

afriNIC at a glance

Role :

AfriNIC - The African Network Information Centre – is the Internet Numbers Registry for Africa. It is a non-government, not-for-profit, membership-based organization to serve the African Internet Community.

AfriNIC's main role is to provide the service of allocating and registering Internet Resources for the purposes of enabling communications via open system network protocols and to assist in the development and growth of the Internet in the African Sub-Region.

Vision:

Spearheading Internet Technology and Policy Development in the African Region

Mission:

To provide professional and efficient distribution of Internet number resources to the African Internet community, to support Internet technology usage and development across the continent and strengthen self Internet governance in Africa by encouraging a participative policy development.

AfriNIC's objectives aim at:

- promoting the representation of AfriNIC membership and the Internet community of the African and Indian Ocean region by ensuring open and transparent communication and consensus-driven decision-making processes;
- promoting responsible management of Internet resources throughout the African region, as well as the responsible development and operation of Internet infrastructures;
- providing educational opportunities to the public so as to increase understanding within African communities of Internet technical and policy issues;
- proposing and taking such steps as are necessary to promote the development of public policies in the best interest of Members and to seek legislative and regulatory consideration, whether by way of meetings or representations, of issues of general benefit to the Members, where and when appropriate and,
- developing and promoting basic technical and business practice standards related to Internet service provision for Members.

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Organizational Structure

Set up in 2004, AfriNIC headquarters is in Mauritius but its activities and region of coverage span across the whole African region. It is administered by a Board of Directors and managed by an appointed Chief Executive Officer.

The AfriNIC organizational structure is set to encourage a bottom-up self governance management model where policies and other organisational functions are determined by the community in general and by members who elect representatives that sit on the Board of Directors. The discussions are conducted via both public meetings and e-mail discussion lists. There are no requirements or pre-requisites for any person or entity to participate. AfriNIC has a General assembly which meets once a year whereas Public Policy Meetings are organised twice a year (one back-to-back with the General Assembly).

Board Composition

During 2007, the Board of Directors was composed of :

PRIMARY			
Name	Region	Terms	
		Elected	End of Mandate
Rachida Jouhari	Northern Africa	05/2007	05/2010
Pierre Dandjinou	Western Africa (chair)	05/2007	05/2010
Didier R. Kasole	Central Africa	05/2005	04/2008
Badru Ntege	East Africa	05/2006	05/2009
Alan Barrett	Southern Africa	05/2006	05/2009
Viv Padayatchy	Indian Ocean	05/2005	04/2008
Adiel Akplogan	CEO	Appointed	
ALTERNATE			
Name	Region	Terms	
		Elected	End of Mandate
Mokthar Hamidi	Northern Africa	05/2007	05/2010
Sunday Folayan	Western Africa	05/2007	05/2010
Gaetan Bouraga	Central Africa	05/2005	04/2008
Brian Longwe	Eastern Africa	05/2006	05/2009
Silvio C. Almada	Southern Africa	05/2006	05/2009
Kenny Yiptong	Indian Ocean	05/2005	04/2008