

## FIONA ASONGA

Currently the Chief Executive Officer of a private sector, not-for-profit Technology Service Providers Association of Kenya (TESPOK) that operates the Kenya Internet Exchange Point and Industry Computer Security Incident Response Team.

Fiona has over 16 years experience working in the ICT sector in Kenya 15 of which have been spent at TESPOK as a liaison of the private sector with governments in the East Africa region on ICT policy and regulations. From 2011 to 2018 was one of the three African representatives on the Number Resource Organization – Number Council and my role on the NRO involves coordinating Numbering Resource issues across the five Regional Internet Registries. I also doubled as a member of the Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Address Supporting Organization- Address Council where we co-ordinate the development of Global Numbering Resource Policy Development. Within ICANN Fiona has served in various capacities on the Accountability and transparency Review Team, IANA Transition Accountability Mechanisms Teams and Member of the ICANN GNSO Expedited Policy development Process seeking to align the global domain name community to the European GDPR. She has worked with the Internet Society developed a training program for Collaborative Governance that has been used to improve on stakeholder interaction during multi-stakeholder engagements and is a recipient of the Africa *Avante Garde* Awards for support of the African domain name and the African Union Commission's efforts.

Fiona continues to be at the core of various policy and regulatory discussions touching on the daily industry operations such as: Taxation; Copyrights and Intellectual property; Cybersecurity; Critical Infrastructure Protection; Digital Rights; Capacity Building and Industry Standard Development. In Kenya, Fiona is a bridge between private sector and government, as a member of several Caucuses, Committees and Taskforces that emphasis on a suitable regulatory and legislative environment for ICT investment. She is passionate about the development of the Internet in Kenya and Africa and use of ICT as tools for social and economic growth. Her passion for ICT for development has seen her drive community projects on ICT for rural environments and the youth working closely with county governments and private sector organizations.