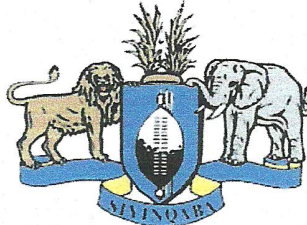


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**TO : PRESIDENT AND CEO
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AND

**CHAIRMAN
ICANN GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GAC)**

DATE: 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2015

Sirs,

RE: SUPPORT FOR DOT AFRICA TLD APPLICATION BY ZACR

Following the stalling of the process of delegation of the dot Africa top level domain name (TLD) subsequent to an Independent Review Process (IRP) launched by another applicant, the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland would like to express its unwavering support for the application by ZACR. ZACR (the .za operator) was selected by the African Union Commission (AUC) after a tendering process that involved TLD operators on the continent with the objective of getting an operator that will best carry the aspirations of the collective African Union. It is therefore, a continental project for the development of the internet industry in Africa. On this score, it is important to state that the debacle that has ensued and halted the process of the delegation of the TLD is not helpful at all to this continental initiative. We therefore, implore ICANN to speed up the process and proceed with the delegation of this TLD to ZACR.

Thanking you in advance for your urgent consideration of this matter.

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