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NCSG EOI - Finance committee 2018

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Hi all,

Please receive my expression of interest to join the NCSG finance committee.

ABOUT ME

My name is Royden Thato Mfikwe, currently residing in South Africa, Johannesburg, Soweto. I have an interest in serving NCUC in the capacity of serving in the finance committee as I believe I meet most of the requirements:

1. I have experience in budgeting, accounting and auditing processes, total experience is over 5 years in a leading global FMCG company and civil sector, in an FMCG company, I have managed a budget over 500 000 USD and in the civil sector I have managed budgets over 70 000 USD. I am a qualified financial accountant with working financial management experience. When working in a financial institution in the country, I was responsible for bookkeeping and credit rating, where I was able to recover over 500 000 USD from debtors in the ABSA debtor finance department.
2. I have also raised funds for organisations I have served and I still serve, in the last year I managed to raise over 20 000 USD for an organization I am currently leading (ISOC Gauteng) and this year we already have commitment from funders amounting to around 15 000 USD for organizational projects. My project management skills enable me to align budgets, scope and timing of budgets.

In regard to general requirements:

1. I have made comments in few public documents and statements, like
2. I was the lead coordinator for the NCUC outreach just before ICANN 59 in Johannesburg 2017 and also represented NCUC at the IGF in Geneva 2017 by attending to the booth.
3. I am a quick learner and planning to start my Masters in Project Management this year.

BIO OF ROYDEN THATO MFIKWE

- Co founder and CEO of SOWUG (Soweto Wireless User Group)
- Co Founder and President of ISOC-Gauteng Chapter
- Youth Parliament candidate for 2007 & 2008.

Public Finance and Accounting graduate from Tshwane University of Technology, certified in Project management and strategic leadership and management. Trained at Procter and Gamble Innovation Centre, Belgium on market research, brand management and tracking amongst others. Trained on a 6 month new venture creation programme called Youth and Graduates Entrepreneurship Programme (Y-Age) offered by SACCORD in partnership with Gauteng Provincial Government. Attended the IVLP 2015 professional exchange programme focusing on small business development, innovation and entrepreneurship in Chicago, Kansas City, Philadelphia and Washington DC. Certified Social innovator with World Learning and certified in Community network training in 2017, Kenya during the Africa Internet Summit of 2017, participated in the Regional Internet Development and Dialogues meeting in Rwanda. Thato has been a member of ISOC Chapter Advisory Council from 2016 to date and he is a proactive visionary leader with a daring approach to resolving digital divides, he is also a member of the ISOC Community network mailing list, currently planning to be in the Program Committee that will be organising future Africa Community Networks summit.

Worked as assistant market researcher for South and East Africa for Procter and Gamble, Worked for Umsobomvu Youth Fund – Government youth development initiative while engaged in a graduate development organisation (SAGDA). Passionate about innovation, youth and community development and entrepreneurship. Implemented youth programs reaching out to more than 20 000 youth, graduates and community members including 10 schools with 3000 learners. Guest speaker (on education, innovation, entrepreneurship and economic participation) in several events like South African Union of Students (SAUS) 1st annual conference in Bloemfontein 2007, US Embassy Soweto Tour 2014, Soweto Business Startup Launch 2014, SEDA Joburg Entrepreneurship day 2015 and community events to name a few.

Thato spoke on different global, regional and local events like the 2017 ION conference in Durban, South African IGF 2017, attended 2016 & 2017 Community Networks Summit in Nairobi and was a panellist at the 2016 African IGF.

Also Named “Innovator of the month – August 2015” by Nunnovation Africa (NUNNOVATION AFRICA FOUNDATION, www.nunnovation.com). ICANN and AFRISIG fellowship alumni and member of ACSIS (and coordinator of ACSIS South Africa), currently working on a Content development and Translation project in South Africa. Thato attended the 2016 African IGF, Global IGF 2017 and led NCUC outreach before ICANN 59 and also part-taking in the Department of Telecommunication and Postal Service – DTPS working group focusing on SMME’s and entrepreneurship in ICT and another working group with the World Economic Forum on the Internet for

all project (currently nominated as Champion of affordability in Internet for all working group). Determined, focussed and very influential. Co-founder of SA ELIG with the vision of connecting the unconnected, improving on digital trust and ensure freedom of expression and protection human rights and personal information online.

Regards,

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