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**MINISTRY OF POSTS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

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MPT/FBN/M-1/457/12

February 7, 2012

ICANN

Suite 330, 4676 Admiralty Way  
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Attention: New gTLD Evaluation Process

Subject: Letter of support for the dotAfrica TLD.

This letter is to confirm that the Republic of Liberia fully supports the application for dotAfrica Top Level Domain (TLD) submitted by ZACR in the New generic Top Level Domain Program.

As the Minister in charge of Telecommunications and ICTs matters, I confirm that I have the authority to write to you on this issue.

The Government of the Republic of Liberia also supports the establishment of an African Steering Committee as a means of including broader African participation in running of the dotAfrica generic Top Level Domain and providing strategic guidance and oversight for the project. This way the dotAfrica gTLD will be used to develop domain name industry in Africa which will lead to the establishment of a development fund from dotAfrica proceeds which is expected to directly benefit African domain name related initiatives.

The Government of the Republic of Liberia supports this application, and understands that in the event that the applicant is successful UNIFORM ZACR will be required to enter a Registry Agreement with ICANN. In doing so they will be required to pay fees to ICANN and comply with consensus policies developed through the ICANN multi-stakeholder policy process.

The Government of the Republic of Liberia understands that in the event of dispute between Liberia and the applicant, ICANN will comply with a legally binding order from a court in the jurisdiction of Liberia.

Yours truly,

Dr. Frederick B. Norkeh  
Minister/Postmaster General, R.L.

*"Rain Or Shine, Mail Must Go"*

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SECRETARIAT GENERAL



N° 0150 MPNT-SG

Bamako, le 14 JUIN 2011

Le Ministre des Postes et  
des Nouvelles Technologies

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Monsieur le Directeur Général de l'ICANN  
(Internet Corporation for Assigned  
Names and Numbers)

**Objet :** Soutien à la Déclaration Abuja-2010 relatif au projet Point Afrique (Dot Africa).

Suite au Sommet des Chefs d'Etat et de Gouvernement à Addis Abeba en 2010 qui a reconnu la nécessité «d'établir Dot Africa comme un domaine de premier niveau continental pour l'utilisation par les organisations, entreprises et particuliers avec l'aide des agences de l'Internet en Afrique », j'ai l'honneur de vous notifier notre soutien à ce projet Point Afrique (Dot Africa).

Veillez croire, **Monsieur le Directeur**, en l'expression de ma considération distinguée.



*[Signature]*  
**Modibo Ibrahim TOURE**

**Ampliations :**

- Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et de la Coopération Internationale
- Ambassade du Mali à Addis Abeba

**Ambassade**  
**de la République Islamique de Mauritanie**  
à Addis Abeba - Ethiopie  
Mission Permanente auprès  
de l'Union Africaine et de la Commission Économique  
des Nations Unies pour l'Afrique

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم



سفارة

الجمهورية الإسلامية الموريتانية في أديس أبابا - إثيوبيا  
البعثة الدائمة لدى الإتحاد الإفريقي  
ولجنة الأمم المتحدة الاقتصادية لإفريقيا

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№ 071.../AM/AA/12

Honneur-Fraternité-Justice

Addis Abeba, le 05 APR 2012

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Ethiopia presents its compliments to the African Union Commission and in reference to the note verbal of the Commission No.CIE/NV/01/103.12, dated 30 March 2012, has the honor to inform that the Government of Mauritania has decided to support the structure and modalities for the implementation of the DotAfrica Project.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Ethiopia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa the assurances of its highest consideration.



**AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION**

Addis Ababa

CC. Mr. Steve Croker, Chairman  
Internet Cooperation for Assigned Names and Numbers



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

*Office of the Minister*

MICT/58/21

13 April 2012

The Chief Executive Officer  
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)  
Suite 330, 4676 Admiralty Way  
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

(Attention: New gTLD Evaluation Process)

Dear Sir,

**Letter for support for dotAfrica TLD**

This letter is to confirm that the Government of Mauritius fully supports the application for dotAfrica TLD submitted to ICANN by UNIFORM ZACR for the **African Union** in the New gTLD Program. As the Minister of Information and Communication Technology, I confirm that I have the authority of the Government of Mauritius to be writing to you on this matter.

The dotAfrica gTLD will be used to develop domain name industry in Africa and to establish a development fund from .AFRICA proceeds which will directly benefit various African domain names related development projects and initiatives. The Government of Mauritius also supports the establishment of an African Steering Committee (Steercom) as a means of including broader African participation in the running of the .AFRICA gTLD, and providing strategic guidance and oversight for the project under the African Union leadership.

