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AFRALO Perspective within ALAC

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- Views, concerns, and interests of Internet end-users from the African region.
- Crucial role in shaping ICANN's policies and decisions related to domain names, IP addresses, and other critical Internet resources in Africa
- Advocating for policies that support the development and expansion of the Internet in Africa
- Focus on promoting access, affordability, and digital inclusion for the diverse communities across the continent.
- Address the challenges faced by African Internet users, including issues related to connectivity, multilingualism, local content, and Dns Abuse.

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Internet Access: Advocate for policies that enhance Internet accessibility and affordability in Africa, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Multilingualism: Push for support and recognition of multiple languages in domain names and Internet content to reflect the linguistic diversity of the African region.

Digital Inclusion: Work to ensure that marginalized and disadvantaged communities in Africa are not left behind in the digital era and have equal access to the internet.

DNSSEC: Advocate for the implementation of DNSSEC in Africa

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Privacy and Data Protection: AFRALO emphasizes the importance of robust privacy and data protection regulations to safeguard the rights of African Internet users.

Domain Name Policies: AFRALO participates in discussions regarding the coordination and allocation of domain names specific to Africa, including country-code top-level domains (ccTLDs) and new generic top-level domains (gTLDs).

Support for Universal Acceptance as it aligns with the principles of an inclusive and accessible Internet.

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DNS Abuse - DNS abuse refers to various malicious activities that exploit vulnerabilities in the Domain Name System.The perspective of AFRALO includes:

- **Awareness and Education:** AFRALO advocates for increasing awareness and education among Internet users in the African region about the risks and impacts of DNS abuse.
- **Collaboration and Cooperation:** between stakeholders, including governments, law enforcement agencies, Internet service providers, registrars, and registries, to tackle DNS abuse effectively. Working together can lead to more coordinated efforts in identifying and mitigating abuse cases

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- **Policy Development** to ensure that policies related to DNS abuse adequately address the specific challenges faced in the African region. Advocate for balanced policies that protect users while preserving the openness and accessibility of the Internet.
- **Localization and Context:** Consider the unique regional context and challenges faced by African countries while dealing with DNS abuse. Factors such as language barriers, limited technical resources, and specific types of abuse prevalent in the region.
- **Access and Inclusion:** Advocate for policies that promote universal access while safeguarding against abuse. Ensuring that efforts to combat DNS abuse do not disproportionately impact marginalized communities or hinder access is a crucial consideration.

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