



Following a proposal for setting up an Internet registry for Africa by several early Internet adopters in Africa, during an INET workshop in Malaysia (1997), a steering committee was set up to work on AFRINIC's structure and business plan.

The idea behind the initiative was to adapt the allocation policies applied by the already established RIRs (RIPE NCC and APNIC) to Africa's realities. In 2000 this proposal resulted in a consensus with the setup of AfNOG (the African Network Operators group).

Moreover during the same year, the first AFRINIC observers were appointed to the Address Supporting Organization Address Council (ASO AC). In 2001, the steering committee recommended the appointment of an initial Board of Trustees based on sub-regional representation. Dr Nii Quaynor chaired the first AFRINIC Board with the mission to formalise the organisation and work towards its accreditation as a Regional Internet Registry (RIR).

In 2004, after a selection of potential host countries, AFRINIC was incorporated in Mauritius. It was decided that the Board will consist of elected representatives from the six identified sub-regions in Africa (Northern, Western, Central, Eastern, Indian Ocean and Southern).

AFRINIC was registered in Mauritius with its operations dispersed in South Africa (Technical operations), Egypt (Backup and disaster recovery) and Ghana (Training coordination)

In April 2005, [ICANN](#) accredited AFRINIC as the fifth Regional Internet Registry according to criteria defined in its [ICP-2](#) document (criteria for establishment of regional Internet registries).

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Quality Policy

We are committed to continuously provide our stakeholders with improved products and services to meet and even exceed their expectations by having proper mechanism and processes to identify and anticipate their needs. In line with our strategic direction, our main objectives are to:

- Understand the needs and expectations of our stakeholders through constant communication and feedback mechanisms.
- Continuously operate an effective Internet Number Resources registry in a transparent and inclusive manner that ensures financial sustainability.
- Provide information, training and supporting services to assist the community in managing the Internet Number Resources and building a resilient and secured Internet Infrastructure in Africa.
- Enable customer success by providing business grade solutions that genuinely meet their needs.
- Develop an attitude of team work and quality assurance in our day-to-day operations.
- Continuously comply with the requirements of ISO 9001:2015, including statutory and regulatory requirements, and improve the effectiveness of our QMS.
- Regularly report to our community on our QMS performance and continuously seek their feedback.
- Continuously ensure that our services fit into the global context of Number Registry services.

Our Vision

"Be the leading force in growing the internet for Africa's sustainable development"

Our Mission

"To serve the African Community by providing professional and efficient management of Internet number technology usage and development, and promoting Internet self-governance."

Our Core Values

- Community driven
- Operational excellence
- Passion
- Innovation & Creativity

Critical Success Factors

- People management (right people, competent, mindset, engaged, clear objectives, committed, etc)
- Technical Infrastructure's reliability and resilience
- Plans & Processes
- Funding:
- Financial Sustainability
- Infrastructure and space
- Budget discipline

- Community Trust/Confidence
- Continuous community engagement and support
- Effective Operational Processes and Agile Organisational structure