2019

22-24 July
The 7th Africa Domain Name System Forum, hosted by the Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA), was held in Gaborone, Botswana.

4-9 September
ICANN org participated in both the annual Africa School on Internet Governance (AFRISIG2019) as well as the Africa IGF 2019 edition in N’Djamena, Chad.

27 September
ICANN org’s Adiel Akplogan, recognized as an Internet pioneer in Africa, was inducted into the 2019 Internet Hall of Fame.

2020

20 January

12-14 February
ICANN org teams led an academic outreach mission and delivered a public lecture series at universities in Kenya and Cape Verde.

15 April
The FY21–25 ICANN Africa Regional Plan was published for Public Comment.

30 April
The ICANN org team in Africa conducted a webinar on “Universal Acceptance and Local Initiatives in Africa” for the regional community.

14 May
A regional webinar for the Middle East and Africa was held on ICANN’s Open Data Program featuring presentations by ICANN org members.

25 February
ICANN org led a DNS Abuse and Mitigation Workshop with Law Enforcement Agencies in Bujumbura, Burundi.
According to the African Union, 65% of the population in Africa is below age 35. This makes it more important than ever to involve the younger generation of Africans in the ICANN community. Working together with universities, the regional team deployed more resources and efforts in outreach targeting youth engagement with the ICANN community this year. Key highlights included:

- A public lecture at the Strathmore University in Nairobi, Kenya, on 18 September 2019 where students were introduced to the ICANN ecosystem and the multistakeholder model.
- A presentation on ICANN and DNS during the Woman DNS Academy event in Cotonou, Benin, on 17 September 2019.
- A YouthCom workshop on 10 October 2019 at Bugema University in Uganda where students were introduced to the DNS and ICANN.
- A public lecture at the University of Nairobi School of Law was held on 24 October 2019, where students were introduced to the ICANN ecosystem and the multistakeholder model.
- An outreach activity was conducted at the University of Ghana in collaboration with the Internet Society of Ghana on 25 October 2019. More than 50 students were introduced to the Internet ecosystem and ICANN.
- A remote presentation on Universal Acceptance was delivered at the UbuntuNet 2019 conference on 1 November 2019.
- A YouthCom workshop on 14 November 2019 at Technical University of Kenya in Nairobi.
- A public lecture series was conducted from 12–14 February 2020 in Maseno, Nairobi, Multimedia and Masinde Muliro Universities in Kenya, as well as Cabo Verde and Jean-Piaget University in Cape Verde.
A NEW ICANN AFRICA REGIONAL PLAN FOR FY21-25
Development of ICANN’s FY21–25 Strategic Plan created a need to review and realign ICANN org’s engagement plan for Africa. The new plan emphasizes capacity development to empower African governments and Internet stakeholders — especially the business sector — to address these challenges by leveraging ICANN’s technical expertise and resources, with the African community’s support.

The African community began reworking the ICANN Africa Regional Implementation Plan during FY20, with facilitation from the ICANN org regional team. An Africa Strategy Working Group (ASWG2020), made up of 25 diverse representatives selected through a public call, was formed in January to develop this plan.

The ASWG2020 worked diligently within very tight timelines and produced the first draft of the new plan. This was presented to the community during the Africa Strategy session at ICANN67 for further input and comments. The preliminary comments were incorporated into a final draft published for Public Comment. Additional community input from that Public Comment period has also been incorporated into the final plan, published in July 2020. The team expresses its sincere gratitude to the ASWG2020 and the ICANN community for all their efforts in making this process a success despite the difficulties caused by the pandemic.

Capacity-Development Activities in Africa
Note: The FY20 training calendar was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNITY**
ICANN org held technical workshops and webinars on DNS Network Security, DNSSEC, and Universal Acceptance across the region.

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**TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**
ICANN org provides training for law enforcement agencies so that they can better handle abuse and misuse related to Internet identifiers.

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**TRAINING FOR NONTECHNICAL COMMUNITY**
The org also regularly helps to build capacity for the community such as accredited registrars and registry operators. In addition, ICANN org engaged with government and civil society for training that is relevant to these sectors.

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