



AfTLD Update

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AfriNIC Meetings - Abuja, Nigeria





Background

- AfTLD was established in 2002
- Registered in Mauritius as non-profit org
- Initial members were .mu, .gh, & .ke,
- Served as Executive Committee (Excom)
- All African ccTLDs were co-opted as members
- AfTLD acted as focal point for all African ccTLDs



Backdrop

- There are 54 African States
- Inherent legacy issues
- Absence of knowledge sharing platforms
- Lack of scalable Internet infrastructure
- Lack of adept technical skills



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- Awareness issues
- ccTLDs are latecomers - face stiff competition from gTLDs
- Thus, majority of ccTLDs are **small!**



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- Last AGM held at ICANN Marrakech, 2006
- Over 30 African ccTLDs participated
- Members elected 8 Excom members
- Excom holds monthly telecon meetings
- Participation in local and International events (IGF Africa, AfriNIC, INET etc)



Activity focus

- Constitutional amendments
- Fundraising campaign
- Communications & awareness
 - Participation in strategic events
 - More active communication with ccTLDs
 - Branding & reviving mailing lists
 - Regular website update & translation



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- Member mobilization
- Capacity building
 - IPv6, DNSSEC & registry management tools
 - ccTLD establishment & best practices
 - Capacity building workshop in Cairo, 28th May, 2007
- MOU with strategic organizations
- AGM event on 30th April 2007, Abuja, Nigeria
- Hire a full time administrator



Conclusion

- Looking for areas of collaboration with other Regional AF* organizations
- Welcome support and views from the cc community in the region
- Encourage African ccTLD manager to consider joining AfTLD to ensure representation.

A banner for Africa Top Level Domains (AFTLD) with a yellow background. On the left is a grey map of Africa. On the right is a close-up of an elephant's head and trunk. The text "Africa Top Level Domains 'AFTLD'" is in a large, white, serif font. Below it, "Home of Africa National TLD Registries" is in a smaller, white, serif font. At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Français", "العربية", and "Português".

Africa Top Level Domains "AFTLD"

Home of Africa National TLD Registries

Français

العربية

Português

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Thank you 😊

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