The Government of Mauritius supports this application, and in doing so, understands that, in the event, that the application is successful, UNIFORM ZACR will be required to enter into a Registry Agreement with ICANN. In doing so, they will be required to pay fees to ICANN and comply with consensus policies developed through the ICANN multi-stakeholder policy processes.

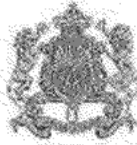
Yours faithfully,

**T. Pillay Chedumbrum**  
Minister of Information and  
Communication Technology

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28 MARS 2012

(Courtesy Translation)

To : Mr. Rod BECKSTROM  
CEO of ICANN  
Marina Del Rey, CA, USA

**Subject:** ICANN / allocation of the new gTLD extension dotAfrica.

I have the honor to inform you that the Kingdom of Morocco has taken note of the launch process for new gTLD extensions by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and commends its efforts for the success of this new initiative that shall expand the scope of the Internet for the promotion of economy, trade and culture in the world.

In this context, the allocation of dotAfrica represents an opportunity for the African continent to have a new gTLD extension, to serve as a tool for developing the industry of domain names in Africa, promoting economic, commercial and cultural interests among African governments with the participation of communities of Internet users in Africa.

The Kingdom of Morocco attaches great importance to the establishment of good governance of the Internet in Africa, based on the principles of transparency, neutrality, and solidarity, away from any political bidding or instrumentalization against the interests of the African member states of the United Nations Organization.

The Kingdom of Morocco is willing to contribute to the success of the new gTLD extension "dotAfrica", provided that the rules and procedures for registering domain names under the new extension subscribe to the principles defended by ICANN, and respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the African member states of the United Nations Organization, in accordance with the relevant GAC communiqués.

In this context, the Kingdom of Morocco supports the establishment of a steering committee, whose methods of operation and decision making should be based on collegiality and consensus. Further, the responsibilities of the steering committee shall include the establishment of a "Terms of use" of this domain name, provided that this Committee shall include representatives from Morocco.

Considering the above, and after examining the support request by the company UNIFORM ZACR, consistent with the principles mentioned above, the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco supports the application of this company concerning the gTLD "dotAfrica".

Best regards.

Le Directeur de l'Economie  
Numérique

Signé : Bouabker Seddik BADR

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**MINISTÉRIO DOS TRANSPORTES E COMUNICAÇÕES**  
**GABINETE DO MINISTRO**

Our/Ref<sup>a</sup> 105/GM/MTC/11  
Maputo, 19 August 2011

**Subject: Setting up the structure and modalities for the implementation of the Dot Africa Project**

In fulfillment of the 2010 Abuja Declaration, adopted at the Conference of the African Ministers in charge of Communication and Information to "establish dot Africa as a Continental Top-level Domain for the use by organizations, business and individuals with guidance from African internet agencies", we would like to acknowledge the following:

The Government of the Republic of Mozambique strongly supports the 2010 Abuja Declaration as well as the African Union Commission to open the process for the implementation of the Dot Africa project.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the African Union Commission the assurances of highest considerations.

Yours truly

**Paulo Francisco Zucula**  
**Minister of Transport and Communications**

**Honorable**  
**Dr. Elham M. A. Ibrahim**  
**Commissioner Infrastructure and**  
**Energy of African Union Commission**  
**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

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MC/CPSD 00126 /Vol. III/544

13<sup>th</sup> October, 2011

The Chairman,  
Government Advisory Council

**NIGERIA'S POSITION ON dotAFRICA gTLD PROJECT**

Following the Declaration of the 14<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union Heads of State and Government held in February 2010 in Addis Ababa and the recommendations of the African Union Communication and Information Technologies Ministerial Conference (AU CITMC) held in Johannesburg, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 and Abuja, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 respectively to carry out the steps to secure resources including dotAfrica TLD, the AU established a task force of experts to advice on the processes to secure the Africa gTLD for regional purposes.

2. The Government of Nigeria, having supported the Heads of State Declaration and the Ministerial recommendations, applauds the AU initiative and urges the AU to proceed in earnest to have the Africa registry established.

3. Moreover, Nigeria expresses that the regional geographic TLD strings *dotAfrica*, *dotAfrique* and *dotAfrika* be set aside by ICANN for the regions' use under the auspices of the AU and that the new gTLD bid process should not result in the string (s) being inadvertently assigned without the AUC determination.



