



AfTLD Update

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WHO ARE WE



African Top Level Domains Organization (AFTLD) is a membership based not-for-profit organization that acts as a focal point for all the African TLDs Managers, to discuss matters of policy that affect ccTLDs globally and then, where possible, to present the group's position as one voice.



OBJECTIVES

- Represent the interests of the African ccTLDs, including the neighboring islands around the African continent .
- Promote communication and cooperation between ccTLDs' managers .
- Inform the African Internet community about the ICANN process, IANA and World ccTLD Community through an awareness and outreach program .
- Provide a common address where information about African ccTLD's can be obtained .
- Assist in Africa Internet & DNS Related Technologies Capacity Building .
- Development of Africa ccTLDs Policies, Administration and Technical Infrastructure





ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

Bottom Up:

Member/Community

General Assembly

Board

Staff





EVOLUTION

- 2002 - Incorporated in Mauritius
- Recognised by the ccNSO & ICANN
- 2006 - Board renewed at Marrakesh 2006
- 2007 - Annual African ccTLD Event in Cairo, Egypt
- 2008 - 2nd Annual African ccTLD Event in Joburg, South Africa
- 2009 - 3rd Annual African ccTLD Event in Arusha, Tanzania
- MoU with AFRINIC





CURRENT BOARD

Appointed at the AfTLD 2009 AGM

- Vika Mpisane (.za) - Chair
- Abibu Ntahigiye (.tz) - Treasurer
- Dr. Paulos Nyirenda (.mw)- Director of Research
- Mohamed El Bashir (.sd) – Director of Communication & Outreach
- Souleymane Oumtanaga(.ci) – Director of Strategic Partnerships
- Vincent Ngundi (.ke) – Director of Capacity Building





MEMBERSHIP

- Initially informal membership –
 - All 56 ccTLDs in Africa Regions assumed members
- Process of formal membership began
- 17 signed up members
 - **.bi** (Burundi) **.ci** (Cote d'Ivoire) **.ke** (Kenya) **.ly** (Libya)
 - **.mg** (Madagascar) **.mr** (Mauritius) **.mw** (Malawi)
 - **.mz** (Mozambique) **.ng** (Nigeria) **.sc** (Seychelles) **.sd** (Sudan)
 - **.tz** (Tanzania) **.za** (South Africa), **.dr** (DR Congo), **.sn** (senegal) ,
 - **.eg** (Egypt) **.zm** (Zambia)
- Membership Drive is on to get all ccTLD in the region as sign-up members





ACTIVITIES IN 2008

- ICANN India – February 2008
- Annual Meeting – Johannesburg – April 2008
- AFNOG/AFRNIC/AFTLD – Rabat – May 2008
- ICANN Paris – June 2008
- Regional IGF Meeting – Dakar – September 2008
- ADRP Workshop – Cairo – November 2008
- ICANN Cairo – November 2008
- AFRINIC Mauritius – November 2008
- EXCOM – Monthly Teleconferences





LATEST HIGHLIGHTS

- New Administrative Manager.
- ATU IGF meeting on ccTLD
- Last AGM on 17th April, Arusha.
- Constitution amended:
 - Wider scope for membership;
 - Quorum;
 - Other issues addressed;
- Training:
 - A/DCRP Workshop in Arusha – 13 April
 - Hands-On Security Workshop – 14-15 April 2009
 - West Africa Francophone ccTLD IROC Workshop – December 2009
 - AROC Workshop in Nairobi in March 2010



WAY FORWARD



- 3 year Strategic Plan (2010 – 2012)
 - Strengthen and expand partnership
 - AU
 - African Governments
 - Regional Internet Institution
 - Other organization
 - Build African region's ccTLDs capacity for sustainable and efficient management
 - Improve membership services
 - Improve internal business processes and operations
 - Strengthen research capacity
 - AfTLD Led- Dispute Resolution Process
 - In collaboration with other Registry Software developers, dev software for African ccTLDs
- Redevelop Website
- Improve internal and external communications



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