

Dear NPOC Chair,

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Position: Statement of Interest for NPOC Crop Fund by Remmy Nweke, NPOC Representative (Vice Chair) to NCSG Finance Committee for ICANN 65 in Marrakech, Morocco. Member, NPOC Policy Committee.

Name/Organization:

REMMY NWEKE is Lead Consulting Strategist, DigitalSENSE Africa Media (ICANN certified At-Large Structure) | Vice President, African Civil Society on the Information Society (ACSIS) and Member, NPOC Policy Committee.

ICANN Affiliation (WGs, etc.):

Remmy has been instrumental to the development of the draft Operational Procedure for the NCSG-FC which is undergoing review; a member of the NPOC Policy Committee and Cross-Community Working Group on Auction Proceeds as well as NomCom Review Volunteer.

I am an active individual member of ICANN's Generic Name Supporting Organisations (GNSO) like Non-Commercial Users Stakeholder Group (NCSG), Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) and Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency (NPOC) respectively and a forerunner of all-inclusive diversity advocacy, accountability and transparency. I recently served as one of the by-lawyers to serve in the NPOC charter review working group and currently the NPOC Representative to NCSG Finance Committee (NCSG-FC), among others.

In addition, I am a consistent member of At-Large Advisory Committee of ICANN under AFRALO - African Regional At-Large Organisation; member of the ALAC Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement; Fellow, Cyber Security Policy on Human Rights Defenders; Chairman, Communication & Advocacy Committee (CAC), IPv6 Council Nigeria.

Lately, I served as an elected Executive board member, Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NIRA), the managers of .NG country code Top Level Domain and extended my services to several committees including Communications and Publicity, Accreditation, Finance and Establishment, as well as an elected Vice President of the African Civil Society on the Information Society (ACSIS), branch Secretary, Cyber Security Expert Association of Nigeria (CSEAN) and former publicity secretary, Nigeria Internet Group (NIG) cum chairman, International Relations of NIG; pioneer Secretary, ICT Media Initiative; BARK Foundation – a knowledge-based advocacy group; Internet Governance Caucus (IGC), to name a few.

Also in Nigeria, DigitalSENSE Africa efforts at building multistakeholderism gave rise to nurturing of what is today known as Nigeria Internet Governance Forum (NIGF) of which I am equally serving as a member of the NIGF Local Multistakeholder Advisory Group (LMAG), just as I served as a member of the Civil Society Selection Group for the recently concluded WSIS+10 Stakeholder Selection Committee for the United Nations (UN) President of the General Assembly, among others.

2. Reasons for wanting to attend ICANN65:

Personally interested in policy development and particularly as it concerns the Internet ecosystem, hence, I know my participation will add-value to NPOC; as NPOC Representative to NCSG-Finance committee and member, NPOC Policy Committee.

I would like to attend the ICANN65 meeting as NPOC Policy Committee member and substantive NPOC Representative to the Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG-Finance committee). Giving developments in NCSG-Finance Committee, I think this offers me an excellent opportunity to encourage more African participation in both NPOC and NCSG Committee works and boost leadership interests in the region.

Before now, at we have developed a meeting outline in efforts to gain tractions on how to best engage ICANN community, especially for the benefit of the stakeholders and overtly improve on NPOC engagement value.

3. Proposed activities:

Also, as a member of NPOC Policy Committee, I will be interested in playing active role with regards to the current review of NomCom activities, which I earnestly think that NPOC deserves a place in the representation formally which must be followed through a legitimate means, moreso now the activities of the NomCom is under review as approved by the ICANN Board recently.

In addition, I am certain to participate actively in NPOC-own activities during the ICANN65 and beyond by continuing to engage members of the civil societies from this region as the Vice President, African Civil Society on the Information Society (ACSIS) to bring about more participation on NPOC and possibly have a sideline session with attendees to share with them what NPOC is all about and opportunities therein so as to improve on African Civil Society participation within the ICANN space.

Amidst this background, I am certain will assist in my policy-making drive moving forward, especially as having relevant expertise as a Contemporary Diplomacy post-graduate from the University of Malta and various certifications on Internet related governance, invariably to translate this opportunity towards improving NPOC in particular relationship with other members of the NCSG amidst ICANN community.

I further elect to comply with the requirements of this CROP Fund including submission of report after the event and continue my digital rights advocacy by remaining active.

Summary - Statement of Interest:

- Family Name: NWEKE
- Given Name: REMMY
- ICANN community: NPOC | NCSG-FC (Vice Chair) | NomCom Review Volunteer
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