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Subject: Request for Clarification Regarding Reported April 2025 Smart Africa Meeting on AFRINIC, Afrinic Election, TOOLKIT, CAIGA, and African Internet Governance

Dear ICANN colleagues,

I am writing as an AFRINIC resource member, African network operator, and participant in ongoing public discussions concerning AFRINIC governance, Smart Africa, CAIGA, the Smart Africa Internet Governance Blueprint, and the future legitimacy of the Regional Internet Registry system.

I am seeking clarification regarding reports of a meeting held in or around 24 April 2025 involving: ICANN (Lead), NRO (Lead), Smart Africa, Ministers from Africa, African governmental and intergovernmental stakeholders, [a former AFRINIC CEO], some other old board members of Afrinic, at which AFRINIC-related matters may have been discussed.

Information available to me suggests that individuals connected to AFRINIC governance discussions were present, and that ICANN may also have attended, been represented, or had knowledge of the meeting or related discussions. I am not writing to make an allegation or assumptions. I am writing to establish an accurate documentary record and avoid speculation.

Given ICANN's role in the global Internet coordination system, its relationship with the RIR ecosystem, and its publicly acknowledged engagement with Smart Africa on African Internet governance matters, I respectfully request clarification on the following questions:

1. Did any ICANN staff member, board member, contractor, consultant, advisor, representative, or person acting in any ICANN-related capacity attend any Smart Africa-related meeting on or around 23 April 2025 concerning AFRINIC, AFRINIC elections,

CAIGA, the Smart Africa Internet Governance Blueprint, AFRINIC bylaw reform, or African RIR governance?

2. If ICANN attended or was represented, who attended, in what capacity, and under whose invitation?

3. Was the meeting formal or informal?

4. Were any agenda, participant list, minutes, notes, recordings, slide decks, briefing papers, calendar invitations, summaries, or follow-up communications created or received by ICANN?

5. Were any of the following matters discussed: AFRINIC's receiver-led election process, AFRINIC's 2025 election pathway, the Smart Africa election "toolkit", AFRINIC bylaw reform, AFRINIC's Council of Elders, CAIGA, the Smart Africa Internet Governance Blueprint, or post-election institutional reforms?

6. Did ICANN review, receive, comment on, discuss, or have prior knowledge of any Smart Africa election toolkit, reform proposal, candidate-related framework, or governance document relating to AFRINIC?

7. Were any recommendations, observations, concerns, or documents arising from the meeting communicated to ICANN, AFRINIC, the AFRINIC receiver, Smart Africa, the NRO, any RIR, AFRINIC candidates, AFRINIC members, or African governmental/intergovernmental stakeholders?

8. Did ICANN internally discuss the legitimacy, neutrality, or governance implications of participating in, funding, supporting, observing, or being associated with Smart Africa processes affecting AFRINIC, Designing Afrinic Election, Afrinic Shortlisted Candidates by Smart Africa Toolkit, CAIGA, or African Internet governance reform?

My concern is straightforward. AFRINIC's governance crisis, the annulled 2025 election process, the later election rerun, the ongoing bylaw review, and public discussions concerning the Council of Elders raise serious questions about procedural authorship, community consent, and the boundary between technical coordination and externally shaped governance reform.

For that reason, clarity regarding ICANN's attendance, knowledge, or documentary involvement is necessary for public trust.

If ICANN holds documents responsive to these questions, I respectfully request that they be disclosed voluntarily where possible. If voluntary clarification is not available, kindly confirm whether the appropriate path is a formal request under ICANN's Documentary Information Disclosure Policy.

I would appreciate a written response suitable for citation in public governance analysis.

Respectfully,

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