Draft Agenda of the AFRALO General Assembly

Accra 24-25 July 2023

Theme: "Generating a strong and sustained AFRALO voice within ICANN"

Day 0 - 23rd July 2023

18:00 - 19:00   Welcome Reception (Marriott Hotel)

Day 1 - 24th July 2023

Session 1 (09:00 – 10:00) - *AFRALO GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENING SESSION, Moderator* : *Seun Ojedeji*

1. Welcome Remarks: Seun Ojedeji, AFRALO Chair (5 mins)
2. Guest speakers (20 mins):

   a) León SANCHEZ, ICANN Board Director selected by At-Large (8 mins)

   b) Alan BARRET, ICANN Board Director (4 mins)

   c) Pierre DANDJINOU, Vice President for Africa (4 mins)

   d) Nii QUAYNOR, Scientist and Engineer Ghana (4 mins)

3. Introduction and setting GA ground, Aims, Objectives and Expectations - Seun, AFRALO Chair (10 mins)

4. The Great History of AFRALO (10 mins)– Aziz Hilali, AFRALO V-Chair

5. Discussion/Q&A (13 mins)

6. Closing Remarks – Seun Ojedeji, AFRALO Chair (2 mins)

Break and coffee : 10:00 – 10:30

Session 2 (10:30 – 12:00) *REPORT AFRALO ACTIVITIES, RoP and Metrics Moderator* : *Seun Ojedeji*

1. Welcome Remarks - Seun Ojedeji, AFRALO Chair (2 mins)

2. Report of AFRALO Activities from Johannesburg to Accra – Abdeljalil Bachar (15 mins)

3. AFRALO Rules of Procedure – Presentation and approval of Phase 1 Changes of AFRALO Rules of Procedures.& Discussion on scoping document for phase 2 changes: Co-Chairs, Abdeljalil and Isaac Maposa (40 mins)

4.. AFRALO's visibility within ICANN: How can we make AFRALO have more impact within ICANN – All (15 mins)

5. Presentation and adoption of the AFRALO member performance metrics – Tijani Ben Jemaa (15 mins)

6. Closing Remarks - Seun Ojedeji, AFRALO Chair (3 mins)

Break and lunch : 12:30 – 14:30

Session 3 (14:30 – 16:00) – *BUILDING THE RALO CAPACITY WITHIN THE DNS ECOSYSTEM*, *Moderator Barrack Otieno*

Topic 1: Internationalized Domain Names Evolution with emphasis on Africa Region (45 min):

1. Presentation of the History of Domain Names including New gTLDs & IDN - Aziz Hilali, AFRALO Vice-Chair (15 mins)

2. New gTLD Applicant Support Program - Tijani Ben Jemma & Sarah Kiden (15 mins)

3. Discussion - All   (15 mins)

Topic 2: Capacity Building within AFRALO (45 min):

4. How can the GSE team collaborate building member's capacity ? - Pierre DANDJINOU, Vice President for Africa (15 mins)

5. ISOC training programs and fellowships - Victor NDONNANG, Manager for Community Engagement in Africa, ISOC (5 mins)

6. Discussion - All (20 mins)

7. Closing Remarks : Barrack Otieno (5 mins)

Break and coffee : 16:00 – 16:30

Session 4 (16:30 – 18:00) – *BUILDING AT-LARGE CAPACITY AND IP ECOSYSTEM WITHIN AFRICA*, *Moderator: Chair AFRALO*

1. Introduction to the At-Large Loop experiment - Jonathan Zuck - ALAC Chair   (45 min)

2. AFRINIC Update and Discussion- Madhvi Gokool - AFRINIC Community Engagement Team (45 min)

19:00 Dinner (location TBC)

Day 2 - 25th July 2023

Session 5 (09:00 – 10:30), *HOTS TOPICS @ ICANN, & RALO VISIBILITY Moderator* :

Welcome Remarks : Fatimata Seye Sylla (5 mins)

Topic 1: Guest Speakers (20 min):

1. General remarks, ICANN interim President and CEO, Sally Costerton - remote - (10 mins)
2. GSE Remarks - VP, Stakeholder Engagement, Middle East & Managing Director, MEA - Baher Esmat and Pierre Dandijinou, VP, Stakeholder Engagement, Africa (4 mins)
3. ALAC remarks - Jonathan Zuck, ALAC Chair- remote (3 mins)
4. RALOs remarks - Sebastian Bachollet, EURALO Chair and current lead of Cross-RALO activities - remote (3 mins)

