

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Between

**African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC) Ltd**

and

**The African Regional At-Large Organisation (AFRALO)**

about

## **COLLABORATION AND MUTUAL SUPPORT**

Whereas AFRINIC is the African Network Information Centre, a not-for-profit, membership-based company operating the regional internet registry in Africa,

Whereas AFRALO is a membership-based organisation that is home of the At-Large (individual Internet user community) for the African region, providing news, key resources and interactive features for information sharing for individuals and end-user groups in the African region interested in ICANN and shaping the future of the Internet,

Whereas AFRALO and AFRINIC share in many respects the same community and audience in Africa,

Whereas AFRALO and AFRINIC provide substantially overlapping and complimentary value- adding services to the Internet community in Africa,

Whereas AFRALO and AFRINIC major objectives cover the common area of Internet identifiers, including IP addresses and domain names that form the underlying architecture of the internet

Whereas AFRALO and AFRINIC are willing to combine their efforts to strengthen and consolidate Internet governance and technical knowledge in Africa,

Whereas both AFRALO and AFRINIC are committed to encourage broader participation of African communities within the domain name system (DNS), and utilise the system as one of the channels of contributing to broader

socioeconomic development of Africa as a region,

The two (2) parties agree on the following:

1. AFRINIC shall cooperate and maintain an open communication channel for the mutual development of both organisations
2. AFRINIC shall provide financial management and administrative services to AFRALO until the latter attains internal operational independence. The services will include, but not limited to, receiving and banking funds on behalf of AFRALO, making payments authorised by Chair or Vice Chair of AFRALO and preparing financial reports to be submitted to the AFRALO.
3. AFRINIC and AFRALO shall collaborate to facilitate joint capacity building events and related activities of mutual interest from time to time including meetings, projects, workshops and research and development.
4. AFRINIC and AFRALO shall seek to support each other to fund raise for initiatives of mutual interest including, but not limited to, capacity building, projects, research and development in the region.
5. AFRINIC and AFRALO shall collaborate to create awareness, promote both regional and global participation and outreach on matters relating to Internet Identifiers, Internet use, Internet governance, policy development and seek to promote each other at various public platforms.


This agreement shall be reviewed every two (2) years through an evaluation of its impact in Africa. Its impact shall be evaluated against common goals which include the following:

- The growth of Internet adoption and usage;
- Improved uptake, use and governance of Internet resources and identifiers in the Africa region
- Success of capacity building events; and
- Increased awareness, knowledge and understanding of DNS and Internet governance and technical issues.

Signed for AFRINIC at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed for AFRALO at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

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