

The AfriNIC Policy Development Process

Why You should get involved

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Agenda

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- The AfriNIC PDP
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Internet Host Requirements ...

Fully qualified domain name e.g.

www.afrinic.net



- Highly convenient
- Managed by registries and registrars accredited by ICANN



IP address .e.g 196.208.77.4



- Mandatory
- Managed by RIRs

Like other Resources, Internet Number Resources are ...

- Finite ... (4,294,967,296 possible addresses in total and thus **exhaustible**).
- Will **becoming more scarce** with respect to projected future growth of the Internet (**about 285million IPv4 addresses remaining AA today, with 426 days left**)
- Thus ..
 - Internet number resources must be managed judiciously as a common asset.
 - And thus the need to develop sound public policies to enhance proper management that serves the broad interests of all stakeholders.

What is the afrinic policy development process?...

- *--The set of steps by which the African Internet community proposes, deliberates and adopts the public policies that guide the use of number resources in the AfriNIC service region--*

Principles of the AfriNIC Policy Development Process...

- **Open**: Anyone (yes, that includes you) can propose and discuss policies.
- **Transparent**: All proposals, their discussion and related presentations are documented and available on our website.
- **Bottom-up**: Policies are proposed, discussed and approved by the community, not by AfriNIC, the Board, ICANN/IANA or any government.

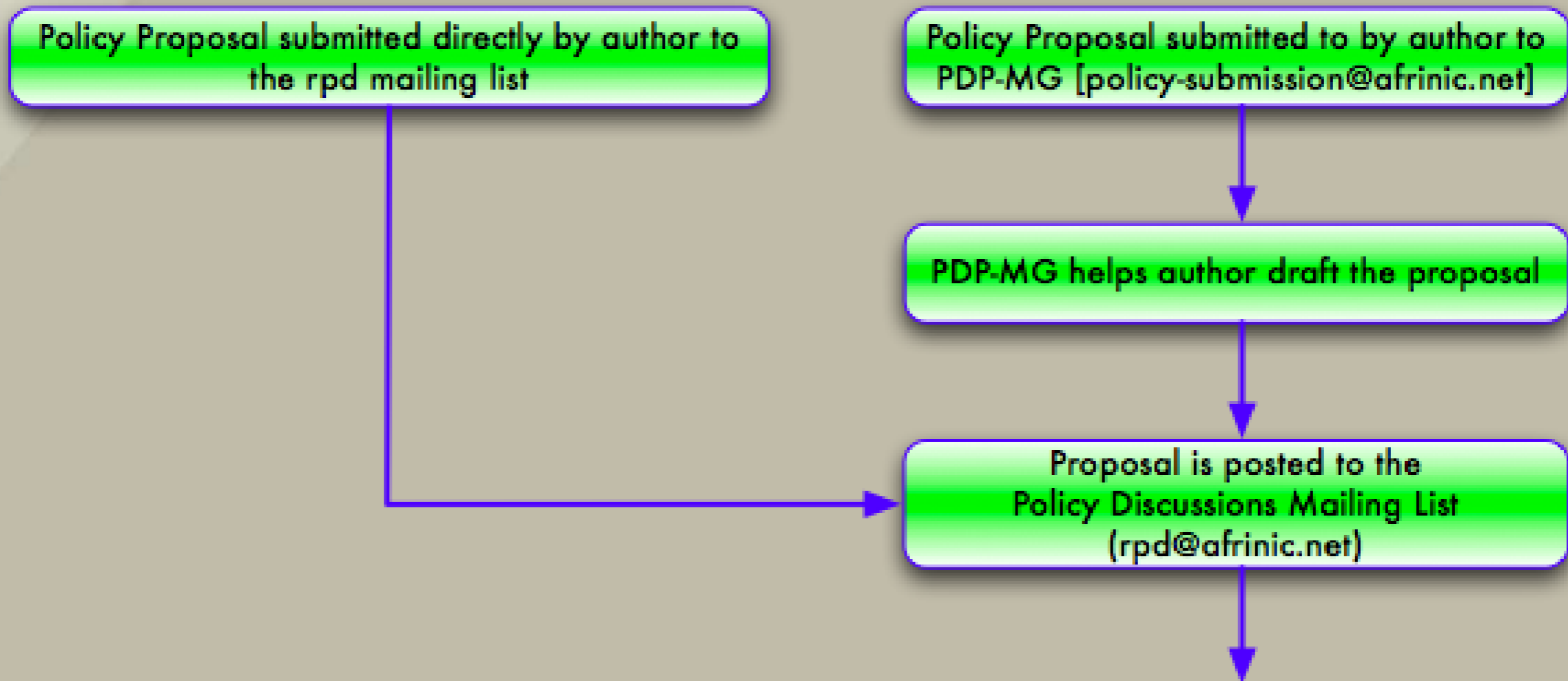
Moderation of the AfriNIC PDP-MG...

