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AFRINIC has had its training programme recognised and certified by IPv6 Forum with IPv6 Certified (Gold) Course certification. Henceforth, participants to our trainings can now have additional assurance that they are attending training that is designed according to current international standards and best practices. We are working on implementing a testing platform to award participants who pass the test IPv6 Forum Certified Engineer status.

"This certification is a testimony to our commitment to the provision of quality training and programmes that meets international standards. Participants in our programmes now know they are attending courses with external validation, trainings that conform to international standards and best practices," says AFRINIC's Training Manager, Mukom Akong Tamon.

In addition, Tamon who is also AFRINIC's lead trainer is now an IPv6 Forum Certified (Gold) Trainer.

AFRINIC currently offers numerous trainings on IPv6 targeting network engineers, systems administrators and managers. AFRINIC is also pleased to announce the launch of its training website learn.afrinic.net which is the go-to site for all information and resources related to AFRINIC training. From now on, we intend to use the website, as well as the tweeter handles @AFRINICTraining, to engage and interact with our community on training.

Notes to Editors

About the IPv6 Forum

The IPv6 Forum is a worldwide consortium of leading Internet vendors, industry subject matter experts, Research & Education Networks, with the mission to advocate the adoption of IPv6 technology. The forum offers the IPv6 Education Certification Logo Program which encourages and accelerates education on IPv6 and promotes swifter adoption of IPv6 by certifying courses, engineers and trainers. For more information about the IPv6 Education Certification program, see

http://www.ipv6forum.com/ipv6_education/

About the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)

Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) are independent, not-for-profit membership organisations that support the infrastructure of the Internet through technical coordination. There are five RIRs in the world today. Currently, the Internet Assigned Numbers Association (IANA) allocates blocks of IP addresses and ASNs, known collectively as Internet number resources, to the RIRs, who then distribute them to their members within their own specific service regions. RIR members include Internet Service Providers (ISPs), telecommunications organisations, large corporations, governments, academic institutions, and industry stakeholders, including end users. The RIR model of open, transparent participation has proven successful at responding to

the rapidly changing Internet environment. Each RIR holds one to two open meetings per year, as well as facilitating online discussion by the community, to allow the open exchange of ideas from the technical community, the business sector, civil society, and government regulators.

About AFRINIC

The African Network Information Center (AFRINIC) is the Regional Internet Registry (RIR) for Africa, responsible for the distribution and management of Internet number resources such as IP addresses throughout the African region. AFRINIC's mission is to provide professional and efficient distribution of Internet number resources to the African Internet community, to support Internet technology usage and development across the continent and to strengthen Internet self-governance in Africa by encouraging a participatory policy development.