Implementing ICANN's Africa Strategy since 2013

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A two pronged approach

Awareness

Promote Awareness and Meaningful Participation of Africa in ICANN & the wider IG Ecosystem in partnership with other I* and Af* Organizations.

Build Capacity

Transform the DNS & Internet Industry in Africa by Facilitating capacity development and Cultivating an environment for the emergence of an Africa grown domain name industry and business.

Our Regional Engagement Centre in Nairobi is Central in Supporting our work in Africa

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What have we achieved…?

Flagship Projects

- DNS Forums
- DNSSEC Roadshows
- Africa DNS Market Study
- The DNS mentorship and internship Program
- Supporting deployment of more Root Server Instances

Engagement Events

- Leveraging Regional Meetings
- Participation on Sub regional events.
- IGFs (Regional and selected National IGFs),
- Maintenance of regular channels of communication including the African discussion lists

Engagement with Academia

- Workshop at the Association of African Universities - AAU Annual conference
- YouthComm Workshops
- Outreach to Research and Education networks.
- Outreach to Higher Education Institutions

Emerging Issues

- Cybersecurity related issues,
- Some ccTLD Governance Issues Still persist
- New Technologies and Changing Global Policy landscape –IoT, AI, GDPR – is Africa Ready
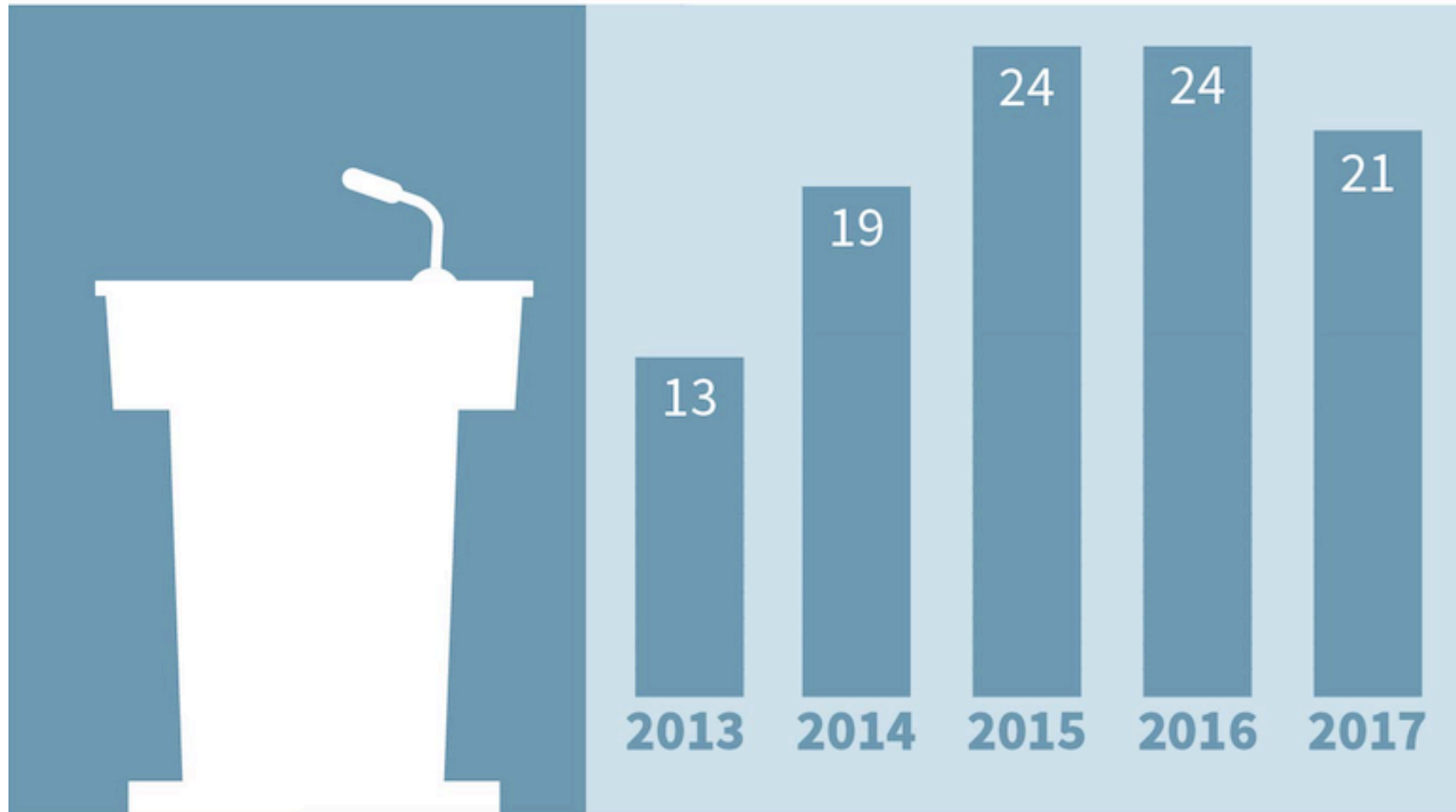
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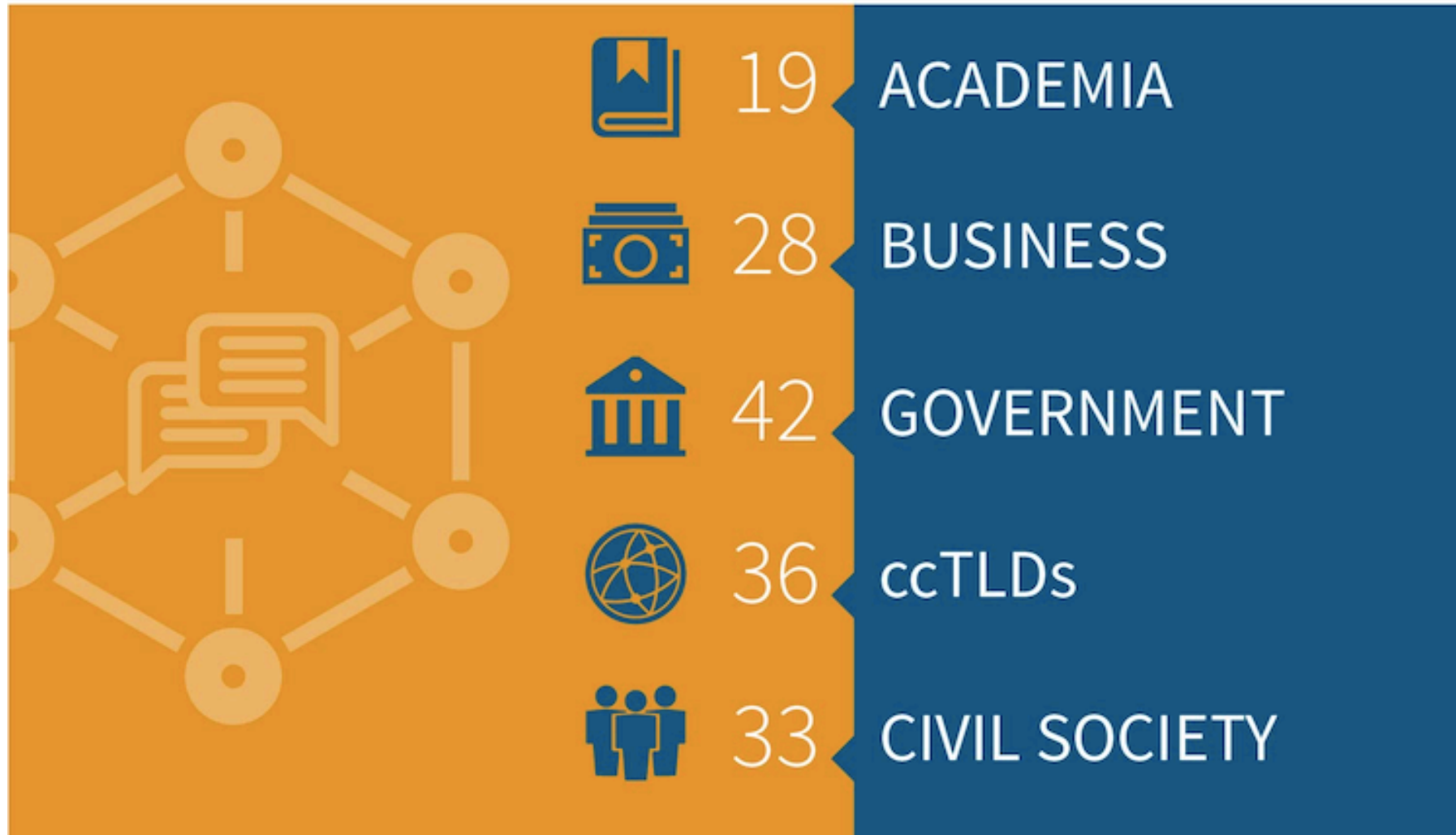- Manager – Bob Ochieng

