

## THE BOARD OF KENIC RESPONSE TO KICTANET ISSUES ON THE ONGOING PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON .KE LICENSING FRAMEWORK

Section 83D of the Information and Communications Act requires the operators of second level domains to be licensed.

KENIC hired a consultant to advice the Board on the possible implications on the legal requirements of the same.

The Consultant advised as follows:

- (1) KENIC should comply with the law when the license framework is finalized by applying for the license so as to continue being the entity managing Top level .KE ccTLD Registry and its second level domains;
- (2) A single license should be issued to one entity to manage both the Top Level .KE ccTLD Registry and second level domains, as opposed to issuing multiple licenses to different entities to manage different second level domains; and
- (3) That KENIC is the best suited entity to continue managing and operating the Top Level .KE ccTLD Registry and second level domains as it has over time demonstrated technical competence and experience in the area of domain names management and operations, and as such it has earned respect and recognition by stakeholders at both the national and global levels.

The Board regrets any inconvenience caused due to its late response.

We thank you for your continued support.

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