AFRALO Activity Report (January 2013)

The main AFRALO activities during the month of January 2013 were related to the following issues:

1. Virtual capacity building program for the African ALSes

AFRALO requested that a virtual capacity building program for the benefit of African ALS be considered in the FY13 budget. The funding has been accepted. The main objective of this program, which is the continuation of the Dakar face to face capacity building sessions, is to make the ALSes more informed and interested in the ICANN policy development process, for more involvement in the issues covered by ICANN and increasing the effectiveness of the participation of the African end users.

A survey on the AFRALO members' expectations was launched, and a wiki page, was open to pool views and prepare a program in consultation with the staff:

(https://community.icann.org/display/AFRALO/AFRALO+Virtual+Capacity+Building+2012.11.02+Teleconference).

The possibility of the integration of this program in the ICANN Academy one, once operational, was raised.

2. Online posting of African ALSes' Activities

The African ALSes were encouraged to publish on the WIKI page that was recently created for this purpose to avoid mentioning them during the monthly teleconference, for good traceability, and for their better visibility at the local, regional and international level. A call was launched again to ask AFRALO members to publish their activities on the dedicated wiki page.
https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=38044510.

3. Follow-up on the new gTLD Review Group activities

The deadline for submitting comments is 16 January 2013. Regarding the comments on ".Africa", it was decided that each ALS will comment apart from AFRALO.