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According to my vision to devote all my time and efforts in developing ICT in Africa, I decided to join the Africa 2.0 foundation which aims to lead the way in building a unified voice for Africans everywhere through its “WeAre1ne” movement and showcase the best of Africa through the “For Africa by Africa” Campaign ([www.africa2point0.org](http://www.africa2point0.org)). Consequently, and as the Technology Task Force leader, I identified the NCSG as one of the best organization to make the Africans voice heard and to participate in the development of the Internet of tomorrow: Internet for all, Internet as a basic right. Africa 2.0 joined the NCSG earlier this year and is member of both NPOC and NCUC constituencies, while I am its representative. In addition, I also joined the Policy Development Working Group for the Next Generation Registration Directory Service (ICANN, GNSO) since December 2015, where I use to make proposals regarding the requirements of the Next-Gen WHOIS and participate in the weekly meetings. Therefore, my contribution to the NCUC is twofold:

1. I share the users concerns from community with the NCUC and ask for support from the members when need be: for instance, few months ago I called NCUC members to join the **#internet4all** campaign which aims to make Internet a basic right for the community especially in Africa. The results of this campaigns were presented at the last World Economic Forum in Kigali and brought high attention.
2. I serve as a point of contact between the NCUC and the GNSO Policy Development Working Group (PDP WG) by sharing outreach messages and integrating our members’ concerns in the possible requirements of the Next-Generation Registration Directory Service. This was actually the case when the PDP WG reached phase 1 of the process. Also, I use to create and conduct online awareness regarding NCUC issues, and I succeeded to bring new members to the community.

Following to the aforementioned statements, I now believe that it’s time for me to put my contribution at a higher level. However, I also think that improving my leadership skills will be benefit in this attempt to achieve that goal. Consequently, I decide to participate in this training and I accept all the conditions. Furthermore, I hope that this training will enhance my leadership skills and capacities to drive more innovations within the NCUC.