Press Release

Africa Top Level Domains Organization (AfTLD) in collaboration with the Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA), hosted the 6th annual ccTLD event in Livingstone (Zambia) in July 2012 the theme being Enhancing Internet Management in Africa.

While presiding over the opening ceremony the Minister of Transport, Works Supply and communications urged delegates to ensure that the Internet is readily accessible and manageable to the ordinary person in an African village, in addition he emphasised on the need to curb the digital divide between urban and rural areas and the high cost of Internet services in African countries.

The meeting focused on enhancing the visibility of African ccTLDs through branding and marketing, examining the likely impact of new gTLDs on African ccTLDS as well enhancing the robustness and efficiency of African registries by improving technical infrastructure.

The meeting was in line with AfTLD's strategic objective of building capacity of African ccTLDs with an aim of improving and enhancing Africa's internet infrastructure.

During the meeting Mr. Vika Mpisane (.ZA) stepped down as AfTLD Chairman, Mrs. Mary Uduma (.NG) and Mr. Eric Akumiah (.GH) were elected as members of the Executive Committee. The following is the new executive committee:

Dr. Paulos Nyirenda .	.MW	Chairman
Souleymane Oumtanaga	.CI	Vice Chairman
Abibu Ntahigiye	.TZ	Treasurer
Mrs. Mary Uduma	.NG	Director Communications
Dr. Alioune Traore	.ML	Director Research
Mr. Eric Akumiah	.GH	Director Strategic Partnerships
Mr. Barrack Otieno	(Administrative Manager/Secretary)	

The Livingstone meeting was supported by AfNIC, ISOC, LexSynergy and Africa in onespace – AfTLD's consistent sponsors and partners. Presentations and meeting reports are available on the AFTLD website

About AfTLD

The African Top Level Domains Organization was established in 2002 to act as a focal point forAfrican Country Code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) managers in coordinating, formulating, developing and presenting a unified approach to issues related to the Domain Name System. The African Top Level Domains Organization also presents a forum for sharing ideas betweenthe regions Internet community with an aim of promoting the utilization of national country's TopLevel Domains.

Executive Committee: Dr. Paulos Nyirenda (.mw) – President, Abibu Ntahigiye (.tz) – Treasurer, Dr. Alioune Traore (.ml), Prof. Souleymane Oumtanaga (.ci), Mary Uduma (.ng), Eric Akumiah (.gh) – (Barrack Otieno – Administrative Manager)

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