

AFRALO Hot Topics

Introduction

These topics were identified by AFRALO ALSes at the ICANN 59 Johannesburg meeting at the [AFRALO GA Thursday wrap up session](#). Following the first WG meeting that was held on the 13th September discussion were started on the key topics of that were suggested during the AFRALO GA.

Objectives of the AFRALO Hot Topics Working Group

The main objectives of the Working Group :

- Confirm and / or add relevant topics identified at the ICANN 59 meeting
- Discuss respective Topics for discussion and make sure that they are inline with ICANN Policy discussions and come up with suggestions to appropriate topics or rephrasing the areas that have direct relationship to ICANN mandate and policy development process.
- Prioritize topics for discussions from the above that has direct immediate impact on the African Region or may do so in the near future.
- Derive key areas of discussions and enhance AFRALO participation in the various ICANN Policies which affect the region.
- Share with the AFRALO members outcome of the WG agreement after deliberations on the suggested topics.
- Come up with short brief about each of the topics which will be shared with members to allow them to start discussion and come up with policy recommendations to the various Topics that they will be participating in.

See: [Recordings and transcripts of AFRALO GA session](#)

New! AFRALO Hot Topics Report 2018

[HOT TOPICS DRAFT - Presented at AFRALO's monthly call 07 February 2018.](#)

HOT TOPICS

Hot topics definition: It was agreed that the topics should be related to ICANN's core function

1. Internet Shutdown and impact on DNS
2. Cyber security and Online safety in one topic
3. Suggestion: How ICANN can contribute to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda? I know this is not a hot topic but it is of great importance to our region.
4. Remote Region Support
5. Public and private IP addresses- to be removed
6. Raising Awareness of the Internet policy issues - with focus on DNSSEC promotion in Africa's registries
7. Cybersecurity, Online Safety, Privacy and WHOIS
8. New gTLD and Geographic names
9. ICANN's accountability and Jurisdiction

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UPDATE

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Thanks [Fatimata Seye Sylla](#) and [Dave Kissoondoyal](#), i have updated the list based on your feedback :

1. Internet Shutdown and impact on DNS
2. Cybersecurity, Online Safety, Privacy and WHOIS
3. Promoting DNSSEC Implementation in Africa's TLD registries
4. New gTLDs and Geographic names
5. ICANN's Accountability and Transparency
6. Internet Governance activities and issues
7. General ICANN Issues Awareness and Outreach to Africa (e.g Access of ICANN materials in African/Other languages other than English)

New suggestions or items to be clarified items on the next call :

- Remote Region Support
- How ICANN can contribute to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda? I know this is not a hot topic but it is of great importance to our region