

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2015 AT 1509 UTC  
VIA THE WEBEX ONLINE CONFERENCE SYSTEM**

**Present:**

Mr Sunday Folayan (SF)	Chairman	Western Africa
Mr Badru Ntege (BN)	Vice Chair	Eastern Africa
Mr Haitham El Nakhal (HE)	Member	Northern Africa
Mr Mark Elkins (ME)	Alternate	Southern Africa
Dr Paulos Nyirenda (PN)	Member	Southern Africa
Mr Christian Bope (CB)	Member	Central Africa
Mr Andrew Alston (AA)	Member	Non Geographical
Mr Krishna Seeburn (KS)	Member	Indian Ocean

**Apologies:**

Mr John Walubengo (JW)	Alternate	Eastern Africa
Ms Aminata A Garba (AG)	Member	Non Geographical

**In Attendance:**

Patrisse Deesse (PD)	Interim CEO
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**AGENDA:**

- 1.0 Welcome Address and Agenda Review
- 2.0 Committees' Update
  - 2.1 Finance Committee
  - 2.2 Audit Committee
  - 2.3 Remuneration Committee
- 3.0 Ex-CEO – Adiel Akplogan
- 4.0 New CEO - Alan Barrett
- 5.0 AIS15 Meeting preparations in Tunisia
  - 5.1 AGMM
  - 5.2 f2f Board Meeting
  - 5.3 AFRINIC 10th Anniversary
  - 5.4 Council of Elders (TBC)
  - 5.5 Any special request of the Board
- 6.0 AOB

**1.0 Welcome Address and Agenda Review**

The Chairman welcomed Members and opened the meeting at 15:09 UTC.

## **2.0 Committees' Update**

**2.1 Finance Committee** - No report.

**2.2 Audit Committee** - No report.

### **2.3 Remuneration Committee**

The Chairman invited Members to discuss the Remuneration Committee's proposal to give a golden handshake to the ex-CEO Adiel Akplogan.

There is no obligation on the Board to give the golden handshake as it is not under the ex-CEO's contract but since Adiel Akplogan has worked for AFRINIC for 10 years, the Board needed to make a decision regarding his service over the period of 10 years.

The Board decided that there will be a golden handshake, and the Remuneration Committee is to come forward with recommendations.

## **3.0 Ex-CEO – Adiel Akplogan**

The Board discussed whether to make Adiel Akplogan an ex-officio member on the Board, to help the organization especially with the stability and further its institutional memory. He would be expected to recuse himself when discussions appear to conflict with his current role at ICANN.

Andrew Alston pointed out that if Adiel Akplogan was brought into the Board, the term "ex-officio" can't be used because the Bylaws simply does not make a provision for it.

The Board tasked Andrew Alston with drafting a paper on whether Adiel Akplogan can be appointed as ex-officio within the provisions of the Bylaws, and share with the Legal Counsel for comments before its consideration by the Board.

## **4.0 New CEO - Alan Barrett**

The Chairman informed the Board that Alan Barrett has signed his contract of employment as CEO. Alan Barrett had, prior to signing his contract, already resigned from his other AFRINIC-related activities on the ASO AC and the CRISP Team.

## **5.0 AIS15 Meeting preparations in Tunisia**

### **5.1 AGMM**

Patrisse Deesse informed the Board that all arrangements for the AGMM are in progress and on track.

The Board approved that the call for community input of the next 2015 AGMM

agenda be made to Members.

## **5.2 f2f Board Meeting**

The Board approved the request that the Audit Committee should hold a face to face meeting in Tunisia.

A draft agenda for the face to face Board meeting in Tunisia is to be prepared and circulated to the Board by next week.

## **5.3 AFRINIC 10th Anniversary**

The 10th anniversary celebration will be held in Tunisia. The Board was requested to review and provide comments on the plan and list of events proposed, and circulated to Board members by the AFRINIC Communications Department.

## **5.4 Council of Elders**

The Chairman is to share with the Council of Elders, the list of events and activities for the 10 years anniversary. It was also agreed to invite all members of the Council of Elders to Tunisia to participate in the AFRINIC's 10 years anniversary.

## **5.5 Any special request of the Board**

None

## **6.0 AoB**

The Board agreed to meet again, on the 23 April 2015 at 15:00 UTC .

## **7.0 Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was moved by HE, seconded by AA. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 16: 28 UTC.