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Professional Profile and Internet Governance Expert

Professor Aziz Hilali is a distinguished figure in higher education, scientific research, and international Internet governance. He holds a PhD in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics from the University of Joseph Fourier in Grenoble. Over the course of 41 years, he served as a Professor at the National Institute of Telecommunications Engineers in Morocco, where he also held various academic and administrative leadership roles. Additionally, he enriched his academic journey as an Associate Professor at ENSIMAG in Grenoble.

Beyond academia, Prof. Hilali has played a pivotal role in advancing Internet development in Morocco and internationally. As a co-founder of the Moroccan Internet Society (MISOC) in 1994 and its current President, he has championed initiatives promoting digital literacy, Internet adoption, and collaboration among National and International Stakeholders. MISOC is recognized as the Moroccan Chapter of the Internet Society and an At-Large Structure of ICANN, contributing significantly to shaping Morocco's Internet ecosystem.

On the international stage, Prof. Hilali is a leader in Internet Governance. He serves as President of the Mediterranean Federation of Internet Associations (FMAI), headquartered in Tunis. He was a member of the United Nations Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) for the Global Internet Governance Forum (IGF) from 2009 to 2013, playing a key role in setting global priorities for digital governance. Additionally, he presided over the MAG of the North Africa IGF (NAIGF) for four years, enhancing regional collaboration in Internet governance across the Maghreb and Sahel regions.

Prof. Hilali is an active member of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), where he represents Africa on the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC). During his tenure as Chair of AFRALO, he reinforced the African perspective in global Internet policy discussions. His contributions extend to organizing major international events, including ICANN meetings in Marrakech in 2016 and 2019, showcasing his capacity to lead complex initiatives with diverse international stakeholders.

With recognized expertise and strong commitment, Prof. Hilali has contributed significantly to Internet governance, digital literacy, and Multistakeholder collaboration at regional and global levels. He has actively engaged in AFRINIC policy discussions, advocating for inclusive and transparent management of Africa's IP resources. His career—marked by international leadership and public contributions—aligns with AFRINIC's mission. As a Board candidate, he is well positioned to promote trust-based governance and represent North Africa's strategic interests.

Education and Professional Experience

- **1987**
  PhD in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, University of Joseph Fourier, Grenoble

- **2009-2023**
  Director of Corporate Relations and Internships

- **2007-2009**
  Director in Charge of Continuing Education

- **1995-2000**
  Director of the Engineer Training Program

Skills

- **Management,**
- **Leadership,**
- **Communication & Facilitation,**
- **African ICT NGO Network,**
- **Expert in Internet Governance**

Participation in National and International Organizations

- **2001-2025**
  Founding Member and President of the Internet Society Morocco (www.isoc.ma)

- **2006-2025**
  Founding Member and President of the Moroccan IPv6 Task Force (IPv6 Morocco)

- **2008-2012**
  Permanent Member of the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) of IGF

- **2010-2013**
  Secretary General of the African At-Large Organization (AFRALO) (www.afralo.org)

- **2013-2017**
  President of the African At-Large Organization (AFRALO) (www.afralo.org)

- **2017-2019**
  Member of the ICANN Nominating Committee (NomCom)

- **2016-2019**
  President of the North African Internet Governance Forum (NAIGF)

- **2017-2025**
  Member of the Arab Internet Governance Forum

- **2007-2025**
  President of the Mediterranean Federation of Internet Associations (FMAI)

- **2024-2025**
  Member of the ICANN At-Large Community (https://atlarge.icann.org/alac)