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Dear *Sophie*

**RE: ENDORSEMENT OF THE DOTAFRICA (.africa) Initiative**

I would like to express the support of my government for the “dotafrica” initiative, through which your organization is applying for delegation of a regional identifier top level domain – ‘.africa’ from the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and then make it available to the African and Pan-African community.

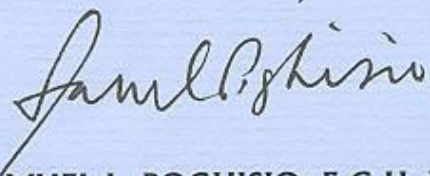
DotAfrica “.africa” expects to reinvest surpluses in relevant socio-technological advancement initiatives and to operate a viable not-for-profit initiative that is a technically advanced, Top Level Domain (TLD) registry for the Pan-Africa and African community under the sponsorship of DotConnectAfrica organization.

This will mean that the African continent will follow upon the experience of the European Union and their ‘.eu’ domain, and the Asian continent with their ‘.asia’ domain.

The **ICT Ministry of Kenya** considers introducing the “.africa” Pan African domain will be a valuable attribute for entities, professionals and corporations active in Africa, empowering those stakeholders who see value in a regional online identity.

Based on the above, the **Ministry of Kenya** expresses its endorsement of the DotAfrica “.africa” initiative wishing you success in all the endeavors.

Yours *sincerely*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel L. Poghisio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

**HON. SAMUEL L. POGHISIO, E.G.H, M.P.,**  
**MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS**