



## Africa Strategy Session

*Helping effective participation of the African Community in ICANN and its policy development processes*



# A Conversation on Participation of the Regional Community in Implementing the Africa Strategy

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# Agenda

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## 1. Introduction:

- Pierre Dandjinou / Yaovi Atohoun, GSE Africa (15:15-15:17)

## 2. Welcome messages:

(15:18-15:30)

- Sally Costerton, Sr Advisor to President & SVP, Global Stakeholder Engagement
- Göran Marby, President and CEO of ICANN
- Cherine Chalaby, ICANN Board Chair

## 3. Presentation: Key highlights of Africa's Participation in ICANN;

- Bob Ochieng, GSE Africa (15:30-15:45)

## 4. Perspectives by SO / AC Leaders

(15:45-16:15)

- Dr Cherif Diallo, GAC
- Mohamed El Bashir, AFRALO
- Souleymane Oumtanaga, ccNSO
- Jimson Olufuye, Business Constituency
- Benjamin Akinmoyeje, NCUC & Caleb Oluyini, NPOC

## 5. Open Mic - ALL

(16:15-16:40)

## 6. Announcement & Closing Remarks by Pierre Dandjinou / Yaovi Atohoun

(16:40-16:45)

# 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.



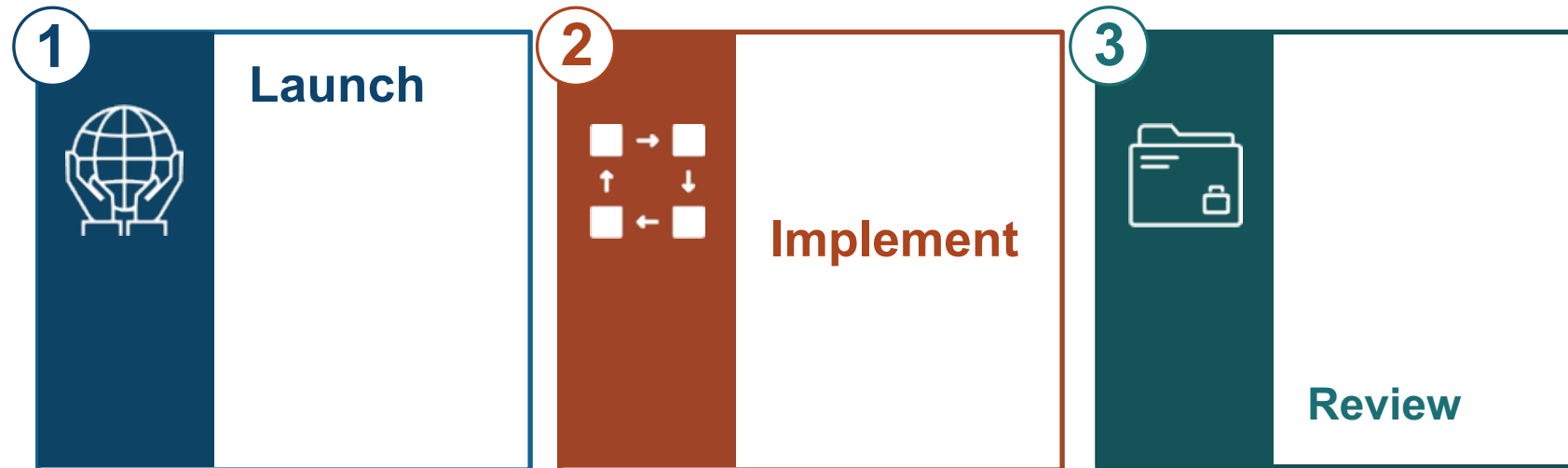
## Build Capacity

Help transform the DNS and Internet industry in Africa by facilitating capacity development and cultivating an environment for an Africa-grown domain name industry and business.

**Our Engagement Center in Nairobi is central to supporting our work in Africa.**

# An evolving document...

The Africa Strategy remains a living document, with regular reviews to make sure it is aligned with not only the ICANN vision and mission, but also the ever evolving community needs and realities on the ground.



For instance, ICANN org has undergone important transformations in the past three years such as the IANA stewardship transition.

# Through the Africa Strategy, we have launched a number of initiatives...

## 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

- Workshops at the Association of African Universities (AAU) annual conferences
- YouthCom Workshops
- Outreach to research and education networks
- Outreach to higher education Institutions

## Emerging Issues

- Cybersecurity related issues
- Some persisting ccTLD governance issues
- New technologies and changing global policy landscape – IoT, AI, GDPR

## GSE Africa Staff

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

## Challenges / Opportunities

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

# **An Overview in Numbers 2013 - 2018**



**200**

Events  
with ICANN  
participation

**35**

Events  
with ICANN  
sponsorship

**15**

Events  
organized  
by ICANN

**35**

Capacity  
Development  
Workshops

**200**

Bilateral  
meetings

**5**

Trainings for  
Law Enforcement  
Agencies

**25**

Academic  
engagements

**15**

DNSSEC  
Deployments

**14**

ICANN-managed  
root server  
instances

**208**

Total number of  
ICANN fellows  
from the region

**14**

Total number of  
NextGen@ICANN  
members from the region

**3**

Total number of ICANN meetings held across the region  
Morocco-ICANN55, South Africa-ICANN47 and ICANN59

**18**

Total number of interviews



## AFRICA COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

(Number of community members involved in ICANN as of November 2018)

Non-Commercial Users Constituency  
(NCUC)

**128** in several working groups

**39**

Country Code Names Supporting  
Organization (ccNSO)