Challenges / Opportunities

- Implementation of an Africa DNS Observatory
- Overall participation by Africa in the empowered community
- IDN adoption and Universal Acceptance
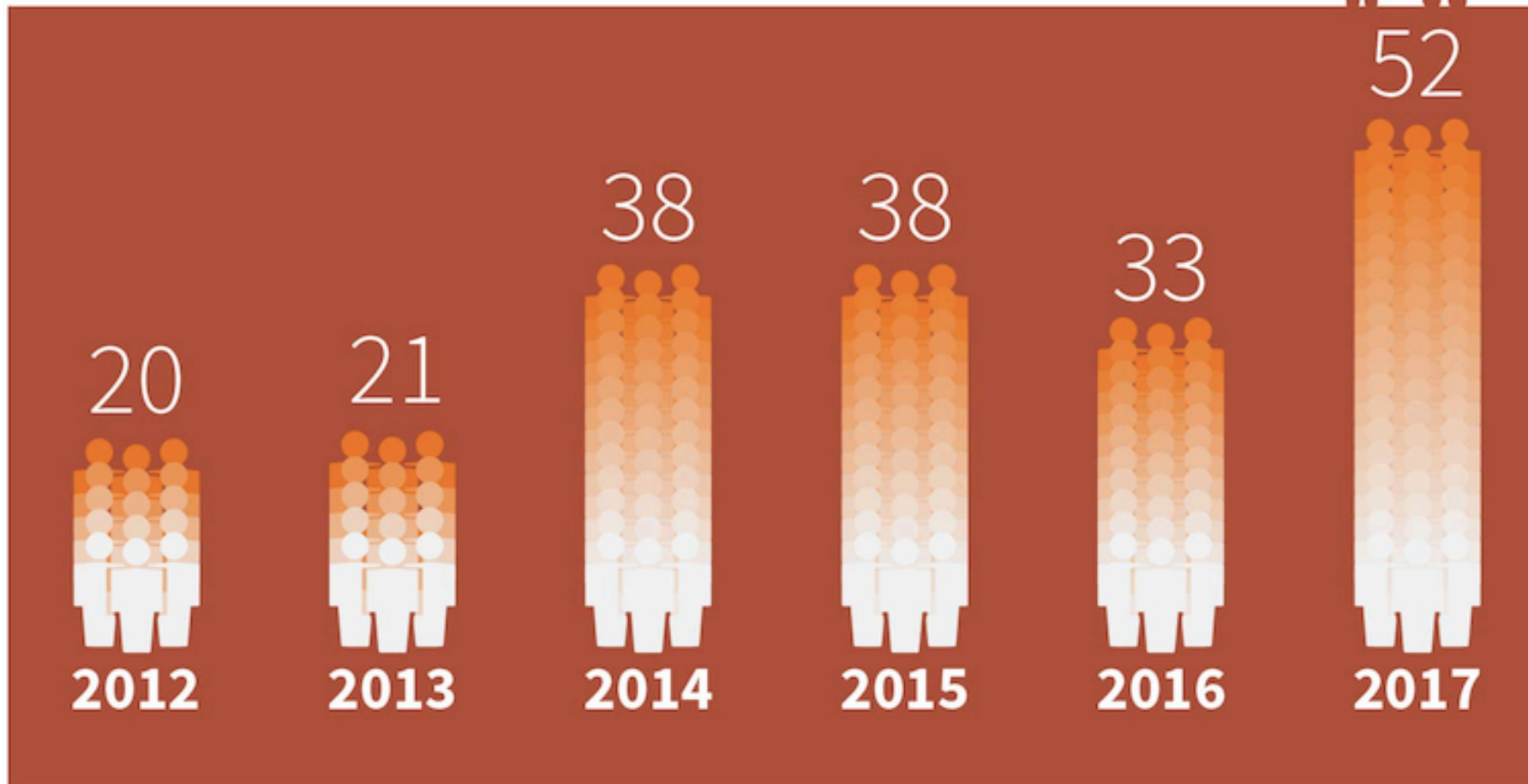
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An Overview in Numbers

REGIONAL EVENTS

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	13	19	24	24	21

OUTREACH BY CATEGORY

19 ACADEMIA

28 BUSINESS

42 GOVERNMENT

36 ccTLDs

33 CIVIL SOCIETY

AFRICANS PARTICIPATING IN THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

20 — 2012
21 — 2013
38 — 2014
38 — 2015
33 — 2016
52 — 2017

ICANN'S SUPPORT OF KEY REGIONAL INITIATIVES

5 — FY14

3 — FY15

10 — FY16

13 — FY17

12 — FY18

AFRICAN COUNTRIES: ICANN PARTICIPATION SINCE 2013

5 events
Benin, Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Senegal

4 events
Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Uganda

3 events
Botswana , Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria

2 events
Algeria, Mauritania, Mozambique, Tanzania, Togo

1 event
Cape Verde, Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Madagascar, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Some observations to reflect on as Africa…

- The African community has become much more active, but still needs to participate more effectively, especially in the New ICANN.

- Capacity building in Africa is a long term and resourceful hence will require strategic partnerships to be developed. What is Africas strategy for ICANN!

- Though governments now have an understanding of ICANN and its remit, they still expect ICANN to respond to issues pertaining to Internet security, personal data processing and their positioning in Internet governance discussions.

- Issues such as digital economy and the Internet's contribution to national and regional economic development are becoming crucial and the specific role of ICANN is being questioned.

- The Changing digital Policy Environment globally coupled with emerging technologies, is Africa ready? (IoT, Artificial Intelligence, GDPR etc)

Looking ahead: with Projected Reduced Funding from ICANN Org

Outreach to all stakeholders

- Deepen our Engagement with Private Sector (Business Community)

- Deepen Engagement with governments and possibly more GAC reps

- Key focus on New audience in ICANN (Work with Youth & Academia)

Encouraging Participation in ICANN Programs

Encourage the African community to participate in ICANN's available programs, including online learning opportunities, attending events in Africa, Working Groups, supporting the development of these programs, and encouraging new programs such as DNS Entrepreneurship

Training and Support to Stakeholders

- We plan to keep supporting our flagship DNSSEC project with focus on signings for the countries already trained.
- Encourage the IDN program in Africa and DNS Entrepreneurship
- Support the launch of an Africa Domain Names Observatory

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