Pierre Dandjinou - Candidate Statement Of Interest

SECTION A. Identification and Contact Information

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Poll Heading: 4a. Country/countries of citizenship
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Poll Heading: 4b. Country/countries of residence
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SECTION B. Professional and Educational Background

Poll Heading: 1. Provide details of your current job, role, title, employer and affiliations

Currently : Executive Director, Strategy Consulting Group (SCG), A Multi sector Consultancy firm, 06 BP 1166 Cotonou, Benin ; / Immeuble les dunes, No 424, 2e Etage, Liberté 6 Extension, Dakar, Sénégal.

Main occupation is coordination of the Consulting firm and conducting assignments for clients, in the fields of information system management, Strategic planning as relates to ICT deployment; and capacity development; we are affiliated to local consultancy firm organisation and to the ISOC local Chapter.

Poll Heading: 2. Describe your educational and professional history. Provide all information that you believe may be relevant to being an effective member of the ICANN Board

2002- 2008 : Regional Advisor, ICTD & e-Governance, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP/RSC), Dakar, Sénégal ; Policy and Advisory services to UNDP's national Offices in West and central Africa ; development of national e-strategies and e-Governance policy and strategy documents 2001-2002 : Coordinator, ' Infocom Services' ; Cotonou, Benin/Libreville, Gabon : Consultancy services for FAO, CTA, ACCT/OIF, l'UNESCO, Agence Internationale de la

francophonie, UNECA…
1997 - 2001: ICT and development information Specialist , Sustainable Development Networking Programme (SDNP), PNUD, New York, USA, then in , Benin; In charge of overall coordination of the network of 10 African nodes of the SDNP.
1985 – 1997 : Technical advisor and Head, Department of information and data bank, at the International centre for the bantu civilizations (CICIBA), Libreville, Gabon . I have developed and operated the first Central Africa network on information and research
1984 - -1985   : Information System Analyst, at BCEOM, A french Engineering Consulting Firm ; I participated to the development of Ibiscus, an information system on development information (French ministry of Coperation)

QUALIFICATIONS :
1983- 1985 DESS, (MA), Information and Communication Technologies, CNAM Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, Paris (France)
1982-1984 Maitrise and DEA, Langues et civilisations anglaises, Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris 3, France
1979-1982   Licence, Anglais / Sociology , Université du Benin, Cotonou, (Benin)
1972-1979 Baccalauréat, Philosophie/Lettres, Mention Assez Bien, Lycée Béhanzin, Porto Novo, Benin

Poll Heading: 3. Describe any current and past volunteer community positions, roles and accomplishments. We are particularly interested in similar Board directorship and committee experience

-Promoting ICT and knowledge related products, i.e. managing discussion lists and web portals on information for development for a community of practice on 'egovernance'
- Contributing to a series of initiatives aiming to enhancing connectivity and access on th Africa continent , i.e. the Sustainable networking programme (SDNP), the internet initiative for Africa (IAI) , the Africa platform for e-governance (www.africa-gouvernance.net) ; and most recently, the Africa e-governance Academy (AFeGA)
-Mobilizing strategic partnerships as well as financial resources towards achievement of ICT and governance related projects and programmes namely with l'Agence de la francophonie, l'IUT, l'UNESCO, l'UNECA, le CRDI et CISCO
- Development and Promotion of knowledge products (policy notes and briefs) and training materials on Internet use for decision makers and for advocacy purposes.
- Organisation and/or Participation to numerous workshops and regional and onternational conferences on Internet Governance, telecommunications regulation, modernizing public services and e-governance.
- One of the first african participant to the ISOC series of Development networking training.
- A pioneer of the African participation to the Icann White paper, then to the formation of ICANN in 1998. I thereon belonged to different committees, namely the 11 member Atlarge Study Committee (ALSC), which
produced the report on how best to integrate the at large users to the ICANN structure.
- A Membre of the Board of Trustees of many Institutions such as :
- 'ISOC Benin, Founding Chair and now Honorary Chairman
- AfriNIC, the african Internet registry; I was a member of the initial standing committee, then Chair of the Board from 2005 to 2009
- OCPA(Observatory of Cultural Policies in Africa),

- PIR.org) ,The public Internet Registry)
- PANOS West Africa,
- AFREN (African Research and education network) of the Africa Association of Universities (AAU) ;

Also I was a member of the Presidential Strategy Committee of ICANN, where i specifically brought the perspectives of the Internet users, and particularly the at large membership.

