

AfriNIC Policy Development Process Analyses

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Definitions

- ☑ Resources Policy Development (RPD) mailing list: This is the primary tool used in discussing policy proposals.
- ☑ 2.2 AfriNIC Ltd: This is the legal entity that runs the day to day operations associated with managing Internet Number resources in the African region.

Definitions

- ☑ The Policy Development Working Group (PDWG):
Anyone who either through the rpd mailing list or a face-to-face meeting, takes part in discussing a policy proposal.
- ☑ The PDWG Chairs: There are two individuals selected from the community who are responsible for performing the administrative functions of the PDWG.

Definitions: Appeal Committee

A committee appointed by AfriNIC board which resolves conflicts that can not be resolved otherwise by a discussion between the aggrieved party and the PDWG or its chairs.

Definitions: Public Policy Meeting

- ☑ A meeting organised by AfriNIC Ltd where members of the community meet face to face to deliberate on Internet Number Resource policies for the AfriNIC region. With respect to policy, the following events typically occur at a public policy meeting:
 - 1) Elections of PDWG chairs.
 - 2) Seeking consensus on a policy proposal that has been discussed on the mailing list for at least four weeks.

Key Policy Prescriptions

- ☑ For a proposal to be discussed at a public meeting, it must have been online for at least four (4) weeks.
- ☑ A proposal cannot be modified within one (1) week of a public policy meeting at which it is going to be deliberated upon.

Key Policy Prescriptions

- ☑ A proposal must be implemented within six (6) months of the last call unless a waiver is requested.
- ☑ An appeal against the decisions/actions of the chairs can only be filled if it is supported by three (3) members of the PDWG who have participated in the discussions. It must be filled within two (2) weeks of the offending action/decision.

Issue #1: Selection of PDWG co-Chairs

☑ The issue:

The policy does not explicitly state how the PDWG chairs shall be 'chosen' from the PDWG

☑ Staff Recommendation:

Elections

Issue #2: Replacing an incapable co-chair

☑ The issue:

The policy doesn't spell out by what mechanism

☑ Staff Recommendation:

If a chair can't server their term, they notify the mailing list and the remaining chair should call for nominations from the community for a replacement for the duration of the term.

Issue #3: Replacing an incapable co-chair

☑ The issue:

The policy doesn't spell out by what mechanism

☑ Staff Recommendation:

If a chair can't server their term, they notify the mailing list and the remaining chair should call for nominations from the community for a replacement for the duration of the term.

Issue #4: Appeal Committee?

✓ The issue:

Policy only states it is the body that resolves conflicts – nothing more is specified

✓ Staff Recommendation:

- ⊙ The complainant shall send their appeal in the form of an email to policy-submission@afrinic.net
- ⊙ The email must mention the names and email addresses of three (3) persons who support it.
- ⊙ The AfriNIC policy liaison shall contact the supporters to verify their support for the appeal, then send the appeal to the board which will appoint an Appeal committee and give them the task of resolving the issue.
- ⊙ The term of the committee shall end once the issue has been resolved and they shall submit their final findings (including proposal for resolution) and decision to the board which then publishes it on rpd mailing list.

Issue #5: Recall Committee?

- ✓ The issue:
Policy only states it is the body that investigates recall of a chair—nothing more is specified

- ✓ Staff Recommendation:
 - ⊙ Individual sends their Request for Recall to policy-submission@afrinic.net.
 - ⊙ The email must mention the names and email addresses of five (5) members of the PDWG who support it.
 - ⊙ The AfriNIC policy liaison shall contact the supporters to verify their support for the recall request, then forward the request to the board which will appoint a Recall committee and give them the task of resolving the issue. The term of the committee shall end once the issue has been resolved and they shall submit their final findings(including proposal for resolution) and decision to the board which then publishes it on rpd mailing list.

QUESTION? ANSWERS

THANK YOU