

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The African Network Information Centre (Afrinic Ltd).

of 03B3, 3rd Floor Ebene Cyber Tower, Rose Hill, Mauritius
represented by **Adiel A. Akplogan** in his capacity of Chief Executive Officer

and

the Association of African Universities (AAU)

**of African Universities House, Aviation Road Ext. 11, Airport Residential Area,
Accra, Ghana**
represented by **Boubakar Barry** in his capacity of Coordinator, AAU REN Unit

About

FRENIA FUNDING TO AAU FOR LIR AND EU MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Whereas Afrinic is the African Network Information Centre, a not-for-profit, membership-based company operating the Regional Internet Registry in Africa,

Whereas AAU is the Association of African Universities,

Whereas Afrinic and AAU share a common goal of improving Campus and Research network infrastructure in Africa,

Whereas FRENIA (Fostering Research & Education Networks in Africa), a project managed by TENET, has reached an agreement with the AAU's (Association of African Universities) Research and Education Networking (REN) Unit and Afrinic.

Under the aforesaid agreement, a grant will be made by FRENIA to AAU, to pay for the setup of LIR or EU and the first year membership for eligible African Academic institutions and RENs which request LIR or EU membership through Afrinic's special discount schemes under the terms of the present AAU-Afrinic MoU.



ANNEX: The Application process will work as follows:

1. Institutions or NRENs apply to AAU to qualify for access to the fund.
2. The AAU will notify the relevant NREN or institution of its application status.
3. For successful applicants, the AAU will signal such approval to AfriNIC, by an email to aau-confirm@afrinic.net, indicating the respective institutions right to claim against the fund.
4. The relevant Institution or NREN then applies to AfriNIC for LIR/EU membership.
5. AfriNIC will review the application in accordance with its documented processes.
6. In review of an institutions application, AfriNIC retains the right to re-request confirmation from the AAU of said institution's acceptance to the FRENIA fund.
7. On successful registration, copies of the invoice will be sent to the registrant, as well as to the AAU.
8. When AfriNIC issues an invoice to an NREN or any other institution that qualifies under AfriNIC's special discount schemes under the AAU-AfriNIC MoU, a copy of the invoice is sent to AAU REN Unit for archive and control purpose.
9. If, on review on an application, AfriNIC is irrevocably unable to judiciously register the institution as per their application, AfriNIC will inform the AAU of the failed registration attempt.



The two parties agree on the following:

1. AfriNIC will create and hold, an escrow account in its accounting books for the execution of this agreement.
2. FRENIA shall pay money into the aforementioned AfriNIC account from time to time, or as per point 3 below, but with a limit of USD 55,000 on the total amount.

AAU and FRENIA will announce this limit to the REN community as soon as AfriNIC confirms is receipt of the fund.

3. As and when necessary, AAU shall request FRENIA to pay a further tranche into the AfriNIC Account, subject to the limit specified.
4. AfriNIC shall provide a written report to the AAU REN unit in September and April of each year, on the balance of the funds available in the said account. The AAU will provide a similar report to FRENIA, on the use of the funds made available by FRENIA.
5. The AAU and TENET will jointly announce the scheme, including mention of the **\$55 000** limit as well as the limit for each approved application.

A special web page will be setup at AfriNIC and AAU to provide all details on the terms and conditions for eligibility to have access to the fund.

6. TENET will report on these FRENIA payments as grants to the AAU, and not to AfriNIC.

Signed in _____Dakar_____ on ___27/11/2009



X Adiel Akplogan

For AfriNIC



X Dr. Boubakar Barry

For AAU