

Africa Regional At-Large Organization “AfRALO”

Participation Criteria

The Main Objective:

The main objective this document is to list the available AfRALO participation channels and tools (e.g AfRALO teleconferences, AfRALO mailing list, ..ect), and set a minimum participation criteria for the participation of AfRALO members in order to encourage an active participation in ICANN policy development processes.

AfRALO Current Participation Channels:

- **AfRALO Teleconference meetings:**
AfRALO conducts a monthly teleconference to discuss ICANN policy development, regional RALO and ALS activates and have staff briefing on issues discussed in the other At-Large Regional Organizations.

ICANN provide AfRALO with the teleconference functionality and provide live translation service during the conference calls, it's important that AfRALO utilize ICANN funding for the teleconference to enhance Africa participation in ICANN .

Minimum Participation: ALS are encouraged to participate in AfRALO month teleconference, and maintain minimum of 50% of AfRALO yearly Teleconference “12 teleconference” (6 teleconference a year). Any ALS will be participate in less than 50% of the teleconferences will be considered un-active member.

- **AfRALO Mailing List :**
AfRALO mailing list main objectives are :
 - Maintaining and extending an information exchange channel to offer AfRALO members with ICANN news, policy updates, provide information on internet and domain names, exchange of documents and related publications, help identify AfRALO and ALS key people within specific ICANN policy areas, and much more.
 - Coordinate the organization of and/or invitations to AfRALO meetings, seminars or AfRALO and ICANN conferences.
 - A Platform to discuss the African Internet user's issues.
 - Improving interaction within AfRALO members and between ALS with each others

An Active AfRALO mailing list is important tool In order to achieve the objective of AfRALO goals and enhance African participation in ICANN policy development.

AfRALO members with an guidance from AfRALO secretariat are encouraged to actively participate in AfRALO mailing list discussions and contribute to AfRALO requests for comments from AfRALO secretariat or AfRALO leaders on ICANN policy discussion topics.

Minimum Participation: it's not hard measure mailing list postings but members are required to participate and post a in a minimum 1 discussed topic in a given month.

- **AfRALO Wiki :**

AfRALO wiki is an interactive tool allowing AfRALO members to easy create and edit of any AfRALO Web pages, using a simplified markup language or a WYSIWYG text editor, within the browser. AfRALO Wiki is used to create collaborative web space and to power community participation in ICANN policy topics, AfRALO members could contribute to wiki pages or create new topics pages for AfRALO community discussions .

AfRALO Wiki URL : www.afralo.org or <http://st.icann.org/afralo/>

Minimum Participation: Online participation in wikis can differ from a member to another member, but AfRALO members should minimally contribute to one Wiki topic at a given month.

- **AfRALO General Assembly Meeting:**

AfRALO in coordinate and support from ICANN holds an annual General Assembly “GM” meeting (when possible) usually when ICANN holds its meetings in the Africa region. AfRALO with support with ICANN provide travel support for all or some of AfRALO members (based on the funds availability) .

AfRALO GM meetings are perfect chance to have face-to-face meetings to discuss AfRALO organizational issues, discuss ICANN policy discussions, conduct elections and any other issues AfRALO members agree to discuss.

Minimum Participation: African ALS are encouraged to participate in AfRALO GM .