

Roadmap to restoring AFRINIC: A strategy workshop for AFRINIC members and stakeholders

(24 April 2025)

An Extremely Detailed History of AFRINIC

- 2004: AFRINIC formed
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- 2021+: Litigation
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- 2025: The Mess We Are Now In
 - 23rd June — Election of new AFRINIC Board

AFRINIC Communique (21st April 2025)

- AFRINIC (politely) declined an invitation to present at today's session, and requested that the Communique issued earlier this week be read out.
<https://afrinic.net/important-update-afrinic-board-elections>
- Receiver's mandate is reiterated:
 - To reconstitute the Board by way of an election.
 - To see that a CEO is subsequently appointed.
- Election date:
 - Set as 23rd June 2025.
 - The court has condoned the extension of the election deadline.

AFRINIC Communique (21st April 2025)

- Nominations Committee
 - Chaired by Hon. Simon Davenport KC, with support from three UK barristers (Nicholas Leah, Priscellia Robinson and George Penny)
 - Tasked with:
 - Setting timelines and the election process
 - Set eligibility requirements and call for candidates
 - Interview candidates (if appropriate)
 - Set the final list of candidates
 - Supervise the conduct of the polls by the Election Committee and Civica.

AFRINIC Communique (21st April 2025)

- Elections Committee
 - Chaired by Yogesh Chadee (Head of Value Added Services, AFRINIC)
 - Supported by Guylaine Laiyra (AFRINIC), Ben Halton (Civica), Anjoleen Nair (Receiver's office).
 - Tasked with handling the pre-election process and polls on election day.
- Civica Election Services
 - Appointed to operate the electronic voting platform and provide ballot papers for physical voting.

AFRINIC strategy options

- Obvious strategy: Support the election process
 - Ensure quality candidates are nominated
 - Make sure that suitable candidates get votes
- Other alternatives?
 - More litigation!
 - Networks who have requested (and paid!) for resources but have not received them.
 - Networks who have been prevented from becoming AFRINIC members.
 - Problematic election process?
 - Setting up a competing regional registry
 - Other ideas...

AFRINIC Board candidates

- What sort of Board candidates do we want to support?
- How can we make sure the most qualified candidates get votes?
- What do we want the new Board to do once elected?
 - Ensure that the backlog of resource allocation requests is dealt with.
 - Ensure that new AFRINIC member application are processed.
 - What else?
- Position on ICP-2 revision → Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries?

Discussion...