improvement of budget preparation process.

3. Nomination of AFRALO Representatives:

A large part of AFRALO members have responded positively to the propositions of the nomination of many candidates as representatives of Afralo (https://community.icann.org/x/qxYQAg):

- Mohamed El-Bashir has been confirmed for a second term as AFRALO representative to NomCom:
- Mr Tijani has been confirmed for a second term as representative to ALAC;
- Mr Aziz Hilali has been confirmed for a second term as Secretary of AFRALO.

4. Joint Meeting of AFRALO/AfrICANN

AFRALO members have been asked to suggest discussion topics for the next AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting which will be held in Toronto. It was noted that such topics would be useful if they concern current matters.

5. IGF 2012 in Baku, Azerbaijan (Workshop AFRALO at IGFI)

The Forum on Governance of Internet (FGI) will take place in Baku (Azerbaijan), from November 6 to 8, 2012. A workshop will be organized at IGF by Afralo with "New gTLD: an opportunity for development or another way of deepening the numeric ditch?" as a main theme.

This Workshop has been proposed by Afralo and approved at the first evaluation session by the MAG. ICANN also accepted to sponsor it. This includes payment of travel expenses of speakers.