Latest news

Badru Ntege elected Chairman of the AFRINIC Board

10 August 2012

Badru Ntege has been elected the new Chair of AFRINIC. He takes over from Ndeye Maimouna Diop Diagne from Senegal who has been the Board Chair since August 2011.

Mr Ntege, from Uganda, was elected to the Board at the AFRINIC 16 meeting in Serekunda, The Gambia, in May 2012, to represent the Eastern Africa Region. This is the second time Mr Ntege is joining the Board having first served between 2006 and 2009.

The elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair were held on 8 August 2012.

Mr Ntege, who is currently the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NFT Consult Ltd, has many years experience working in the ICT sector. He is an active contributor to a number of ICT related public and private organisations in the East African Region. He is also the Chair of the Uganda Business Process Outsourcing Association. Between 2008 and 2012, Mr Ntege served as a working group member on the Presidential Investment Roundtable in Uganda.

At the same time Lala Andrianamampianina from Madagascar, representing the Indian Ocean Region, has been elected the Vice-Chair of the AFRINIC Board. He has served on the Board since July 2011. Mr Andrianamampianina is currently the Vice-Chair of the Board of the Malagasy E-Governance National Realisation Agency.

AFRINIC Training programme achieves IPv6 Forum Gold Certification

Press Release

Cybercity, Ebene, Mauritius, 8 August 2012

AFRINIC has had its training programme recognised and certified by IPv6 Forum with IPv6 Certified (Gold) Course certification. Henceforth, participants to our trainings can now have additional assurance that they are attending training that is designed according to current international standards and best practices. We are working on implementing a testing platform to award participants who pass the test IPv6 Forum Certified Engineer status.

"This certification is a testimony to our commitment to the provision of quality training and programmes that meets international standards. Participants in our programmes now know they are attending courses with external validation, trainings that conform to international standards and best practices," says AFRINIC's Training Manager, Mukom Akong Tamon.

In addition, Tamon who is also AFRINIC's lead trainer is now an IPv6 Forum Certified (Gold) Trainer.

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AFRINIC currently offers numerous trainings on IPv6 targeting network engineers, systems administrators and managers.

AFRINIC is also pleased to announce the launch of its training website learn.afrinic.net which is the go-to site for all information and resources related to AFRINIC training. From now on, we intend to use the website, as well as the tweeter handles @AFRINICTraining, to engage and interact with our community on training.

Notes to Editors

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About the IPv6 Forum

The IPv6 Forum is a worldwide consortium of leading Internet vendors, industry subject matter experts, Research & Education Networks, with the mission to advocate the adoption of IPv6 technology. The forum offers the IPv6 Education Certification Logo Program which encourages and accelerates education on IPv6 and promotes swifter adoption of IPv6 by certifying courses, engineers and trainers. For more information about the IPv6 Education Certification program, see http://www.ipv6forum.com/ipv6_education/

About the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)

Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) are independent, not-for-profit membership organisations that support the infrastructure of the Internet through technical coordination. There are five RIRs in the world today. Currently, the Internet Assigned Numbers Association (IANA) allocates blocks of IP addresses and ASNs, known collectively as Internet number resources, to the RIRs, who then distribute them to their members within their own specific service regions.

RIR members include Internet Service Providers (ISPs), telecommunications organisations, large corporations, governments, academic institutions, and industry stakeholders, including end users.

The RIR model of open, transparent participation has proven successful at responding to the rapidly changing Internet environment. Each RIR holds one to two open meetings per year, as

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well as facilitating online discussion by the community, to allow the open exchange of ideas from the technical community, the business sector, civil society, and government regulators.

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AFRINIC's IPv6 Training programme gets new testbed from 6Deploy

Press Release

Cybercity, Ebene, Mauritius, 7 August 2012

AFRINIC, the Regional Internet Registry, has taken delivery of a new testbed from Cisco under the aegis of the 6Deploy project. This brings to three the total number of testbeds available at AFRINIC for IPv6 training and research. These test-beds are part of a global network of IPv6 testbeds used to support hands-on training and research on IPv6.

The 6Deploy project is aimed at enhancing the deployment and uptake of IPv6 globally through capacity development. AFRINIC currently offers numerous trainings on IPv6 targeting network engineers, systems administrators and managers. This new testbed will greatly improve the quality of trainings offered by AFRINIC, by improving the participant to equipment ratio during practical sessions of our trainings.

