

AFRALO Trip Assessment Report FY17
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Introduction

This is a combined trip assessment report for AFRALO Outreach in Mauritius. The three members represented AFRALO at the AFRINIC-25 meeting held in Mauritius. Every year AFRINIC organizes two policy meeting mainly the AFRINIC Meeting and the Africa Internet Summit (AIS) which was held in Gaborone, Botswana. During the summit for the year 2016 AFRALO had its first booth and the participation at the AFRINIC 25 was the second time that AFRALO is represented strongly having participation of AFRALO Chair – Aziz Hilali, ALAC Vice Chair – Tijani Ben Jemaa and At-Large Sub Committee for Outreach and Engagement Co-Chair – Daniel K. Nanghaka.

Objectives of the Trip

- i. Represent AFRALO at AFRINIC 25 meeting. This is based on the MOU that AFRALO has with AFRINIC. The mandate is to make sure that AFRALO shows engagement in the policy development process within the AFRICA region. This is achieved through constant participation in the policy meeting in the region.
- ii. Participate in Policy Review at AFRINIC 25 meeting
- iii. Management of AFRALO Booth
- iv. Engagement of Stakeholders at the AFRINIC 25 to better understand the role and participation of Africa Region in ICANN activities, mainly policy development

Activities conducted

Management of AFRALO Booth: was done by the AFRALO Team present at the meeting.



From extreme left, Daniel, Aziz, Tijani, Seun

Participation in AFRINIC Policy Development sessions

The team participated in all policy discussion sessions. There were several policy modification proposals that are contradictory in some cases. Only one passed, while the others were resent to the Policy Development WG for more discussion.

Outreach and engagement

During the Africa ICANN Strategy panel by Pierre, Bob and Yaovi, The AFRALO team mentioned that the members should be present and participate and apply for different positions through the NOMCOM.

There was engagement and interaction with the different stakeholders present to enhance participation. In fact, the AFRALO Team lobbied for more organization to become ALSes: One of the concrete result was a meeting held with the President of ISOC Congo at the AFRALO Booth where they (ISOC Congo) expressed interest to become an ALS and the procedure was walked through to become an ALS.

MoU AFRALO - AFRINIC

The Signed MoU between AFRALO and AFRINIC having expired, a Meeting of AFRALO leadership with AFRINIC CEO was held and where the MoU renewal was discussed. It was agreed that due to the change in AFRINIC policy regarding signing of MoUs, amendments will be made by AFRALO and submitted to AFRINIC and the signing of the MoU will be done officially at the ICANN General Assembly in Johannesburg.

Furthermore, AFRINIC agreed to partner and support AFRALO for its upcoming General Assembly. Further discussion will continue to define What AFRINIC can do in sponsorship towards the AFRALO activities in Johannesburg.

Way Forward and recommendation

FY17 is the last year of the CROPP as a pilot program. The team strongly recommends to integrate the Community Regional Outreach Program as a standing program in the core budget of ICANN to permit more outreach activities within the region. The successful pilot program showed that we can do better if the program is a little bit modified to allow for more slots per RALO to focus on Community Engagement at all levels, including the ALS ones.

AFRALO made use of almost all the slots during the Pilot period, and found it very convenient to have this tool to fully participate in the African Regional Internet Registry (AFRINIC) policy activities. It also permitted to strengthen AFRALO relationship with AFRINIC in all aspects. It would be even better if the program is extended with 3 other slots per RALO to permit an outreach effort at National, Regional and Global IGFs.

Stronger collaboration with staff to have more materials for outreach and engagement during these events is of great help

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