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Press Release

Africa Top Level Domains Organization (AfTLD), hosted by the Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA), successfully held a Secure Registry Operators Course (SROC) from 9th to 13th November 2015 in Livingstone, Zambia, see: www.aftld.org/sroc2015

The three day security workshop covered building and operating a secure registry system for ccTLD technical staff and registrars with a significant amount of hands-on training on registry platforms actually used by African ccTLDs .

The workshop was followed by two days of DNS business training for ccTLD, registries and registrars under the ICANN DNS Entrepreneurship Programme

The workshop was successfully executed with an all African instructor team in line with AFTLD initiative to develop and support trainers from the Africa region to conduct such training within Africa.

Each participant had access to at least two servers where they could install and build their own registry using CoCCA and FRED registry systems on a virtualised server platform. Using this platform, participants were guided through security issues on creating a baseline, monitoring ongoing registry and network operations, detecting and analyzing cyber attacks, incident response, and recovery as well as mitigation strategies on the improved SROC agenda. Using hands-on exercises participants simulated attacks, used monitoring and detection tools to analyze those attacks, and implemented protective measures, all this LIVE on the in-class network.

The training workshop was supported by ZICTA as host, NSRC virtualised platform, CoCCA virtualised platform and the partnership of the Internet Society, ICANN and AfTLD.

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Presentations and meeting reports are available on www.aftld.org under the resources section.

About AfTLD

The African Top Level Domains Organization was established in 2002 to act as a focal point for African Country Code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) managers in coordinating, formulating, developing and presenting a unified approach to issues related to the Domain Name System. The African Top Level Domains Organization also presents a forum for sharing ideas between the regions Internet community with an aim of promoting the utilization of national country's Top Level Domains.