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AfriNIC 10 – Public Policy Meeting in Cairo, Egypt from 10-21 May 2009

[AfriNIC](#), the Regional Internet Registry (RIR) for Africa is pleased to announce the AfriNIC-10 Public Policy Meeting that is being held jointly with the African Network Operators Group (AfNOG) that started on the 10th May and will close on the 21nd May 2009, at the InterContinental Cairo, Citystars Hotel, Cairo, Egypt. This meeting is being attended by Network Operators, AfriNIC members, Policy Makers, regulators, other Regional Internet registry, Representatives from ICANN and ISOC, academia and other leaders and stakeholders in the Internet community.

About 150 participants are present at this event representing various parts of Africa and other continents. As this is the 10th year anniversary of [AfNOG](#), there will be a special celebration with the theme “10 Year Journey from Capetown to Cairo.” This event is being hosted by the National Telecommunications Regulatory Authority ([NTRA](#)) of Egypt, [Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of Egypt](#), and sponsored by NTRA, MCIT, Internet Society ([ISOC](#)), Cisco Systems Inc. ([CISCO](#)) and [Google](#).

The meeting includes presentations from Industry leaders, on issues that affect the overall success of the Internet throughout Africa, best practices discussions, topics on IGF, IPv6, DNSsec, Public Policy forums and board elections. AfriNIC meetings are open to anyone. They are particularly relevant to members, Internet Network Operators, the Internet community at large, academia, governments and regulators. AfriNIC-10 gives you the opportunity to: have your say on policy proposals that may directly affect the way your organization accesses Internet Number Resources, present your own policy proposals; learn about best practices in Internet resource management to make your business more efficient; and, make valuable contacts for building business relationships.

The following policies will be discussed during AfriNIC-10 meeting: **IPv4 Soft Landing Policy Incentive:** In order to ensure a smooth transition to IPv6 from IPv4, it is necessary that the life span of IPv4 be sustained as much as possible; **IPv6 Allocations to Non-Profit Networks Incentive:** Define criteria for non-profit and community organizations to be recognized for membership of AfriNIC and to allow them to request resources; and, **Global Policy Proposal for the Allocation of IPv4 Blocks to RIRs Incentive:** This policy provides a mechanism for the RIRs to put the recovered IPv4 address space back to the IANA central pool and provides the IANA the policy by which it can later re-allocate them to the RIRs on a needs basis.

For additional information regarding these policy proposal, access <http://www.afriNIC.net/policy.htm>

Please visit the meeting site for additional information <http://meeting.afriNIC.net/afriNIC-10/> For remote participation, visit <http://streaming.afriNIC.net:8000/afriNIC-10.mp3>

AfriNIC is a non-government, not-for-profit, membership based organization, headquartered in Mauritius to serve African Internet community. AfriNIC is the Regional Registry for Internet Number Resources for Africa. Please visit www.afriNIC.net for additional information.