AFRINIC WEBINAR SERIES

An Introduction to AFRINIC Governance Model

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By the end of today's session, you will

Acquire a general understanding of AFRINIC's governance model

Important Note

The purpose of this webinar is NOT to discuss ongoing cases pertaining to AFRINIC's governance - The *Sub-Judice* Rule



AFRINIC - The legal entity

• Registered in Mauritius

• Company limited by guarantee

• Governed by the laws of Mauritius

AFRINIC -The Regional Internet Registry



Operating since

2005

Our Vision

A secure and accessible Internet for sustainable digital growth in Africa

Normal Sector Sector

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Not for profit.

Registered address is 11th Floor, Standard Chartered Tower, Ebene, Mauritius.

Our Mission

To serve the African Internet community by delivering efficient services in a global multi-stakeholder environment.

Resource Membership

Membership is opened to **any legal entity**, subject to:

Geographical criterion

Nature of business

'needs basis'

Membership

Types of Members



Community Meetings

Community Meetings include:

Annual General Members' Meeting (AGMM) Public Policy Meetings

AGMM



Public Policy Meetings

Held at least once a year

[customarily held twice a year] Attended by all Members & anyone interested in Number resources Management policy. Policies are discussed, agreed, and subsequently ratified by the Board. Election of PDP co-Chairs.

Board of Directors/ Appointment/ CEO

Board Composition – 9 directors



Term – 3 years, except for CEO

Board Proceedings



5 persons (attending either in person or virtually)

Decision-making

Generally by way of ordinary resolution (i.e. simple majority)

Minutes

Available at https://afrinic.net/board/meeting

NomCom & Election Committee

Composition

4 members appointed by the Board.

Qualifications for appointment

Not eligible if the person is a candidate for election to the Board or is domiciled in a region whose seat is open for renewal during an election.

Reporting line

Reports to the Board

Main responsibilities

Find suitable candidates for the election of the directors of AFRINIC; and have general responsibility for as well to supervise the conduct of the polls by the election Committee on election day.

NomCom & Election Committee

Election Committee:

Composition -Such staff members of AFRINIC as may be designated by the Chief Executive Officer. Main functions – General responsibility for organising all elections held by AFRINIC.

Standing Committees & other Committees

Council of Elders

Appointed by the Board comprising a maximum of six (6) former chairpersons of AFRINIC on a "First-In; First-Out basis".

Governance Committee

Elected at the AGMM.

Made up of:

- 2 members appointed by the Board,
- 3 members elected by AFRINIC Membership,
- 1 Board member (non-voting) appointed by the Board as a liaison, and
- AFRINIC legal adviser (non-voting)

Thank you! Questions?

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