

Candidate Statement – INGABIRE MWIKARAGO

My name is Ingabire Mwikarago, and I am pleased to submit my candidacy for a position on the ccNSO Council, African Region. I currently serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Rwanda Internet Community and Technology Alliance (RICTA), a not-for-profit organization mandated to manage the .RW country code top-level domain.

I joined RICTA in 2012 as a Technical Engineer, at a pivotal moment when Rwanda was repatriating management of the .RW ccTLD from Interpoint, a Swiss company, back to local administration. I played a key role in designing and deploying the technical infrastructure required to bring the registry home. Over the years, I have grown within the institution, contributing not only to the technical build-out but also to the development of registry policies, operational frameworks, and administrative processes that support a stable and trusted .RW country domain.

My responsibilities expanded as I moved into leadership, and I now oversee the overall operations, strategy, and administrative stewardship of the .RW ccTLD. This experience has provided me with a deep, end-to-end understanding of what ccTLDs require to operate effectively, sustainably, and in alignment with global best practices.

I have been an active member of the ccTLD and ICANN communities, participating in multiple ICANN meetings and contributing as a volunteer to the ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC). I also currently serve on the African Top Level Domain (AfTLD) Board, where I work alongside regional colleagues to strengthen the DNS ecosystem across Africa.

My passion for ccTLD development extends beyond Rwanda. Through initiatives such as the Coalition for Digital Africa, I have contributed to capacity-building and mentorship programs, supporting the growth of emerging ccTLDs particularly in Francophone Africa, including Madagascar, Niger, and Togo. These experiences have reinforced my commitment to collaboration, knowledge sharing, and strengthening the resilience and inclusiveness of the global ccTLD community.

I am dedicated to contributing to a collaborative, diverse, and forward looking community that supports the stability, security, and sustainability of ccTLDs worldwide but also a deep commitment to the mission and values of the ccNSO.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

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