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# LOCAL INTERNET COMMUNITY MEETING (LIC) REPORT

Venue: GIFEC Conference Room

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Local Internet Community (LIC) meeting was organized by the Ghana Domain Name Registry to officially introduce the point of contacts from various organizations to the Minister for Communication and Digitalisation and discuss the challenges faced by the GDNR in it's quest to complete a successful transfer of .GH domain name management. The GDNR seized the opportunity to strengthen the relationship with the LIC. The meeting, which was held in the conference room of Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communications (GIFEC), lasted for three hours.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Introduction of POCs to the Minister for Communications and Digitalisation
- Presentation of the Canadian Internet Registration Authority's (CIRA) redelegation history (As a case study for Ghana)
- Discussion on the current Status of the Delegation and Roadmap.

## **VENUE**

The meeting was held at the GIFEC conference room on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Ministry of Communication and Digitalisation office complex.

## **ATTENDANCE**

The overall physical attendance for the LIC conference was 28. The meeting expected 45 persons to attend the meeting in person, but due to other official commitments, only 27 people showed up in person, with 5 joining online via Zoom.

## **FUNDS**

The meeting was fully funded by the Ghana Domain Name Registry.

## **SOME KEY ACTION POINTS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED.**

1. Data Centers need to be done and localized.
2. LIC to send a Petition to Prof. on the redelegation.
3. LIC to send Petition to ICANN.
4. ISOC Ghana to have a meeting with Prof. Nii Narku Quaynor about the delegation process and further understand why ISOC Ghana has been named as the beneficiary of the proposed 10%.

5. WhatsApp Group to be created to facilitate smooth communications among the POCs.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- The GDNR should organize more similar meetings to keep the LIC updated with the delegation process and the activities of the GDNR.
- The GDNR should allocate funds for TNT to PoCs to motivate them.
- Follow up on organizations that don't attend LIC meetings.
- The policy review committee should come from the LIC.

## **CONCLUSION**

The meeting with local Internet community PoCs went well. Important representatives from several organizations were present at the gathering. The visit of the Minister of Communications and Digitalization also urged the POCs to do their best in order to achieve the GDNR's common goal. The POCs also gave insight and advice for a smooth delegation. They were delighted with the pace of the work and encouraged the GDNR to host more events like this in the future.

## **PHOTO GALLERY**

*Attendees present at the 2023 Local Internet Community Meeting*

