

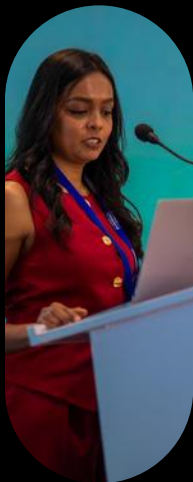


AFRINIC

The Internet Numbers Registry for Africa

Share Your Internet Success with Africa

Host an AFRINIC Meeting in your country and position your organisation at the forefront of Africa's digital transformation. By bringing this global Internet community event to your country, you showcase your leadership, strengthen regional collaboration, and contribute to the growth of Africa's Internet ecosystem before an international audience.



Every year, AFRINIC organises two major public policy and technical meetings hosted in different countries across Africa and the Indian Ocean region. These meetings bring together industry leaders, senior executives, policymakers, and professionals from Internet Service Providers, technology companies, Network Operators, governments, academia, and other organisations involved in Internet development across Africa and around the world.

AFRINIC meetings provide a unique platform for knowledge exchange, policy development, live demonstrations, technical training, and capacity building. Participants engage in critical discussions on how Africa can sustainably harness the immense opportunities created by the rapid advancement of digital technologies and Internet infrastructure.

Each meeting attracts an average of over 500 delegates from at least 50 countries, creating a vibrant international environment where ideas, partnerships, and innovations flourish.



Audience and Location

AFRINIC meetings attract a diverse and influential audience from across the Internet ecosystem. Participants include Internet service providers, government representatives, academic and research networks, regulatory authorities, civil society organisations, country-code top-level domain (ccTLD) operators, NAP/IXP operators, service providers, hardware and software vendors, and telecommunications industry professionals.

AFRINIC meetings are open to everyone and free to attend, ensuring broad participation from across the continent and beyond.

By rotating meeting locations geographically, AFRINIC promotes inclusion and encourages participation from diverse communities across Africa. Hosting these meetings also highlights the host country's progress in advancing Internet technologies and digital innovation as drivers of economic growth and development.

For these reasons, AFRINIC meetings have become some of the most influential and highly anticipated Internet events in the continent.





Why Host an AFRINIC Meeting?

Hosting an AFRINIC meeting offers organisations and countries an exceptional opportunity to gain regional and global visibility while demonstrating leadership in the development of Africa's Internet ecosystem.

Local hosts gain a powerful platform to showcase their brand, products, services, and technological capabilities to a highly specialised international audience. Hosting also creates an opportunity to contribute to and influence important discussions on topics such as digital transformation, Internet governance, and the role of the Internet in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

For host organisations, the event creates direct engagement with decision-makers, industry leaders, innovators, and policymakers from across Africa and beyond. It also provides a unique environment to strengthen relationships with customers, partners, and stakeholders while delivering key organisational messages to a large and influential audience. Ultimately, hosting an AFRINIC meeting is a strategic opportunity to demonstrate commitment to Africa's digital future while positioning your organisation as a key contributor to the continent's Internet development.

Key Benefits:

- Official recognition as the meeting host in all meeting communications and publicity materials.
- Opportunity to contribute to the event programme, agenda, and overall meeting concept.
- Opportunity to build direct connections with governments, industry leaders, African and international business representatives, vendors, and key decision-makers.
- Opportunity to demonstrate leadership and commitment to digital development in Africa.
- Speaking opportunities to highlight organisational initiatives, expertise, and strategic priorities.
- Opportunity for the local host organisation's staff to benefit from training and technical knowledge sessions that can support operational improvement and organisational growth.



What do we look for in an AFRINIC Meeting City?

- Presence of an international airport with daily flights operated by major airlines connecting to key cities across Africa and internationally.
- Reasonable travel distance from the airport to the meeting venue (not more than one hour), with reliable public transport options such as shuttles, taxis, or trains.
- A meeting hotel or convention centre located within an area offering strong public services and amenities including nearby hotels, restaurants, banks, transport services, shopping centres, and healthcare facilities.



