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RE: Joint AFRALO-AFRICANN ICANN78 Statement entitled “Internet Resource Management and Governance in Africa”

Ms.Hadia Elminiawi
Chair, African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO)

Dear Ms.Hadia Elminiawi,

ICANN thanks AFRALO-AFRICANN for the joint ICANN78 statement entitled “Internet Resource Management and Governance in Africa”. The statement has been posted at the following [link](#).

We thank AFRALO-AFRICANN for acknowledging ICANN’s efforts regarding DNS infrastructure and IP number governance in Africa. We agree on the need to make Internet resources available and accessible to improve the quality of Internet services for the people of Africa. As highlighted by AFRALO, addressing this issue requires the collective effort of all those involved in Internet resourcing. While ICANN plays a limited but important role in this regard, our mission extends beyond governance. We are committed to promoting digital inclusivity in Africa. This includes expanding the reach of the Coalition for Digital Africa, together with partners and local stakeholders, to strengthen the Internet infrastructure across Africa.

ICANN appreciates the recommendations which have been put forth to address IPv6 transition and adoption challenges in Africa. However, ICANN notes that it alone cannot achieve these recommendations, but can provide information on how our related work and future efforts support those recommendations. ICANN continues to collaborate with and support the African regional Internet registry in coordination with other Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) and global number registry policy development for resiliency and functioning of the IP numbers. Furthermore, ICANN appreciates the input and supports the work the RIRs are undertaking in support of IPv6. The RIR system is essential to ensuring the security, stability, and resiliency (SSR) of the Internet for the benefit of Internet users across Africa and globally.

We appreciate continued input from AFRALO-AFRICANN and look forward to working with you to address DNS infrastructure challenges.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Tripti Sinha, Chair, ICANN Board of Directors