

By Email, Monday April 29 2013

From: David Olive

Dear Paulos, Jonathan, Peter and Eduardo:

Fadi has asked me to follow up on his initial response to your letter of 19 April 2013.

We deeply appreciate the role each of you and the organizations you represent play in each of your regions, in particular in engaging the ccTLD communities.

Under Fadi's leadership, internationalization of the organization and globalization of engagement form the basis of all initiatives going forward. As he has publicly stated on numerous occasions, the ccTLD community is of critical importance for ICANN and the multistakeholder model it stands for.

As you know, the African community, with ICANN's Vice President for Africa, has taken the lead in developing its regional engagement strategy through a working group of community members, including AFTLD and individual ccTLDs. Similar initiatives were launched in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East, driven by members of different stakeholders in the regions, including from the ccTLD community, and in close cooperation and collaboration with ICANN's Vice Presidents in those regions. In the near future, similar initiatives will also be launched in other regions.

We express our deep appreciation for your active contributions so far and hope you are encouraged to participate in the ongoing dialogue in your region with the other stakeholders and ICANN's regional Vice Presidents. In particular, we urge you to assist the Vice Presidents to effectively engage with the ccTLDs in your region. We also recognize that coordination across the regional strategies, including the role the Regional Organizations intend to play, will assist us in achieving the goals of these strategies.

So as a next step, Fadi has asked our team (the engagement executives and the regional Vice Presidents) to organize a roundtable discussion with you, together with the leadership of the ccNSO, during the ICANN meeting in Durban. We plan to focus the discussion around the CEO's vision of cooperation and engagement, recent reputation surveys, as well as the development and implementation of regional strategies. More information will follow. We look forward to working with you on this roundtable.

Best regards,

David