

AfriNIC

African
Network
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Center

1.0 **Introduction:**

With effect from October 2003, we will try to post on the 'afrinic-discuss' list, every two months, a brief update on AfriNIC Activities. This is partly intended to keep the community abreast with what is happening, to get some reaction about the planned activities and to keep the discuss-list active too!

1.1 **AfriNIC Setup Process**

- *AfriNIC Transition Plan* - Can be found at http://www.afrinic.org/Transition_Plan.pdf

A draft of the activities proposed to be followed for transition from ARIN/RIPE/APNIC. There was a presentation of this Transition Plan by Adiel Akplogan at the Internet week in Johannesburg.

- *Proposed Policy Development Plan* -

An initial plan for policy development was proposed at the ISPA, UniForum SA and internet week. It is good thing to start developing the policies that AfriNIC will use for managing the Internet resources. We intend to call for volunteers into an address-policy working group, from which policies (partly derived from the existing RIRs's policies) will be developed.

- Follow up with Hosting Countries -

A meeting was held with the DoC (Department of Communications) representatives in South Africa. Two offers for hosting facilities were available for viewing by the BoT and observers - the CSIR in Pretoria/Tswane (www.csir.co.za) and ISSA in Cape Town (Institute of Software and Satellite Applications). Adiel Akplogan has made a follow-up with Egypt, Mauritius and Ghana for backup, incorporation and training respectively. Agreements between the hosts and AfriNIC are under discussion.

1.2 **Outreach and meetings attended by AfriNIC**

AfriNIC representatives were present at the following meetings of the other RIRs: APNIC16 (Korea - August 2003) and RIPE 46 (Amsterdam - September 2003).

The presentation made at each of these meeting can be found at:

<http://www.apnic.net/meetings/16/programme/docs/amm-pres-ernest-afrinic.pdf>
<http://www.ripe.net/ripe/meetings/ripe-46/presentations/ripe46-plenary-afrinic.pdf>

AfriNIC representative will also be present at the coming ARIN XII meeting where our support will be needed for the coming discussion about the Policy Proposal 2003-15: IPv4 Allocation Policy for the Africa Portion of the ARIN Region. AfriNIC has already expressed its support to that proposal

(http://www.afrinic.org/afrinic_support_2003_15.pdf).

During a visit in Abidjan, Accra, Togo and Benin this month AfriNIC representative (Adiel Akplogan) conducted an informal outreach meeting with some Key Internet players in the different countries (Cote d'Ivoire Telecom, ATCI (regulatory agency in Ivory Coast), Aviso, Glob Access, AfricaOnline (CI and GH), CAFENet (TG, BJ)).

As of today, AfriNIC has received about 20 formal expressions of support from African ISP/LIR (the letters will be online shortly). You can also express your support by sending on your company letterhead a letter to AfriNIC Interim Secretariat (either by fax: +233 21 762 173 or a scanned copy to afrinic-admin@afrinic.org). An online interim membership form will also be available shortly.

1.3 Ongoing Activities

Finalizing the hosting country negotiations - ongoing is to finalize the agreements between the south African (DoC) and AfriNIC.

Ernest Byaruhanga (one of the AfriNIC hostmaster who has been working at the RIPE NCC since August 2003f) will be going to Pretoria to continue with the startup process of setting up the technical facilities and working closely with RIPE NCC registration services according to the transition plan. Part of the work will involve handling requests (with final approval by RIPE) of the RIPE Region's African LIRs and African ISPs/Telcos that use European LIR's for IP, ASNs and related requests.

1.3 Announcements (Latest News)

BOT-14 Oct 2003:

The AfriNIC Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Adiel AKPLOGAN as AfriNIC Project Manager to implement the transition plan. Adiel, will in addition perform the Senior Hostmaster tasks until the final organization of AfriNIC is in place.

As the Project Manager, Adiel is responsible for the day-to-day operation of AfriNIC during the transition period and will report directly to the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees will continue to provide policy and guidance to AfriNIC.

We look forward to your support to Adiel during this critical transition period of AfriNIC into an operational and recognized RIR. *[AfriNIC BOT]*

RIPE-15 Oct 2003:

The RIPE NCC received the IPv4 address range 196.200.0.0/13 from ARIN in October 2003. This range will be used to make allocations and assignments to organisations based in African countries served by the RIPE NCC.

This block is part of a /8 also used by ARIN. In order to reduce confusion the RIPE NCC will not assign prefixes longer than a /24 from it.

You may wish to adjust any filters you have in place accordingly.

More information on the IP space administered by the RIPE NCC can be found on our web site at:

<<http://www.ripe.net/ripe/docs/smallest-alloc-sizes.html>>

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