

AFRALO Activity Report (September 2012)

The main Afralo activities during September 2012 were related to the following issues:

1. Application of the “Association Tchadienne pour la Promotion et de Développement de l'Internet au Tchad” (ATPDIT)

Following the decision of AFRALO not to accept the application of ATPDIT, as it has been submitted, the staff sent a request for information to ISOC to know the status of the Chadian Chapter of ISOC.

Here are the questions to ATPDI:

- What is the relationship between ISOC Chad and ATPDIT?
- The website provided is the one of ISOC Chad, while the application is submitted by the ATPDIT. The site does not show the relationship between ISOC Chad and ATPDIT and does not mention the ATPDIT,
- Absence of a board of directors,
- Absence of the system of governance and how decisions are made,
- The organization is governed by a Steering Committee which has all the powers and whose composition is fixed (composed by the founding members),
- The organization does not have independent members allowed to vote or to control its administration.

2. IGF 2012 in Baku, Azerbaijan (Workshop d'AFRALO)

The preparatory process of the workshop proposed by AFRALO is going on smoothly. This workshop that will address “the new gTLD: an opportunity for development or another mean to worsen the digital divide” will be organized on 7 November 2012 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

<https://community.icann.org/display/APRALO/APRALO+and+AFRALO+Activities+at+the+IGF+in+Baku+Workspace>

3. Follow-up on the activities of the New gTLD Review Group

The period for submitting formal comments on applications for new gTLDs began on June 13, 2012. To date, two comments were received by the group

<https://community.icann.org/x/u7-bAQ>

Both comments concern “.Book” submitted by. NZ, and generic domain names longer than 3 characters that are in the public domain such as “.Water”. see

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It should be noted that the deadline for the comment period has been extended to 7 November 2012.