



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Dear Neil:

As you know, we have now received and posted the final Declaration in the DotConnectAfrica Trust (DCA) independent review proceeding (see <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/final-declaration-09jul15-en.pdf>). ICANN is in the process of analyzing all aspects of the Declaration, which specifically recommends that ICANN refrain from delegating .AFRICA until DCA's application proceeds through the remainder of the evaluation process.

As we previously mentioned, we do want ZACR to have an opportunity to provide the ICANN Board with its views on the Declaration before the Board takes a decision on this matter. Because the ICANN Board is concerned with ensuring that this matter is addressed as quickly as possible, the ICANN Board is planning to convene a special Board meeting later this week (likely on 16 July 2015). Accordingly, to the extent that you may have any input into the Board's consideration, please provide that to us as soon as possible, but in no event later than Wednesday, 15 July 2015.

Please note that once the ICANN Board has considered the Declaration and decided on a course of action, we will provide you with an understanding of next steps. Thank you for your cooperation to see this matter through.

Sincerely,

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