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AfTLD West Africa Francophone ccTLD Workshop ends

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Dakar, Senegal 12 December, 2009 – The AfTLD West Africa Francophone ccTLD Workshop ended successfully here in Dakar on Friday, December 11 2009, with participants expected to return to their home countries to clean up their registry system and make it more efficient than it was before.

The Workshop, which was conducated in French was hosted by the Senegal Network Information Centre (NIC-SN) and supported by the Senegalese telecommunication regulatory authority, Agence de Regulation des Telecommunication et des Postes (ARTP-Senegal) was based on the Initial Registry Operation Course (IROC) developed jointly by ICANN/ISOC/NSRC. The Workshop instructors were from ICANN and NSRC.

In all, there were twenty one (21) participants from thirteen (13) francophone countries who participated in the Workshop. The participants were brought up to speed on the improved registry operation fundamentals that would enable them run their registries more efficiently. Certificates were given to all participants who successfully completed the course.

An Advanced Registry Operation System (AROC) in French is planned for June 2010 in Abidjan, where participants will be pooled from the IROC Dakar participants and from other francophone ccTLDs in the Africa Region. Participants to the AROC will be required to demonstrate how the IROC has helped improve their registry systems before admitted to the course.

The workshop was sponsored by ICANN, ISOC, NSRC, AusRegistry, AFNIC and WC3 Senegal.

Photos from the workshop can be found at the workshop homepage http://www.aftld.org/sn2009

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.