This new test-bed will further strengthen the IPv6 deployment in our region by ensuring that participants in AFRINIC's training programmes actually practice configuring and troubleshooting IPv6 networks and services, knowledge and skills that they can then transfer to real deployments on their own networks.

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02 August 2012

The call for workshops at the first meeting of the Arab IGF (Kuwait, 9-11 October 2012) is now published at: http://igfarab.org/index.php/latest-news/item/84-organize-a-workshop-within-the-activities-of-the-first-meeting-of-the-forum

Please spread the word within your communities. You are encouraged to put forward workshop proposals using the template published within the "call for workshops" document, and send it to workshops@igfarab.org by 31 August 2012.

Proposals will be reviewed by a dedicated working group within the Arab Multistakeholder Advisory Group (AMAG) according to the criteria described in the published document.

The Arab IGF Secretariat

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02 August 2012

Press Release

Pierre Ouedraogo wins the John Postel Service Award

Cybercity, Ebene, Mauritius, 2 August 2012

Pierre Ouedraogo is the winner of the 2012 Jonathan Postel Service Award. He was awarded for of his immense contributions to the growth of the Internet in Africa. A founding member of AFRINIC, Mr. Ouedraogo is currently the Director of Digital Francophonie at Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) based in Paris, France. He is also a founding member of numerous organisations including the AfTLD (African Internet Top Level Domain Names Association); AFNOG (African network operators group); AfCERT (African CERT network), and AfrICANN (African network of participants to the ICANN process).

The Internet Society presented the award, including a US$20,000 honorarium and a crystal engraved globe, during the 84th meeting of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, July 29 - August 3, 2012. The Award Ceremony was held on 1 August 2012.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Ouedraogo said he was immensely proud to have contributed to the development of the African information society. He paid tribute to the Internet community for the honour. “I’m very proud to be here with you, and to be honoured by our community; this community that makes dreams come true. We dreamed of an open Internet, we have done together many things to make it happen with open standards and improving accessibility to all world languages to the Internet. Open standards are very important for African development, this means that it’s important for improving lives, poverty alleviation, bridging digital divide and building democratic open societies,” said Mr. Ouedraogo.

The President and Chief Executive Officer of the Internet Society, Lynn St. Amour, praised Mr. Ouedraogo for helping bring the Internet to Burkina Faso and other French-speaking African countries. “Pierre Ouedraogo is a highly-regarded technical leader in Africa,” said Ms St. Amour. “His commitment to the expansion of the Internet and encouragement of young engineers to help them build their skills through training workshops has had a profound impact on the growth of the Internet across Africa.”

Notes to Editors

About the Jonathan Postel Service Award

Each year, the Internet Society awards the Jonathan B. Postel Service Award. This award is presented to an individual or an organization that has made outstanding contributions in service to the data communications community. The award includes a presentation crystal and a prize of US$20,000. The award is focused on sustained and substantial technical contributions, service to the community, and leadership. For more information see: http://www.internetsociety.org/what-we-do/grants-and-awards/awards/postel-service-award

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31 July 2012

The FIRE website is under maintainance

Please note that the FIRE website (www.fireafrica.org) will be unavailable from the 31st July (14.00 UTC) until the 3rd August 2012 (12.00 UTC), due to vital maintenance work.

Please bear with us as we carry out this important exercise. The new deadline for the projects submission is 16 August 2012.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

AFRINIC Team

2 July 2012

AFRINIC's Fund for Internet Research and Education – FIRE Program

AFRINIC-The African Network Information Centre encourages Organisations in Africa to apply for its Grants and Awards programme – *Project financing up to USD 10,000.*

The FIRE Program is designed to encourage, foster and facilitate ICT development initiatives within the African region under three main categories for 2012:

1. Innovation on Access provision: fostering ICT growth in Africa by ensuring that the delivery mechanism is available, reliable and scalable;
2. E-development: the development, deployment and enhancement of content, applications and solutions.
3. Freedom of Expression: initiatives related to freedom of expression, freedom of association, privacy, security, consumer's rights, new forms of intellectual property in the digital environment, and a wider range of issues related to Internet and human rights.

Applications are open and proposals can be submitted latest 1st August 2012.

For more information please visit our website: www.fireafrica.com or send us an e-mail on: fireprogram[at]afrinic.net

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28 June 2012

IPv6 Global Survey

The Number Resources Organization is soliciting your participation for the 2012 Global IPv6 monitoring survey for everyone to have an insight into global IPv6 adoption and for establishing an effective global IPv6 deployment plan. The survey is presently open for all organisations at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GlobalIPv6survey2012.

