

Hello AFRALO family,

I am accepting my nominations for the role of the AFRALO Chair, thanks to Frank Anati for the nomination.

Brief Profile:

Raymond Selorm Mamattah is from Accra Ghana and has been engaged in the internet governance ecosystem in various roles for a while now. He was selected and trained as an At-Large Ambassador during the [At-Large Summit III](#) (ATLAS III) that was held at the ICANN66. This training gave him additional leadership skills and has enhanced his engagement opportunities in the ecosystem. He is also an [ICANN70 Fellow](#).

After the ATLAS III Raymond sold the idea of getting an entity that can be used to effectively engage in internet governance activities to his colleagues, and they set up the [E-Governance and Internet Governance Foundation for Africa \(EGIGFA\)](#) [[jegigfa.org](#)]. EGIGFA is one of the At-Large Structures (ALS) in Ghana, and Raymond is the Founder and President. Through EGIGFA, Raymond leads his team to organise the annual [Ghana School on Internet Governance \(GhanaSIG\)](#) [[facebook.com](#)] fellowship since its inception and the fellowship is currently in its 4th fellowship cohort. This fellowship has trained a lot of people from Ghana and the sub-region, who are making tremendous achievements in the ecosystem.

With his aim of bringing more end-users into the ecosystem, Raymond volunteers in various capacities and trains end users. He has been an expert speaker for the [ISOC IGF Youth Ambassador](#) [[internetociety.org](#)] fellowship programme for 2021 and 2022, where he shared his experience on various ways and means the ambassadors can effectively engage in the internet governance ecosystem. He was also a [Mentor](#) [[linkedin.com](#)] for the same fellowship programme for those same years.

Other volunteer experience he has gotten in the ecosystem includes being a member of the global Internet Society's [2023 Nomination Committee](#) [[internetociety.org](#)] (NomCom), and [Vice Chair](#) [[uasg.tech](#)] of the Universal Acceptance Communications Working Group, among others.

Raymond also engages actively in the activities of At-Large/AFRALO. He is a member of the AFRALO Newsletter team where he does publications often. He also represented the At-Large (ALAC) at the 2021 and 2022 ICANN Community Excellence Award Panel. He is also a member of the committee planing the next General Assembly to be held in his home country, Ghana later this year.

Raymond is an Administrative Manager in his day job, and holds an MSc in Information Security, and MA in Adult Learning and Global Change.

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In contesting for this role I am considering the below two proposals, when given the chance to be the next AFRALO Chair:

1. **Increase the number of At-Large Structures (ALS):**
2. I hope to work with the team to increase the number of ALS's especially in countries which do not already have one.
3. **AFRALO Universal Acceptance Local Initiative:**

4. set up an AFRALO UA Local Initiative, this will help us get the necessary support for our regional UA activities.

My SOI can be found here:

<https://community.icann.org/display/atlarge/Raymond+Selorm+Mamattah+SOI>. For more details about me, please check my [LinkedIn Profile \[linkedin.com\]](#).

I acknowledge the great works that our current and previous Chairs have accomplished for AFRALO. I believe the time has come to build upon the work done and take AFRALO to the next level. The time has come to deepen our engagement and bring an even stronger African voice to the ICANN community and the global internet governance discourse. I can say confidently and with humility that based on my experiences, engagements and what I have learned within the ecosystem so far, I am that candidate that everyone can bet on to lead our great AFRALO community. Thank you all in advance for the opportunity to be the next AFRALO Chair.

Regards,

Raymond Mamattah