AfTLD Update

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WHO ARE WE

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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.

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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 .

- Assist in Africa Internet & DNS Related Technologies Capacity Building .

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ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

Bottom Up:

Member/Community

General Assembly

Board

Staff

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EVOLUTION

- 2002 - Incorporated in Mauritius
    Recognised by the ccNSO
- 2006 - Board renewed at Marrakesh 2006
- 2007 – 1st 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

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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

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MEMBERSHIP

- Initially informal membership –
  - All 56 ccTLDs in Africa Regions assumed members
- Process of formal membership being pursued
- 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), **.cd** (DR Congo), **.sn** (senegal) ,

  .**eg** (Egypt) **.zm** (Zambia)

- Membership Drive is on to get all ccTLD in the region to sign-up as members

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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

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LATEST HIGHLIGHTS

- New Administrative Manager.
- ATU IGF in March on ccTLD - Mauritius
- Last AGM on 17th April, Arusha, Tanzania.
- 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 Workshop – December 2009

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WAY FORWARD

- 3 year Strategic Plan (2010 – 2013)
  - Strengthen and expand partnership
    - AU
    - African Governments
    - Regional Internet Institution
    - Other organization – Regional IGFs etc
  - 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
- Redevelop Website
- Improve internal and external communications
- Membership Drive

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Thank You

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