

## Expression of Interest – GNSO Nominated Mentor for the ICANN Fellowship Program

### Overview:

This call seeks members of the GNSO community interested in serving as a volunteer mentor for the ICANN Fellowship Program.

Please complete, save and submit this form by email to [gnso-secs@icann.org](mailto:gnso-secs@icann.org). **The deadline is 12 January 2023 at 23:59 UTC.**

### How to complete your application:

1. First, read the Acknowledgement and Consent text below. Check the appropriate box and enter the date on page 2.
2. Beginning on page 3, this application includes fields for you to fill in personal details, as well as 7 additional questions.
3. You need to fill in all sections of the form. If a given criteria (e.g. expertise) does not apply to you, leave the field empty.
4. Once you have completed the form, save it on your computer/tablet/smartphone.
5. Create a new email message addressed to [gnso-secs@icann.org](mailto:gnso-secs@icann.org), attach the form which you previously saved and submit the application.

You must submit your application by **12 January 2023 at 23:59 UTC.**

### Fellowship Program Mentor – GNSO Expression of Interest Acknowledgment and Consent Form

Please read this Acknowledgement and Consent carefully as it contains important details about how your personal information is collected, processed, and published when you submit your application for the Fellowship Program Mentor Position (“Position”).

By completing the Fellowship Program Application Form (“Application Form”), you authorize and consent to Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (“ICANN”, “we”, “us”, “our”) collecting and processing your personal information in accordance with this Consent Form. ICANN is the data controller of your personal information when you submit the Application Form and is responsible for complying with applicable data protection laws.

#### *What We Collect From You*

When submitting the Application Form, you understand that you may provide personal information, including your name, contact information, qualifications and professional background, and any other information you voluntarily provide.

You understand provision of personal information with your application is entirely voluntary. You determine the extent to which you provide information as part of your application. However, if you decide not to provide information, you understand that it may affect your candidacy.

It is your responsibility to obtain consent from any individual for whom you provide his or her personal information of as a part of your application.

#### *What We Collect From Other Sources*

We may collect information from other sources, including other individuals you identify. We may also collect information from publicly available sources including your personal web pages.

### *Why We Collect*

We only process your personal information when we have a legal basis to do so under applicable law. With your consent, we process the personal information you provide in order to assess your qualifications and candidacy for the Fellowship Program Mentor Position.

### *Disclosures and Publication of Your Personal Information*

Your completed application and all supporting documentation will be published on the GNSO Standing Selection Committee community wiki page at <https://community.icann.org/display/GSSC> for transparency purposes. Please be cognizant of your answers as these will be published.

### *International Transfers*

Based on your consent and for the purposes set forth above, the personal information that you provide will be processed in the United States. ICANN employs adequate safeguards to protect your personal information; however, the United States may not provide you the same high level of protection of your personal information as the laws applicable in your country of residence.

### *Your Rights and Choices*

You freely confirm your consent to all of the above. You understand that you may withdraw your consent to future processing at any time or for any reason by emailing [privacy@icann.org](mailto:privacy@icann.org). If you withdraw your consent, ICANN will stop processing and delete your information without undue delay, unless there are other legal grounds for processing. Your revocation, however, will not affect any personal information that we have already processed and transferred with your consent.

Subject to applicable law, you are entitled to certain rights with respect to your personal information. You can request to access, rectify, erase or restrict, or object to, the processing of your personal information or make use of the right to data portability by contacting [privacy@icann.org](mailto:privacy@icann.org). You also can lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority in your country of residence at any time.

## CONSENT LANGUAGE

I agree to the above provisions and consent to the processing of my Fellowship Program Mentor Position Application Form to ICANN, as set forth above, and for my Application Form to be published at <https://community.icann.org/display/GSSC> in connection with ICANN's consideration for my candidacy.

I understand the above provisions and do not consent to the processing of my Fellowship Program Mentor Position Application Form to ICANN, as set forth above, or for my Application Form to be published at <https://community.icann.org/display/GSSC> in connection with ICANN's consideration for my candidacy.

