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AfriNIC Application for Recognition

APNIC Member meeting

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Introduction

A few years ago the African Internet community decided to set up a Regional Registry.

In 2003 it was decided to incorporate AfriNIC in Mauritius -- from where the company will be managed. In addition to that, three other locations have been chosen to incubate the company's operations:

South Africa for Technical Service
Egypt for technical replication center
Ghana for Training coordination

Activities

Since 2003, AfriNIC has worked closely with the local and International communities to set up a strong base for the new Registry.

Participation in various International Number resource organisations as an Observer: ASO, NRO

Participation in the established RIR member meetings.

Organized and participated in local Outreach and member meetings in Africa: Cote d'Ivoire (2003), AfriNIC-I (05/2004), ARIN and RIPE NCC regional meetings.

MoU with the NRO to financially support AfriNIC start-up

Moving ahead

We now think it is time for AfriNIC to move one step ahead by achieving formal status as a Regional Internet Registry.

This means that the new organization must comply with the criteria stated in the IANA ICP-2 document.

Region of coverage

A region of coverage has been defined for the AfriNIC operation and is available on its web site (www.afrinic.net/countries.htm) . It includes the 54 African countries, including those in the Indian Ocean.

- Support from the community

Since 2000, AfriNIC has received support from ISPs and organizations on the continent.

Formal letters of support from 25 countries

13 registered members from 11 countries

www.afrinic.net/foundmembers.htm

www.afrinic.net/support/index.htm

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- Self governance

To keep a bottom-up process for its policy making process, a working group has been set up (composed of volunteers from the community)

A policy development process is set up.

First set of policies has been received and passed trough the PDP. These were adopted during the first AfriNIC Public Policy Meeting and ratified by the Board on its July Teleconference:

www.afrinic.net/documents.htm

- Impartiality

AfriNIC is registered as a non-governmental and not-for-profit organization in Mauritius

AfriNIC is governed by its members, which has control of its operation by defining policies and approving activity plans.

AfriNIC has an Independent Board of Trustees composed of representatives from the 6 identified sub-regions of the continent

Technical expertise

The AfriNIC team (Board and Staff) is composed of experienced people that have already worked and managed Internet services and are well armed to managed all required RIR services.

Today AfriNIC has set up its own operational infrastructure in Pretoria. This includes

Web server

Mail server

Ticketing system

Mailing list manager

DNS for

afrinic.net

2.216.196.inn-addr.arpa (internal)

3.216.196.inn-addr.arpa (Internal use)

AfriNIC team

•**West Africa**

2.Pierre Dandjinou (BJ) - **Chair**

3.Sunday Folayan (NG)

•**Central Africa**

5.Didier Kasole (CD)
2.Pierre M. KASENGEDIA (CD)

•**Indian Ocean**

7.Dr. Viv Padayatchy (MU)

8.Keny Yiptong (MU)

•**Southern Africa**

2.Alan Barett (ZA)

3.Alan Levin (ZA)

•**North Africa**

5.Kamal Okba (MA)

6.Mokhtar Hamidi (DZ)

•**East Africa**

8.Brian Longwe (KE)

9.Charles Mussi (UG)

WGs

- *Policies*

- *Meetings*

- *BEC*

-*Financial*

AfriNIC Board

CEO

Adiel AKPLOGAN

Business and Administrative Assistant

CFO

Engineering & IP Analyst

Ernest Byaruhanga

Adiel AKPLOGAN

- Adherence to Global Address allocation policy

AfriNIC fully adheres to global Address allocation policy regarding address conservation.

These principle are reflected in the IP resource (Ipv4, Ipv6 and ASN) allocation policies adopted in Dakar in May 2003.

- Activity Plan

As AfriNIC is now in its transition from the different RIRs serving its future region of service, its short term activity plan is to successfully complete the transition plan.

In mean and long term AfriNIC has planned many activities essentially focused on information and training of the local community on IP resource management and request processes.

AfriNIC in its mission statement also has the goal of providing an interface environment for Internet development on the continent.

- Funding model

The AfriNIC funding model is based on two categories of fund raising

During the first two years of operation, AfriNIC will be mostly funded by Hosting countries and different donors.

After these 2 years of incubation, AfriNIC will be funded 100% by membership fees. As a not-for-profit organization our main goal is to ensure the sustainability of operations. The business plan provided with our application shows that this is possible.

- Record Keeping

As its key activity is registration of numbering resources, AfriNIC has developed a strong record keeping policy ensuring physical document (paper) storage in safe locations and regular back-ups of electronic data.

Public parts of those data will be publicly available for the community on the AfriNIC web site.

- Confidentiality

AfriNIC has a non-disclosure agreement that will be signed with any external entity (employees, auditing company and others).
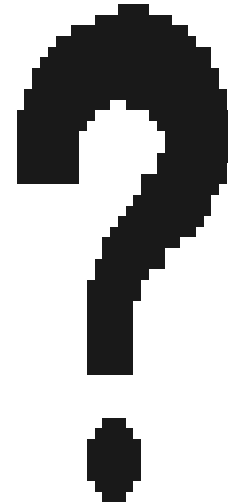
AfriNIC also provides in its registration services agreement a clause for non-disclosure of private data received from ISPs during the review of their requests.

….and now

I, would like today, September 1st 2004, to submit AfriNIC's formal application to be recognized by ICANN as the fifth Regional Internet Registry to serve the continent of Africa.

We look forward to further cooperation with the International community.

Thank you / Vinaka

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Questions or Comments

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