



## Press Release

### **African At-Large Structures to Showcase their Activities at ICANN's 37th International Meeting in Nairobi on 7 March 2010**

**Speakers to include ICANN CEO Rod Beckstrom and Dr. Nii Quaynor, winner of the 2007 Postel Award**

The Kenyan capital of Nairobi has been chosen to host ICANN's 37<sup>th</sup> International Public Meeting from 7 to 12 March 2010. The meeting is scheduled to be held in Africa in accordance with ICANN's practice of rotating its three annual international meetings through different regions of the world. More than 1,000 attendees from every corner of the globe are gathering to participate in wide ranging discussions that could help define the way we use the Internet.

From an African perspective one of the focal points of the 37<sup>th</sup> ICANN meeting is the showcase of the African Regional At-Large Organization of ICANN (AFRALO) that will take place on Sunday, 7 March between 5:30 p.m and 7:00 p.m. in the Delegates Lounge of the KICC.

The AFRALO Showcase provides an opportunity to ICANN's At-Large Structures to introduce their Internet user organizations and present their projects. ICANN CEO Rod Beckstrom will provide the opening remarks. Dr. Nii Quaynor, Former ICANN Board member and winner of the 2007 Internet Society's Jonathan B. Postel Service Award, for his pioneering work in Africa, will give a short address during this event. The AFRALO Showcase also is a unique opportunity for everybody interested in Africa's Internet civil society to meet local Internet activists and learn about their activities.

All the participants are invited to attend the showcase event and particularly members of the At-Large Advisory Committee ("ALAC"), the leaders of the Regional At-Large Organizations ("RALOs"), ICANN Nairobi Fellows, and members of the interested public.

More information on the showcase event is available at: <http://nbo.icann.org/node/9100>.

The complete schedule for ICANN's 37th International Public Meeting in Nairobi, as well as links to webcast sessions and our public participation website, can be found at <http://nbo.icann.org/>.

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To reach another person on the Internet you have to type an address into your computer - a name or a number. That address has to be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN coordinates these unique identifiers across the world. Without that coordination we wouldn't have one global Internet. ICANN was formed in 1998. It is a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with participants from all over the world dedicated to keeping the Internet secure, stable and interoperable. It promotes competition and develops policy on the Internet's unique identifiers. ICANN doesn't control content on the Internet. It cannot stop spam and it doesn't deal with access to the Internet. But through its coordination role of the Internet's naming system, it does have an important impact on the expansion and evolution of the Internet. **For more information please visit: [www.icann.org](http://www.icann.org).**