

Motivation Letter from George Asare Sakyi as a Volunteer for Preserving security, stability and resiliency of the DNS

1. Introduction

I worked with Ghana Telecom now Vodafone Ghana for almost thirty one years as an engineer before resigning to form my own company called Mont Royal Technologies. My present job entails working remotely through virtual private network with the help of mobile internet access units; the internet is therefore a major concern to me and my business.

2. Internet security

During my working life in the telecom industry I had the opportunity to attend several training programs in the operation and maintenance of various types of Public switches and internet access equipment. In April 2009, I attended a program which was organized by USTTI in America for 5 weeks for which 5 working days were devoted to cyber security and some of the topics treated included 1) deterring cybercrime, 2) formulating a national strategy for cyber security and 3) fostering national culture of cyber security. It was at that time that I learnt about the various malicious soft wares that are produced to commit various crimes on the net

3. ICANN MEETING

In October 2009 I had the opportunity again to attend ICANN meeting for the first time as a fellow in Seoul and during the meeting because of my interest in security of the internet, I attended meetings that dealt with security of the internet which included DNS abuse forum and a workshop on DNS security. During the program too I took time to study the workings of the ICANN and how the various units work together.

4. NCUS Discussion

After the ICANN meeting in Korea I joined the NCUS discussion group and participate in various discussion and was part of the voting process that voted for the adoption of NCSG Charter

5. Motivation to join as a volunteer

In Ghana I am a member of the Internet society of Ghana. Currently I have a better understanding of how various crimes are committed on the internet through the abuse of the DNS. When the DNS is abuse so many different stakeholders, are affected which include users, companies involved in the registration process, from registry, registrars, and all other companies that might be providing solutions. I am particularly interested in whatever way I can help to keep the DNS from abuse.

I have studied the draft report of the Affirmation review: requirements and the implementation process, and having understood who does what in the review team, I must say here that I have

the time to be a volunteer. I have also read the call for the application and have understood the role of the volunteers, I should therefore be glad if I am considered for this position to assist in keeping the DNS from abuse