

Series of internships aims to facilitate capacity building for registrars and registries in Africa to boost the African domain name business. AFRINIC is providing logistical and administrative support to kick-start this initiative.

12 February 2015, Ébène, Mauritius. The first event of the **Africa DNS Business Exchange Programme** took place on 12 January 2015 in Singapore. A pilot group of interns from AFRIREGISTER (Burundi) and WEB4AFRICA (Nigeria) spent several days at the IP Mirror offices and also visited with SGNIC and met staff at ICANN's Singapore Office. During their time in Singapore, the interns learned about DNS technical requirements, DNS best practice and DNS business models.

“We are extremely excited to be partnering with ICANN and contributing to its Africa Strategy with this new initiative,” said former AFRINIC CEO Adiel A. Akplogan “Capacity building schemes and knowledge share activities such as the DNS Business Exchange Programme are crucial to enable African registrars and registries to increase the presence of the DNS industry on the continent and to facilitate the exchange of local and global Internet industry expertise.”

Exchange Programme

Launched by ICANN in partnership with AFRINIC, the first phase of the DNS Business Exchange Programme involves interns selected from ICANN accredited registrars. The next set of interns from Kheweul.Com, Genius Communication, Diamatrix and Ghana dot COM will spend time with Afilias and AFNIC. As the programme gathers speed, it is hoped that it will be expanded and made available for other registrars and registries in the region. More information about the programme can be found at:

<https://www.icann.org/news/blog/the-africa-dns-business-exchange-and-mentorship-programme-kicks-off-with-the-new-year>

About AFRINIC

The African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC) is the Regional Internet Registry (RIR) for Africa. It is responsible for the distribution and management of Internet number resources (IPv4 and IPv6 addresses) and ASN (Autonomous System Numbers) for the African and Indian Ocean region. It was founded in 2004 and serves 56 economies throughout Africa and the Indian Ocean. **AFRINIC plays a leading role in capacity building** and provides education and training to its members, governments and the wider community to infrastructure development throughout the African region.

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