



NCUC Africa Members Regional Webinar

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Where is NCUC in ICANN Governance System?

- We are a **constituency**
- Our Stakeholder Group is Noncommercial Stakeholder Group (**NCSG**).
- We contribute to ICANN policy through various ways, mainly:
 - Policy statements
 - Policy making groups
 - Run for elections to become Councilors at the Generic Name Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council.

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I. NCUC Fellow Mentoring:

We had the pleasure to offer a CROP opportunity to Mili Semlani from the APAC Region to attend

Prior to her attending the event in person, we had a series of email communication as well as a Sk

NCUC Chair, EC Europe and myself helped the mentee with suggestions related to

- The #AskNCUC series: to Liaise with Shahul and coordinate with some NCUC members.
- Live tweeting about the NCUC Sessions and NCUC-At Large Outreach session
- Enhancing her schedule with GNSO related work tracks to have more background on them.
- Choosing a topic of interest in policy-making processes.
- Offering assistance/ matching with NCUC policy team members.
- Offering assistance for the Fellow presentation during our NCUC Session.

Joint NCUC & At-Large Outreach Event

Finding your place in

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Joint NCUC -- At-Large Outreach

**Monday 11 March 2019, 10:30-12:00 &
12:15-13:15
Room**

Agenda

PART 1 - 10:30 - 12:00

1) Introduction - why are we here? (10 minutes)

2) Introduction to NCUC and At-Large: (30 minutes)

NCUC and its governance (Welcoming - Bruna Martins) (5 min)

What is At-Large and how is it governed? (John Laprise) (5 min)

NCUC and At-Large: our differences & similarities (Rafik Dammak or Tatiana Tropina and Olivier Crépin-Leblond).

What NCUC and At-Large do together (Olivier Crépin-Leblond and Tatiana Tropina) (7 min).

3) Advice and policy are the foundation of the ICANN multistakeholder model. What we are working on? (50 minutes)

Discussion on issue 1 - Expedited Policy Development Process - EPDP (15 minutes)

Discussion on issue 2 - Human Rights - (15 minutes)

Discussion on issue 3 - Subsequent Procedures and GeoNames (15 minutes)

PART 2 - 12:15 - 13:15

Discussion on issue 4 - Rights Protection Mechanisms - RPMs (15 minutes)

5) Navigating your way at ICANN : ways to get involved (40 min)

Interactive intro (16 min)

sharing experiences from experts on how they got involved, how they found their place, what were their struggles and their successes - volunteers needed to share their story in 1-2 minutes (5+ people)]

(8 min) Joining PDPs, WGs and other processes through NCUC and At-Large, capacity building programs @ NCUC and At-Large (Louise Marie Hurel + Tijani BEN JEMAA)

(8 min) Have your say: drafting a public comment (Elsa Saade + At-Large Speaker)

(4 min) How to work with other groups - crossing the aisle

(4 min) How to become our next leadership

My contribution: How to become our next leadership

1. Leadership Positions at NCUC:

Chair

Executive Committee

Policy Committee

Finance Committee

GNSO Council

2. How to?

- Getting into a leadership position is a journey, needs a lot of work, dedication and understanding of DNS policy.
- You need a Roadmap :
- First become members, become active and then work your way up
- Join the buddy/mentor program,
- Reading the onboarding materials,
- Engaging meaningfully with PDPs.
- Reaching out to experts and veterans with questions.

Roadmap

2. How to be active and effective:

- Advancing a policy issue,
- Starting a policy discussion,
- Self-study and research
- Get in touch with experienced members

3. Areas to work on:

- Improving internal governance of NCSG / NCUC / NPOC
- Working on procedures, making matters more transparent and accountable.
- Guiding and shaping policies at ICANN by:
 - voting
 - pen holding for public comments

NCUC Constituency Day

Tuesday, March 12th - 12h15 to 15h00 (Room 403)

NCSG Chair (10 min)

EC regional briefings - (20 min (5 each))

NCUC Mentee - Mili Semlani (10 min)

NCSG Committees (45 min)

EC Briefing - Robin Gross - 15 min

PC Briefing - Rafik and Claudio Lucena - 15 min

FC Briefing - Thato Mfikwe - 15 min

Policy Updates (50 min)

New gTLD SubPro (Robin/Elsa)

RPMs (Kathy/Michael)

EPDP (Ayden/Farzaneh/Stephanie)

CCWP HR (Collin/Akriti)

ATRT3 (Michael)

Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (30 min)

My contribution: EC Africa Regional Briefing

FIFA Africa Outreach: Ghana, September 2018

The Forum is a landmark event that convenes various stakeholders and online rights arenas in Africa and beyond to deliberate on gaps, concerns and opportunities for advancing privacy, access to information, free expression, non-discrimination and the free flow of information online

Africa IGF: Sudan, November 2018

Organized by the African Union Commission (AUC), the Seventh African Internet Governance Forum (AfIGF 2018) kicked off in Khartoum, Sudan, with the generous support and hosting by the Government of Sudan. Theme: “Development of the Digital Economy and Emerging Technologies in Africa”.

DRIF 19: Lagos, Nigeria, April 2019

The Digital Rights and Inclusion forum brings together various stakeholders to discuss the future of online rights. I will be taking part in a session on Refugee Rights Online.

ICANN Booth at Rightscon, Tunis: June 19

MEAC-SIG 2019: rabat Morocco: July 2019

Hosted by The [National Telecommunications Regulatory Agency \(ANRT\)](#) of Morocco, and jointly organised by the [Arab World Internet Institute](#), the [Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers \(ICANN\)](#), the [Internet Governance Project at Georgia Tech](#), the [Internet Society](#), and [RIPE NCC](#), MEAC-SIG is a unique 5-day intensive programme that aims at informing and strengthening the regional Internet community and ensuring effective participation in national, regional, and global Internet Governance fora.

NCUC Africa Webinars

How can NCUC address African noncommercial users rights in domain space?

How can NCUC help address those Africa DNS Issues?

❖ Making policies related to generic domain names by advancing these principles:

- Freedom of Expression/ Access to Knowledge
- Privacy and Data Protection
- Human Rights
- Discuss Internet Governance
- Development

Topics NCUC Works on

Access to knowledge/Freedom of Expression and trademarks

- Tension between freedom of expression and trademark rights

Example:

- When people want to register what somebody else considers their trademark in a domain name.
- The domain name might be used in ways that have nothing to do with the trademark.
- Yet, trademark owners of course want to protect their marks.

- **Seeking balance in domain policy and dispute resolution:** Particularly through the development of the Uniform Domain Name Resolution process (UDRP), the Uniform Rapid Suspension policy (URS), and the new gTLD program.

Example:

- ❑ Domain name registrants in the region usually suffer from lack of having an effective dispute resolution mechanism in place.
- ❑ Intellectual Property Rights overreach that tends to exclude others
- ❑ **OR** Intellectual Property lacks enough safeguards like enforced laws

Privacy, ICANN and WHOIS

- Concern - treatment of registrant data (those that register www.example.com)
- You can recommend privacy protections

You can engage with discussions on data protection regulations

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Thank You!

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