

# AfTLD Update

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# Introduction

- The Africa Top Level Domains Organization (AfTLD) is an association of top level country code domain name (ccTLD) managers in the Africa region. The main objective of AfTLD is to help African ccTLD managers discuss issues around management of ccTLDs and presenting common positions at the global level on key global issues in the Domain Name System (DNS) industry.
- AfTLD is recognized as the representative of country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) managers from the Africa region by ICANN and other related global organizations. It is an active participant in the ICANN ccNSO, and also actively participates in various Internet governance fora, including the IGF, where it has run a number of workshops.
- AfTLD works in collaboration and in partnership with other Regional Top Level Domain Organizations (RTLDOs), that is APTLD, CENTR and LACTLD.
- AfTLD also serves as an observer to the European ccTLD association (CENTR) and LACTLD. It regularly works in partnership with other common interest organizations, including ISOC and NSRC.



# Board & Staff

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# Key Projects in 2016

- 4<sup>th</sup> Africa Domain Name System forum that has just been concluded . It was held from 4<sup>th</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Marrakesh, Morocco Hosted by .MA and Organized by AfTLD, ISOC and ICANN. The theme was Strengthening Partnerships for the Development of the Africa Domain Name Industry
- Advanced Registry Operators Course to be held in Gaborone, Botswana from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 05<sup>th</sup> June 2016 alongside the Africa Internet Summit.
- Initial and Secure Registry Operators Course Scheduled for September and November 2016
- AfTLD is organizing a Train the Trainers Program in 2016 in Partnership with ICANN and NSRC, we welcome more partners to join this initiative.



# Observations

- Governance
  - Increasing interest from regulators in management of ccTLDs
- Technology
  - Majority of registries have been automated and are running systems that support EPP
  - Few registries have deployed DNSSEC - <http://dnssec-africa.org/>
  - Regional Organization has received requests from the community to set up a Registrar Gateway and Payment Gateway to facilitate DNS business during the just concluded DNS Forum .
- Capacity
  - Most ccTLD's are small and have a limited staff complement to deal challenges in the growing Domain Name Industry hence the focus on Partnerships .
- Data and statistics are not well collected – working on a joint approach with the Regional Organizations



# Partners in the Region

