Date: 05/12/2023

Professor Nii Narku Quaynor,

The Trustee/Administrative POC .GH CCTLD

Dear Professor Quaynor,

PETITION: TRANSFER OF .GH COUNTRY CODE TOP LEVEL DOMAIN (ccTLD) to GDNR

We, the Local Internet Community (LIC), Ghana, respectfully write to expedite the conclusion of the transfer of the .GH Domain Registry to the Ghana Domain Name Registry (GDNR), As you well know, the GDNR is the organization designated by Ghana Law, to manage the .GH domain name space and the LIC supports the management of the .GH domain by the GDNR.

We appreciate the work you have done since 1995 as a custodian of the .GH domain namespace. We also recognize the work that started around 2012 in transitioning the domain name computer systems to the NITA data center. A lot of time has gone into this and the LIC appreciates the good work done by you and your outfit as a trustee for the domain and providing an institutional home in Ghana for the .GH ccTLD. We also acknowledge your work and believe in your intent to help a peaceful transition and further development of the ccTLD and the Internet space in Ghana.

We are asking that as the incumbent, you inform the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA), at the earliest possible date this year of your consent for the transfer of the administration of the .GH CCTLD to the GDNR.

We ask this for the following reasons:

- **Legal**: Act 772 of the Electronics Transactions Act assigns the responsibility of the management of the .GH ccTLD to the GDNR.

- **Technical Readiness:** GDNR has the technical and operational capabilities to manage the ccTLD in a reliable, secure, and stable manner—with a team of experienced and qualified staff who are familiar with the DNS and root zone management. It also has the infrastructure and resources to ensure the availability and resilience of the ccTLD.

- **Community Support**: GDNR, has the support and endorsement of the government and the LIC comprising government agencies, private business & technical organizations, Internet Service Providers, civil society organizations, academia, and end users. It has consulted with various stakeholders, who have expressed their confidence and trust in the ability to serve as the ccTLD manager, with letters of support or non-objection from these stakeholders.

- **Government Support:** The Government of Ghana is in support of this.

- **Board of Directors**: The GDNR is governed by a board of directors which is drawn from a wide variety of people representing various aspects of the Ghanaian internet community.

- **Community Involvement:** The GDNR is also in constant engagement with the Internet community and as such will manage the registry in close collaboration with the LIC.GDNR has a clear and transparent policy framework for the administration and governance of the ccTLD and has developed policies and procedures that are consistent with the best practices and standards of the global Internet community, ensuring that the ccTLD is operated in a fair, open, and accountable manner, respecting the rights and interests of all stakeholders.

- **Vision and Strategy:** The GDNR has communicated a clear vision and strategy to the community. This involves a plan to develop and promote the ccTLD. Their aim is to increase the awareness and adoption of the ccTLD among the local population, as well as to enhance its visibility and recognition in the global Internet space. It also plans to implement various initiatives and activities that will benefit ccTLD registrars and registrants, such as offering competitive pricing, providing value-added services, supporting local content creation, and fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

- **Registrars:** The GDNR has engaged with many companies that are interested in becoming registrars and are ready to create domain name space with registrars helping to grow the name space

- **Policy:** The GDNR is engaging with the LIC to provide input for the policies governing the administration of the Registry.

By providing consent, the GDNR can then go ahead and make a non-contentious redelegation application to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA).

We respectfully request that you consider this request and cooperate with the process in facilitating a smooth and timely transfer of the ccTLD management.
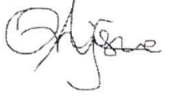
We highly appreciate your service and contribution as the ccTLD manager for Ghana thus far, and strongly trust that you will lend your support and cooperation in this crucial transition, to shape the future and further developments of the .GH namespace and the Internet in Ghana and to contribute to the overall socio-economic development of our nation.
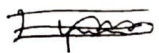
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this timely redelegation request.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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