

**DOCUMENT FOR ccTLD WORKSHOP**

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**Title:** ngTLD Experience

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**Introduction**

It is widely accepted that modern economy cannot be sustained without Internet infrastructure. We are truly witnessing an information age characterized by an upsurge in the use of Internet in nearly all aspects of human endeavor. Information and Communication services, Domain names and Country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) have changed the way people live and transact business.

The last few years have seen a notable increase in access technologies involving the private sector in Nigeria. These include multinational and national operators, and Internet service providers. It therefore becomes imperative that the present method of managing administrative and technical tasks of ccTLD requires review in order to meet and cope with the increasing needs of the citizens including flexibility of registration, operational stability, security, freedom of use, protection of individual rights, competition rules, equal access for all as well as ensuring that Nigeria exercise its sovereignty.

It should be noted that the methods of allocation of global and essential resources such as Internet domain names and addresses are of interest to both government and the private sector in the pursuit of the goal of making any nation IT capable and globally competitive.

**ngTLD Experience**

At the moment, ngTLD administrative role is being managed in the country whilst technical tasks and contact are being administered outside the country. The registration process and procedure are automated though not as friendly as desired.

There is need to enhance the current modus operandi of ICAAN such that the home government of any country would have input in the operations and running of her ccTLD.

Home government involvement in ccTLD matters would ensure:

- good playing ground for fair competition and Internet development for the benefits of all categories of users;
- transparent practices in the management and administration of ccTLD; and

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- global competitiveness

This will ultimately guarantee the achievement of national vision and policy on ICT for social and economic development.

### **Conclusion**

The Nigerian Government would want to have the final say on the management of the administrative tasks and technical tasks of ngTLD so that its sovereignty is entrenched, citizen rights are protected and equal access to all is guaranteed.

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