Date:

**12.01.2024**

## **Applicant Information**

**First Name: Bolutife**

**Last Name: Adisa**

**Gender: Male**

**Country of Residence: Germany**

**Stakeholder Group/Constituency Affiliation: Civil Society/ NCSG-NPOC**

## **Questions**

- 1. Current employer and position. Please describe the type of work you perform:**

**Digital Grassroots – Co-founder/ ICANN Representative  
Deutsche Börse Group – Information Security Officer**

- 2. Education:**

**BSC- Electrical Electronics Engineering, University of Lagos  
MEng – Information Technology, Frankfurt University of Applied Science.**

- 3. Please identify any GNSO Working Groups and/or chartered teams in which you are participating:**

**NPOC – Secretary  
TPR – NCSG Alternate**

- 4. Please describe any past involvement in the ICANN Fellowship Program, if applicable. For example, have you previously been a fellow or served as a program mentor?**

**I kicked-off my ICANN journey as a NextGen participant at ICANN63 Marrakech in 2019, since then, I've been an active member of the GNSO through the NCSG and the Non-profit organisation constituency. I have served in various leadership capacities within the constituency, including being communications chair for 3 consecutive terms and now serving**

as NPOC secretary. I have also been an ICANN75 fellow, and all these experiences have equipped me with profound understanding of the fellowship program GNSO and its policy activities.

5. Please assess and explain how your knowledge, experience and expertise address the criteria listed below. Leave the response blank if not applicable to you.

- **Active participant in GNSO structures and policy development processes with a track record of engagement**

I have also been an NPOC representative on the NCSG policy committee and I have supported various policy work including being an NCSG alternate for the Transfer Policy Review working group as well as contributing to different public comments and recently being a penholder for the Pilot Holistic Review for the NCSG. Having been a long term active community member, I believe I possess the requisite knowledge and capacity to successfully mentor new fellowship participants as a GNSO representative.

- **Previous experience serving as a mentor, teacher, or learning facilitator is a plus**  
I have been a mentor for the digital grassroots ambassadors program for 3 years. I also served as a mentor for the Internet society's youth ambassadors program for 2 terms. I have been a speaker/ facilitator at multiple global events including

- Mozilla Festival, London in 2019
- Internet Governance Forum 2021 in Katowice Poland
- Internet Freedom Festival, Valencia, Spain
- NATO civilian society consultation (Southern direction) in 2019
- Africa IGF 2019, Chad
- West Africa IGF 2019, Banjul Gambia
- UNESCO GCED workshop, Seoul, South-Korea
- Generation Connect Youth Summit, Kigali

- **Strong written and verbal communication skills**

I was communications chair for NPOC for 3 tenures where I contributed to numerous contents on the NPOC.org website and social media handles.

- **Project management and coordination skills**

I served as President for the International society youth Special interest group where I led a group of over 1,800 youths for a 2 year tenure, leaving the group in a much better structure after handing over. We conducted 3 global projects and raised funds from multiple organisations including Google.

I currently serve as Board member at ITU's Generation Connect Visionaries Board.

- **Networking skills**

I have a strong affinity for networking and meeting people, and this has helped me throughout the course of my career.

**6. Please assess and explain how your knowledge, experience & personality meet the desired attributes listed below. Leave the response blank if not applicable to you.**

- **Member of a GNSO Stakeholder Group and/or Constituency**

**I am a member of the NCSG – NPOC since 2018**

- **Understanding of the ICANN's mission, structure, and multistakeholder model**  
**Having been a member of the ICANN community since 2017, and being a NextGen and fellowship participant, I have been equipped with the needed theoretical and practical knowledge of ICANN's mission, structure and multistakeholder model.**

- **Willingness to devote the necessary time a resources prior to and during the ICANN meeting**

**I am willing to devote the required time to fulfil the full requirement of this role before during and after the IcaNN meeting.**

- **Ability to create a supportive atmosphere for mentees by being open, accessible, and approachable**  
I am very supportive and approachable, having worked in multiple volunteer positions which involved working with people from different backgrounds, races and culture.
- **Robust network within the ICANN community and ability to leverage and share that network**  
I believe I have this robust network within the ICANN community which is not only limited to the GNSO but also the GAC, ALAC and SSAC to name a few. I also have this network because I've been heavily involved in the internet Governance Forum on various levels as well as other UN and ITU programs. Majority of the members of the ICANN community are also a part of these network.
- **Ability to present information in a manner that is simple and easy to understand**  
I have a reputation for presenting information in simple digestible manner, which explain why I get invited to present at global conferences various topics.
- **Ability to establish weekly projects and deliverables for mentees using a clear and Econsistent learning approach**  
Having served at Program Manager at Digital grassroots, where I co- developed the now renown ambassadors program from scratch, I believe this would be an easy task to take on.

- 7. Please explain your interest in serving as a mentor and what you will bring to the Fellowship Program if selected.**

**I have benefited a lot from the Fellowship program and I know that I won't be where I am today in the community if it had not been for the mentors I had along the way. I see this as an opportunity to give back and impact other people with the required guidance to become active contributors in the ICANN ecosystem.**