The AfriNIC
Policy Development Process

What is it and How/Why get involved?¡

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agenda

- What is the AfriNIC Policy Development Process?
- How the AfriNIC PDP works and how to take part in it.
- Implications for Internet Governance.
- Why you should get involved.

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Internet Host Requirements I

IP address .e.g 196.208.77.4

Fully qualified domain name e.g. bosslaptop.company.com

- Mandatory
- Managed by RIRs

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

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Like other Resources, Internet Number Resources are 1

- Finite …(4,294,967,296 possible IPv4 addresses in total and thus exhaustible.
- Are becoming more scarce as more of the world comes online.
- Thus ..
  - Internet number resources must be managed judiciously as a common resource.
  - Public policies ensure proper management that serves the broad interests of all stakeholders.

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Examples of Existing Policies₁

- <u>Policy for End User Assignments in AfriNIC service region</u> (AFPUB-2006-GEN-001) spells out what criteria an organisation must meet for it to be assigned a block of IP address independent of its ISP.
- <u>Policy for reverse delegation on Allocated IP addresses</u> (AFPUB-2004-DNS-001): spells out how AfriNIC helps organisations set up reverse DNS which:
    - Makes it possible to find out the organisation that has a particular IP address.
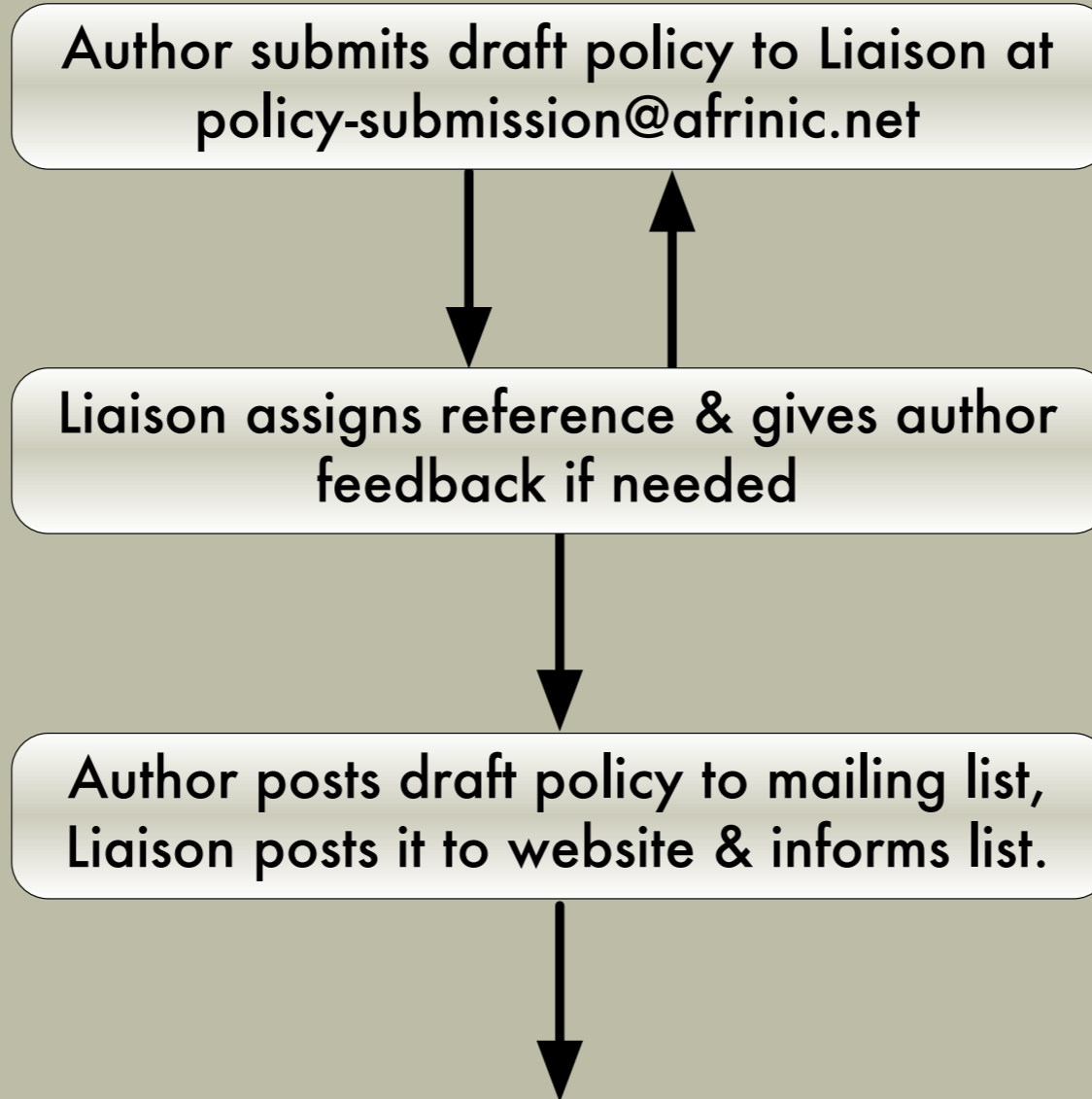   - Make it easier to track computers that are sending out spam.

