



Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Mr Adiel A. Akplogan
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Dear Adiel

Re: Provisional recognition of African Network Information Center (AfriNIC) as a Regional Internet Registry

In August 2004, shortly after the ICANN meeting in Kuala Lumpur, AfriNIC Ltd, a company limited by guarantee and incorporated in Mauritius under the Companies Act 2001, presented to ICANN an application for recognition as the RIR for the African region, together with a transition plan developed in cooperation with ARIN, RIPE, and APNIC, the RIRs that currently serve that region.

I am pleased to notify you, your Board of Directors, and AfriNIC's community of members that the ICANN Board has approved provisional recognition of AfriNIC as the Regional Internet Number Registry for the African region.

Moving forward, as AfriNIC's approved transition plan nears completion, I and the ICANN staff will work in close coordination with you and your staff to ensure that all necessary elements are addressed in the final application. AfriNIC has indicated that the transition plan will be completed in 2005, and ICANN staff believe that a subsequent final application would be appropriate at that time.

Congratulations on achieving this significant milestone on the road to full status as the African region RIR. This is an exciting and challenging period for AfriNIC, and ICANN looks forward to observing AfriNIC successfully engage its transition plan to full RIR status.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Twomey".

Paul Twomey
President & CEO