**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

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4. In the light of the Declaration by the AU, permit to say that it will be unacceptable for the Continental TLD to be treated as a generic TLD which creates a potential hijack of regional names on Africa for private use denying the continent presence in the DNS.

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**Mrs Omobola Johnson**

Honourable Minister of Communication Technology



République du Niger

*Fraternité – Travail – Progrès*

MINISTRE DE LA COMMUNICATION ET DES NOUVELLES  
TECHNOLOGIES DE L'INFORMATION

DIRECTION DES TECHNOLOGIES DE L'INFORMATION

N° 0172 /MC/NTI/SG/DTI

Objet : *position de la République du Niger sur le projet de « DotAfrica »*

Niamey, le 4 FEV. 2012

Le Ministre

À

Monsieur Steve Crocker, Chairman  
ICANN,  
4676 Admiralty Way, Suite 330 USA  
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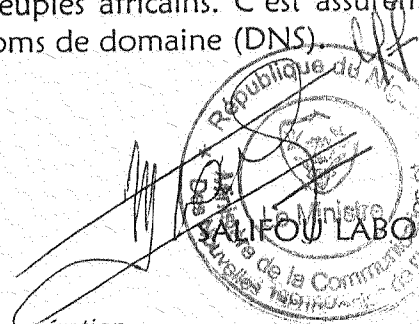

La 4<sup>ème</sup> Session de la Conférence des Chefs d'Etat de l'Union Africaine tenue à Addis Abeba en février 2010 et la 3<sup>ème</sup> Session ordinaire de la Conférence des Ministres de l'Union Africaine en charge des TIC tenue à Abuja les 6 et 7 novembre 2009, ont, aux termes de leur Déclaration, appelé les Etats Membres à apporter leur soutien à la Commission de l'Union Africaine dans son initiative qui vise à défendre et à préserver le nom de domaine de premier niveau, « DotAfrica ».

A cet effet, j'ai l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance que le Gouvernement de la République du Niger, tout en réaffirmant son entière adhésion aux Déclarations de ces Instances communautaires de l'Union africaine, salue et encourage la Commission de l'Union africaine dans cette initiative de préservation des intérêts des peuples africains par l'enregistrement du nom de domaine « DotAfrica » auprès de votre Institution, l'ICANN.

C'est pourquoi, le Gouvernement de la République du Niger exhorte l'ICANN à faire droit à la procédure de reconnaissance et d'enregistrement du nom de domaine géographique régional « Dot africa », entreprise par la Commission de l'Union africaine au nom et pour les besoins légitimes des Etats et des peuples africains. C'est assurément là un gage de la présence de l'Afrique dans le système de noms de domaine (DNS).

Ampliation :

- *Dr. Elham M.A. IBRAHIM commissaire Infrastructures et Energie de l'Union Africaine*
- *Ministre d'Etat, Ministre des Affaires Etrangères, de la Coopération, de l'Intégration Africaine et des Nigériens à l'Extérieur*
- *Ambassade de la République du Niger à Addis Abéba*

  
  
SALIFOU LABO BOUCHE  
Ministre de la Communication et des Technologies de l'Information

Republique du Sénégal  
Un Peuple - Un Dieu - Une Foi



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Le Ministre  
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**Objet : Demande d'attribution de la gestion du .AFRICA à l'Union africaine**

Monsieur le Président,

Conformément aux résolutions prises lors de la session ministérielle de Dakar en 2011, de la 14<sup>ème</sup> session de la conférence des Chefs d'Etat de l'Union à Addis Abeba en 2010, de la session extraordinaire de la conférence des Ministres de l'Union africaine en charge des communications et des Technologies de l'Information (CITMC) à Johannesburg en 2009 et Abuja en 2010, le continent africain a réaffirmé le besoin impératif que l'ICANN délègue la gestion des noms de domaines géographiques Africa, Afrique et Afrika et toutes leurs déclinaisons à la Commission de l'Union africaine : seule entité continentale capable d'assurer une utilisation ouverte, inclusive, transparente et aux bénéfices des populations africaines.

