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Subject: Letter for support for DotAfrica

Dear Sirs,

For the past 20 years, I have been working with the parliaments in a dozen countries in Africa to help them improve their performance as governance institutions; Part of that work has involved improving their ICT skills in order to be more effective at communicating with and on behalf of their voters.

That in turn led to a realization that the initiative led by DotConnectAfrica (DCA) to create Africa-Wide domains is extremely important to the future of the people(s) of the continent. Africans will best realize that their potential when their governments have the courage to build such continent wide initiatives in all areas and activities.

Accordingly, I am writing to support DotConnectAfrica (DCA) application for the .africa generic top level domain in the current 2012 ICANN round of application. DotConnectAfrica (DCA) has demonstrated repeatedly that they put Africa first – and this application is one more step towards improving the academic, technological, infrastructural and commercial facets of the whole continent.

Sincerely,

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