

Adiel Akplogan, Chief Executive Director, shares with the Community his views and his vision for AfrINIC.

As any young organization, and after three years of effective operation, AfrINIC has now reached a turning point where new strategies – medium and long term - are needed to strengthen its foundation for a more sustainable growth.

When we were given the opportunity to work on this project in 2003, the main goal was to put all the resources together to set up a Regional Registry for Africa and the Indian Ocean; and at the same time, successfully transfer the management of Internet Number resources to the Registry. That objective reached, we collectively need to look into the future and define where we want to position the organization.

The environment has significantly changed since then. Hence, issues like IPv4 exhaustion and the IPv6 adoption need to be catered for and be fully integrated in any Number Resource Registry's future plan. Furthermore, the rapid regional growth in mobile technology and its fast adoption by users make this environment especially dynamic, and require particular attention and reaction on our part.

Other determinants to be taken into account include the different fibre projects, the various regulatory framework changes as well as the new multinational players moving into the continent. Also, it should be noted that several parts of our region are experiencing a continuous economic growth path – that can be proudly described as being one of the best of the world at the moment.