



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Honorable Minister Dr Siyabonga Cwele
Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services (DTPS)
Pretoria, South Africa

Honorable Minister,

Following our successful meeting in Guadalajara I would like to share with you our plans to have our ICANN59 meeting in Johannesburg in South Africa.

ICANN 59 meeting follows the successful experience that ICANN had in holding several previous meetings in your country. Indeed, the hospitality of the South African people and the availability of the appropriate ICT infrastructure and logistics surely encouraged us to select SA for our ICANN59 meeting from 26-29 June at the Sandton Convention Centre, 161 Maude Street, Sandton, Johannesburg.

The upcoming meeting is a policy development meeting with a much more focused agenda around the work of our Supporting organizations and advisory committees and we look forward to the participation from all SA stakeholders from Government, business, academia and end users in this important meeting, which is expected to be attended by more than 800 participants from over 50 countries. Our presence in South Africa will provide us with a great opportunity to increase our outreach in the African region and ensure further diversity in the participation in our Multistakeholder processes.

The meeting is scheduled to last for 4 days, from 26 – 29 June 2017 and we are currently in touch with ZADNA, the South African registry, for the technical preparations of the meeting.

I would like to seize this opportunity to invite your Excellency and your esteemed team, if your schedule allows, to attend our planned ICANN59 meeting in Johannesburg; I am convinced that your presence and your valuable insights will surely enrich our meeting!

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I would be delighted to have your support and the one of your teams to make this meeting a real success for South Africa and for ICANN.

Meanwhile we look forward that our ICANN team in Africa will be working in close coordination with your team at the ministry on any further details needed.

Again, I wish to convey my best regards and look forward to meeting you again in person in South Africa

With my highest regards,

Göran Marby

President & CEO, ICANN