

ccNSO Candidate Statement-

Biya Oladipo (Candidate for the African Regional Seat)

I will like to say it is a pleasure to have been nominated to take the seat on the council representing the African continent. I think its appropriate here to thank both the nominator (.ke) and seconder (.Is), as well as the AfTLD organization as this puts a lot of responsibility on me to make sure that I make contributions that would advance the work of the community and also ensure that Africa has a stronger voice in shaping the nature of ccTLDs in our world.

Although, I have been an attendee at the ccNSO for a few years, I am relatively new to the work of the ccNSO, but in the last couple years I have been very active representing the .ng at the ccNSO. I currently act as liaison the ccNSO to the GNSO (started this just before the Panama Meeting) and I am also part of the ccNSO Review Working Party (RWP).

As a background, I have been on the Board of the Nigeria Internet Registration Association NiRA (the Managers of the .ng) from inception and have held several positions on the board. Also, I work as a business consultant in Nigeria, I have extensive experience working with both in the Small & Medium Enterprises as well as Corporate Subsectors, an experience which I will bring to bear in the work of the ccNSO as this cut across, Strategy Development, Project and Program Management etc.

As much as I would like to mention that I will make a difference in the council, I know that the council as it is today has several individuals who have given a lot to furthering the course of the ccNSO as well as the community in general, as such my promise will be that I will put in my best in terms of commitment to advance the work of the community.

In terms of focus, the following are areas I will strive to make an input;

- Focus on growing DNS business in Africa as well as DNS entrepreneurs, so that Africa ccTLDs would also participate effectively in the ccNSO process
- Champion the development of IDN ccTLDs in Africa, seeing the diverse nature of the continent and the opportunities that exist in this wise on the continent.
- Work with the AfTLD to increase the active participation of Africa ccTLDs in the ccNSO and the global DNS community
- Deliberate efforts at growing the Next Generation ICANNers from Africa.

I make a commitment to give my best and bring my experience to bear and contribute in furthering the work of the ccNSO in the global ICANN and Internet Community.

I attest that I stand by the statement above and I look forward to your support in joining the council.

Thanks

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