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African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO), Chair

RE: The Joint AFRALO-AfrICANN Statement from ICANN70

Dear Seun:

The ICANN organization (org) thanks the AFRALO-AfrICANN community for sharing the statement entitled, "ICANN multi-stakeholder model (MSM) and the increase in national legislation and regulations" from the Joint AFRALO-AfrICANN Meeting during the ICANN70 Virtual Annual General Meeting, dated 5 May 2021. The statement has been published here. This statement has also been shared with the ICANN Board.
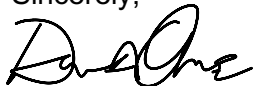
ICANN's unique multistakeholder model of governance is a bottom-up, consensus-based decision-making model through which ICANN policy is developed. Due to its significance, improving the effectiveness of the ICANN's multistakeholder model of governance was included in the ICANN Strategic Plan for 2021-2025. This Strategic Plan outlined three specific activities:

- Strengthening ICANN's bottom-up multistakeholder decision-making process and ensuring that the work gets done and policies are developed in an effective and timely manner
- Supporting and growing active, informed, and effective stakeholder participation
- Sustaining and improving openness, inclusivity, accountability, and transparency

The AFRALO-AfrICANN statement provides useful suggestions. ICANN org will continue to address the opportunities and challenges associated with the implementation of MSM strategic activities, while striving for operational effectiveness and fiscal responsibility.

On behalf of ICANN org, I thank the AFRALO-AfrICANN community for the guidance provided in its statement.

Sincerely,

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