



AFRALO “OP” Webinar 2024

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Understanding the Current Operating Principle of AFRALO

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- AFRALO is a Regional Organization created under ICANN to represent the interests of the Internet community in Africa
 - Objective: To inform and promote the participation of Internet users,
 - AFRALO plays a significant role in shaping ICANN's policies, especially concerning end users in Africa.
 - AFRALO has emerged as a significant player in advocating for the interests of the African community in global discussions on Internet Governance.
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1. General Information and Relations with ICANN

- ❑ 2007 : Signature of a MoU AFRALO/ICANN (ICANN28-Lisbon)
(Resolved (07.24) (Mali, Morocco, South Africa & Sudan)

 - ❑ AFRALO Operational Principles
 1. Space for exchange and active participation
 2. Defense of Rights and Awareness
 3. Interface Between Internet Users and ICANN
 4. Promotion of African Participation
 5. Representation within the ALAC (Selection of 2 Representatives)
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The Role and Objectives as described in the AFRALO Operational Principles

Defining AFRALO's Role and Objectives

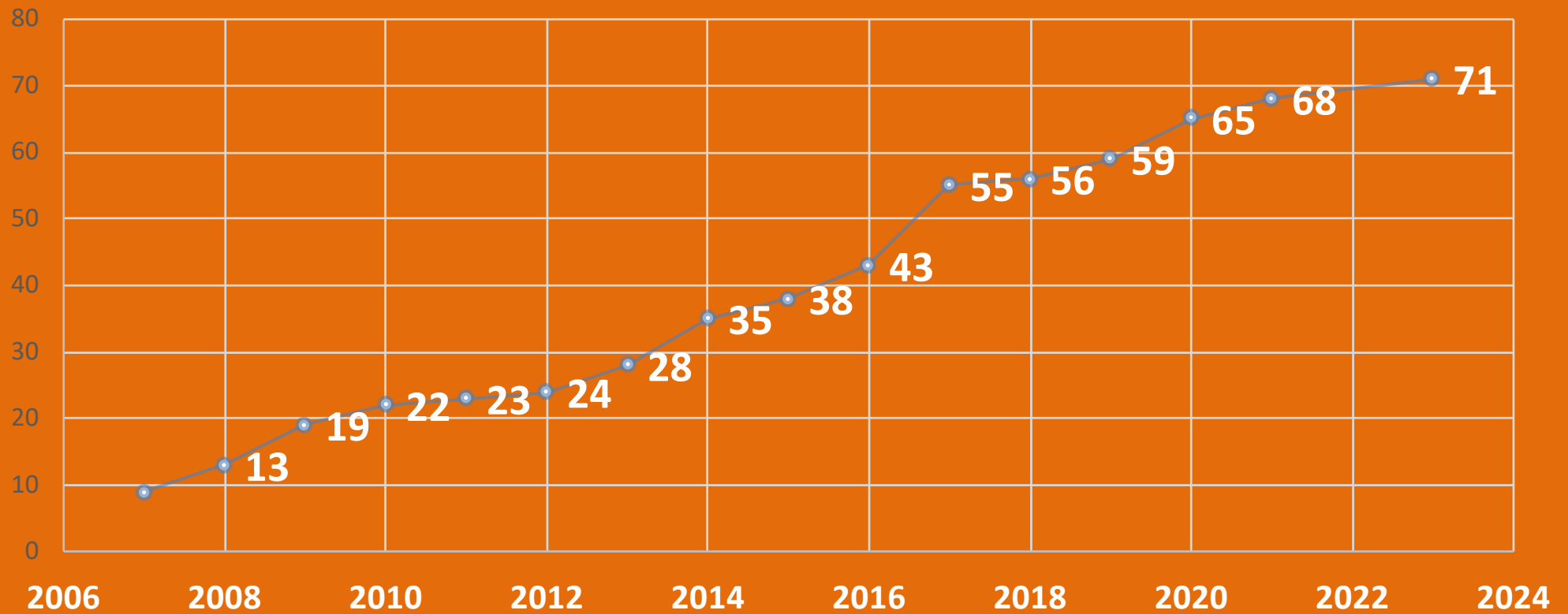
- **AFRALO's Focus on Awareness and Information Exchange**
 - **AFRALO's Role as an Interface Between Users and ICANN**
 - **Empowering Users and Representing AFRALO in ALAC**
 - **Engagement in Councils, Working Groups, and Committees**
 - **Open Workgroups for Inclusive Involvement**
 - **ALS Voices Shaping Decision-Making Processes**
 - **ALS Advocacy for Fair Policies and Active Participation**
 - **ALS as Bridges Between ICANN and Local Communities**
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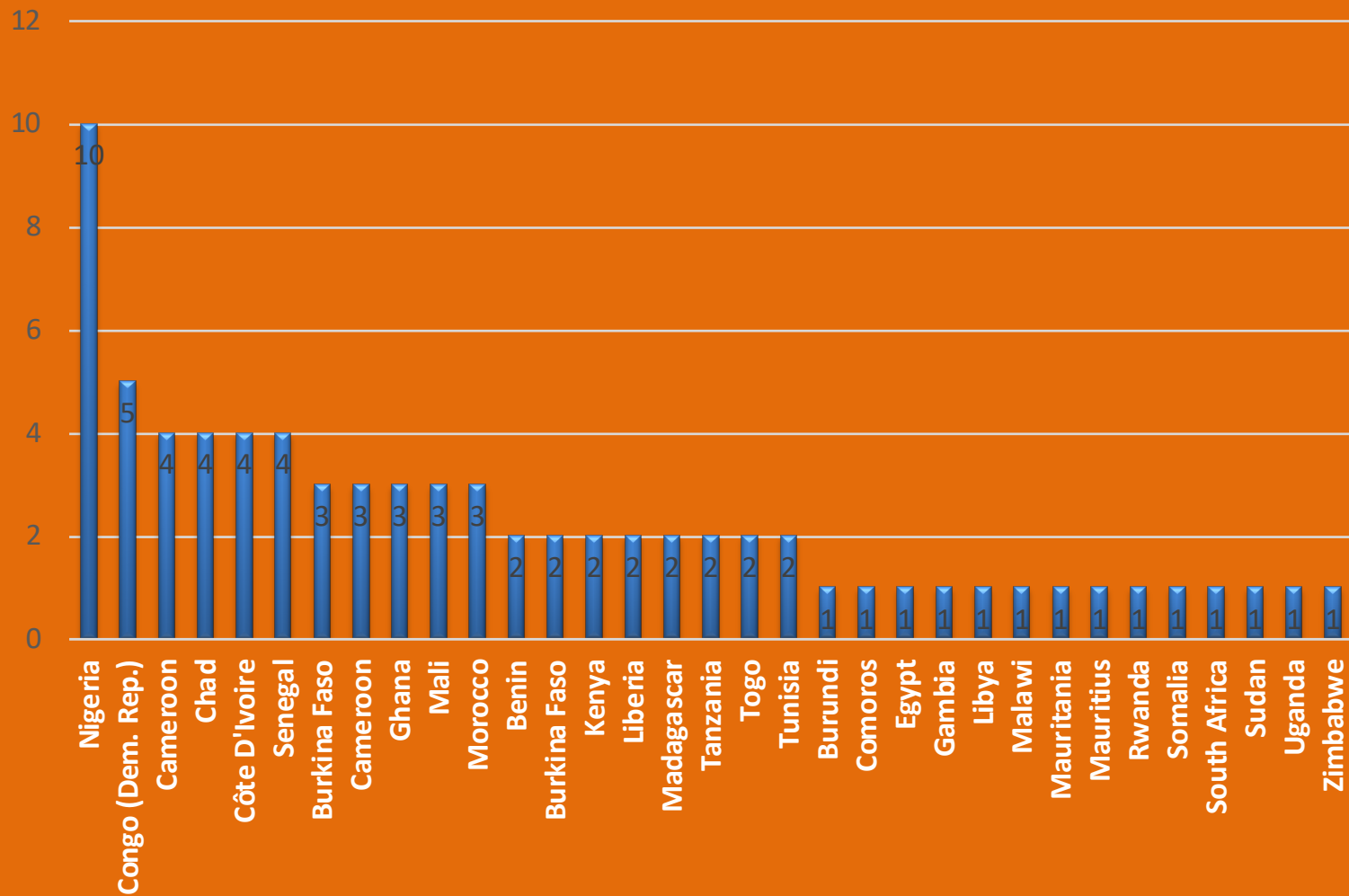


