



AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION
Chairperson

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Dear Ms. Bekele,

Sub: Endorsement of the DotAfrica (.africa) Initiative

African Union Authority in its capacity as a continental organization would like to express support for the “dotafrica” initiative, through which your organization is applying for delegation of a regional identifier top level domain – ‘.africa’ from the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and then make it available to the Pan-African community. Dot Africa “.africa” expects to reinvest surpluses in socio-technological advancement initiatives relevant and to operate a viable not-for-profit initiative that is a technically advanced, TLD registry for the Pan-Africa and African community under the sponsorship of DotConnectAfrica organization.


This will mean that the African continent will follow upon the experience of the European Union and their ‘.eu’ domain, and the Asian continent with their ‘.asia’ domain.

The African Union Authority considers introducing the “.africa” domain will be a valuable attribute for entities, professionals and corporations active in Africa, empowering those stakeholders who see value in a regional online identity.

In this regard, should your initiative require it, the African Union Authority is willing to offer assistance in the coordination of your initiative with African Ministers and Governments.

Based on the above, the African Union Authority expresses its endorsement of the DotAfrica “.africa” initiative wishing you success in all the endeavors.

With best regards.


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