



Executive Committee Updates

1. Financial Updates regarding the change of signatories

During the last EXCOM meeting a decision was made to change the signatories. This decision entailed the following:

1. Removal of the old Signatories Dr. Alex Corenthin and Ali Hadji Mmadi who both served as signatories.
2. Replacement of the old signatories with Dr. Sanou the current Chair and Eyitayo the EXCOM Vice Chair.

The EXCOM Chair and Vice Chairman travelled to Nairobi as had been discussed and appeared before the Absa Bank officers in the company of the General Manager (Barrack Otieno). The Chair and Vice Chair filled all the documents that were required for them to assume the role of signatories. However an issue arose which had not existed previously and which the bank had not implemented which was the requirement of the Signatories to have a Kenyan work permit and local pin (tax number) if they are to execute any instructions on the banking platform. The Finance Committee considered this challenges and requested the Treasurer Joel Karubiu who is a Kenyan to take up the responsibility of a signatory alongside Barrack Otieno the General Manager. This has been executed and we are now able to access the Bank account. However the EXCOM needs to consider the implication of the new requirements of the Financial Act in Kenya that requires Foreign , non resident signatories to have a work permit and a local personal identification number for tax purposes.

2. Updates on the Coalition for a Digital Africa

Following a series of meetings held in Accra Ghana, significant progress has been made with respect to the coalition for a Digital Africa Project. AFTLD and ICANN have been working on a contract that spells terms of references for various aspects of the project. It is also envisaged that a Project Coordinator will be hired to coordinate this particular project. A draft job description for the project coordinator has been prepared pending approval by the Executive Committee and finalisation of the contract with ICANN before the coordinator can be hired. The draft contract with ICANN can be found [here](#).

3. Secretariat updates:

The Secretariat has also been coordinating the following issues

a) Hiring of a Project Coordinator

A [draft job description](#) has been prepared which is attached for consideration and approval before we advertise it.

b) Finalization of the AFTLD General Managers Contract



Various [Job descriptions](#) have been collected and collated for consideration before a final draft is proposed by the Finance Committee. The process of developing the contract is being led by the Vice President.

c) Review of the AFTLD Constitution

The review process has commenced with the creation of a constitutional review working group. The Chair of the Constitutional working group has developed a work plan that seeks to align the new proposals to the Kenyan Law. The new constitution will also need to be translated to French. Rosemary Kimwatu the legal Director at KeNIC and Balbine Manga a legal expert from Cameroon have been drafted into the Constitution Review process. As part of this exercise the Companies compliance with the Registrar of Companies will need to be brought up to date before the process is finalized.

d) Preparations for the 2023 Annual General Assembly

The last AFTLD General Assembly was held in October 2022. We are one month away from the next general assembly and the Secretariat needs to issue relevant notices to the members. As per the bylaws, the oldest directors will be retiring on rotation and the roles will need to be filled. Subject to approval by the EXCOM, a draft call will be prepared and circulated within the 21 days notice period. It is also important to note that since we don't have a physical meeting coming up. We only have an option for a virtual meeting to have the General Assembly.

4. Preparations for the Africa Internet Summit

The Africa Internet Summit will be held from 26th - 30th September 2023 in Johannesburg, South Africa. The meeting is organised by the Africa Network Operators Group and hosted by the .za Domain Name Authority, a member of AFTLD. Unlike in the past there will be no physical training sessions. All the tutorial sessions will be held virtually. AFTLD will only be able to support one member to the forum and will have limited activities at the Africa Internet Summit due to funding constraints. With the approval of the EXCOM, AFTLD can have a virtual session that will enable members to update each other on what is happening at their ccTLD. The ONDA Platform can also be presented during the virtual session.

5. Preparations for the Africa Domain Name System Forum

Following the political upheaval in Senegal, the Africa Domain Name System Forum will no longer be held in Dakar as had been planned earlier. The Secretariat considered and approached two three more ccTLDs namely .RW, .MR and .KM which unfortunately were also unable to mobilise the resources needed to host the forum due to time constraints. Our



partners ICANN have proposed that the forum be postponed to next year but AFTLD is of the opinion that we have it as a virtual forum.

6. Updates on the ONDA Project

The ONDA Platform is almost complete. We have started the process of onboarding country code top level domain registries starting with members of AFNIC College International and EXCOM members. A brand manual was prepared for the platform which is already in use. The Research Committee is in the process of finalising and operations and maintenance contract for the platform which will be circulated to the EXCOM before it is executed with the project developer. The Research Committee has approached AFRINIC with the possibilities of hosting the platform in line with the MOU between AFTLD and AFRINIC.