

Applicant Information

First Name: PASCAL

Last Name: BEKONO

Gender: MALE

Country of Residence: CAMEROON

Stakeholder Group/Constituency Affiliation: GNSO/NCUC

Questions

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

- Ministry of Justice (State of Cameroon): Computer & telecom Engineer
- Ecole Supérieure des Sciences de la Finances et des Assurances (ESSFAR) : Teaching Data Governance
- Co-founder African Center for Advocacy, www.we-advocate.org

2. Education:

- Masters in Télécommunications: Ecole Nationale Supérieure Polytechnique de Yaoundé ; Prof Emeritus Emmanuel Tonye email: tonyee@hotmail.com
- Master in Computer Sciences : Université de Yaoundé I, Faculté des Sciences
- Graduated from the European Summer School on Internet Governance in Meissen; Prof. Wolfgang Kleinwächter email: wolfgang@kleinwaechter.info
- Graduated on the Internet Governance Capacity building program DiploFoundation Director Jovan Kurbalija Email: jovank@diplomacy.edu
- Graduated on advanced research strategy, DiploFoundation
- Certificate as online moderator on Internet Governance: Internet Society ISOC

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

- ALAC Subcommittee on outreach and engagement
- Consolidated Policy WG
- NCUC discuss
- Afralo discuss
- GNSO review (past)

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 been awarded three ICANN fellowships as a mentor. During ICANN in Finland, Singapore and South-Africa. It was an interesting experience because I had to mentor/coach mentees on the internet and domain names related issues a few weeks before the meeting. I have succeeded in these tasks, and at the moment 4 out of 6 of the mentees are very active on ICANN or ICT issues in their country. I can mention Wisdom Donkor, my mentee in 2012, was an UN MAG member and very active in ICANN (GNSO)

Another wonderful mentor experience I did was with **Digital Grassroots Organization** for its mentorship program in October 2018. I was the mentor of Dedlyne Cloiseau of Haiti and Amen Ega from Togo, youth students. We had two discussions and sessions per week on issues. We organized research activities and case studies. At the end, we defined strategies to participate in local, regional and global debates. For instance, after the program, Dedlyne joined ISOC Haiti, followed ICANN and IGF activities, and recently, she was selected for the ICANN 72 and 75 Fellowship program.

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**
ALAC Subcommittee on outreach and engagement
Consolidated Policy WG
NCUC discuss
Afralo discuss

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

I teach data governance at ESSFAR, to master's student in the field of Big Data;
I served as mentor three times as ICANN fellow

- **Strong written and verbal communication skills:** I am bilingual, and I speak French and English fluently.
- **Project management and coordination skills:** I manage an NGOs and some projects, and I attended Project Management Professional (PMP) classes with Paraklete Institute in Cameroon
- **Networking skills:** I conducted the WSIS 2005 as both country coordinator of the youth campaign and the sub-Saharan researcher for the WSIS Youth Award. It made me a main actor of the first Cameroon IGF in 2007. I worked as a language coordinator with TakingITGlobal Organisation, the most youth led organization on project development. I am youth laureate of la Francophonie on ICT4D in Geneva, an ICANN Fellow, member of,

NCUC, ISOC Cameroon, I have participated in most ICANN meetings physically or remotely since 2011

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 NCUC, NCSG
- **Understanding of the ICANN's mission, structure, and multistakeholder model:**
I attended many courses through ICANN Learn; I have worked in Internet Governance for almost 15 years. I participated in several trainings and meetings with ICANN where I knew the importance of being coached for a perfect immersion in this ecosystem. I know the structure and ICANN's mission, acronyms, current issues on CPWG, IDN, PDP review.....
- **Willingness to devote the necessary time a resources prior to and during the ICANN meeting:**
I have the experience in mentoring participants, and I am devoted to achieve this new challenge before, during and after the ICANN meeting
- **Ability to create a supportive atmosphere for mentees by being open, accessible, and approachable**
As a teacher, I know how to create a supportive, friendly atmosphere while keeping focus on the goals
- **Robust network within the ICANN community and ability to leverage and share that network**
I have an important network within ICANN; I have worked in Internet Governance for almost 15 years.
- **Ability to present information in a manner that is simple and easy to understand**
Yes, with my experience as PMP and Agile expert
- **Ability to establish weekly projects and deliverables for mentees using a clear and consistent learning approach**
Yes, with my experience as PMP and Agile expert, I know how to reach deliverables and with a clear understanding and efficient participation of mentees;
With the respect of the mentor's chart set.

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

- I believe that ICANN is a wonderful experiment in multistakeholder management of a key resource.

- I am keenly interested in attracting new talent to work at ICANN, and in mentoring.
- I have worked in Internet Governance for almost 15 years. I participated in several trainings and meetings with ICANN where I knew the importance of being coached for a perfect immersion in this ecosystem.
- I had the opportunity to guide several young people in Internet Governance who are now very involved in activities at the national, regional and international level.
- With the passion to share information, to contribute to the immersion of young people in these issues and to put them in contact with the different actors remains a satisfaction
- I am bilingual, and I speak French and English fluently.

Let me share with you a testimony I saw on linkedin

"Through this program, I learned about IG, I have an understanding of the internet ecosystem.

Following Bekono's advice, after the program, I joined ISOC Haiti, I started to get involved. Subsequently, I became a volunteer, a member of the 2019 National Forum Organizing Committee, and winner of the ISOC Haiti Leadership and Volunteer Engagement Award, and selected for the ICANN72 Fellowship program and most recently for the ICANN75 Fellowship Program next September in Malaysia "

Dedlyne Cloiseau (Haiti)

Digital grassroots, mentee, 2018

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