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Policy Proposals

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Proposal to change the allocation and assignment period from 24 to 12 months

- Definitions:
  - **<u>Allocation / Assignment Period:</u>** Duration for which the issued allocation / PI assignment is planned to last the requesting LIR/EU.

- *This proposal suggests that AfriNIC should allocate/assign enough IPv4 and IPv6 address space to last a member's <u>1 year requirements</u> (as opposed to currently 2, as is the practice).*

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- **Rationale**:
  - Due to the dynamic nature of the internet industry, it is (thought to be) generally difficult to precisely plan IP address usage two years ahead.
  - Other RIRs allow their members a 1 year* planning window. Therefore, the AfriNIC region may appear to have 'unfair advantage' over the others.

* *This is less than 1 year in some regions.*

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- **Other factors to consider:**
  - *Duration of request evaluation:* - With a 1 year planning window, a request may taker a shorter time to understand and get processed, rather than taking extra time to understand the requestor's projected needs.
  - *Less wastage:* A 1 year plan could be more accurate than a 2 -year plan (which is usually inflated)
  - *Consistency:* So that AfriNIC procedures can be consistent along with other RIRS.

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- **Possible opposition:**
  - Aggregation: More fragmentation (small frequent requests)?
  - Economies of Scale? A 2 year requirement in the African region is insignificant compared to 'elsewhere' ?

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Questions