Please participate in the survey to ensure your voice is heard. The closing date is 13 July 2012.

12 June 2012

Collaboration for development

AFRINIC CEO Adiel Akplogan today, Tuesday 12 June, held fruitful talks with the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation CEO Prof. Tim Unwin and Mr. Rakesh Luchmun, CTO's Acting Head of Administration and Finance. The meeting held at AFRINIC Head Office at Raffles Tower in Cybercity, Ebene, Mauritius focused on how the two organisations can collaborate. The organisations agreed to collaborate in capacity building in Africa particularly on issues of Internet use for development.

The CTO will hold a forum and its 52nd Council meeting in Port Louis, Mauritius, between October 22nd and 26th 2012. During the meeting, AFRINIC will hold a training workshop featuring, among other issues, IPv6 deployment and use. "*This will give us an opportunity to share our knowledge on IPv6 as well as contribute to institutional capacity building*," said Mr. Adiel Akplogan.

View the video of the interview with Prof. Tim Unwin held at the AFRINIC headquarters

6 June 2012

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AFRINIC celebrates IPv6 World Launch

AFRINIC, and the world, is celebrating the launch of IPv6 today, Wednesday, 6 June 2012. We have lined up speakers from across Africa to offer insights into what it means to Africa and the world. AFRINIC has teamed up with ISOC and the Internet community for the launch of IPv6. The event starts at 1100hrs UTC (3pm Mauritius Time).

The speakers will be:

1. Adiel Akplogan – Chief Executive Officer, AFRINIC
2. Dr. Dawit Bekele – Regional Bureau Director for Africa Internet Society (remotely)
3. Hisham Ibrahim – IPv6 Manager - AFRINIC
4. Mme Ndéye Maimouna Diop Diagne – Chair, AFRINIC and ICT Director, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and ICT, Republic of Senegal (remotely)
5. Janvier Ngnoulaye – IT Manager, Institute for University Digital Governance (IGNU)
6. Trilok Dabeesing - Director of IT, Information and Communication Technologies Authority, Republic of Mauritius (remotely)
7. Fiona Asonga - Chief Executive Officer, Telecommunications Service Providers Association of Kenya/ Kenya Internet Exchange Point
8. ISOC chapters in Africa

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World IPv6 Launch

AFRINIC (the African Network Information Centre) is collaborating with the Internet Society to promote and encourage participation to the World IPv6 Launch initiative to be held on 6 June 2012. Major Internet service providers (ISPs), mobile operators, home networking equipment manufacturers, and web companies around the world are coming together to permanently enable IPv6 for their products and services.

"*With IPv4 exhaustion approaching, it is important that Internet services in Africa are accessible over both IPv4 and IPv6. At the same time, ISPs will have to consider providing production grade IPv6 connectivity. This is the only way to ensure a consistent user experience once the wider World reaches IPv4 exhaustion. Operational experience and measurements on World IPv6 Launch will help ISPs to identify and rectify any potential problems regarding the delivery of services over IPv6.*" explains Adiel Akplogan, CEO, AFRINIC.

23 May 2012

IPv6 webminar targets the African Francophone community

AFRINIC in collaboration with ISOC and the France Telecom Group is organising a webminar in French on IPv6 deployment targeting Internet Service Providers and the general Francophone community in Africa on 4 June 2012 from 13:00 to 15:00.

Read more (French)

22 May 2012

Alain Aina wins the 2012 Network Information and Infrastructure Service Award

Press release - The fourth Network Information and Infrastructure Service Award has been awarded to Alain Aina in recognition for his contribution to improving Internet connectivity, development and sustainability in Africa.

Mrs Isatou Jah of QCELL presented the Award to Alain Aina during AFRINIC's 16th Public Policy Meeting in Serekunda, The Gambia. Alain Aina presently holds several positions in numerous organisations. He is the Special Projects Manager at the African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC), a Board of trustee at ISOC, DNSSec Crypto officer at ICANN and Managing Director of TRSTech.

Dr. Nii Quaynor, conveyor of AfNOG and initiator of the Award praised Mr. Aina for his commitment to the development of the Internet in Africa. “This award gives an indication of our expectations from the community and rewarding Alain's exemplary work is a clear reflection of this. Such commitment will ensure that the community remains on the right path to success,” said Dr Quaynor during the awards ceremony held at the Sheraton Hotel in Banjul, The Gambia.

