

Monday, 28 August 2023

Tripti Sinha
ICANN Board Chair

Sally Costerton
ICANN Interim President and CEO

Dear Sally and Tripti,

On behalf of the African Regional At-Large Organization (AFRALO), kindly find attached AFRALO's letter with its Resolution in support of AFRINIC. The Resolution was discussed during AFRALO's General Assembly held in Accra, Ghana between 24 and 25 July 2023. Following incorporation of comments, the AFRALO Resolution on AFRINIC was approved by AFRALO members on 23rd August 2023 in line with AFRALO rules.

AFRALO views the current AFRINIC governance status with great concern. AFRALO reiterates its availability to collaborate with AFRINIC to achieve a satisfactory solution.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Seun Ojedeji', enclosed within a circular scribble.

Seun Ojedeji
AFRALO's Chair



AFRALO RESOLUTION ON AFRINIC

AFRALO held its General Assembly (GA) in Accra, Ghana between 24th and 25th of July 2023. Amongst the items on the agenda we had the opportunity to receive an update on the situation prevailing at AFRINIC from AFRINIC staff. The current challenges facing AFRINIC were of significant concern to the Assembly.

information about the AFRALO GA can be found at:

<https://community.icann.org/display/AFRALO/Agenda+-++AFRALO+General+Assembly-Accra+24-25+July+2023>

Following extensive discussions, the Assembly agreed to draft a resolution to support efforts toward a solution to the current AFRINIC situation as soon as possible. The Resolution drafting commenced at the GA and incorporated comments from the membership of AFRALO. The AFRALO Resolution on AFRINIC was approved by AFRALO on 23 August 2023 in line with AFRALO rules.

The Resolution estates that AFRALO members encourage the AFRINIC leadership to put the necessary mechanisms in place toward ensuring that the AFRINIC Board election is conducted as soon as possible taking into consideration the case with ref: [SC/COM/MOT/000265/2023](https://www.msc.mu/cases/sc/com/mot/000265/2023) that has been entered in the Mauritian Supreme Court

A copy of the Resolution is hereby attached.

Information about the Resolution can be found at:

<https://community.icann.org/display/AFRALO/AFRALO+Resolution+on+AFRINIC>



AFRALO Leadership is available to engage with AFRINIC and/or any other parties involved toward finding a favorable resolution of the AFRINIC situation. AFRINIC is a continental treasure and the growth of AFRINIC is of paramount interest to us at AFRALO and we look forward to your prompt action on this matter.

Yours Sincerely

Seun Ojedeji
Chair AFRALO

AFRALO Resolution on AFRINIC
Approved by AFRALO members vote on August 23, 2023

1. Whereas, AFRALO is aware of and has been following AFRINIC's governance crisis, more particularly since AFRINIC has been without a quorate board since 14 June 2022.
2. Whereas, for the purpose of addressing the above, AFRALO has been made aware of an application initiated by one director named Mr Silvio Cabral Almada before the Supreme Court of Mauritius case bearing reference SC/COM/MOT/000265/2023 whereby the latter is praying for a special general member meeting of the company for the purpose of holding an election to fill Afrinic's current board vacancies.
3. Whereas AFRALO is further aware that the tenure of the AFRINIC's current elected directors will expire by 20 September 2023, such that it is imperative that AFRINIC has a properly constituted board of directors at the earliest.
4. Whereas, AFRALO has also been informed that some of the key parties to the aforementioned application have still not communicated their stand respect thereof which is unnecessarily preventing an expeditious resolution of the aforementioned application.
5. It is therefore resolved that, for the purposes of preserving the both interests of the global regional Internet for Africa, AFRALO be hereby authorised to take all necessary actions, as far as it is reasonably practicable to do so, to engage with all AFRINIC's key stakeholders including its current directors such that the aforementioned application initiated by Mr. Almada is able to achieve an expeditious resolution.

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Résolution d'AFRALO à propos d'AFRINIC
Approuvé par le vote des membres d'AFRALO le 23 août 2023

1. Attendu qu'AFRALO est au courant et suit la crise de gouvernance d'AFRINIC, et ce plus particulièrement depuis que le conseil d'administration d'AFRINIC n'a plus de quorum depuis le 14 juin 2022
2. Attendu qu'AFRALO a pris connaissance d'une demande introduite par le directeur M. Silvio Cabral Almada devant la Cour suprême de l'île Maurice, portant la référence SC/COM/MOT/000265/2023, dans laquelle ce dernier demande la tenue d'une assemblée générale extraordinaire des membres de la société afin d'organiser une élection pour pourvoir les sièges vacants au sein du conseil d'administration d'AFRINIC ;
3. Attendu qu'AFRALO est également au courant que le mandat des administrateurs actuellement élus d'AFRINIC expirera le 20 septembre 2023, ce qui rend impératif qu'AFRINIC dispose d'un conseil d'administration correctement constitué dans les plus brefs délais ;

4. Attendu qu'AFRALO a également eu connaissance que quelques-unes des principales parties concernées par la demande susmentionnée n'ont toujours pas communiqué leur position à cet égard, ce qui empêche inutilement une résolution rapide de la demande susmentionnée ;
5. Il est résolu qu'en vue de préserver à la fois les intérêts de l'Internet régional et mondial pour l'Afrique, AFRALO soit autorisée à prendre toutes les dispositions nécessaires, dans la mesure où cela est raisonnablement possible, pour dialoguer avec toutes les parties prenantes clés d'AFRINIC, y compris ses directeurs actuels, afin que la demande susmentionnée initiée par M. Almada puisse aboutir à une résolution rapide.