- **Moderation of the AfriNIC PDP done by the AfriNIC PDP**
 - Conduct policy discussions during public meetings
 - Moderate discussions on the Resource Policy Discuss (RPD) mailing list
 - Evaluate consensus on policy discussions both online and face to face meetings
 - Report on Policy development matters to the Board
 - Recommend the creation of a special working Groups on the RPD
- **Mode of Working**
 - Mainly online
 - Teleconference (April 2010)
 - Face-to-face meeting (March & June 2010)

PDP-MG Membership...

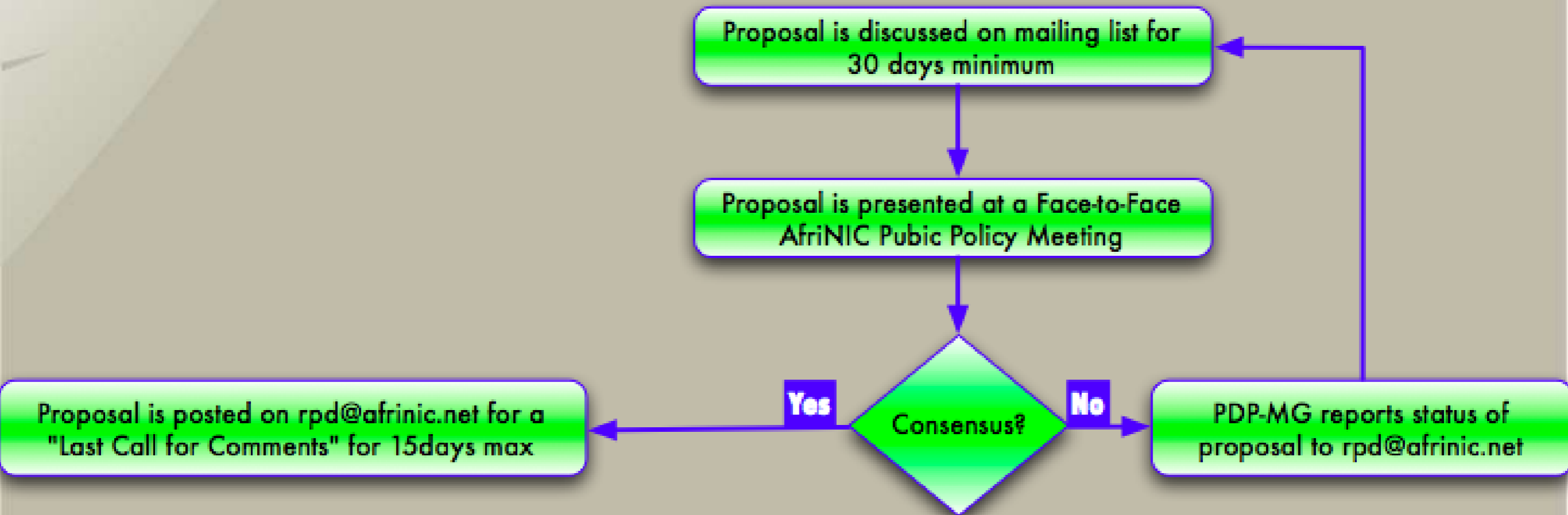
- Voluntary
- Elected by community in line with PDP
- **Current Membership**
 - Vincent Ngundi (Chair) - Kenya
 - Dr. Paulos Nyirenda - Malawi
 - Hytham El-Nakhal - Egypt
 - Mukom Akong Tamon – Liaison to PDP-MG (AfriNIC Secretariat)
- Elections later this afternoon

