



Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE: DAKAR TO HOST THE AFRICA INTERNET SUMMIT 2018

Ebene, Mauritius, 29th March 2018: Dakar will in April host hundreds of key players in the African and global Internet industry sector at the Africa Internet Summit 2018. The event dubbed AIS'18 will be a platform for technocrats and business to discuss policies, trends, resources and challenges in growing Internet for sustainable development in Africa and the Indian Ocean Region. It is being hosted by AFRINIC and AfNOG in collaboration with the Ministry of Communication, Telecommunications, Posts and Digital Economy of Senegal and the Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications et des Postes from Senegal.

The event which is held annually consists of keynote speeches, policy discussions, seminars, workshops, tutorials and other forums for sharing ICT knowledge within the African region. The 2017 edition was held in Kenya and was attended by over 365 delegates around the world. Registration for the event is on going through the meeting website at: <https://bit.ly/2E7jxa0>

Whereas Internet penetration in Africa has grown from 11% to 28.6% in just 5 years despite challenges such as cyber security, it is lower when compared to the rest of the world. Measurable parameters such IP address allocations show that the continent is quite behind. In April 2017, AFRINIC entered the depletion phase of fourth version of IP Addresses (IPv4) way behind of the other four continental regional Internet registries who are already distributing the newest version IPv6 in earnest. Please read the event concept note at: <https://bit.ly/2uyXj18>

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About AFRINIC

AFRINIC is the Regional Internet Registry for Africa headquartered in Ebene, Mauritius. It is responsible for the distribution and management of Internet number resources (IP address space and Autonomous System Numbers) in Africa and the Indian Ocean region. AFRINIC ensures equitable and efficient distribution of Internet number resources to the African Internet community to support Internet technology usage and development across the continent. More on AFRINIC can be found at www.afrinic.net.

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