STATEMENT OF INTEREST: VARSHA SEWLAL

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| **Name:** | Varsha Sewlal |
| **Picture/Image:** |  |
| **2) Stakeholder Group:** | NCUC |
| **3) Constituency:** |  |
| **4) ICANN Affiliation (if not covered by item 2 or 3):** |  |
| **5) Please identify your current employer(s):** | Department of Justice South Africa |
| **6) Please identify your current position(s):** | Master of the High Court |
| **7) Please identify the type(s) of work performed:** | Management of 300 staff , Office deals with administration of deceased estates, insolvency, trusts, curatorship, guardians fund. |
| **8) Please identify your declared country of primary residence (e.g., country to which you pay taxes):** | South Africa |
| **9) Please list any financial relationship beyond *de minimis*stock ownership you may have with any company that to your knowledge has a financial relationship or contract with ICANN:** | none |
| **10) Do you believe you are participating in the GNSO policy process as a representative of any individual or entity, whether paid or unpaid?** | No, Not to the extent I would like to. |
| **If the answer is “Yes,” please provide the name of the represented individual or entity. (If professional ethical obligations prevent you from disclosing this information, please enter "Private"):** |  |
| **11) Please identify any other relevant arrangements, interests, or benefits as requested in the following two questions:** |  |
| **a) Do you have any type of material interest in ICANN GNSO policy development processes and outcomes?** | No |
| **If the answer is “yes,” please describe the material interest in ICANN GNSO policy development processes and outcomes:** |  |

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| **b) Are there any arrangements/agreements between you and any other group, constituency or person(s) regarding your participation as a work team member?** | No |
| **If the answer is “yes,” please describe the arrangements/agreements and the name of the group, constituency, or person(s):** |  |
| **12) Please identify any Working Groups or other chartered teams in which you are participating (include acronyms, if applicable):** |  |
| **13) Additional Information (optional):** | https://www.linkedin.com/in/varshasewlal |
| **14) Page last revised:** |  |
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I am an admitted attorney with a Bachelor of Social Science, LLB degree as well as postgraduate Master’s degree (LLM - specialising in Commercial Law). The core focus area of the degree relates to Banking Law, Legal aspects of Electronic Commerce (Internet Law), Banking Law and Usage, Environmental Law, Advanced Constitutional Law and Fundamental Rights and the Drafting of Commercial Contracts. I completed a specialist program in Intellectual Property Law with the WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organisation) based in Geneva, Switzerland.

I have over 21 years of work experience of which 16 years were spent in senior management in the public sphere. My work experience relates to the drafting and vetting of commercial contracts and agreements. I am responsible for identifying the institutions rights and obligations in terms of contracts and manage the execution process of contracts, the direction and management of legal strategies, identifying risks, decisions on litigation processes, ensuring a sound strategy of legal compliance, setting up of the internal legal compliance framework.

My work experience and educational qualifications have refined my transversal skills ensuring that when faced with organisational demands, professionalism reigns thus converting my knowledge into effective work performance.  I have a competent understanding of political and governance issues. I liase with high level government officials, key stakeholders and pride myself in innovative service delivery systems that enable enhanced productivity.

My skills are as follows:

* effective communication
* time management,
* problem solving ,
* analytical skills,
* service orientation ,
* computer literacy,
* planning and negotiation,
* conflict resolution,
* decisiveness,
* logical thinking ,
* strategic planning,
* fairness and transparency

I possess the ability to be adaptable, tenacious, accurate, meticulous, committed and enthusiastic. I am a networker thus ensuring enhanced stakeholder liaison with an assertive yet flexible nature enabling me to cope with the demands of a dynamic environment. Multi-tasking is one of my key attributes.

I am of the view that Africa has a huge role to play and coming from Southern Africa my exposure has been limited. I want to take this opportunity to learn as much as I can to advance multi-stakeholderism and internet governance in Southern Africa. I want to learn more to enable me to engage effectively and the exposure of this course will grant me that.

I am a doctoral student and my thesis is centred on ICTs as a tool for economic growth in emerging economies.

**PROFILE**

* Qualifications : Bachelor of Social Science, LLB ,LLM(Commercial Law)
* Doctoral Candidate LLD in ICT( Information Communication Technology) Law
* Admitted Attorney 21 years of experience
* Senior Manager for 16 years
* Specialised in Litigation and Drafting whilst in Private Practice - 5 and a half years
* Legal Research, Drafting, Analysis of Legislation, Stakeholder Management, Strategic Management and Leadership relating to Legal Services, Outreach Manager, Mediation , Management of Financial Resources, staff Management at the Office of the Public Protector ( 8 years)
* Strategic Management and Leadership relating to Legal Services ,Legal research, Management, Management of Financial Resources, Staff Management
* Research into advancement of women through policy and ICTs.
* Skills :
* effective communication
* time management,
* problem solving ,
* analytical skills,
* service orientation ,
* computer literacy,
* planning and negotiation,
* conflict resolution,
* decisiveness,
* logical thinking ,
* strategic planning,
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