



## **SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY**

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Ms. Sophia Bekele  
Executive Director  
The Dot.Africa Project  
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Dear Ms. Bekele,

On behalf of the South African Embassy in Washington DC, we would like to express our support for the .African Initiative through which your organisation is applying for delegation of a regional identifier top-level domain – “.africa” from the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) that would be made available to the Pan-African community.

This is a formidable initiative that would support the enablement of the African continent to build upon the experiences of the European Union and its “.eu” domain and the Asian continent with its “.asia” domain.

The Embassy believes that the .africa domain would be a valuable attribute for individuals, professionals, corporations and entities active in Africa, empowering those stakeholders who see value in a regional on-line identity.

We wish you success in your work. You have our endorsement and support for the .Africa Initiative.

Yours sincerely

  
Welle Nhlapo  
Ambassador