How the Policy Development Process works



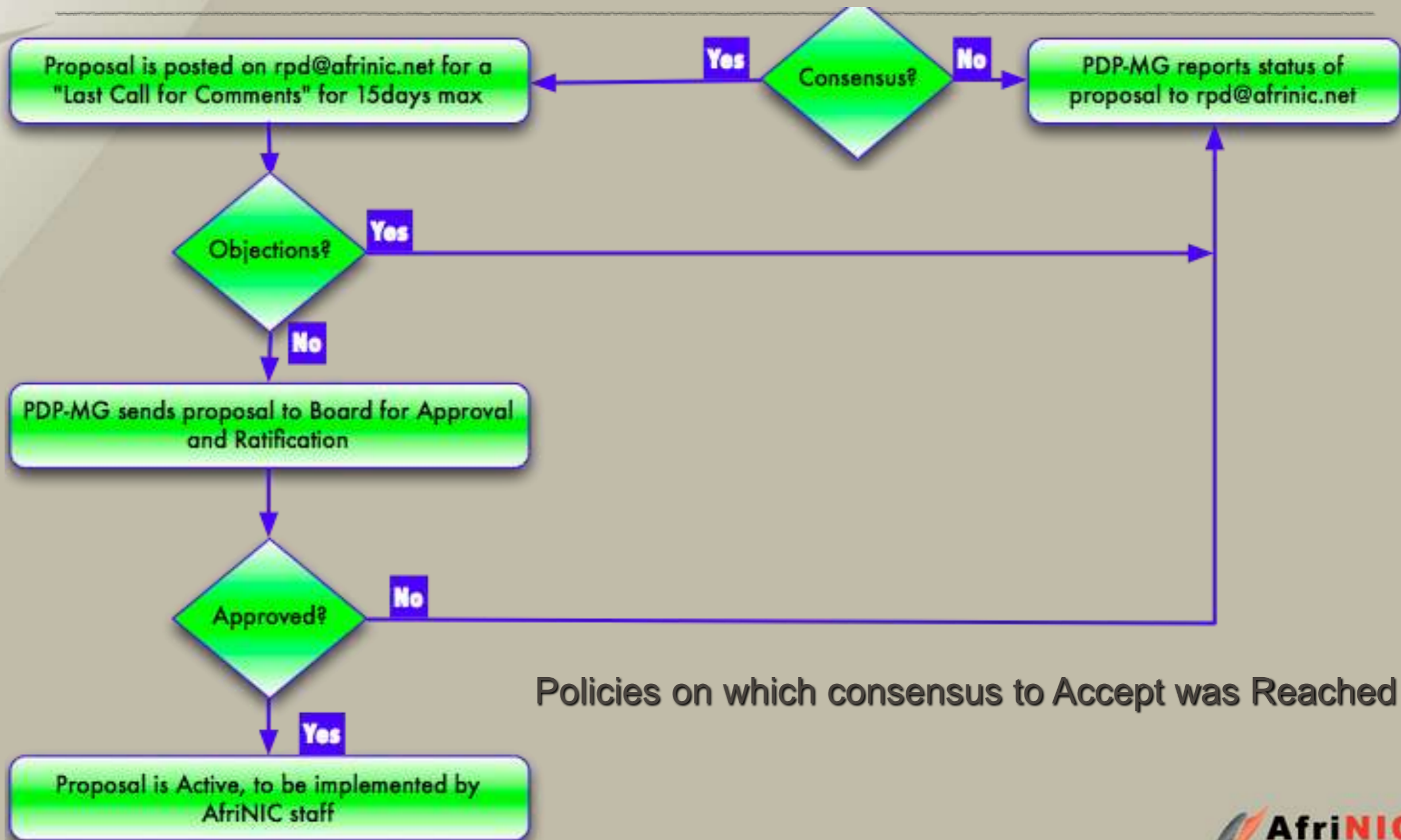
Submission & Initial Discussion

How the Policy Development Process works



Discussions, Face-to-Face Meetings & Decisions

How the Policy Development Process works



Policies on which consensus to Accept was Reached

How to take part in the PDP

1. Subscribe to the **Resource Policies Discuss (RPD)** mailing list (either via the AfriNIC website or by send a mail to rpd-request@afriNIC.net, with the word “subscribe” in the subject field);
2. Submit and contribute to discussions on policy proposals on the RPD mailing list;
3. Attend at least one AfriNIC public policy meeting to discuss and deliberate on policy proposals.

Why Should You Get Involved?

- It is one way to participate in Internet Governance, in this case the management of Internet Number resources (IP addresses & ASNs);
- It gives you an opportunity to propose policies that will prevent abuse of Internet resources;
- Ensure that policies incorporate your needs as an Internet stakeholder;
- Balance the discussion by representing the interests of government and law enforcement agencies.

Proposals Currently Under Discussion

- **Abuse Contact Information**
 - The proposal seeks to introduce a mandatory reference to IRT objects in the inetnum, inet6num and aut-num objects in the AfriNIC Whois Database in order to provide a more accurate & efficient way for abuse reports to reach the correct network contact.
- **IPv4 Soft-landing**
 - Proposed strategy on how to manage last AfriNIC's last /8 IPv4 allocation so as to enable smooth transition to IPv6.
 - Has failed to reach consensus at two meetings.
- **Policy Development in the AfriNIC Service Region**
 - Proposals to revise the current PDP.

Useful Details

- For full details about the Policy Development Process:
 - <http://www.afrinic.net/docs/policies/AFPUB-2008-GEN-001.htm>
- To subscribe to the policy discussions mailing list:
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- For a full list of policies and policy proposals
 - <http://www.afrinic.net/policy.htm>
- For a searchable archive of all policy discussions
 - <https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/>

Conclusion...

- Read policy proposals
- Listen to the synopsis by respective authors
- Participate in the discussions
- Participate in the AfriNIC PDP

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Questions? Answers

www.afrinic.net/policy.htm