

## AfTLD's Policy and Annual General Meeting Livingstone Zambia July 23 – 27 2012

The Africa Top Level Domains Organization (AfTLD), the association of African country code top level domains (ccTLDs) in collaboration with the Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA), will be hosting its policy and annual General Meeting in Livingstone (Zambia) for Francophone and Anglophone African ccTLDs in July 2012.

The Policy meeting which will be hosted by ZICTA, the Zambian regulator, will be held from 23 – 27 July 2012 and will focus on enhancing the visibility of African ccTLDs through branding and marketing, examining the likely impact of new gTLDs on African ccTLDS as well enhancing the robustness and efficiency of African registries by improving the technical infrastructure.

The Policy meeting is in line with AfTLD's key strategic objective of building capacity of African ccTLDs with an aim of improving and enhancing Africa's internet infrastructure. The Livingstone Policy and annual general meeting is among a series of regular events that AfTLD holds on an annual basis. The event follows a successful workshop for Francophone ccTLDS held in Ouagadougou Burkina Faso from 9 to 13 January 2012.

As has been the case with the past events, the Livingstone workshop is supported by AfNIC, ISOC, LexSynergy and Africa in onespace – AfTLD's consistent sponsors and partners. Travel fellowships will be granted to qualifying ccTLDs. For further information about these and the event in general please contact AfTLD secretariat at <u>secretariat@aftId.org</u>. or visit the AfTLD website http://www.aftId.org/zm2012/

## About AfTLD

The African Top Level Domains Organization was established in 2002 to act as a focal point for African Country Code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) managers in coordinating, formulating, developing and presenting a unified approach to issues related to the Domain Name System. The African Top Level Domains Organization also presents a forum for sharing ideas between the regions Internet community with an aim of promoting the utilization of national country's Top Level Domains.

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