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**Statement of Support for the Formation
of a
Regional Internet Registry for Africa**

ARIN supports the formation of a Regional Internet Registry for Africa. It is our firm belief that once ISP support has been completely established, a well-built and capable registry will emerge in Africa. We base this belief on the fact that there is support from the three existing RIRs, the 26 August 1999 statement of encouragement from the ICANN Board for the development of an RIR in Africa, and that a Board of Trustees is actively working to implement a corporate plan.

ARIN recognizes the efforts that are contributing to the formation of the Regional Internet Registry for Africa, such as formation of addressing policy, participation in the Address Council of the Address Supporting Organization, and the development of business operations. These efforts have built a strong foundation for your emerging registry.

ARIN will provide appropriate support in the areas of registration training, technical matters, transition planning, business planning, and policy coordination.

ARIN will assist in the ICANN application process where it is appropriate. We will work with you at the executive, registration, business, and technical levels to ensure a transparent and secure transfer of information and registry responsibility.

ARIN applauds the great strides that have been made toward the formation of this new registry. We look forward to continue to work with you to ensure the success of the Regional Internet Registry for Africa.



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