Poll Heading: 4. List any relevant personal or professional web pages
www.scg.bj
www.egovernance-africa.net
www.ued-benin.org

SECTION C. Internet Involvement and Interest in ICANN

Poll Heading: 1. Describe how you meet the criteria for the At-Large selected ICANN Board Director position

I have been following ICANN's development since its inception in 1998 and even before during the consultations for the white paper on how best to shape and operate the nascent organization. i have participated to at least 20 of the ICANN's global meetings and have contributed in many ways : as a committee members and particularly as a pionneer of the at large users' involvement in the Icann progress. As of 2001, I have been a full member of the interim committee for the ALSC, then as an appointed member to the ALAC and was instrumental to the founding of the ALS movement. I am a member of the AFRALO, through the Internet Society of benin. As a member of the Presidential Strategy Committee (PSC), i was particularly keen on making sure the specific needs and preoccupations of the Internet users at large are represented to the delivery of the PSC;
Thus, i believe i meet the criteria as one of the pioneers of the ICANN development, and more over as one who contributed to the inclusion of the non commercial and the users' at large views and concerns. Also, i believe I have some sizeable insights on the issues pertaining to ICANN, namely its operations, its engagement with other supporting organnizations (ALAC and GNSO in particular) and its overall positionning in the current Internet Governance discussions.

Poll Heading: 2. Describe current and past involvement in, contributions to, and leadership roles in activities and organizations involved in the development and operation of the Internet, its naming and addressing infrastructure and/or its security and stability

ALSC : I contributed to the study on the At large Structure Committee, which portrayed the inclusion of the at large users in the Icann structure

ALAC : As a two term member, I provide policy advice and support to overall policy making structure of theICANN

AFRALO : i was instrumental for the formation of the African regional structure, having

organized my own Internet chapter in benin as one of the fisrt members of the AFRALO and sn ALS of the ALAC

AFRINIC : I called for the first regional foruj on Internet Governance in 1998 in Benin, which created conditions for development of Afrinic as a registry. i was thus a member of the interim Board , and then elected chair of the Board from 2005 to 2009

NRO ; i represented the Afrinic in the NRO during my tenure as Chairman of Afrinic

PSC : I was selected as a member of the president's strategy committee, while seating on the ALAC, representing the Africa region.

Poll Heading: 3. Provide a statement about what you would contribute in the At-Large selected ICANN Board Director position to ICANN and its mission

As an At large selected Icann Board director, i would like to help strenghen the multistakeholder approach which is one of ICANN's factory makeup and could be its weakest point. While recognizing the key role of the business and technical constituencies of ICANN, I would also make sure the concerns of the users at large are heard; thus, thoughout listening to the needs of the users, and understanding the technical and political implications, i hope to contribute to decision making process which garantee more balanced outcome and thereby a better representation of all regions and communities needs.

Poll Heading: 4. Provide a statement about what you would contribute in the At-Large selected ICANN Board Director position to the At-Large Community

As an at large selected ICANN Board director, I stand ready to contribute to further integration of the at large contribution to the overall policy making process; i would opt for more openess and synergy with other constituencies so that ultimate decisions reflect the concerns of the users at large. This I hope to do through a contribution to better outreach of the At large community, namely its current structures that are the ALAC, the ALS and other regional structures. I would like to contribute through a better exposure of the at large community to the technical developments of the Internet, as well as its financial and business implications. To do that outreach and capacity development, i will favour the use of web 2.0 technologies across all the 124 ALSes.

Poll Heading: 5. Please describe specifically how and why you will be able to advance, at the ICANN Board, the interests of the At-Large Community and the broader global community of Internet end-users

I have always believed that due to the international focus of ICANN's mission, its decisions should reflect the needs and aspirations of the global community . There are some good development so far, especially with the Affirmation act and the deployment of features such as the internationalized domain name; the deployment of new gTLD and the fight against cybersecurity are on going issue which need global consensus and sound policies. I hope to use my understanding of the issues, and the current debates and works in these fields to advance a balanced comprehension of the subjects by other fellow Directors and the subsequent decision taking which goes through consensus and inclusiveness.

Poll Heading: 6. Is there any additional information you would like to submit that would be helpful to the BCEC in making its decision? If so, please summarize it here

I have spent the last 15 years in the UN and have travelled extensively to assist countries in integrating ICTs and the Internet in their overall development strategies; I therefore worked in a muticultural environment andam able to understand global issues; I participated to many regional and global Internet related initiatives and have contributed to foras such as the Internet Governance Fora as a speaker, a session moderator, and regional representative. I have been organizing an African initiative on Cybersecurity (Africa CIRT) which will build capacitiess for combatting cybercrime on the African continent. I am fluent in both the French and English languages and have a good understanding of the spanish language. I am a long standing member of the ALAC community and think I am well positioned to help advance the at large contribution to policy making process within the ICANN Board.