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Dear *Kurt*

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE KENYA NETWORK INFORMATION CENTRE (KeNIC) FOR
THE NEW gTLD APPLICATION 2026 ROUND**

The Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy of the Republic of Kenya, through the Communications Authority of Kenya (CA), hereby conveys its full support for the application by the Kenya Network Information Centre (KeNIC) to participate in the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) 2026 New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Program Round.

KeNIC is the designated registry operator for Kenya's country-code top-level domain (.ke) and has played a pivotal role in the administration, management and development of the country's Internet namespace. The Ministry acknowledges KeNIC's intention to expand its contribution to the global Domain Name System through participation in the 2026 New gTLD Program.

The Ministry is satisfied that KeNIC's proposed application is consistent with the objectives of the Kenya National Digital Master Plan and the Government's broader digital transformation agenda. The introduction of new Top-Level Domains (TLDs) will strengthen Kenya's digital sovereignty, enhance the security and resilience of the national Internet ecosystem, promote trusted digital identities for businesses and institutions and contribute to mitigating cyber-enabled fraud.

In this regard, the Ministry considers KeNIC to be the appropriate institution, with the requisite technical expertise, operational experience and institutional capacity, to undertake the stewardship of the proposed gTLD.

The Ministry further notes that the proposed gTLD is aligned with the national objective of fostering a secure, stable, resilient, inclusive and innovative digital ecosystem. Accordingly, and subject to ICANN's applicable policies, evaluation procedures, contractual requirements, and all relevant legal and regulatory obligations, the Ministry fully endorses KeNIC's application and supports its proposed role as the registry operator for the new gTLD.

This endorsement is issued solely in support of KeNIC's application to ICANN and shall not be construed as exempting KeNIC, the registry operator, registrars, registrants, or any other related party from complying with the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Kenya, ICANN policies and contractual obligations, or any other applicable regulatory requirements.

The Ministry is confident that ICANN will give due consideration to KeNIC's application in accordance with the established rules, policies and evaluation procedures governing the 2026 New gTLD Program Round.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please contact the undersigned via email at dg@ca.go.ke or by telephone on +254 703 042 000.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours

Sincerely,



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