What do we look for in an AFRINIC Meeting Venue?

- Preferably a four or five star hotel with at least 150 guest rooms.
- A venue fully equipped with modern conferencing facilities including a minimum of nine meeting rooms, with one plenary room capable of accommodating more than 350 participants.
- The venue must permit installation and use of network infrastructure including cables and wireless access points in meeting rooms and common areas such as corridors, foyers, and exhibition spaces.
- Reliable Internet connectivity must also be available in hotel rooms for AFRINIC delegates.



Security

AFRINIC places the highest priority on the safety, security, and well-being of all meeting participants. Security considerations therefore play a significant role in the selection of meeting locations.

Local hosts are encouraged to include relevant information regarding the domestic security situation of the city or area in their proposals. AFRINIC may also review independent security assessments, government advisories, and trusted news sources when evaluating potential meeting locations.



Accommodation

Most delegates prefer accommodation located within or near the meeting venue. Access to affordable accommodation is therefore essential for the success of AFRINIC meetings.

Suitable accommodation options should be available in close proximity to the venue. Alternative hotels in the USD 200-280 range (including taxes) should be at least three-star properties offering bed-and-breakfast (B&B) and Wi-Fi facilities.

Both the venue hotel and alternative hotels should offer group discounts for block bookings. AFRINIC often reserves blocks of rooms that delegates can book directly. Accommodation options, rates, and contact details will be published on the official meeting website.



Social Events

AFRINIC meetings incorporate social events designed to provide delegates with a relaxed and engaging environment for networking and collaboration.

These social gatherings are excellent opportunities for local organisations to showcase hospitality and culture while supporting the meeting through sponsorship.

Typical social events include:

- An Executive Welcome Reception for up to 250 participants.
- A Gala Dinner for up to 300 participants.

