

*Africa Civil Society Caucus proposals on Internet Governance *

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*5. **Follow-up and Possible Future Arrangements*

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Recognizing that the existing operational mechanisms on internet governance have been to a large extent effective in ensuring the technical functioning of the internet.

Recognizing the need for the reforms of these existing mechanisms to ensure independence, full participation and representation of all stakeholders.

We therefore call for the following;

* That the role of Government Advisory Committee (GAC) within ICANN should be reinforced

* That ICANN should be transformed into an autonomous body, independent from government and/or commercial interest.

* That ICANN structures and especially the governing bodies should ensure multi-stakeholder participation comprised of Governments, the private sector, civil society and international organisations.

* That developing countries should be more involved in ICANN functioning and governance.

* That ICANN must take into account cultural diversity and multilingualism in its operations, including technical constraints of online participation for developing countries.

* That an adequate mechanism for coordinating Internet governance public policy issues be established

A forum should be established under the auspices of ECOSOC, to facilitate discussion on Internet-related public policy issues with the participation on equal footing by Governments, the private sector and civil society.