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**WORKSHOP FOR AFRICAN POLICY MAKERS AND REGULATORS ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE
(A FOCUS ON ccTLDs IN AFRICA)**

dot KE ccTLD (KENIC) Re-Delegation Experience

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1. Introduction

- **Def. of ICANN:**
Body that coordinates the global Internet's System of unique identifiers, namely:
 - ✚ Domain Names;
 - ✚ Internet Protocol (IP) Addresses; and
 - ✚ Protocol port and parameter numbers.
- **Def. of Government Advisory Committee (GAC):**
 - ✚ Advisory committee of ICANN;
 - ✚ Consists of Govt./State representatives;
 - ✚ Provides advice on Internet Public Policy issues.

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1. Introduction (Cont'd)

- **GAC Principles:**
 - ✚ According to the GAC principles, the relevant government or public authority ultimately represents the interests of the people of the country or territory for which the ccTLD has been delegated.
- **Def. of a country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD):**
 - ✚ An Internet top-level domain (TLD) generally used or reserved for a country or a dependent territory: e.g KE, MU, etc.

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1. Introduction (Cont'd)

- **Def. of Re-delegation:**
 - ✚ Process through which ICANN assigns the authority/responsibility of managing a TLD **from one entity to another.**
- **Def. of a Sponsoring Organisation:**
 - ✚ In line with GAC Principles, a sponsoring organisation is a Government/state.
 - ✚ Initiates and coordinates the re-delegation (application) process.

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2. Models of Re-Delegation

- **2-Tier model:**
 - ✚ ICANN & an organisation appointed by government/state, sign a re-delegation contract;
- **3-Tier model:**
 - ✚ ICANN, Govt./state & an organisation appointed by government, sign a re-delegation contract (**Tri-partite**);

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3. Re-Delegation options

- **Option 1:** Re-delegation of the Administrative contact only;
- **Option 2:** Re-delegation of the Technical contact only; or
- **Option 3:** Re-delegation of both Administrative and Technical contacts;
- **All the above re-delegation options can be either:**
 - ✚ Voluntary re-delegation; or
 - ✚ Forceful re-delegation.

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4. dot KE Re-delegation Experience

- Kenya joined GAC of ICANN in 2001.
- Formal Application to ICANN for the Re-delegation of the dot KE in 2002, based on:
 - ✚ The GAC Principles;
 - ✚ 3-Tier model (ICANN, Govt. & KENIC).
 - ✚ Sponsoring organization = **Regulator/CCK (gave seed money)**.
- Forceful re-delegation of both Administrative and Technical contacts.

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