**10**

Cross-Community  
working groups

**30**

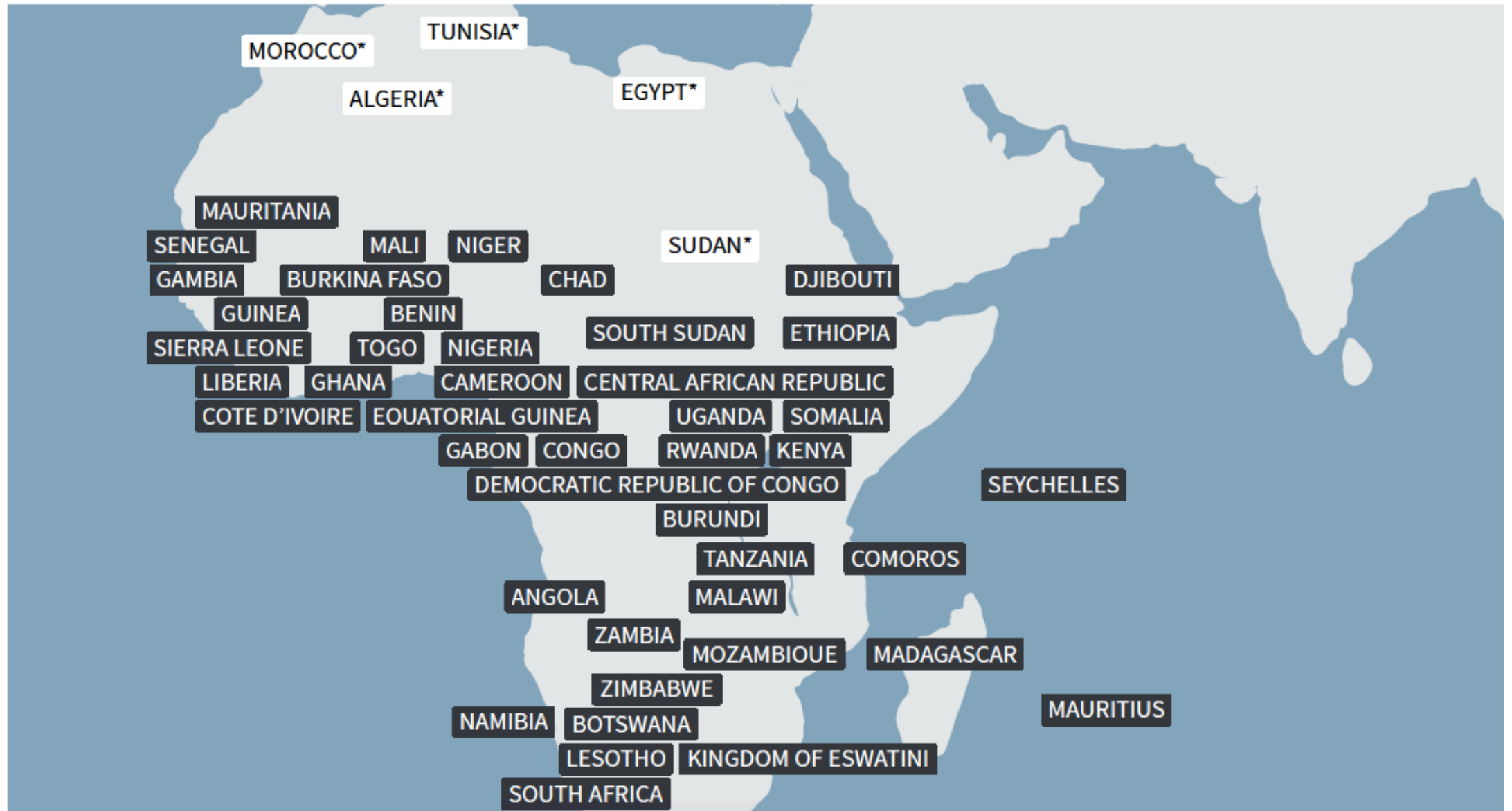
Generic Names Supporting  
Organization (GNSO)

**51**

At-Large  
Community

# AFRICA ENGAGEMENT MAP

(participating countries since April 2013)



# Participation in Webinars during FY 19

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Under 30 participants in each of the following webinars:

- Reviewed Africa Strategy (24 August 2018)
- KSK Rollover (2 October 2018)
- ICANN63 readout (16 November 2018)
- Update on IDN (28 December 2018)
- ICANN64 Readout (23 April 2019)
- Webinar for African ccTLDs (29 May 2019)

## Registries

- 52 functioning ccTLDs

## Registrar Market

- 27 countries have only one Registrar: usually the Registry
- 13 countries have a fully competitive Registrar market

## Registrant Market

- Approximately 5 million African domains (ccTLD & gTLD) in total
- 4.4 domains / 1000 population
- Value of \$52 million p.a.

# Weight of regions in each segment (Afnic Report - 2018)

Region	ccTLDs	.COM	Other Legacy TLDs	ngTLDs	Total
Africa	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Latin America & the Caribbean	7%	3%	3%	12%	5%
Asia Pacific	34%	16%	16%	52%	25%
Europe	54%	22%	27%	12%	36%
North America	4%	59%	53%	23%	33%

<b>Total</b>	100	100	100	100
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# Aligning with the new ICANN Strategic Plan

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- New ICANN Strategic Plan is being examined by the ICANN Board at ICANN65
- African Community will be invited to contribute to the process of updating the current Africa Strategy, to realign it with the ICANN Strategic Plan

# **We now seek your feedback!**

- a) What have we missed from your contribution?**
- b) How can we support you better?**

# Engage with ICANN



## Thank You and Questions

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