

**Joint AFRALO-AfrICANN Meeting
ICANN74 Meeting
Hague, Netherlands**

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Statement

TOPIC: The role of the AFRALO community in mitigating DNS Abuse

We, the African ICANN Community members participating in the ICANN 74 meeting in the Hague, Netherlands and attending the joint AFRALO/AfrICANN meeting on Wednesday 15th June 2022, discussed **The role of the AFRALO community in mitigating DNS Abuse** as an important topic for AFRALO.

In this statement, the AFRALO community focuses on mitigating DNS Abuse types perpetrated via the Internet that fall within ICANN's remit as the technical coordinator of the Domain Name System (DNS). Therefore, the community will not be addressing content related abuse.

To start the discussion, the AFRALO community needs to identify the resources/tools that it is going to use to inform DNS Abuse mitigation discussions and means of mitigation.

Possible discussion resources could include:

- Data and reporting trends related to DNS security threat concentrations.
 - The ICANN DNS Abuse Activity Reporting project (DAAR) is a good resource in that regard.
- Tools provided by ICANN to help the community mitigate DNS security threats.
 - The ICANN DNS security mitigation program is a good resource in that regard.
- ICANN community sessions held during DNS forums and ICANN public meetings
- ICANN RALOs related forums and sessions
- Internet end users experiences
- Reliable resources for DNS Abuse reporting in the region

Community DNS Abuse mitigation activities could include:

- Identifying reliable resources within the AFRALO Region that can provide trends related to DNS security threats.
- Creating a DNS abuse related resources page on AFRALO's wiki. The page would act as a hub to DNS Abuse mitigation activities and resources. It would include links to ICANN DNS Abuse mitigation sessions, relevant sessions organized by At-Large and the RALOs and resources provided by the AFRALO community.
- Launching an end users' awareness and education campaign. The campaign would focus on educating users in order to reduce the risk that they fall victim to DNS Abuse activities. According to ICANN's most recent DNS Abuse trends brief published in March 2022, spam is the most prominent type of DNS abuse followed by phishing.
- Establishing an AFRALO working group that would form a unified strategy. The group will be responsible for coordinating DNS abuse mitigation activities and gathering end users DNS abuse related experiences.

In the end, we note that mitigating and fighting DNS abuse cannot be the purpose of one group or entity but requires collaboration among all stakeholders. AFRALO in its role in defending end users interests will be focusing on end users community based awareness activities.

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