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Applicant Organisation: Association pour Linux et les logiciels libres au Burkina Faso (A3LBF)

Region: Africa

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1) COMMITMENTS

a. Does the applicant commit to supporting individual Internet users' informed participation in ICANN?

YES X NO:

b. Does the applicant agree to assist the RALO in performing its function?

YES: X NO:

2) GOVERNANCE

c. Which geographical area(s) are the applicants membership drawn from?

Burkina Faso, Africa

d. Is the applicant constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the geographic region in which the ALS is based control the organisation?

YES: X NO:

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

<http://www.a3lbf.bf/index.php> -- plus historical evidence as I know most of the members.

e. Does the applicant really have individual members?

YES: X NO:

Provide any references used to answer the question here:

<http://www.a3lbf.bf/index.php>

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If YES on (c) above, are these members active, or do they mostly just sign up and delegate to their leaders?

ACTIVE: X DELEGATE:

f. Does the applicant have organizations as members?

YES: NO: X

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members:

IF YES: Provide information about the control they exert over the organisation, whether or not the organizational members are themselves predominantly organised for the benefit of individual internet users.

g. Does the applicant have governmental bodies or quasi-governmental bodies as members?

YES: NO: X

IF YES: Provide details about the nature, type, and number of such members. In particular, describe whether or not the nature of these members is congruent with the *Guidelines for Evaluating ALS Applications* as regards the Second Criterion, and how you arrived at your judgment in this regard::

h. Does the applicant permit additional participation by others that is compatible with the interests of the individual Internet users within the region?

YES: X NO:

Please explain the answer and the source material, with URLs, for the response:

Trainings are done for all to help in Internet usage and security. <http://www.a3lbf.bf/index.php>

i. Is the applicant self-supporting? (i.e. will not rely on ICANN for funding).

YES: X NO:

How is the organization funded and what source material or information did you rely on to make your judgment?

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Members fees + trainings paid/sponsored by outsiders like NSRC, OIF, other regional Libre software associations

- j. Does the applicant post on the Internet current information about their goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s)?**

YES: X NO:

If YES, please provide the URLs where you found the information (preferably specific to the question, not simply the homepage URL): <http://www.a3lbf.bf/index.php>

- k. Do the membership, leadership and internal mechanisms described in the application correspond to those exposed on the website?**

YES: X NO:

If 'YES', how and where are the references? <http://www.a3lbf.bf/index.php>

- l. How does the applicant appear to be funded?**

Outline funding sources: membership fees.

Where / what sources did you use to find the answers to this question?

<http://www.a3lbf.bf/index.php>

- m. Does the funding mechanism show dependence on other interest groups (i.e. industry, government)?**

YES: NO: X

If YES, please provide some further information on what sources you can identify:

If 'YES', please clarify if possible whether the sources are likely to influence the governance of the organization (for example, a grant from a charity or foundation may well be free of 'strings' of this kind, where corporate donations in some cases might not be):

- n. Are the leaders of the applicant organization involved in other organizations or entities?**

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YES: X NO:

If 'YES', please reference the sources for this answer: ICANN, RALL, ISOC, etc.

If YES were they already involved in Internet governance issues in the past, and in which role?

YES: X NO:

If YES, role(s): representatives of Burkina Faso at ICANN, dot BF, Rencontre Africaines des Logiciels Libres, Rencontres Mondiales des Logiciels Libre, etc.

o. Is the mission / policy statement actually related to ICANN / Internet governance issues / advocating users'/consumers interests?

YES: X NO:

If YES, include mission/policy statement, and reference the source:

<http://www.a3lbf.bf/index.php>

L'A3LB est une association apolitique et à but non lucratif regroupant toutes les personnes qui décident d'œuvrer au développement à la promotion de linux et des logiciels libres. Elle est dirigée par un bureau et régie par des statuts. Elle est une association fédératrices des autres association ou club Linux qui existent déjà dans certaines grande écoles. Le siégé de l'association est a Ouagadougou. L'association a pour objectif de promouvoir et de développer notamment :

- D'une manière générale, directement ou indirectement, les logiciels libres et en particulier, les systèmes d'exploitation libres et l'usage des standards ouvert ainsi que les nouvelles technologies de l'information et de la communication ;
- Les logiciels non libres dans la mesure où ils fonctionnent sur des systèmes d'exploitations libres où leurs spécifications sont publiques et n'entrent pas en conflit avec les normes existantes, ou si leur diffusion peut être utile à la promotion des systèmes libres ;
- La diffusion d'une culture logicielle reposant sur des concepts fondamentaux comme l'accessibilité des spécifications et des codes sources, la qualité des implémentations (portabilité, modularité, compatibilité, stabilité, robustesse, ouverture, etc.)
- La coopération et l'entraide mutuelle.

3) INTERNET PRESENCE

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- a. **Is the contact information for the organization and its contact person complete and reasonable?**

YES: X NO:

Does the listed URL work?

YES: X NO:

Does the website seem to be regularly updated?

YES: X NO:

Does the website have online discussion forums? Mailing lists

YES: X NO:

If archives are publicly available, do these forums show signs of recent activity (in the last few months)? No public ones

YES: NO: X

If public, are they kept up to date?

YES: NO:

4) **ADDITIONAL DUE DILIGENCE**

- a. **How active and well known is the applicant organization?**

Number of results for a Google search of organisation in quotes: none

Additional information if any: the association is a revival of the first one that was practically closed down by an ex government member. Members are highly appreciated by their African counterparts and it is good that the association is back to life. They have continued to participate in activities at continental level and the community is happy to see that they are back as an association.

- b. **Were you familiar with this applicant before the applicant applied to become an ALS?**

YES: X NO:

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If 'YES" please provide some detail of your previous knowledge: please read above. The Burkina Libre software was 12 years ago, one of the first and most vibrant associations on the continent

c. What kind of issues does it focus on mostly?

Outline focus issues: libre software, trainings, security

- Has the applicant set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users?

YES: X NO:

Additional information if any: regional Libre software trainings, Universite d'ete de Ouagadougou, etc.

- Has the applicant been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

ACTIVE: X INACTIVE:

If Active, please provide details of activities or reference URLs for the same: OIF, WSIS, ICANN, RALL, etc.