ICANN Summit on Developing Countries

Statement of the African ICANN community

We, the members of the African community of ICANN attending its 41st meeting in Singapore, convened in a joint AFRALO/AfrICANN gathering to discuss the proposed ICANN Summit on developing countries, due to take place in Dakar, Senegal, during the 42nd ICANN meeting in October 2011:

- welcome the initiative of holding an ICANN summit on developing countries,

- strongly support this initiative, and commit ourselves to provide all the necessary help to make the summit a very successful one.

- believe that the Summit will be a stepping stone to influence ICANN's agenda on matters of concern to the Developing Countries.

- consider that such a summit needs to be strongly supported by ICANN as a whole for an inclusive Internet.

- urge the private sector in these developing countries, particularly those in Africa to participate actively in the summit. In fact, the private sector can play an important role in achieving the goals of those countries in the ICT's field

- propose that the following items be included in the agenda of the Summit:

    o Promotion of ccTLDs in developing countries for a better presence and more visibility
    o Implementation of DNSSEC at the ccTLD levels
    o Awareness of New gTLDs and support to needy Applicants in developing countries
    o Improvement of the Multi-stakeholder model to include Governments, Regulators, Private Sector and Civil Society partnerships
    o Connectivity and infrastructure reinforcement

- Education, training, Capacity Building and awareness campaigns for a better involvement of all stakeholders in the development of the ICT sector and of the Countries as a whole.
- Enhancement of the active participation of the developing countries' Governments and Private Sector in the ICANN Process
- Redefinition of the Universal Service to include broadband
- Reduction of Interconnection fees at the POPs levels
- Strengthening of local Internet exchange points
- Development of local content in local languages
- Hosting of local content at the local level – Creation and promotion of National Data Centers
- Incentives to companies of high content providers like Google, Yahoo and Microsoft to place their Cache Servers in the developing countries
- Implementation of R&D on the Internet domain
- Costs Reduction for end-users terminals
- e-waste Disposal
- Awareness and vigilance for a strong Information Security
- Use of Renewal Energy

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