

## AFRALO Activity Report (October 2012)

The main AFRALO activities during the month of October 2012 were related to the following issues:

### 1. Open public comments (OCT-DEC period)

ICANN Consolidated Meetings Strategy Proposal :

It was requested that AFRALO members think about the ICANN Consolidated Meetings Strategy Proposal and comment it.

### 2. Financial and Strategic planning improvement process

The ICANN CFO of ICANN has started an improvement process of financial and strategic planning. For this purpose, three community ad hoc groups were formed to review the process: The first group is to address the data format, the second the timelines of the planning, and the third the strategic planning.

### 3. Joint AFRALO-AfrICANN in Toronto

In preparation for the joint meeting AFRALO-AfrICANN Toronto as we usually do in such ICANN meetings, an online discussion was initiated to determine the agenda of this meeting. The decided theme should be the possibility of the establishment of a Development Fund for developing countries.

A drafting group composed of members of AFRALO prepared a statement. However, the meeting was canceled due to the organization by the Working Group on ICANN African strategy during the same week of a meeting where the Working group will present its recommendations (the fund is included).

### 4. Virtual Capacity Building Program for AFRALO ALSes

AFRALO requested that a program of a virtual capacity building for African ALS be considered in the FY13 budget. This program, which has been accepted, is to complete the face to face training organized during the ICANN meeting in Dakar in October 2010.

All modalities, content and adequate tools necessary the implementation of this training were discussed between the AFRALO leadership and staff during the ICANN meeting in Toronto. Below are the decisions:

- The content must be much more digest than Dakar one;
- A specific wiki page will be created for this program;
- E-learning, webinars, teleconferences or any other virtual tool can be used to ensure the best functioning of the so called training;
- The AFRALO Leadership should think about ways to attract representatives of ALSes to benefit from this effort.