AFRALO Activity Report (January 2012)

The AFRALO main activities during the month of January 2012 were:

Open Public Consultations

AFRALO is following-up on the open public consultations for which ALAC prepares comments:

- IDN Variant issues project: Draft integrated issues report (deadline: 30 January 2012)
  http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/idn-vip-integrated-issues-23dec11-en.htm
- Initial report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs(deadline: 07 February 2012)
  http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/universal-acceptance-idn-tlds-06jan12-en.htm
- Whois Policy Review Team Draft Report(deadline: 18 March 2012)
  http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/whois-rt-draft-final-report-05dec11-en.htm

The African ALSes have been invited to give their point of view, particularly on the issue of Whois Policy Review Team Draft Report.

Individual Membership and Vote criteria inside AFRALO

The individual membership and the review of the vote criteria inside AFRALO have been rejected by most of the ALSes that participated in the debate. The discussion on those two issues is closed.

ISOC Cameroon application for accreditation as an ALS

After an online discussion, only positive opinions have been expressed by AFRALO members regarding the application of the Internet Society's Cameroon chapter. AFRALO advised ALAC to approve the application.

Statement of Interest for NomCom 2012

Mohamed El Bashir, Representative of AFRALO in the ICANN Nominating Committee advised that the NomCom posted on its web site a call for statement of Interest (SOI) for positions in the Board and some supporting organizations and advisory committees http://nomcom.icann.org/. He invited the African ALSes to submit SOIs and/or recommend candidates from the Internet community for the following key leadership positions to fulfill ICANN's technical and policy coordination role:

- Three members of the Board of Directors,
- Two ALAC members (representing Europe and North America regions)
- One gNSO council member,
- One ccNSO council member.

AFRALO-AfrICANN joint meeting in San José

As a preparation of the upcoming joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting in San José, an online discussion has been launched to define the theme to be debated. The following subjects have been so far proposed:

- The dissemination of continental contents,
- SOPA and PIPA,
- Support for the new gold applicants,
- Migration from IPv4 to IPv6,
- Legal dispositions on cyber-security and cyber-crimes.