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cc: ICANN, Suite 330, 4676 Admiralty Way  
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**Attention:** New gTLD Evaluation Process

Dear Ms Sophia Bekele,

**Re: Letter for support for DotAfrica - gTLD**

With much pleasure, I am offering my unreserved support to DotConnectAfrica (DCA) in its application for <.africa> generic Top Level Domain in the current 2012 ICANN round of applications.

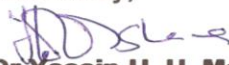
DCA's action to apply for the Top Level Domain for the continent as well as the world at large is not only a timely but key aspect for the development and advancements in academic, technological, infrastructural and commercial facets of the African continent in line with the Millennium Development Goal 8.

Having served as a nominated member of the ccNSO Council for Africa Region in 2004/05, and having continued to follow developments in the management of ICANN functions, I am aware of challenges and opportunities to formulate the structure and general functions of a successful TLD. I therefore see how DCA would thrive in this viable project which is worth investing in both intellectually, material and otherwise.

As a senior adviser and consultant in my areas of expertise, have confidence that, Internet infrastructural growth in this continent calls for an establishment of an African registry that will plough back resources and spur further development that will bring the continent.

I hereby offer my support towards DCA on the application round for the <.africa> gTLD.

Yours truly,



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