

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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Dear ccNSO Colleagues

Firstly, thank you to my African compatriots for the nominations and for showing confidence in one's capability to advance our regional views within the community and, most importantly, share our lived experiences while we learn from others. With this said, let me specifically thank Mr All Hadji Mmadi (.km); and Ms Grace Ingabire Grace Mwikarago (.rw), Mr Biyi Oladipo (.ng) and Ms Angel Matlapeng (.bw) for seconding my nomination.

I currently serve as the Executive at the .za Domain Name Authority, the .za ccTLD manager. Through this role, I have been privileged to engage the ccNSO community and actively participate in various regional activities with limited participation globally. These experiences are some of the drivers of my belief that I have something of value to add to the already stellar work being done by the Councillor. I say this because one thrives in diversity, and this is the beauty of the ccNSO, the level of diversity and varying views that I believe could be leveraged even more to catalyse the engagements and firm up the relationships of members within the ccNSO and in the African region in particular.

This assertion is drawn from the experience we gained while bringing the ccTLD and its various SLDs closer to the diverse citizenry with various needs; this is achieved by making domain names central to South Africa's ambitions to reduce the digital divide. By starting to digitise public schools, empowering technopreneurs and setting up DNS and Internet Governance Research Chairs in partnership with two local Universities.

Over and above, if I'm elected to the Council, I would bring the skills and experience I acquired over the years as a technical manager and the various governance oversight roles I have the honour of occupying.

I look forward to our engagement at Q and A session on 19 October 2022, and I am ready to serve.

Kind Regards

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