

CANDIDATE STATEMENT
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I am seeking re-election to the CCNSO council representing the African region. I would like to continue serving the global ccTLD community as a member of the CCNSO Council. I would like to thank my nominees, Burundi (.BI) and Senegal (.SN). I am seeking re-election to the CCNSO council to actively contribute to the development of the global CCNSO community as well as in the Africa region.

I have been teacher and a researcher working in research and teaching for more than 25 years in the networking field. From 1990-2013, I contributed to the development of infrastructure and Internet Governance in Côte d'Ivoire through the following actions:

- Design, implementation and operation of the ccTLD (.ci)
- Built Côte d'Ivoire Internet Exchange Point (CIIXP),
- Set up two copies of L Root Servers.

In the academic sector, I initiated and created the RITER Network (Network Ivorian Telecommunications, for Teaching and Research) and two laboratories (LABTIC and LARIT) which currently host 30 doctoral students, 19 doctors, 4 full professors, 3 lecturers. We collaborate with X Polytechnique of PARIS, IRISA of Rennes, and Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar.

In terms of international cooperation, as President of the College International of AFNIC , I have actively contributed to :

- Development of the African Domain Name Observatory and organization of the Africa DNS Forum
- Organization of the AFTLD Workshops. I served as the organizations Vice President from 2006 to 2015.
- I have contributed to the development of the Registry Management Software in Python CODEV-NIC (in partnership with NIC Madagascar, AFNIC and NIC Senegal.)
- As member of CCNSO council, I participated in different working groups (MPC, IGLC, travel committee) and played a key role in the re-delegation of African ccTLD (.ML .BF)

I am grateful to the ccTLD's that proposed and seconded my as candidature ,and those who have encouraged me to seek another term.