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To Whom it may concern,

Attached please find public comments submitted by the IANA Transition working group in Africa Top Level Domains Organization.

Thank you

Best Regards

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IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal - Public Comment Form

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Identifying Information

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Questions Concerning the Proposal as a Whole

Completeness and clarity: Is the combined proposal complete? Each of the operational community proposals contains aspects to be completed in the future when the proposal is implemented. Is the combined proposal specified in sufficient detail such that it can be evaluated against the NTIA criteria? To a great extent yes. However there is need to harmonize the proposals from the names and numbering communities as well as incorporate governance and accountability aspects identified by the CCWG-ACCT as being critical for the transition.

1) Compatibility and interoperability: Do the operational community proposals work together in a single proposal? Do they suggest any incompatible arrangements where compatibility appears to be required? Is the handling of any conflicting overlaps between the functions resolved in a workable manner?

   To a great extent they do.There is need for harmonization of the two proposals

2) Accountability: Do the operational community proposals together include appropriate and properly supported independent accountability mechanisms for running the IANA functions? Are there any gaps in overall accountability under the single proposal?

   They do.

3)   Workability: Do the results of any tests or evaluations of workability that were included in the operational community proposals conflict with each other or raise possible concerns when considered in combination?

There is need to harmonise the proposals from the naming and numbering communities.

Questions Concerning NTIA Criteria

4)   Do you believe the proposal supports and enhances the multistakeholder model? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary.

yes it does. Adequate consultations have taken place and continue to take place since the process started.

5)   Do you believe the proposal maintains the security, stability, and resiliency of the DNS? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary.

Yes it does. The status quo has been retained with respect to security , stability and resiliency.

6)   Do you believe the proposal meets the needs and expectations of the global customers and partners of the IANA services? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary. Please indicate if you are a customer or partner of the IANA services.

To a great extent some rough consensus has been achieved by global stakeholders through continuous engagement.

7)   Do you believe the proposal maintains the openness of the Internet? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary.

Yes it does since it has been developed by a diverse group of stakeholders with varied interests without interference from the ICANN board and the NTIA.

8) Do you have any concerns that the proposal is replacing NTIA's role with a government-led or inter-governmental organization solution? If yes, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary. If not, please explain why.

No, the current proposal has been developed by the global multistakeholder community that includes governments as a stakeholder.

9) Do you believe that the implementation of the proposal will continue to uphold the NTIA criteria in the future? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why and what proposal modifications you believe are necessary.

Yes it will provided all pending issues on accountability are resolved.

Questions Concerning ICG Report and Executive Summary

10) Do you believe the ICG report and executive summary accurately reflect all necessary aspects of the overall proposal? If not, please explain what modifications you believe are necessary.

Yes it does. Extensive consultations have taken place which has resulted in rough consensus in the global internet community. Be that as it may , there is room for the proposal to be improved in future as we beginning testing most of the proposals at implementation phase.

General Questions

11) Do you have any general comments for the ICG about the proposal?

We would like to thank the ICG for the work it has done. We note that the 4 criteria given by NTIA as conditions for transition have been met, that is

1. Support and enhance the multistakeholder model;
2. Maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet DNS;
3. Meet the needs and expectation of the global customers and partners of the IANA services; and,
4. Maintain the openness of the Internet.

The African ccTLD Community has been involved in giving their views, and building consensus in developing the transition proposal.

The effort and dedication dispensed in developing the proposals by the three operational communities, and the maturity shown by ICG and ICANN in shepherding the process is commendable.

It is our view that commitment is shown to complete the transition within the given timelines.