C'est ainsi que le Gouvernement du Sénégal, vient par cette présente, comme elle a eu à le faire devant le Conseil d'administration de l'ICANN le 22 Octobre 2011 à Dakar, réaffirmer son soutien à la procédure initiée par la Commission de l'Union africaine et demande à votre organisation de veiller à ce que les noms de domaines géographiques, régionaux, ethniques, culturels et religieux soient protégés dans un nouvel espace de nommage ouvert avec l'application du nouveau programme de gestion des noms de domaines génériques en Janvier 2012.

En espérant une suite diligente, je vous prie de croire, Monsieur le Président, l'assurance de ma parfaite considération.

Monsieur Steven CROKER  
Président du Conseil d'administration de l'ICANN

**COPIES :** - Monsieur ROD BECKSTROM,  
Directeur général de l'ICANN  
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Présidente du GAC

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THE CEO, ICANN

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2011

**SUBJECT: SIERRA LEONE'S POSITION ON DOT AFRICA GTLD PROJECT**

Following the Declaration of the African Union Heads of State Summit held in February 2010 in Addis Ababa and the recommendation of the African Union Communication and Information Technologies Ministerial Conference (CITMC) held in Johannesburg in 2009 and Abuja in 2010 respectively to carry out the steps to secure resources including .Africa TLD, the AU established a task force of experts to advise on the processes to secure the .Africa TLD for regional purposes.

The Government of Sierra Leone, having supported the Heads of State Declaration and the Ministerial recommendations, applauds the AU initiative and urges the AU to proceed in earnest to have the .africa registry established.

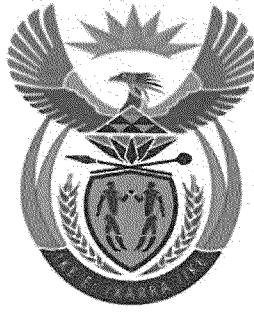
Sierra Leone furthermore expresses that the regional geographic TLD strings .africa, .afrique and .afrika be set aside by ICANN for the regions' use under the auspices of the AU and that the new gTLD bid process should not result in the string(s) being inadvertently assigned without the AUC determination.

In the light of the Declaration by the AU, permit me to say that it will be unacceptable for the Continental TLD to be treated as a generic TLD which creates a potential hijack of regional names on Africa for private use denying the continent presence in the DNS.

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Hon. Alhaji Ibrahim Ben Kargbo  
Minister of Information and Communications

Cc: THE CHAIRMAN, GAC



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Honourable Commissioner,

**Support for the setting up of the structure and modalities for the implementation of the  
DotAfrica project**

South Africa, having received the letter regarding the afore-mentioned is fully in support of the AUC's proposed process for securing the DotAfrica namespace from ICANN on behalf of Member-States as per the Ministers of CIT Abuja Decision 2010.

Acknowledging however that the process of setting up the structure and implementation of the DotAfrica gTLD (generic Top Level Domain) will require proven technical competence and capacity, Member-States need to be reminded of their obligation of providing the AUC with the necessary skilled personnel to implement DotAfrica.

In this regard, the Government of the Republic of South Africa having supported the Oliver Tambo and Abuja Declarations applauds the AUC's initiative and is fully in support of an African-led, African-owned initiative that will ensure that DotAfrica remains in the hands of Africans for their own development. Technical expertise and financial resources from Africa should be availed for the success of the project.



It is worth pointing out that South Africa, through its .ZA country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD), has vast expertise and resources in this area and is willing and able to assist the AUC in the operationalisation and implementation of this project. The .ZA Domain Name Authority (ZADNA) was established under Chapter 10 of the Electronic Communications Transaction (ECT) Act, in 2002 purely for the purpose of managing, regulating and improving the .ZA cc TLD, and to drive the establishment of a Central Registry for the .ZA second level domains such as co.za, net.za and org.za. The ZA Central Registry currently runs more than 700 000 domain names, and has proven expertise, ICANN-complaint domain name registry technology, and resources to assist or partner with the AUC in launching a robust, secure and reliable DotAfrica namespace.

On behalf of the Government of South Africa and Ministry of Communications, I would therefore like to state my support for the AUC to make the DotAfrica namespace a reality and to consider using the .ZA expertise, infrastructure and resources in the process.

