



COMMISSION DE L'UNION AFRICAINE
Le Président

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Addis Ababa, 7 August 2009

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Subject: dotAfrica (Africa) Initiative

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I was glad to have met and discussed with you and note also that you had a detailed discussion with the Department of Infrastructure and Energy. As you were informed, that Department, which has the subject within its mandate, has in its 2009 and 2010 programmes, the conduct of a study on the realization of a continental internet domain and African Numbering Space (AFNS). That study and its conclusion will, after approval by the Communications and Information Technologies Ministerial Conference, provide a Plan of Action and Continental Guidelines for implementation of the project. Your contribution in the realization of this valuable work will be highly appreciated.

The African Union Commission remains convinced that this continental resource will be important for the various African stakeholders including governments, private sector, regional and international institutions, etc. Consequently, the Department of Infrastructure and Energy will remain at your disposal and would be glad to receive your contributions to its work on this.

In the meantime, the African Union Commission welcomes your initiative.

Please accept, Ms. Bekele, the assurances of my consideration.


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