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Copy to: Dr. Steven Crocker, Chairman of the ICANN Board of Directors

Dear Sirs,

Subject: An Official Note to ICANN Leaders to Convey a Suggestion on the type of Candidate to replace Ms. Anne-Rachel Inné

We understand that Ms. Anne-Rachel Inné, the former Manager Regional Relations (Africa) at ICANN has now been appointed the Chief Operating Officer of AfriNIC. Undoubtedly, we believe that her replacement at ICANN is imminent, and a new person would most likely be recruited to fulfill the job role and responsibility that was previously handled by Ms. Anne-Rachel Inné. Therefore, we hereby write to provide ICANN with our unsolicited opinion regarding the type of candidate that should replace her.

As a stakeholder, we wish to recommend that whoever ICANN decides to appoint should be sought from outside the AfrICANN Community. We believe that any compelling candidate that is recruited from outside AfrICANN would enable ICANN implement an independent African Policy Strategy without any undue interference from the existing entrenched interest groups within AfrICANN who may wish to impose their agenda on ICANN's Africa Plan and Strategy in a way that could affect ICANN's official relations with the African Internet Community in a negative manner.

DCA believes that a strong candidate that satisfies ICANN's requirements for the position, but recruited not from within AfrICANN and any of its affiliated organizations such as AfTLD, AfrALO, AfrISPA, AfriNIC, AfNOG, etc. would be the only guarantee **that the new appointee will undertake the assignment with an unfettered frame of mind whilst seriously adhering to ICANN's sacrosanct multi-stakeholder ethos** in the service of the Pan-African and Global public interest.

In closing, we wish to reassure the ICANN leaders of our highest esteem and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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