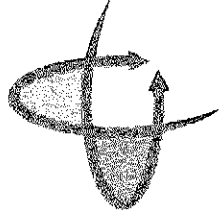
Should your office have any further query, please contact Ms Nonkqubela Jordan, Chief Director: Africa on Contact Information Redacted or via email at **Contact Information Redacted**

Yours sincerely



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**MS DINA PULE, MP**  
**MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS**  
DATE: 2012-04-11



Minister الوزير

Date: 16 October 2011

To,

The CEO, ICANN

The Chairman, GAC

### Sudan's Position on DOT AFRICA gTLD Project

Following the Declaration of the African Union Heads of State Summit held in February 2010 in Addis Ababa and the recommendation of the African Union Communication and Information Technologies Ministerial Conference (CITMC) held in Johannesburg in 2009 and Abuja in 2010 respectively to carry out the steps to secure resources including Africa TLD, the AU established a task force of experts to advise on the processes to secure the Africa TLD for regional purposes.

The Government of the Sudan, having supported the Heads of State Declaration and the Ministerial recommendations, applauds the AU initiative and urges the AU to proceed in earnest to have the Africa registry established.

Sudan furthermore expresses that the regional geographic TLD strings .africa .afrique and .afrika be set aside by ICANN for the regions' use under the auspices of the AU and that the new gTLD bid process should not result in the string(s) being inadvertently assigned without the AUC determination.

In the light of the Declaration by the AU, permit me to say that it will be unacceptable for the Continental TLD to be treated as a generic TLD which creates a potential hijack of regional names on Africa for private use denying the continent presence in the DNS.

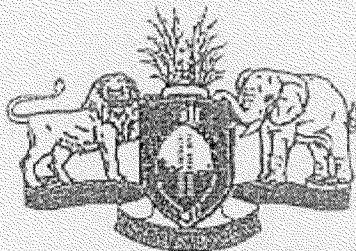
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Minister

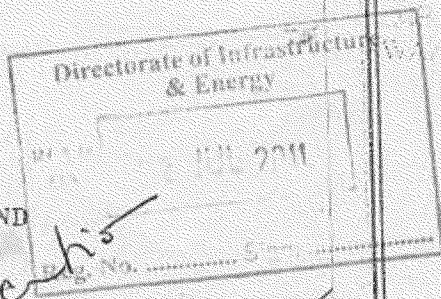


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THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND



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Dr Elham M.A. IBRAHIM  
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Infrastructure and Energy  
African union Commission  
Addis Ababa  
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Dear Sir,

**RE: SETTING UP THE STRUCTURE AND MODALITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DOT AFRICA PROJECT**

The above matter refers,

The Ministry of Information, Communications & Technology of the Kingdom of Swaziland presents its compliments to the Commission of the African Union and wish to advise that as a Member of the African Union, the Kingdom of Swaziland is in full support of the DotAfrica project.

This project will present opportunities of economic growth for Africa as well as to ease means of doing business within the continent and with the international community hence it is imperative that we collectively support its implementation.

The Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland will write to ICANN and register its support of the Abuja Declaration of the African Ministers in charge of Communication and Information Technologies as well as for the AUC open process for the implementation of DotAfrica.

I take this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

**N. J. SHONGWE**  
MINISTER FOR INFORMATION,  
COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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12<sup>th</sup> April, 2012

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**RE: SUPPORT TO DOT AFRICA gTLD PROJECT**

Following the Declaration of the African Union Heads of State Summit held in February, 2010 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and the recommendation of the African Union Communication and Information Technologies Ministerial Conference (CITMC) held in Johannesburg in 2009 and Abuja in 2010 respectively to carry out the steps to secure resources including Dot Africa Top level Domain (TLD), the AU established a Task Force of experts to advise as the processes to secure the Dot Africa TLD for the region.

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania applauds the AU initiative and urges the African Union to expedite the process of acquiring the *.Africa* registry. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania supports this initiative and kindly request the ICANN to set aside *.afrika*; *.afrique* and *.afrika* for the region's use under the auspices of the African Union.

In the light of the Declaration by the AU, we hope that the regional TLD will be created and be used specifically to ensure the continent's presence in the DNS.

Please accept, the ICANN Chief Executive Officer, the assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Turuka'.

