

Africa Strategy - Update

The objective of the session is to present our 5-year report of the implementation of the Africa Strategy. We seek your further input and comments to be incorporated in the final report to be released at AIS 2018

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Pierre Dandjinou:

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Agenda

1. Introduction:

- Pierre Dandjinou ; VP stakeholder Engagement Africa (15:15-15:17)

2. Welcome messages: (15:18-15:30)

- Sally Costerton, Sr Advisor to President & SVP, Global Stakeholder Engagement
- Tarek Kamel; Sr Advisor to President & SVP, Government and IGO Engagement
- Nick Tomasso; Vice President, Global Meeting Operations & Managing Director - Middle East & Africa
- Cherine Chalabi, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors
- Khaled Kouba, Member, ICANN board of Directors

3. Presentation of the five years implementation report;

- Pierre Dandjinou, VP Stakeholder Engagement Africa (15:30-15:45)

3. Q/A; Community input (15:45-16:15)

4. Open Mic and Wrap-up (16:15-16:30)

Five years of Africa Strategy Implementation: 2012- 2017



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

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.
- ⊙ Public lectures & 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

GSE Africa Staff

- ⊙ VP – Pierre Dandjinou
- ⊙ Manager – Yaovi Atohoun
- ⊙ Manager – Bob Ochieng

Challenges / Opportunities

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

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

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 Africa's 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)

- **We now seek your Feedback:**

a) What has worked?

b) What can we do differently as a community going forward?

(Please access the full report and these slides on the ICANN Africa Strategy page at: <https://61.schedule.icann.org/meetings/649743>)

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