Subject: Re: Joint ICANN 69 AFRALO/AFRICANN Statement "Status, Impact and Recommendations for Universal Acceptance (UA)in Africa"

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To: Silvia Vivanco, Pierre Dandjinou

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Dear Silvia,

This to acknowledge receipt of the AFRALO/AFRICANN joint statement produced during ICANN 69.

I would like to compliment AFRALO for initiating such a timely statement which seeks to address one of the important issues that could help promote the spread and usage of Internet globally and specifically in Africa. I understand the statement has been extended to the ICANN Board; please rest assured GSE will do whatever it takes to accompany the necessary steps indicated in your recommendations.

Also, please note that our GSE Africa staff have already initiated a work plan with UASG and the UA and IDN directorate which already targets some of the action lines suggested by the Statement.

We then look forward to maintaining a partnership with AFRALO/AFRICANN on this and will keep you informed on progress!
Best wishes
Sally Costerton

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Dear Sally, Pierre and colleagues,

On behalf of the AFRALO Chair, Seun Ojedeji, kindly find attached the AFRALO/AFRICANN Statement entitled "Status, Impact and Recommendations for Universal Acceptance (UA)in Africa", which was discussed and approved at the ICANN 69 Virtual meeting.

The statement includes a series of recommendations to enhance the adoption of Universal Acceptance in Africa as follows:

1. That ICANN encourages African GAC members to be part of the GAC Working Group on IDNs and UA.

2. That the UASG conduct a study about the roles of different stakeholder groups to further promote IDNs, EAIs and UA.