Dr. Florens M. Turuka  
PERMANENT SECRETARY

**c.c.: Permanent Secretary,**  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation,  
Dar es Salaam.  
**Tanzania.**

Ambassador,  
Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania,  
Addis Ababa,  
**Ethiopia.**

Dr. Elham M.A. Ibrahim,  
Commissioner - Infrastructure and Energy,  
African Union Commission,  
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Addis Ababa,  
**Ethiopia.**

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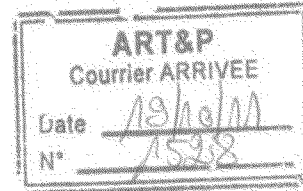
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Lomé, le 17 OCT. 2011

**Le Ministre**

Objet : Position du Togo sur le projet Dot Africa

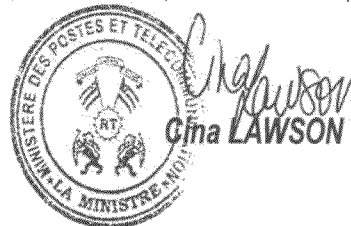


Faisant suite à la déclaration de la 14<sup>ème</sup> session de la conférence des Chefs d'Etat de l'Union tenue à Addis Abeba en février 2010 et la session extraordinaire et la 3<sup>ème</sup> session ordinaire de la conférence des Ministres de l'Union africaine chargés des Communications et des Technologies de l'Information (CITMC) tenues respectivement à Johannesburg, République d'Afrique du Sud, en novembre 2009 et à Abuja, République Fédérale du Nigéria, les 6 et 7 Août 2010 appelant à entreprendre les mesures permettant de sécuriser les ressources rares y compris le Nom de Domaine de premier Niveau (TLD), DotAfrica pour les besoins du continent.

Le Gouvernement de mon pays réaffirme son soutien à la déclaration de la 14<sup>ème</sup> session de la conférence des Chefs d'Etat de l'Union et aux recommandations de la conférence des Ministres, salue l'initiative de la commission de l'Union africaine et appelle la commission à poursuivre dans le but d'obtenir l'enregistrement de Dot Africa le plus vite possible.

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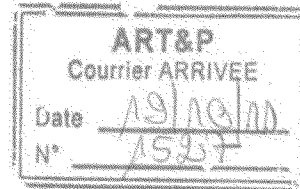
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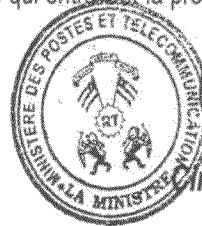


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**Attention:** New gTLD Evaluation Process

**Subject:** Letter for support for dotAfrica TLD

This letter is to confirm that Tunisia Government fully supports the application for dotAfrica gTLD submitted to ICANN by the African Union Commission in the New gTLD Program.

As the Minister of Information and Communication Technologies, I confirm that I have the authority of the Tunisia government to be writing to you on this matter.

The dotAfrica gTLD will be used to develop domain name industry in Africa and to establish a development fund from .AFRICA proceeds which will directly benefit various African domain names related development projects and initiatives.

The Tunisia government supports this application, and in doing so, understands that in the event that the application is successful, the applicant will be required to enter into a Registry Agreement with ICANN.

Tunisia government further understands that, in the event of a dispute between Tunisia government and the applicant, ICANN will comply with a legally binding order from a court in the jurisdiction of Tunisia government.



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### **UGANDA'S POSITION ON DOT AFRICA gTLD PROJECT**

Following the declaration of the African Union Heads of State Summit held in February 2010 in Addis Ababa and the recommendation of the African Union Communication and Information Technologies Ministerial Conference (CITMC) held in Johannesburg in 2009 and Abuja in 2010 respectively to carry out the steps to secure resources including DOT Africa Top Level Domain Name, the AU established a task force of the experts to advise on the processes to secure the Dot Africa Top Level Domain Name for regional purposes.

Uganda having supported the Heads of State Declaration and Ministerial recommendations applauds the AU initiative and urges the AU to proceed in the process of establishing the Dot Africa Registry.

In the light of the declaration by the AU, Uganda supports the process of securing the DOT AFRICA TLD.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruhakana Rugunda'.

Ruhakana Rugunda (Dr.)

### **MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY**

CC: The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Minister of State for Information and Communications Technology  
Commissioner, Infrastructure and Energy, African Union  
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communications Technology



UNITED NATIONS  
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Date: 16 September 2011  
Ref.: ISTD/11/09/0231/hd

Dear Dr. Ibrahim,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding the setting up of the structure and modalities for implementation of the Dot Africa project as per the 2010 Abuja Declaration of the third ordinary Conference of the African Union Ministers in charge of Communication and Information Technologies.

As you are well aware, we have been working very closely with the AUC in implementing ICT for development programmes on the continent including providing technical support as needed. Our partnership has been instrumental in mobilizing African countries during the WSIS process which resulted in the development of the African Regional Action Plan on the Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE). Furthermore, significant progress has also been made in our collaboration in the area of harmonization of cyber legislation and the preparation of a draft African Convention on cybersecurity as stated in the Abuja Declaration of the meeting of the AU Ministers in charge of ICTs held in Abuja in 2010.

