Candidate Statement

Calvin Browne

Dear ccNSO member,

I would be honoured to serve as an ICANN Board Member nominated by the ccNSO. I would like to thank my nominators, Mozambique (.MZ) and Latvia (.LV). So, I am asking you to cast your ccTLD's vote in the election for **Calvin Browne.** Some of the reasons you should give me your vote are:

- I was part of the ccTLD community from its earliest days, and understand the history of the ccNSO, ICANN and its evolution.

- I have a solid financial and board background.

- I have served in both non-profit and for-profit organisations within the DNS industry.

- I have a good technical knowledge of the DNS.

- Integrated with this, I have a 'Global South/Development' mindset.

My involvement in Open Systems and Networking started in 1994, when I became involved in UniForum SA, then a Unix user group, whilst undertaking my Accounting articles. UniForum was tasked to manage the co.za second level domain in 1997, and I served as its Financial Director, as well as playing a major part in the Technical, Policy and Operations.

Since attending the very first ICANN Meeting, which was in Singapore, in March 1999, I have been fully engaged in the ICANN process. I took an active part in ICANN's (DNS) ccTLD constituency and played an active role in the creation of the ccNSO, at Montreal, in 2003.

I was a founding member of the initial PIR advisory board, and was the main organiser of the Cape Town ICANN meeting, and a member of the organising committee of the Durban ICANN meeting.

My latest involvement in the ICANN process was as a member of ICANN's Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team, meeting part of the affirmation of commitments, addressing competition, consumer protection, security, stability and resiliency, malicious abuse issues, sovereignty concerns, and rights protection issues.

I was involved with the team that successfully applied for and created the .AFRICA top-level domain. Most recently, I played a key part in achieving ICANN accreditation for a fully African owned and operated gTLD registrar.

I also took part in the creation of ISOC-ZA, and served as the ISCO-ZA Chair for two terms.

Aside from my family, being both a husband to my dear wife, and father to two exceptional daughters, I've been known to run a marathon or two. In this vein, I have also been Event Director of our local parkrun, a free timed, volunteer driven community event playing host to some 500-1200 weekly walkers and runners in our local community.

Statement of Interests regarding Conflicts of Interest Policy

I am currently employed as a Director of Domain Name Services (Pty) Ltd which is a Registry Services Provider working as the Back end registry provider for the ICANN contracted operator of .CAPETOWN, .JOBURG, .DURBAN. It is also the Back end registry provider for the ZADNA(.ZA) and the Back end registry provider for ZA Central Registry (PRG.ZA/NET.ZA/WEB.ZA/CO.ZA).

I am a shareholder in Domain Name Services (Pty) Ltd. I am a beneficiary of DNS Africa Ltd, the back end provider to .africa, and an ICANN approved Registrar.

I am also a non-executive director of a number of other companies, providing consultancy and services to several small ccTLDs.

Other than as disclosed above, I have no commercial interest in ICANN policy development outcomes.

The geographic region of my citizenship is **Africa***.*

I currently participate in Registry, Registrar and ccNSO events within ICANN.