

AFRALO ICANN80 Proposed Sessions and Activities

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I. Enhancing Internet Infrastructure in Africa

Time: Morning session

Session Objectives: The session will provide an opportunity to discuss key challenges and opportunities concerning the development of the Internet infrastructure in Africa. In addition, it will shed light on ICANN main initiatives in that regard.

Outline:

1. Introduction
 - Welcome and Introduction to the Topic
 - Importance of Internet Infrastructure in Africa
 - Overview of the session Objectives
2. Current State of Internet Infrastructure in Africa
 - Existing Challenges
 - Successes and Progress made so far
3. Strategies for Enhancing Internet Infrastructure
 - Investment Opportunities and Funding Mechanisms
 - Digital Inclusion Policies
 - Capacity Building and Skill Development
4. Case Studies and Best Practices
 - Successful Projects and initiatives implemented in African Countries
 - Lessons learned and key takeaways.
 - Opportunities for replication and scale-Up
5. Panel Discussion: Stakeholder Perspectives
 - Representation from Governments, Private Sector, Civil Society and Academia (At-Large)
 - Sharing Insights, Experiences and Recommendations
 - Addressing Audience Questions and Concerns

6. Closing Remarks
 - Summary of key insights
 - Next steps

II. **Networking Event**

AFRALO Networking Event: Scheduled for lunchtime following the AFRALO Morning Session, featuring entertainment and refreshments.

III. **Building a Multilingual Internet: Opportunities and Challenges** **[This could be either an At-Large main session or a cross RALO session]**

Session objectives: The objective of the session is to inspire dialogue, collaboration, and action towards building a more inclusive digital space that reflects the world population and promotes online equity.

Outline:

1. Introduction
 - Welcome and Introduction to the Topic
 - Importance of Internet Infrastructure in Africa
 - Overview of the session Objectives
2. Current landscape of the Internet
 - Dominance of English Language Content
 - Challenges Faced by Non-English Speakers
 - Importance of Multilingualism for Global Inclusivity
3. Strategies For Promoting Multilingualism
 - Domain names and Email Addresses in local Languages
 - Local Initiatives
 - Collaboration and Partnerships
 - Development of Multilingual Technologies
 - Community Engagement and Capacity Building
4. Roundtable Session: Stakeholder Perspectives or RALOs Perspectives (depending on the nature of the session)
 - Sharing Success stories, challenges, and strategies
 - Addressing Questions and concerns
5. Closing Remarks
 - Summary of Key Insights
 - Next Steps

IV. **AFRALO-AfrICANN Session**

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