

Motivation information

Overview

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From the interim-ALAC to the ALAC fully implemented (ALAC1.0), the structure has made a significant progress; particularly in areas of policy development. However, it is known that many members of the Internet community are puzzled about the need for ALAC, and others are even skeptical upon the efficiency of its role. This should then appeal RALOs/ALAC to find out some adapted solutions so that:

- ALAC makes more policy advice to ICANN;
- RALOs attract many others organizations to join ALs' groups in they respective region;
- AFRALO become more effective on the ground in African localities;
- ALAC better plays its role of participation and accountability;
- ALAC reveals more active in its assistant, provider and policy-maker roles.

The last WCL's pre-review report to ICANN published on July 2008 has widely addressed the ALAC's weaknesses. This should say something to us and stir up urgent internal actions. In the case of Africa region, there are many specific challenges that AFRALO would take up and which need special attention in forthcoming years both from the regional At-large community and the officers' board perspective. In this way, making the board of officers proactive and more active on the ground should be one of the big challenges ALAC/RALOs must take up in the future. The ALAC officers should work in this way so that the team could not only collectively be responsible of successes and possible failures of the ALAC members. Instead, apart from the collective responsibility each member should be accountable in front of the At-large/ALs/RALOs upon his/her personal performances inside the group; the credibility of our structure also depends on it.

The future challenge is to make AFRALO an organization of action, an organization which communicates and gather together around the project of ensuring that African policy priorities are really reflected in the At-large overall.

The African community is not enough 'armed' in order to express its needs towards or through the regional officers' board. Thereby, one cannot expect much from an less-informed community! There is often a lack of ownership when stakeholders are not empowered or able to have a voice throughout the policy process. It is then the AFRALO's duty to succeed on deeply informing African organizations and end users so that they become tougher enough to raise relevant problems, understand the stakes and fully participate in ICANN activities.

I have decided to self-nominate at the position of ALAC/AFRALO member for the next period. Not because I have pre-established solutions to address ALAC/AFRALO/at-large problems, instead because I have finally built up the will to serve the community at this position. By this self-nominating choice, I would directly express my willpower and involvement to the community which will have power and responsibility to choose it's delegate for this seat.

The entire job did by all friends who had been serving at AFRALO for the beginning added to their experience, would be helpful for those who would continue the mission for the next time. Taking in some new competencies to enrich the experience and bring the new ideas able to make things go further would be a good thing as it allows new energies to explode and all that to the benefit of Internet community. To finish, beyond all we have stated before, it's the Internet and ICT policy which all we have chosen to develop and promote that constitute the stake hereupon. In this way, our duty through ALAC is a part of this global challenge. We have all the duty to assert ourselves as a proactive and dynamic structure, so that to raise and justify the confidence ICANN has put in our structure and try to build a new confidence for those who are still doubtful about the noble mission that the community has entrusted to us.

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