**High Level Governmental Meeting - Kigali:**

**June 9th 2024**

***(v”0.1” – February 2024)***

**Saturday- June 8th:**

“18:30 – 20:00 Informal Introductory Reception For Arriving Attendees” TBC

**Sunday – June 9th:**

08:00 - 08:30 Ministers and High-Level officials convene for the High-Level Governmental Meeting.

08:30 - 09:15: Welcome and Introductory Remarks

* Ms. Paula Ingabire, Chair of the HLGM. Minister of [Information and communications technology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_and_communications_technology) and Innovation
* ICANN CEO or ICANN Chair of the Board
* HLGM 2018 Host Representative – Spain (TBD)
* Video Message from Ms Doreen Bogdan, Secretary General ITU
* Mr Nicolas Caballero Chair, Governmental Advisory Committee

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Each session will begin with a brief overview of the session topic followed by an open floor and exchange of views.

***All the names below are suggested by GE and must be confirmed.***

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09:15 – 11:00 **Session 1: ICANN and the Multistakeholder Model**

Moderator: Ms. Paula Ingabire, Chair of the HLGM

Potential discussion points:

* ICANN’s evolution - Mr. Alan Davidson (NTIA)
* The role of the GAC - Mr. Nicolas Caballero (GAC Chair)
* Accomplishments of the multistakeholder community over the last 25 years – Ms. Tripti Sinha (ICANN Chair of the Board) or ICANN CEO
* References to emerging technologies that may impact future DNS policy development - (ICANN Office of the CTO)

11:00 - 11:15: Coffee Break

11:15 - 13:00: **Session 2. *Cooperation and Governance:***

***Moderator:*** Mr. Rugigana Evariste Director General Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA)

* The future of Internet governance (e.g., Global Digital Compact, WSIS+20, Summit for the Future). Overview of the ongoing/up coming UN Discussions High-Level Representative or GAC VC
* ICANN’s role in the ecosystem - ICANN Board Member
* Cybersecurity and DNS abuse - ICANN Office of the CTO
* Internet fragmentation and the value of single internet ecosystem - ICANN GE
* The value of a strong cooperation between UN, ICANN and ITU - High-Level Representative or UN Official
  + (can bring various policy programs together to help governments deliver on their national aspirations.)

13:15 – 14:30: Lunch (for Ministers, Heads of Delegations and ICANN high officials)

Guest Speaker?

14:30 – 17:30 **Afternoon Meeting Sessions:**

Each session will begin with a brief overview of the session topic followed by an open floor and exchange of views.

**Moderator**: Ms Louise Mushikiwabo, OIF Secretary General

14:30 – 16:15: **Session 3. Towards a better *Digital Inclusion:***

* Open Internet and meaningful connectivity - ITU High Level representative or Smart Africa CEO
* Internationalized domain names (IDNs) & Universal Acceptance, multilingualism - UNESCO High-Level Representative or High-Level representative
* Development of “digital economies” in Africa and other underserved regions. - High-Level representative
* The key role country code top level domains (ccTLDs), maximizing their value for local internet communities High Level Representative from Kenya or South Africa
* Outreach by ICANN to ensure a single stable secure resilient Internet (e.g., capacity building efforts and universal acceptance) – ICANN Board Member
* New round of generic top level domains applications

(Potential discussion points:

* DNS in the emerging technology space –
  + Potential impacts of blockchain technology, Internet of Things, 5G and Artificial Intelligence;)

16:15 – 16:30: Afternoon Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30: **Coalition for Digital Africa**

* Presentation of Coalition for Digital Africa (Objectives, Partners, Initiatives) ICANN
* Focus on several initiatives CDA main relevant partners.

17:30 – 18:30

* Allocated time for bilateral meetings/networking

18:30 Closing Ceremony

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\* Delegations are kindly requested not to exceed 3 minutes in their statements to allow sufficient time for other speakers. Priority will be given to the level of representation, on the basis of first come first served. Requests can be submitted upon time of meeting RSVP or at a time closer to the meeting date. The text of all statements made during the meeting will be published on the GAC web site.

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**Operating Considerations:**

*Requesting Meeting Speaking Opportunities -*

Attending delegations are invited to seek specific comment/discussion slots in the topic areas of interest outlined for each session. Delegations are kindly requested to plan for one three (3) minute statements for any session in which they have an interest. Efforts will be made to accommodate all requests.

Due to overall meeting time limits, if a delegation has an interest in requesting sessions time slots for more than one session, the delegation is asked to indicate their topic order of preference - as preference will be given to delegations who have not yet spoken during the program.

Requests for speaking slots should be directed to ?

(Email addresses to be confirmed by host government and speaking requests will be shared between host government and ICANN GAC Support staff.)

*Impact of Speaking Requests -*

Meeting planners will be flexible in managing the timing of each session to accommodate the interest level of attendees. Based on the current timing of the HLGM agenda, each of the three plenary sessions will generally be able to accommodate 20 speaking slots – allowing for a brief 9-minute introduction to each topic and transition time between speakers. Available slots may be further reduced if additional content or “dynamic” discussion is anticipated. Session timing for the meeting day may be adjusted closer to the actual meeting date to reflect the overall interest in each topic – as indicated by speaking slot requests.

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