AfTLD Press Release
AFTLD Francophone West Africa ccTLD Workshop

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The African Top Level Domains Association (AfTLD), as part of its programme to build the capacity of ccTLD managers in the Africa region announces the Francophone West Africa ccTLD workshop in Dakar from 7 -12 December 2008. The workshop will be hosted by the Senegal Network Information Centre (NIC-SN) and the Senegal telecommunication regulatory authority, Agence de Regulation des Telecommunication et des Postes (**ARTP**).

Through the workshop, AfTLD intends to contribute to the process of developing and enhancing the technical capacity of francophone ccTLDs in the West Africa sub-region. By organizing this workshop AfTLD will be introducing language diversity to its capacity building program to adequately address the capacity building needs of the francophone African ccTLD community.

The workshop will cover the Initial Registry Operation Course (IROC) developed jointly by ICANN/ISOC/NSRC. The course will target most specifically newly re-delegated ccTLDs in the region and will be delivered in French. Subsequent workshops will be organized for the Advanced Registry Operation Course (AROC) and Security Registry Operation course (SROC) in French in the near future.

The workshop is supported by ICANN, Internet Society, Network Startup Resource Centre (NSRC), AusRegistry International and other sponsors.

For further details, including a detailed event programme, please visit the AfTLD web site (www.aftld.org).

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About AfTLD

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