Statement by AfICTA on ICANN Africa Outreach Strategy
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Africa ICT Alliance (AfICTA) aligns with the framework of engagement and the new ICANN Strategy for Africa involving high degree of awareness creation, capacity building and industry development. AfICTA is persuaded that the new ICANN-Africa strategy can yield ample dividend if all key stakeholders including business and user communities are fully engaged in the process.

AfICTA commends the vision of the ICANN Board and the work the Working Group on ICANN Africa Strategy has done thus far. However, it is imperative that the global multi-stakeholder principles on Internet Governance as in paragraph 72-80 of the Tunis Agenda be adhered to for an open, inclusivess and sustainable outreach.

About Africa ICT Alliance (AfICTA)

Africa Information & Communication Technologies Alliance (AfICTA) is a private sector led alliance of ICT Associations, multi-national corporations, organisations and institutions in the ICT sector in Africa.

Its vision is to fulfil the promise of the digital age for everyone in Africa. Its mission is to encourage multi-stakeholder dialogue and intra-African trade to foster accelerated ICT enabled development in Africa. Its mission is also to use cutting-edge innovative technologies including mobile, computing and satellite technologies to achieve an Information society in Africa.

Formed on May 1, 2012 AfICTA goals are to
1. Organise non-state ICT actors in Africa for effective local and continental advocacy by the year 2015
2. Create awareness and improve African digital literacy by 50% in collaboration with stakeholders by the year 2020
3. Create partnerships with the African Union and all the regional economic commissions towards the realization of the WSIS 2015 targets
4. Position more than 50% of African ICT professionals and experts in the business community, academic and technical community and civil society to be fully engaged in the global Internet Governance multi-stakeholder dialogues by 2015
5. Be the focal point for Africa ICT advocacy in the global digital economy
6. Promote business partnership between member's associations

7. Contribute to capacity and capability building by promoting best practices, encouraging regional projects, sharing data (skills, expertise, events, business announcements, exhibitions, seminars, etc)

AfICTA members include Egypt, Kenya, South Africa, Tunisia, Nigeria, the Gambia, Rwanda, Namibia and Somalia.

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