Topic 2: Promoting Domain Name Industry growth in the Region (20 mins**)**

5. Mohamed El Bashir (10 mins)
6. End User Perspective, Hadia Elminiawi, incoming AFRALO Chair (10 mins)

Topic 3: Universal Acceptance - Where are the ALSes? (30 mins)

7. ALS reporting on status of UA in their country Abdulkarim Oloyede (10 mins)
8. Practical Workshop on Universal Acceptance Domain names & E-mail addresses - UASG

   Measurement Working Group, ICANN, Nabil BENAMAR (Vice Chair of the UASG) (10 mins)

9. Question and Answers (10 mins)

Topic 4: Promoting AFRALO Member Activities **(25 mins)**:

10. How can Members be supported for better Visibility? - Newsletter team Co-Chairs (Remmy & Olivier) & Social Media Chair (Bukola Oronti) - (15 mins)
11. Overview of Community Regional Outreach Pilot Program (CROP) - Bukola Oronti (5 mins)

12. Closing Remarks, Fatimata Seye Sylla (5 mins)

Break and coffee : 10:30 – 11:00

Session 6 (11:00 – 12:30): *ALAC & AFRALO GA Wrap-up, Moderator* : *Aziz Hilali*

1. AFRALO Outreach Strategy – Bram Fudzulani (10 mins)

2. AFRALO Perspective's within ALAC – Dave Kissoondoyal, Raymond Mamattah, AFRALO ALAC Members (10 mins)

3. Recognition of outgoing/former AFRALO Leaders since last GA - Seun AFRALO Chair (15 mins)

4. Q/A (30 mins)

5. GA Social Media Champions - Bukola Oronti (5 mins)

5. Summary of GA outcomes and next steps - Abdeljalil Bachar Bong (10 mins)

6. GA Closing remarks - Seun AFRALO Chair & Hadia Incoming AFRALO Chair(10 mins)

AFRICAN Engagement Forum to start at 2 : 00 PM

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MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

Dear Members,

As you are aware, the Leadership of AFRALO set up an Organising committee for our Upcoming General Assembly which will hold from 24th to 25th of July 2023 in Accra, Ghana. The committee has been meeting and planning towards the event. You can learn more about the members and work of the committee at the link below:

https://community.icann.org/display/AFRALO/AFRALO+General+Assembly+2023

In furtherance of its work, the committee put up the draft Agenda for the GA to members comments and on behalf of the committee i like to thank everyone for their contributions and comments to the program. The draft and the comments thereof can be found at the google docs link below:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L7d9rG2Yl4-wNQRXn-5ST9ege1aswdY-/edit

I am pleased to inform you that the committee has now finalized the Agenda after considering all the comments provided and the final Agenda is hereby attached for your information.

On a related note, the Leadership of AFRALO considered the comments that were made with regards to review of our rules of procedure and we are hereby proposing a 2 phase approach to reviewing the RoP, the first phase will address the specific aspect of our RoP to bring some clarity certain section of the current rules of procedure. The first phase of the review shall focus on the following:

-        Provide clarity on the nomination process including who can be nominated and who can nominate

- Provide further clarity on the ALS accreditation process including timelines
- Address any other editorial changes that could make the RoP much comprehensible

The report of phase 1 and draft RoP shall then be presented at our upcoming GA for members consideration and approval. Feedback shall also be provided by members on further improvements that can be made to serve as input for phase 2 review of the RoP.

The Leadership hereby task the existing working committee see: https://community.icann.org/display/AFRALO/AFRALO+WG+on+the+review+of+the+Operating+Principles++2020-+Membership+section, that reviewed the individual membership section of the RoP Co-Chiared by Isaac Maposa and Abdeldjalil Bachar to review the rules of procedure based on the scope stated above. As usual, the committee should reconfirm its membership and ensure to work expeditiously towards the delivery of the task assigned to them, especially the phase 1 of the review which needs to be ready at least 1 week before the General Assembly.

Finally, I call on the community to continue to contribute our individual part to positively improve AFRALO, At-Large and ICANN as a whole.

Long Live AFRALO!