Against this background and in view of the importance of issues related to Internet Governance in Africa, we value very much your commitment in the implementation of the Dot Africa project.

This is, therefore, to reaffirm our continued commitment and support to the AUC in the management of Internet-based resources in Africa.

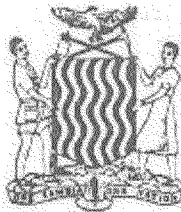
Yours sincerely,

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**ZAMBIA'S POSITION OF THE AFRICA ON DOT AFRICA gTLD PROJECT**

Following the Declaration of Africa Union Heads of State Summit held in February in February 2010 in Addis Ababa and the recommendation of the African Union Communication and Information Technologies Ministerial Conference (CITMC) held in Johannesburg in 2009 and Abuja in 2010 respectively to carry out the steps to secure resources including Africa TLD, the AU established a task force of experts to advise on the processes to secure the Africa TLD for regional purposes.

The government of Zambia having supported the Heads of States Declaration and the Ministerial recommendations applauds the AU initiative and urges the AU to proceed in earnest to have the Africa registry established.

Zambia furthermore expresses that the regional geographic TLD strings **.Africa, .afrique and .afrika** be set aside by ICANN for the regions' use under the auspices of the AU and that the new gTLD bid process should not result in the string (s) being inadvertently assigned without the AUC determination.

In light of the Declaration by the AU, permit me to say that it will be unacceptable for the Continental TLD to be treated as a generic TLD which creates a potential hijack of regional names on Africa for private use denying the continent presence in the DNS.  
Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mukanga Yamfwa'.

Hon. Mukanga Yamfwa, M.P.

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, WORKS, SUPPLY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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## ZIMBABWE'S POSITION ON DOT AFRICA gTLD PROJECT

Following the Declaration of the African Union Heads of State Summit held in February 2010 in Addis Ababa and the recommendation of the African Union Communication and Information Technologies Ministerial Conference (CITMC) held in Johannesburg in 2009 and Abuja in 2010 respectively to carry out the steps to secure resources including .Africa TLD, the AU established a task force of experts to advise on the processes to secure the .Africa TLD for regional purposes.

The Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe, having supported the Heads of State Declaration and the Ministerial recommendations, applauds the AU initiative and urges the AU to proceed in earnest to have the .africa registry established. This initiative consolidates the African identity and provides a giant step towards control of the .Africa TLD name.

Zimbabwe furthermore expresses that the regional geographic TLD strings .africa, .afrique and .afrika be set aside by ICANN for the regions' use under the auspices of the AU and that the new gTLD bid process should not result in the string(s) being inadvertently assigned without the AUC determination.

In light of the Declaration by the AU, it will be unacceptable for the Continental TLD to be treated as a generic TLD which creates a potential hijack of regional names on Africa for private use denying the continent presence in the DNS system.

Yours sincerely,



Eng. S Kundishora  
Permanent Secretary

**Ministry of Information Communication Technology**



# EXHIBIT 3



# NewgTLDs

## Geographic Name Panel Clarifying Questions

Application ID: 1-1243-89583

String: AFRICA

Applicant: UniForum SA (NPC) trading as Registry.Africa

Question 21b of the AGB states, "If [the application is for] a geographic name, attach documentation of support or non-objection from all relevant governments or public authorities." Section 2.2.1.4.2 (*Geographic Names Requiring Government Support*) of the AGB states:

*"The following types of applied-for strings are considered geographic names and must be accompanied by documentation of support or non-objection from the relevant governments or public authorities:... 4. An application for a string listed as a UNESCO region<sup>8</sup> or appearing on the "Composition of macro geographical (continental) regions, geographical sub-regions, and selected economic and other groupings" list<sup>9</sup>....documentation of support will be required from at least 60% of the respective national governments in the region..."*

Your application for .africa includes forty-one (41) letters of support, some of which are not from a relevant government or public authority and/or do not meet the criteria in section 2.2.1.4.3 (Documentation Requirements) of the AGB. The Documentation Requirements in section 2.2.1.4.3 are:

1. Must clearly express the government's or public authority's support for or non-objection to the applicant's application
2. Demonstrate the government's or public authority's understanding of the string being requested
3. Demonstrate the government's or public authority's understanding of the string's intended use
4. Should demonstrate the government's or public authority's understanding that the string is being sought through the gTLD application process and that the applicant is willing to accept the conditions under which the string will be available.

