AfTLD Update

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Background

- AfTLD was established in 2002
- Registered in Mauritius as non-profit org
- Initial members were .mu, .gh, & .ke,
- Served as Executive Committee (Excom)
- All African ccTLDs were co-opted as members
- AfTLD acted as focal point for all African ccTLDs

Backdrop

- There are 54 African States
- Inherent legacy issues
- Absence of knowledge sharing platforms
- Lack of scalable Internet infrastructure
- Lack of adept technical skills

- Awareness issues

- ccTLDs are latecomers - face stiff competition from gTLDs

- Thus, majority of ccTLDs are **small!**

- Last AGM held at ICANN Marrakech, 2006
- Over 30 African ccTLDs participated
- Members elected 8 Excom members
- Excom holds monthly telecon meetings
- Participation in local and International events (IGF Africa, AfriNIC, INET etc)

Activity focus

- **Constitutional amendments**
- **Fundraising campaign**
- **Communications & awareness**
  - Participation in strategic events
  - More active communication with ccTLDs
  - Branding & reviving mailing lists
  - Regular website update & translation

- Member mobilization
- Capacity building
  - IPv6, registry management tools, etc
  - ccTLD establishment & best practices
  - Capacity building workshop in 2007
- MOU with strategic organizations
- AGM event on 30th April 2007, Abuja Nigeria
- Hire a full time administrator

Conclusion

- Looking for areas of collaboration with other Regional TLD Associations

- Welcome support and views from the cc community at large

- Request the ccNSO and ccNSO council to give due consideration to AfTLD Excom position on the ICANN regions.

Thank you☺

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