Aina was equally ecstatic. “For me, it was a big surprise. I feel humbled. This award comes with a lot of responsibility. I shall continue to work and contribute at the regional level, and continue to be involved in developing the technical and policy aspects of the Internet, as well as training,” said Mr Aina upon receiving the award.

Besides the main NI&I Award, a Young professional Award was also given to Chimwemwe Frederick for her contribution to the Internet infrastructure development.
“The Award celebrates excellence in Africa. It is meant to reward innovation and commitment to the development of Internet in Africa,” says Adiel Akplogan, CEO of AFRINIC and recipient of the first NI&I Service Award in 2009.

The Network Information & Infrastructure (NI&I) Service Award was set up in 2009 during AfNOG’s 10 years anniversary by Dr Nii Narku Quaynor, who himself received the Internet Society's prestigious Jonathan Postel Award in 2007 for his service in the region and dedication, commitment and leadership. The NI&I Service Award has been set up to reward individuals and organisations for providing Internet services and Infrastructure in Africa. The NI&I Service Award pays recognizes and rewards the next generation of heroes and models from the African Internet technical community for their achievements. See www.niiserviceaward.org for more details.

The African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC) is the Regional Registry for Internet Number Resources for Africa. Based in Mauritius, AFRINIC's mission is to support Internet development in Africa and promote bottom up Internet policy development in the region. www.afrinic.net

The Africa Network Operators Group (AfNOG) is a forum for the exchange of technical information, and aims to promote discussion of implementation issues that require community cooperation through coordination and cooperation among network service providers to ensure the stability of service to end users. The goal of AfNOG is to share experience of technical challenges in setting up, building and running IP networks on the African continent - www.afnog.org.

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22 May 2012

Online voting platform launched

We are pleased to announce that we have now opened our e-voting platform for a wide member test. The online voting process was earlier postponed in order to allow the system to be further interrogated by the community before using it for real Board elections.

Although a lot of time and effort has already gone into AFRINIC's endeavour to integrate the e-voting system into MyAFRINIC, there is need to subject it to further tests to ensure it was well understood, sufficiently transparent and secure to be used in all confidence. The system is now released in our member portal http://my.afrinic.net for a wide-scale test.

Please take time to look through the e-voting document and participate in the test to ensure the system works, and that it can contribute to making the election process transparent and effective. You can look at the announcement on the online voting on this page.
You can also access the document on online voting at http://www.afrinic.net/images/online voting.pdf .

Do not hesitate to send us your feedback or contact us for support at myafrinic-admin@afrinic.net

22 May 2012

AFRINIC Elects New Board Members

As a result of the Elections for Board seats 5 & 6 that took place on Friday 18 May 2012 during the AFRINIC-16 Public Member & Policy meeting, we are pleased to announce the appointment of the following candidates to the
AFRINIC Board:
1) Paulos Nyirenda (Malawi) and Mark Elkins (South Africa) respectively as Primary and Alternate Directors from the Southern Africa region.
2) Badru Ntege (Uganda) and John Walubengo (Kenya) respectively as Primary and Alternate Directors from the Eastern Africa region.

The new Board members will serve for a term of three years starting 01 July 2012. We congratulate the new Board Members and wish them success in their new roles. On behalf of

the Election Committee, we would like to thank all the other candidates who stood for this election. Their interest to serve the community is highly appreciated.

Finally our sincere appreciation goes to the Elections Committee and its Chair for their superb performance in coordinating the process.

19 May 2012

The Fund for Internet Research and Education launched

AFRINIC is pleased to announce the launch of the Fund for Internet Research and Education (FIRE). The FIRE Programme was launched today, 19 May 2012, by the AFRINIC CEO Adiel Akplogan, at the AFRINIC 16 Policy Meeting in Serekunda, The Gambia. This is a grant and awards programme designed to encourage and support the development of solutions to information and communication needs in Africa, emphasising the role of the Internet in the social and economic development for the benefit of the African community.

The FIRE programme has been set up in collaboration with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) to further the development of the Internet and technical capacity building in Africa, in line with their mission to support Internet technology usage and development across the African continent.

There are three funding categories namely:

•Innovation on access provision

•E-Development

•Freedom of expression

Project proposals and award nominations from Africa-based public or private sector organisations, university, or research and development institutions and non-government organisations will be considered. Applications must be aligned with FIRE programme objectives, eligibility criteria, and administrative guidelines. Individuals are NOT eligible to apply.

