

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. **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, attach the form which you previously saved and submit the application.

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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. 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. 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: 12/01/2023

Applicant Information

First Name: Arinola

Last Name: Akinyemi

Gender: Female

Country of Residence: Nigeria

Stakeholder Group/Constituency Affiliation: CSG/BC

Questions

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

As the Founder/CEO, I am the Chief Strategist working with a team of professionals to ensure we deliver on our mission and vision of providing cutting edge Information and Communications Technology products and services for the improved efficiency and productivity of our clients without compromising our core values.

2. Education:

- Bachelor of Science (Electronics) Lagos State University, Ojo, Nigeria
- Mini MBA Tekedia Institute, Boston, USA
- Various Professional Certifications

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

- Transfer Policy Review (TPR) (BC Alternate)
- Standing Selection Committee (Chair 2021/2022 & 2022/2023)

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 am an alumni of the fellowship (ICANN58) and currently serving as the GNSO appointed mentor to the fellowship program for ICANN78, 79 & 80.

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**

Having been a member of the BC since 2015, I have participated and even led in drafting some of BC comments on various policy issues. I have also served in the BC Finance, Outreach and Credentials sub-committees.

- **Previous experience serving as a mentor, teacher, or learning facilitator is a plus**

I have benefited from both sides of the mentoring process throughout my 25+ years career and it is something I recommend for everyone to undergo. Since 2016, I have been a mentor with the Centre for Strategic Enterprise Development Ltd/GTE, a not-for-profit concern that works with MSME owners from different industries/sectors as well as government regulatory Agencies to provide ease of doing business tools.

Also as a going concern, as the founder of DigiSphere Center for Digital Creativity a not-for-profit concern founded in 2012 with the primary focus of making healthy digital lifestyles, mentoring students and youths in Nigeria to engage in successful IT Innovation.

As a mentee of ICANN onboarding pilot Program amongst several others, I have received insightful information in different aspects of work and life.

Additionally, the outreach committee of the BC provided a platform for mentoring new BC Members as I engaged in walking them through the various issues of interest to the BC at ICANN meetings.

Finally, as the GNSO Appointed Mentor for ICANN78.

In all of these, I would say I have been able to pass my knowledge and experience while acquiring knowledge and new insights from others.

- **Strong written and verbal communication skills**

Having worked at various management levels where I am expected to submit reports and lead several meetings and presentations, I can say that my written and communication skills in English language are quite excellent.

- **Project management and coordination skills**

While serving as Chair of the BC Credentials Committee, I led the team to develop a document in accordance with the BC Charter to ease the process of new applications approval. Also, as Chair of the GNSO Standing Selection Committee 2021/2022, I led the team to develop a FAQ document to help members address recurring questions pertaining to its Charter. I also led the team through a Charter review which was approved by the council.

Additionally, as an ICT specialist delivering cutting edge IT services to our clients, require a very high level of project management and coordination skills.

Furthermore, as part of my mentoring strategies during ICANN78, I was able to coordinate my mentees such that even those who could not make it physically to the meeting were actively engaged and performed excellently well.

- **Networking skills**

With my membership of various organisations and the network I have been able to establish, I would rate this skill very high.

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**

Yes I am a member of the CSG and BC

- **Understanding of the ICANN's mission, structure, and multistakeholder model**

Having been in the system since 2015, undergoing the fellowship and Pilot onboarding program, carried out various outreaches in my region to bring ICANN to them and currently serving as the GNSO appointed mentor to the fellowship, I can say my understanding of the mission, structure and multistakeholder model is high.

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

With a deep sense of commitment as a serving mentor, I am willing to devote the necessary time as may be needed/required.

- **Ability to create a supportive atmosphere for mentees by being open, accessible, and approachable**

These attributes are synonymous with mentoring and it has been the pillar for all teams I have mentored and still mentoring. My ICANN78 team report can be referenced through the fellowship coordinator.

- **Robust network within the ICANN community and ability to leverage and share that network**

Having been in the ICANN ecosystem for over 8yrs now, I have had the opportunity to expand my network within the system by participating in the fellowship, a couple of working groups (NomComRIWG, GNSO-TPRWG), the UASG amongst others. These I would be willing to share with my Mentees. Some of my ICANN78 mentees were able to leverage on the my network and have also engaged in speaking roles at high level engagements.

- **Ability to present information in a manner that is simple and easy to understand**

My work experience with my company and Not-for-profit concern has provided me with ample opportunity to present information without any ambiguity as we interact with people of various educational background.

- **Ability to establish weekly projects and deliverables for mentees using a clear and consistent learning approach**

As the CEO of a business that delivers ICT service and the Founder of Not-for-profit concern that delivers healthy digital lifestyle, establishing weekly projects and deliverables is on an ongoing basis.

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

The fellowship is designed from the underserved region which I belong to and as such appreciate first hand the needs of the mentees. Also, having benefited from both sides of the mentoring process, if selected for an additional year, It is my desire to continue to bring to the fellowship program my wealth of experience to enable mentees navigate and integrate seamlessly into the Policy Development Process of the ICANN ecosystem especially as it concerns the GNSO.