

# ICANN DNSSEC Panel Discussion: Challenges and Benefits of DNSSEC for Africa

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## **DNSSEC Deployment: NIC Senegal Challenges**

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# Agenda Outline

- NIC Senegal Registry
- NIC Senegal Experience on DNSSEC
- DNSSEC Considerations
- Challenges
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# NIC Senegal Registry

- .sn ccTLD is managed by NIC Senegal which depends on the University Cheikh Anta DIOP of Dakar
- 3 162 domains names registered in October 2011
- 2 732 at first level and 430 at second level
  - .edu.sn: 227
  - .org.sn:21
  - .univ.sn:5
  - .art.sn:58
  - .com.sn:119



# NIC Senegal Registry

- About 10 registrars:
  - Sonatel Multimedia : 443 domains
  - Kheweul.com : 395 domains
  - Verisign/Melbournes : 196
  - OVH : 156
- 5 secondaries (IRD, RIPE NCC, SONATEL, UCAD, NIC FR)
- .sn is secondary of .ml and .gq



# NIC Senegal Experience on DNSSEC

- NIC Senegal held its first DNSSEC tutorial in collaboration with NSRC in October 20-22 (Friday-Sunday) 2006
- 10 Participants from NIC SENEGAL, UCAD, BCEAO, ADIE and SONATEL
- Instructors:  
Alain Aina and Peter Koch
- More details at

<https://nsrc.org/workshops/2006/dnssec-dakar/>



# NIC Senegal Experience on DNSSEC

New training session: **NIC Senegal/NSRC/ICANN**  
DNSSEC hands on workshop during this ICANN  
meeting 23-25 October 2011

□ Instructors:

Phil Regnauld, Joe Abley and Alain Aina

□ 14 participants from ML, TZ, GA, .SN (SONATEL,  
ADIE, NIC Senegal)

□ More details at:

□ <http://nsrc.org/workshops/2011/dakar-dnssec>



# DNSSEC Considerations

Technical: Training network engineers

Learning many new concepts: Keys, ZSK, KSK

- Key management : rollover, security
- Key size, Key storage
- Chain of trust: what impact in name resolution?
- TSIG, NSEC, NSEC3, ...

Policy:

Documentation (DPS), Communication, responsibilities



# Challenges

- Employee retention
- Dedicated employees
- Politics: Things move slowly in our multi-stakeholder model we set up since 2008
- Have an operational ccTLD, even if we use DNS only





# Goals

- Deploy DNSSEC test bed at the end of 2011
- First draft of the DPS in early 2012
- Communication plan to end users and registrars to help them improve processes and practices, by the end 2012:

***DNSSEC does not eliminate phishing and spams, but DNSSEC main advantage is to help prove authenticity and data integrity of DNS DATA***

**Sign .sn planned late June 2012**



***THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION***

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