

Raihanath GBADAMASSI - ALAC/AFRALO

Dear AFRALO family and dear team of ICANN Staff of At-large.

I am pleased to accept the nomination to continue representing our AFRALO community within ALAC. And thank Dave Kissoondoyal for the nomination and all the support for the members I have received since joining ALAC last year.

This is my brief statement

Raihanath GBADAMASSI, I'm a legal expert specializing in Digital Law and Business Law. I'm the CEO of the company NESS GATE, which specializes in Digital Finance services.

I've been really into digital-related stuff since my university days, and since 2012, I've been actively involved in promoting and contributing to the development of the Internet and digital technologies. I started off as a digital skills trainer at the Agency of University of Francophonie in Benin. I later got certified in ICDL (International Computer Driving License) standards and took part in a project to train public sector executives in Benin, led by the Ministry of Digitalization.

My journey with ICANN began in 2017 as a Fellow for meeting 59 in Johannesburg, South Africa. It was my first time attending a General Assembly of AFRALO. After that experience, I decided to get more involved in working groups to contribute to the development of AFRALO. I'm part of the editorial team for the Newsletter. Also, as the Vice-President of Internet Society Benin, an ALS that truly contributes to Internet development in our region through impactful activities. In 2023, I joined the ALAC on an interim basis to further contribute to our AFRALO community.

Through my involvement in policy studies and decision-making within various working groups and discussions of the ALAC like CPWG, OFB, monthly call committee and leadership meetings, joint meetings with GAC, or the board... I've gained new skills and insights.

My journey reflects my commitment and proactive approach to serving my community while continuously seeking to gain more experiences.

The knowledge and skills I've acquired over the years should benefit our community. In this term as an ALAC representative for AFRALO, I pledge to contribute significantly to the development of strategic documents, actively participate in various activities, advocate for non-discrimination of RALOs, adherence to ICANN's multi-stakeholder norms and standards, and ensure the effective consideration of AFRALO realities in decision-making processes or major changes.

Thank you.