2. Composition, Membership

- All organizations are considered ALS upon accreditation by the ALAC.
 - All members and participants wishing to be involved in AFRALO have the right to attend and participate in all meetings and access information through a publicly accessible website managed by AFRALO.
 - All members have the right to participate in AFRALO mailing lists.
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Evolution of ALS Accreditations at AFRALO





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1. Algeria
 2. Angola
 3. Botswana
 4. Green cap
 5. Djibouti
 6. Eritrea
 7. Ethiopia
 8. Guinea
 9. Guinea-Bissau
 10. Lesotho
 11. Namibia
 12. Niger
 13. Central African
 14. Republic Sierra Leone
 15. Swaziland
 16. Zambia



3. AFRALO Management

- ❑ **AFRALO Leadership Team Structure** : president, vice-president, and secretary, elected by members for two-year terms, with no more than two consecutive terms.
 - ❑ **Roles** : The president oversees meetings, coordinates activities, and represents AFRALO externally. The vice-president supports and substitutes for the president when unavailable. The secretary manages administration, prepares agendas, handles communications, and processes memberships.
 - ❑ **Collaboration with ICANN Staff** The entire team closely collaborates with ICANN staff to achieve AFRALO's objectives.
 - ❑ **Simultaneous Elections with ALAC Representatives** Elections coincide with the selection of AFRALO representatives to the ALAC, following the protocol agreement and ICANN bylaws.
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Individual Members

- Any individual within the AFRALO region can become an individual member of AFRALO, but must not be a representative or leader of an ALS in relation to a RALO.
 - Admission Criteria for Individual Members
 - Commitment to AFRALO Rules
 - Local Collaboration and Engagement
 - Independent Voting Rights and Representation
 - Election Process and Representative's Term Conclusion
 - Membership Termination Procedures
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4. Decisions / Meetings

- **FRALO Meeting Procedures: Annual General Assembly/Meetings Physically/Virtually Accessible Meetings.**
 - **Quorum and Decision-Making: One-third of members, whichever is higher, is required. Decisions are made by a simple majority of members. Results are then announced by the secretary within four days via AFRALO's mailing list.**
 - **Amendments to Operational Principles: In the presence of at least half of the members during a meeting, a motion to amend, modify, or repeal operational principles can be presented, requiring approval from two-thirds of the members. All meetings will be public.**
 - **Voting Process: Each accredited ALS has one (1) vote. In case of a tie, the president will make the decision. Votes can be conducted electronically or online.**
 - **Decisions by Consensus or Vote: Unless stated otherwise, decisions at AFRALO will be made by consensus. In the absence of consensus, a vote is organized, with each accredited ALS having one vote.**
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ALAC

- **ALAC committee consists of a total of 15 members.**
 - **Each RALO has three members: two elected by the ALS and the third selected by the nominating committee.**
 - **Out of these 15 members, 10 are chosen by the RALOs, and 5 by the nominating committee.**
 - **ALAC Chair is elected by the members. Additionally, ALAC elects one of its members to serve on the ICANN Board, ensuring that Internet users are represented at the highest level of ICANN governance."**
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