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This is to kindly express interest on the call for **“Experts to Study the Application of Root Zone Label Generation Rules.”**

I am Information Technology and data enthusiast. Currently, I work for the Computer Science Department of the Addis Ababa University as Lecturer and Researcher. I have extensive experience in Information Technology as practitioner, educator and researcher. I have been involved in a number of initiatives that involve messaging applications and back office products.

I was the chair of the Ethiopic Script Generation Panel tasked on the development of a Label Generation Rules for Ethiopic Script for the Root Zone for eight local languages that use Ethiopic script in their writing systems. I have led the Generation Panel with vigor and high level of commitment towards making the Ethiopic script part of the IDN space. I have a thorough understanding of what Internationalization of the Internet and improving the multi-lingual capacity of the Web would take. I have also thorough understandings of the key challenges of adopting new TLDs and IDN top-level domains in applications and services and its impact on user experience along with the viable mitigating circumstances. I have firsthand experience with RFCs authored to address pertinent issues on IDN- including code point as well as label variants that involve IDN.

I am a recipient of several fellowships-

- UN’s Global pulse fellow (pulse camp 1.0) on Big data held in New York in 2010.
- ISOC fellow to the IETF (received five IETF fellowships 71, 78, 85th, 89th and the IETF 95 meetings).
- IEEE-ISOC Exchange fellow
- ICANN fellow.

Right now I am a member of the GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Working Group- a member of the sub-team on Geographic Name Working Group (WT5).

As an educator, I have authored several course materials in the domain of ICT- Information and Society, ICT4D and Introduction to Computer Science for the African Virtual University (AVU).

I was involved in the Open Data Barometer of the World Wide Web foundation annual Global Surveys as Countries Lead Researcher and Reviewer for three years.

I am a conscientious person who works hard and pays attention to details. I am flexible, quick to pick up new skills and eager to learn from others. I have the ability to grow with a job, handle responsibility and build positive relationships with work colleagues at all levels.

Kind regards,

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