

# Okore George - Candidate Statement Of Interest

## SECTION A. Identification and Contact Information

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**Poll Heading:** 3a. Contact telephone number(s) (Must include your country and area code)

**Poll Heading:** 3b. Contact telephone number(s) (Must include your country and area code)

**Poll Heading:** 3c. Any other numbers/methods you wish to list  
none

**Poll Heading:** 4a. Country/countries of citizenship  
KENYAN

**Poll Heading:** 4b. Country/countries of residence  
KENYA

## SECTION B. Professional and Educational Background

**Poll Heading:** 1. Provide details of your current job, role, title, employer and affiliations  
Currently, I am a consultant Information Sciences professional, working with Strengthening Access to Information Development ( SAID) , which ensures that citizens have unlimited and timely access to information relevant to their day to day needs. I am also a freelance journalist with Philadelphia-based online newspaper called All Voices.

**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

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Sciences, which I obtained in 1993. After university, I worked for ten years as an editor with Kenya Times newspaper. I have also served in a similar position at All Africa News Agency.

While working as a journalist, we founded the Kenya Information Society , where we ensured that we engage the government and other stakeholders on legislative and policy issues affecting access to information by citizens.

I also joined Strengthening Access to Information for Development, where we engage in various issues related to the information industry. As a member of the Kenya Internet Users Association, we lobbied with various policy makers to ensure that access to information, are enshrined in the new Kenyan constitution. We also made sure that the new Constitution captures modern methods of communications

**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

As a member of Kenya Internet Users Association, I have served in nearly all sectors of the country. My particular focus has been the rural communities, ensuring that they are provided with subsidized computers, mobile telephones and other modern tools of communication. Through close collaboration, we have ensured that the population of active internet users in Kenya has surpassed the ten million target. We have not stopped at that. We distribute computers to schools and at the same time, complimenting the Kenyan government efforts under the Computers for All Programme.

**Poll Heading:** 4. List any relevant personal or professional web pages  
[www.allvoices.com](http://www.allvoices.com)

## **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 am qualified to sit at the ICANN board, bringing into it unique perspective from a developing country. Furthermore, with over 15 years experience, my services will benefit the consumer community worldwide.

**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

I am the Programme Officer at Strengthening Access to Information for Development. With several years experience in the industry, I will bring unique skills and expertise needed at the board.

**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

I will make sure that as many people as possible have access to modern means of information especially those in developing countries, where the penetration has been poor.

**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

I have the passion and desire for the internet and other modern means of communications. I would be able to serve not only in the board, but in its many committees

**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 will gather, analyze and disseminate all relevant information, on a day to day basis, to ensure that the internet community is kept abreast of any developments.

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

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