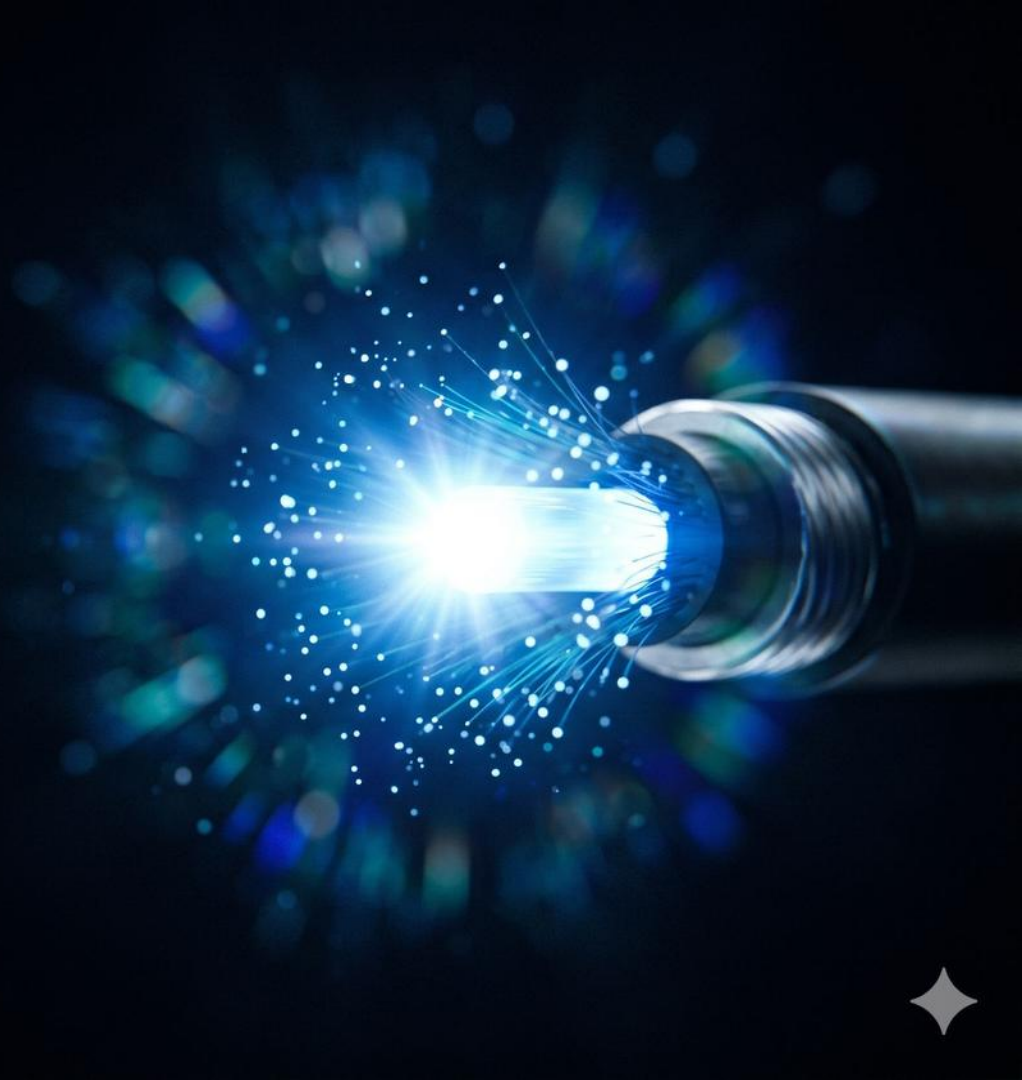


Internet Access

High-quality Internet connectivity is critical to the success of AFRINIC meetings.

Connectivity must be provided through wired Ethernet and public wireless networks throughout the meeting venue. Each AFRINIC meeting is supported by at least three local connectivity sponsors, ensuring high-performance Internet access with bandwidth typically exceeding 100 Mbps.

The venue must permit the installation of network cables and wireless access points in meeting rooms and shared spaces such as corridors, foyers, and exhibition areas. AFRINIC's Network Infrastructure Team will provide detailed guidance on the connectivity requirements.



Financial Support

Since attendance at AFRINIC meetings is free of charge, AFRINIC relies on sponsorships to help offset the costs associated with organising the event.

AFRINIC welcomes sponsorship contributions from organisations that support the development of the Internet in Africa and wish to demonstrate their commitment to the continent's digital future.

Local hosts play an important role by helping AFRINIC establish connections with key players in the ICT sector within their country. AFRINIC develops a dedicated sponsorship package for each meeting and relies on the local host to facilitate engagement opportunities with potential sponsors. Local hosts may also contribute financially to support the meeting.