The call for applications will be open from today, 19 May 2012 until 31 July 2012. Please see http://www.fireafrica.org/ for more details.

17 May 2012

AFRINIC's Visual Rebranding and launch of the Africa Internet Summit

AFRINIC took the opportunity to rebrand at AFRINIC 16 held in Serekunda, The Gambia, between May 12 and 18, 2012. The rebranding encompassed the launch of AFRINIC's new logo, and its website.

The new logo which can be seen on our website (www.afrinic.net) signifies AFRINIC's dynamism, and the organisation's commitment to the development of the Internet in Africa as a catalyst for change. With the impeding depletion of IPv4, the logo is also a symbol of the future of the Internet with IPv6.

Besides, the new logo is an indication of AFRINIC's place in the global Internet community. It places the organisation at the heart of the African Internet community, and development.

The **black** represents AFRINIC's place and commitment to the African Continent. The **orange** represents the future of the Internet in Africa with the dawn of IPv6. The dots represent Africa's place in the global community, and the interconnections created by the Internet.

The slogan "the Link that unites us" is a metaphor that supports AFRINIC's Mission, Vision and Core values particularly as it strives to provide fundamentally important services, infrastructures and capacity building.

The new website demonstrates AFRINIC's continued commitment to its members, and the African Internet community. The website gives people an opportunity to access a wide range of materials on AFRINIC.

What's more, this year our Public Policy Meeting hosted among others the first Africa Internet Summit and the sixth meeting of the African Government Working Group (AfGWG). This was thus our first Africa Internet Summit. The Annual Africa Internet Summit will be a platform where all key development issues faced by Africa will be discussed. The forum will also provide a more business-oriented structure bringing together numerous stakeholders including policy makers, operators, government, and civil society representatives among others.

Please let us know what you think about the logo and the website as we continually work to enhance services provided to members and the African Internet community.

17 May 2012

The annual Africa Internet Summit launched

The Africa Internet Summit(AIS) was officially launched on 15 May 2012 at the AFRINIC 16 meeting in Serekunda, The Gambia.

The annual Africa Internet Summit is a forum where major development issues faced by Africa

are discussed. The forum provides a more business-oriented structure bringing together numerous stakeholders including policy makers, operators, regulators, technical experts, Internet service providers, government, and civil society representatives among others.

The Africa Internet Summit combines conference, training and networking for the Internet industry. The annual summit attracts internationally renowned speakers to share the latest innovations in Internet Protocol (IP) technology coupled with the emerging topics from the Industry.

The AIS is also a prime international arena for advertising Information and Communication Technology (ICT) services and products.

17 May 2012

Making voting easier and effective

For the past seven years AFRINIC has been conducting different elections within its community to elect its Board members, representative to the NRO-NC (Acting ASO-AC), and its policy discussion leaders. The elections have always been held during our face-to-face Public Policy meetings. Only those present were allowed vote. Members could cast their vote through Proxy (for Board election) appointed as per our Bylaws [Art 10.31-10.34].

The Proxy system has, however, been contentious during past Board elections. Besides, the average turnout has been very low (7-10% of the total membership). To remedy the situation, widen participation, and modernize the election process, the community proposed an e-voting system. This has been validated by our Legal Counsel. The e-voting system for Board election would eliminate the Proxy system, allowing members to participate directly online in the choice of their leaders.

The e-voting system is exclusively available for valid Members of AFRINIC on the member portal MyAFRINIC. The election system allows members to:

a. Appoint a proxy
b. Vote in an Election

If a member elects to exercise his/her right to vote online, the system denies such member the ability to appoint a proxy and vice-versa.

To be able to vote within MyAFRINIC, you will need to have a BPKI which authenticates voting on the portal. If you do not have you BPKI certificate yet, please contact our IP Analysts to request one.

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For more information on how to vote and how the system works, please click here

9 May 2012

Poilcy AFPUB-2010-GEN-006 is implemented

We are pleased to announce the implementation of AFRINIC policy AFPUB-2010-GEN-006 (Abuse Contact Information in the AFRINIC service region).

The Policy specifies a dedicated "irt" object to be used as the preferred place to publish abuse public contact information within the AFRINIC service region.

The object can be referenced in the inetnum, inet6num and aut-num objects in the AFRINIC Whois Database. It provides a more accurate and efficient way for abuse reports to reach the correct network contact through The AFRINIC whois database.

Click here to read the "best practices" guideline pertaining to the implementation of this policy and usage of the irt object.

Fore more information on this policy please click here.

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