



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



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- Awareness issues
- ccTLDs are latecomers - face stiff competition from gTLDs
- Thus, majority of ccTLDs are **small!**



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- 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)

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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



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- 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.

A banner for Africa Top Level Domains (AFTLD). It features a grey map of Africa on the left, the text "Africa Top Level Domains 'AFTLD'" in a large, white, serif font, and "Home of Africa National TLD Registries" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. On the right, there is a close-up image of an elephant's trunk and tusk. At the bottom, there are three yellow buttons with black text: "Français", "العربية", and "Português".

Africa Top Level Domains "AFTLD"

Home of Africa National TLD Registries

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العربية

Português

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Thank you 😊

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