



Africa Regional Report

1 JULY 2020 - 30 JUNE 2021



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Year at a Glance — Timeline

2020

27-28 July

ICANN organized the eighth edition of the Africa Domain Name System Forum in partnership with the Africa Top-Level Domains Organization (AFTLD) and AfRegistrars.

30 July

ICANN organized a joint Office of the CTO (OCTO) - Global Stakeholder Engagement (GSE) webinar with Africa Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) members.

24-28 August

ICANN contributed to the Africa School of Internet Governance for French-speaking African countries.

10 November

ICANN organized a webinar on Universal Acceptance (UA) and Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) for African GAC members.

16 November

ICANN organized a webinar on UA for Information and Communications Technology (ICT) directors from the Association of African University (AAU) membership.

1-4 December

ICANN organized a master class during the annual Africa Lawtech Festival covering domain name rights, trademarks, and dispute resolution issues.

2021

4 February

ICANN hosted a joint GSE-OCTO webinar to introduce the Africa country code Top-Level Domain (ccTLD) managers to the Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) system and the Identifier Technology Health Indicators (ITHI) project.

19-20 May

ICANN launched the **first Africa Regional Engagement Forum** for the African community.

Regional Highlights

Making Africa's Higher Education Email System Universal Acceptance (UA) Ready

ICANN org joined forces with the Association of African Universities (AAU) to help ensure universal acceptance of domain names and email addresses within university email systems. The objective is to have AAU's 400-plus members make their email system UA compliant by the end of fiscal year 2025. After two webinars, the AAU took appropriate steps to support the organization of email system and universal acceptance compliance workshops in a few universities. Additionally, ICANN org is working on a formal program with AAU to roll-out Email Address Internationalization amongst their membership.

Launching Africa Regional Engagement Forum



Africa Engagement Forum

19-20 May 2021

Virtual Event

More than 210 people attended the virtual two-day Africa Engagement Forum in May, a new regional pilot event dedicated to bringing the African community together and supporting their work within ICANN. The event aimed to collect, update, and synchronize the work done by ICANN in Africa, as well as provided a platform to share direct updates and feedback from the ICANN org staff.

Capacity-Development Activities in Africa

TRAINING FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNITY

ICANN org held technical workshops and webinars on DNS Network Security, Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) and Universal Acceptance across the region.

Total number of workshops in FY21:

28

Total number of workshops in FY20:

1

TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

ICANN org provides training for law enforcement agencies so that they can better handle abuse and misuse related to Internet identifiers.

Total number of workshops in FY21:

2

Total number of workshops in FY20:

1

TRAINING FOR NONTECHNICAL COMMUNITY

The org also regularly helps to build capacity for the community such as accredited registrars and registry operators. In addition, ICANN org engaged with government and civil society for training that is relevant to these sectors.

Total number of workshops in FY21:

57

Total number of workshops in FY20:

0

Africa Community Leaders

For the list of Supporting Organization and Advisory Committees leaders, please refer to ICANN's [FY21 Annual Report](#), page 109.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES

Abdulkarim Ayopo Oloyede — RSSAC Caucus Work Party on Local Perspectives of the Root Server System

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