An example of a letter that meets all the criteria for a governmental or public authority letter of support is in an Attachment to Module 2 of the Applicant Guidebook – Sample Letter of Government Support.

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## **Clarifying Question 1:**

Your application for .africa includes thirty (30) letters which meet criteria 1-3 above. However, these thirty (30) letters do not meet criterion 4. These letters are from the following governments or public authorities:

- Central African Republic
- Tanzania
- Algeria
- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Cameroon
- Cape Verdi
- Chad
- Comors
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Egypt
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Kenya
- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Niger
- ~~Nigeria~~
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Sudan
- Swaziland
- Togo
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Please provide updated letters of support from each of the governments or public authorities listed above that demonstrate an understanding that the string is being sought through the gTLD application process.

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Your letters of support are due to ICANN by end of the initial evaluation period. ICANN will inform you of the exact end date of the initial evaluation period in a separate communication when that information is available.

**Clarifying Question 2:**

Your application for .africa includes a signed letter from la Ministre des Telecommunications, de L'Information, de la Communication et Des of Burundi, which meets criteria 1 and 2 above. However, the letter does not meet criterion 3 or 4. Please provide an updated letter of support from la Ministre des Telecommunications, de L'Information, de la Communication et Des of Burundi that demonstrates the government's or public authority's understanding of the string's intended use and demonstrates the government's or public authority's understanding that the string is being sought through the gTLD application process and that the applicant is willing to accept the conditions under which the string will be available.

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Your letter(s) of support is (are) due to ICANN by end of the initial evaluation period. ICANN will inform you of the exact end date of the initial evaluation period in a separate communication when that information is available.

**Clarifying Question 3:**

Your application for .africa includes a letter from the Distinguished Coordinator of the Ministry of Post, Telecommunications and new Communications Technology for Congo, which meets criteria 1 and 2 above. However, the letter does not meet criterion 3 or 4. Please provide an updated letter of support from the Distinguished Coordinator of the Ministry of Post, Telecommunications and new Communications Technology for Congo that demonstrates the government's or public authority's understanding of the string's intended use and demonstrates the government's or public authority's understanding that the string is being sought through the gTLD application process and that the applicant is willing to accept the conditions under which the string will be available.

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**Clarifying Question 4:**

Your application for .africa includes a letter from the Secretary General of the Ministry for Post and Communication for Djibouti, which meets criteria 1 and 2 above. However, the letter does not meet criterion 3 or 4. Please provide an updated letter of support from the Secretary General of the Ministry for Post and Communication for Djibouti that demonstrates the government's or public authority's understanding of the string's intended use and demonstrates the government's or public authority's understanding that the string is being sought through the gTLD application process and that the applicant is willing to accept the conditions under which the string will be available.

Your letter(s) of support is (are) due to ICANN by end of the initial evaluation period. ICANN will inform you of the exact end date of the initial evaluation period in a separate communication when that information is available.

**Clarifying Question 5:**

Your application for .africa includes a letter from the Director of the Ministry of Post and New Technologies for Mali, which meets criteria 1 above. However, the letter does not meet criterion 2, 3 or 4. Please provide an updated letter of support from the Director of the Ministry of Post and New Technologies for Mali that demonstrates the government's or public authority's understanding of the string being requested, demonstrates the government's or public authority's understanding of the string's intended use and demonstrates the government's or public authority's understanding that the string is being sought through the gTLD application process and that the applicant is willing to accept the conditions under which the string will be available.

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**Clarifying Question 6:**

Your application for .africa included four letters of support from:

- AUC, The 2010 Abuja Declaration from African Ministers in charge of Communication and Information Technologies
- AUC, The Oliver Tambo Declaration from African Ministers in charge of Communication and Information Technology
- AUC, The Letter from the Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy appointing ZACR as Official Applicant and Registry Operator
- UNECA, The Letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary of UNECA

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These letters of support are not from a relevant government or public authority as defined by the AGB, section 2.2.1.4.2, in the three paragraphs under item 4. These four documents will not count toward the AGB requirement of at least 60% of the respective national governments in the region and that “the regional composition contained in the “Composition of macro geographical (continental) regions, geographical sub-regions, and selected economic and other groupings” takes precedence.”

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