

AfriNIC INCUBATION at RIPE NCC

Memorandum of Understanding

RIPE NCC is a Regional Internet Registry (RIR), with the authority to delegate Internet Protocol (IP) addresses for its service region and to provide related services. In order to allow training and effective initial operations, AfriNIC wishes to start an incubation period at RIPE NCC offices in Amsterdam. AfriNIC and RIPE NCC mutually agree to the governing principles below:

Goals

- AfriNIC is a proposed Regional Internet Registry intent on developing services for emerging ISPs and existing LIRs in the African region.
- Current African region members of RIPE NCC, ARIN and APNIC become AfriNIC members after a transition period.

Steps

- AfriNIC will incorporate and hire hostmaster trainees.
- Those trainees will be sent to RIPE NCC for training.
- After the training period of six to twelve months, the trainees will return to AfriNIC in Africa.
- RIPE NCC will assist AfriNIC in the setting up of the African Regional Internet Registry.

Financing

- Upon hiring, RIPE NCC will transfer quarterly to AfriNIC, funds to cover trainee personnel costs, including appropriate overheads. The cost will be based on the cost of living in Amsterdam.
- After the initial training period, when a substantial number of requests from African members are handled by AfriNIC personnel, a percentage of the membership fees derived from those members will be transferred en bloc to AfriNIC to cover personnel and other costs.
- RIPE NCC will not charge for training, office space or use of its IT infrastructure.
- Towards the end of the incubation period, AfriNIC with the support of RIPE NCC will strive to enter into membership agreements with the African members of RIPE NCC.

Other

- As appropriate and within its means, RIPE NCC may provide further services to AfriNIC, such as the development of software.

Agreement signed on the 14th May 2002, in Lomé, Togo, by their respective duly authorized officers below:



Axel Pawlik
Chairman, RIPE NCC



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Yann Kwok Kem Yen
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