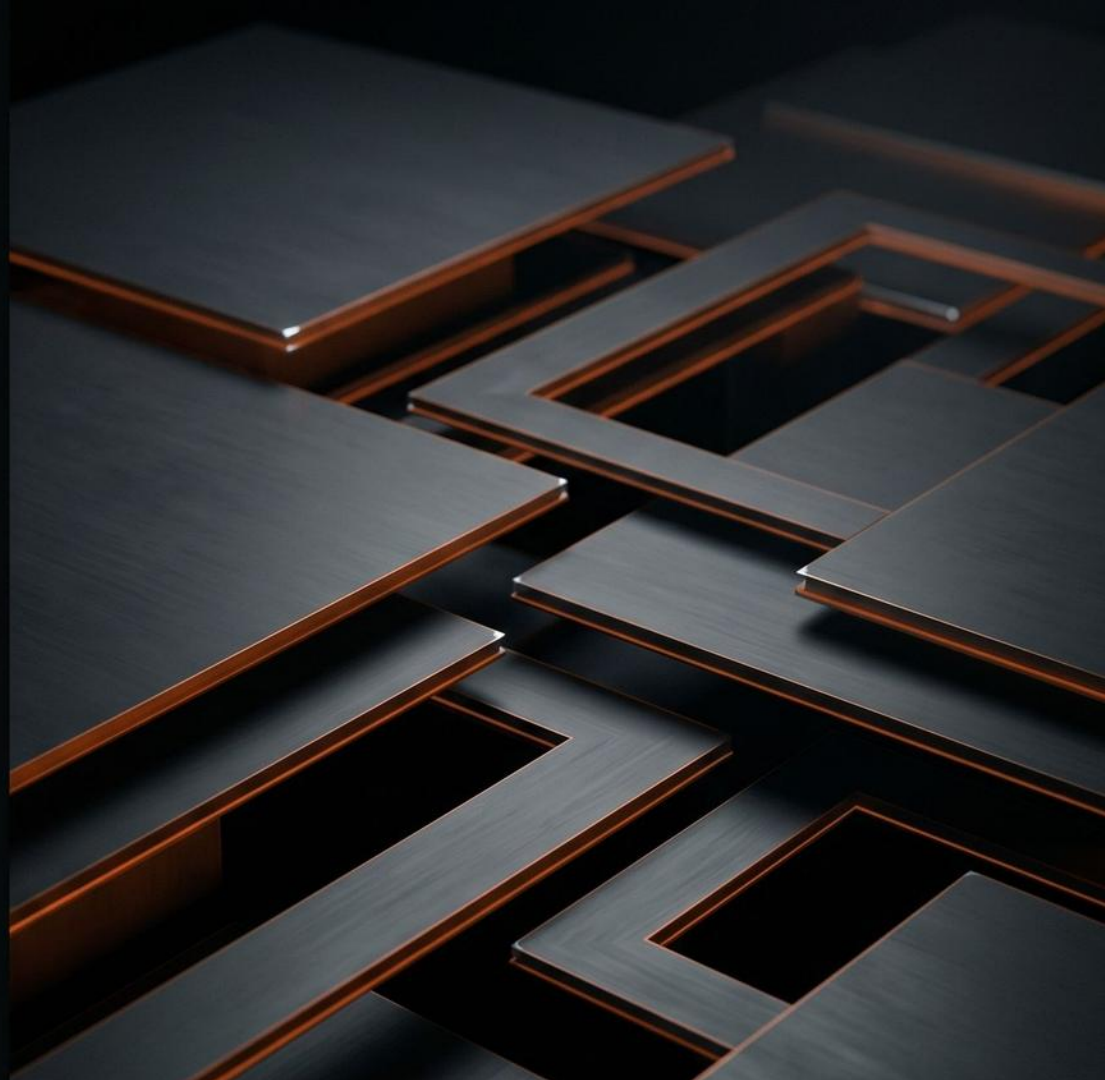


Meeting Logistics and Event Management

AFRINIC works closely with local hosts to coordinate meeting logistics and event management.

Local support includes providing appropriate human resources to assist in organising a high-quality event. Additional areas of collaboration may include visa assistance for delegates, local publicity and outreach, transportation coordination, procurement, and support for equipment import and re-export procedures.

Specific responsibilities and operational arrangements will be formalised in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) once hosting arrangements are agreed upon.





Support Proposals

Organisations interested in hosting an AFRINIC Meeting are encouraged to submit their expressions of interest as early as possible by email to meeting@afinic.net.

Upcoming meetings include:

- **AIS 2027 and AFRINIC-39 — 21 - 25 June 2027**
- **AFRINIC-40 — 29 November - 1 December 2027**
- **AIS 2028 and AFRINIC 41 - 19-23 June 2028**
- **AFRINIC-42 — 29 November - 1 December 2028**
- **AIS 2029 and AFRINIC 43 - 18 - 22 June 2029**
- **AFRINIC-44 — 28-30 November 2029**
- **AIS 2030 and AFRINIC 45 - 17 - 21 June 2030**
- **AFRINIC-46 — 27-29 November 2030**

The AFRINIC Meetings Team is available to engage with potential local hosts and guide them through the process of preparing a successful hosting proposal.





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