

## 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 [gns0-secs@icann.org](mailto:gns0-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 [gns0-secs@icann.org](mailto:gns0-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](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: 6/01/2024

## Applicant Information

**First Name:** Hago

**Last Name:** Dafalla

**Gender:** Male

**Country of Residence:** Sudan

**Stakeholder Group/Constituency Affiliation:** NCUC, NCSG./

## Questions

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

I am a Lecturer, Computer Department, Faculty of Computer , ,Wad Medani Ahlia University, Sudan

2. **Education:**

I have Master degree in Computer Engineering and Networks since September 2008. Since August 2019 I have PhD in Information Technology.

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

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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 have a part in the past and involvement in the ICANN Fellowship Program, 2009 in Sydney, Australia, 2010 in Belgium and 2012 in Costa Rica.

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**

yes to some extend.

- **Previous experience serving as a mentor, teacher, or learning facilitator is a plus**  
As I have been working as a Lecturer, I teach Student and help them to learn, also I taught and train many people in my Country and especially in my University. I participated in many training programs and workshops in my Country and in the world to train peoples.

- **Strong written and verbal communication skills**

I have Strong written and verbal communication skills. I participated in writing many reports and discussions, as I am member of ICANN working groups and I am Regional Director for East Africa for African ICT Foundation. The Communication Skills is Verbal Communication, anyone who has to interact face-to-face with supervisors and colleagues needs to be able to express themselves clearly and succinctly. And he is

able to do these things:

able to Articulating, Clarity, Concision, Convincing, Explaining, Multilingual Negotiation, Persuasive, Presentation, Promoting, Public Speaking and Telephone Etiquette.

- **Project management and coordination skills**

The main Project management and coordination skills is Good Leadership, Communication, Planning Skills, Time Management, Negotiation Skills and Subject matter expertise. I have good experience in Project management and coordination skills, in my department in the University and in some Organizations that I involved with.

- **Networking skills**

1. Building relationships

The key to business, and a successful job hunt, is building strong relationships over time with people. Before you ask for help it is very important to offer something first. You want to be someone who is perceived to offer value, and a positive and useful connection to have. To build a network of professional friends, you need to be open, honest, and genuinely engaged in their causes. Be more interested in their needs than your own; ask open-ended questions and get to know them as people first and sources of help, second.

2. Keeping in contact

With the prevalence of social media, people are used to 'collecting' social friends as a form of 'networking' that people are becoming increasingly disconnected.

3. Leverage on influential connections

In networking, as in sales, the key to success is prioritizing leads that are more likely to yield results. Whilst somewhat calculated, this approach is a normal process in determining the people we should engage with, whether socially or professionally. The criteria you use to determine influence is determined by your goals, but it all starts from knowing what you want to achieve, and then plotting the logical next steps from that point onwards.

#### 4. Staying positive

Most people don't see returns straight away and then give up, but if you want to see results, you need to invest time into business networking over an extended period of time. Developing your business networking skills is a long term investment and not a short term fix. By remaining positive, you will ensure that when you do finally meet someone that can help you, you will still be able to give both a great first impression, and also a strong reason why they should help you in your job hunt.

#### 5. Improve your emailing skills

Whilst social media has become an important part of our everyday lives, nothing beats a well written email. Emails remain the dominant method of communication in business, but there are some key points to get your email read and acted upon. Always keep the email short, easy to read, and focus mainly on the recipient. It is always a good idea to do a little research into the recipient beforehand, and then tailor the email to mention shared contacts, interests or specific things they have done that have made an impression.

#### 6. Go in with no expectations

Resist the urge to raise expectations on a single meeting, job, company or possible connection. The perfect networking event or connection is merely the one which provides the desired result. By placing huge importance to single meetings or people, you are limiting your control over the situation. This can leave you more vulnerable to negative feelings or depression and is best to avoid. No matter how promising a job opportunity sounds, always keep the job search going to avoid disappointment.

#### 7. Focus your efforts

The counter point to ensuring that you are always adding value to others in your network, is to expect the same in return. Networking should be mutually beneficial, so if you have some connections that always seem to be asking for that little extra help without offering any value themselves, it could be time to deprioritize them. This is a personal call, but by focusing on a quality business network over a large but ineffective one, you will be able to prioritise your resources and time better and attain greater results.

#### 8. Work on your communication skills

Good communication skills are the most important factor in differentiating successful individuals in business. We all know of people that are incredibly intelligent but lack the ability to communicate effectively, limiting their career progression. In networking, people are generally willing to help, but if you are unable to communicate what you want effectively, they will be unable to act upon it. According to my experience, I have good experience in Networking skills. One of the essential skills for project management is the ability to

communicate well – understanding and being understood. Great communication is the crux of any relationship and so the effectiveness of a project manager’s communication has an impact not only on the project team but the client and stakeholders too.

**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**

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

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), a non-profit corporation founded in 1998 on the initiative of the United States government, is today one of the most important institutions responsible for the technical aspects of Internet Governance.

From its founding to the present, ICANN has been formally organized as a nonprofit corporation "for charitable and public purposes" under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law. It is managed by a 16-member board of directors composed of eight members selected by a nominating committee on which all the constituencies of ICANN are represented; six representatives of its Supporting Organizations, sub-groups that deal with specific sections of the policies under ICANN's purview; an at-large seat filled by an at-large organization; and the President / CEO, appointed by the board.

There are currently three supporting organizations: the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) deals with policy making on generic top-level domains (gTLDs), the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) deals with policy making on country-code top-level domains (ccTLDs); the Address Supporting Organization (ASO) deals with policy making on IP addresses.

ICANN also relies on some advisory committees and other advisory mechanisms to receive advice on the interests and needs of stakeholders that do not directly participate in the Supporting Organizations. These include the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), which is composed of representatives of a large number of national governments from all over the world; the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), which is composed of individual Internet users from around the world selected by each of the Regional At-Large Organizations (RALO) and Nominating Committee; the Root Server System Advisory Committee, which provides advice on the operation of the DNS root server system; the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC), which is composed of Internet experts who study security issues pertaining to ICANN's mandate; and the Technical Liaison Group (TLG), which is composed of representatives of other international technical organizations that focus, at least in part, on the Internet.

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

Yes I am able to devote the necessary time a resources prior to and during the ICANN meeting

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

I am able to create a supportive atmosphere for mentees by being open, accessible and transparency.

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

According to my experiences, knowledge's and skills I am able to create strong network within the ICANN community and ability to leverage and share that network.

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

Of course I am able to do this.

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

Of course I am able to do this.

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

I am interested to serve as mentor to assist and achieve the goals of this program and I shall bring new ideas to fellowship program and to work as a team to assist in, Provide advice and guidance, to Share my experience as appropriate, to Offer encouragement and support, to Identify resources that will help mentees, to Encourage mentees to join ICANN community groups based on sector of interest, to Introduce fellows to community members and to set deliverables for mentees during different stages of the program (pre-meeting, during meeting, and post-meeting). To help and to a cheive the goals of the ICANN Programs. After participating in the program I feel that I have provided something useful to the information community and ICANN through my experience and my participation in previous ICANN meetings, and that I have contributed to spreading knowledge and assistance to new participants in the ICANN meetings.