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What is the afrinic policy development process?ı

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

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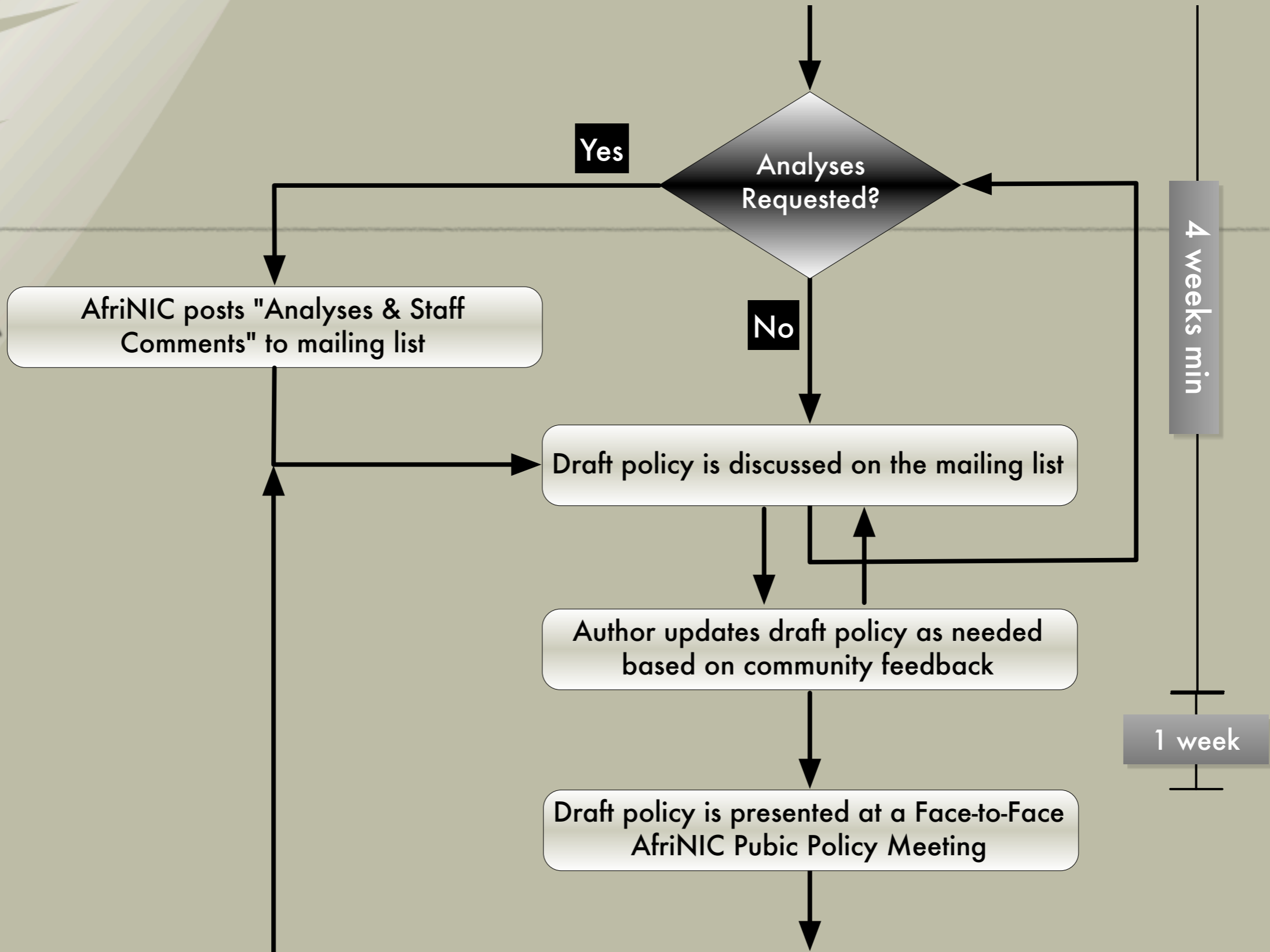
- **<u>Open</u>**: Anyone (yes, that includes you) can propose and discuss policies.
- **<u>Transparent</u>**: All proposals, their discussion and related presentations are documented and available on our website.
- **<u>Bottom-up</u>**: Policies are proposed, discussed and approved by the community,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

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How the Policy Development Process works!

Author submits draft policy to Liaison at policy-submission@afrinic.net

Liaison assigns reference & gives author feedback if needed

Author posts draft policy to mailing list, Liaison posts it to website & informs list.

Submission & Initial Discussion

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How the Policy Development Process works I

Analyses Requested?

Yes

No

4 weeks min

1 week

AfriNIC posts "Analyses & Staff Comments" to mailing list

Draft policy is discussed on the mailing list

Author updates draft policy as needed based on community feedback

Draft policy is presented at a Face-to-Face AfriNIC Pubic Policy Meeting

Discussions, Face-to-Face Meetings & Decisions

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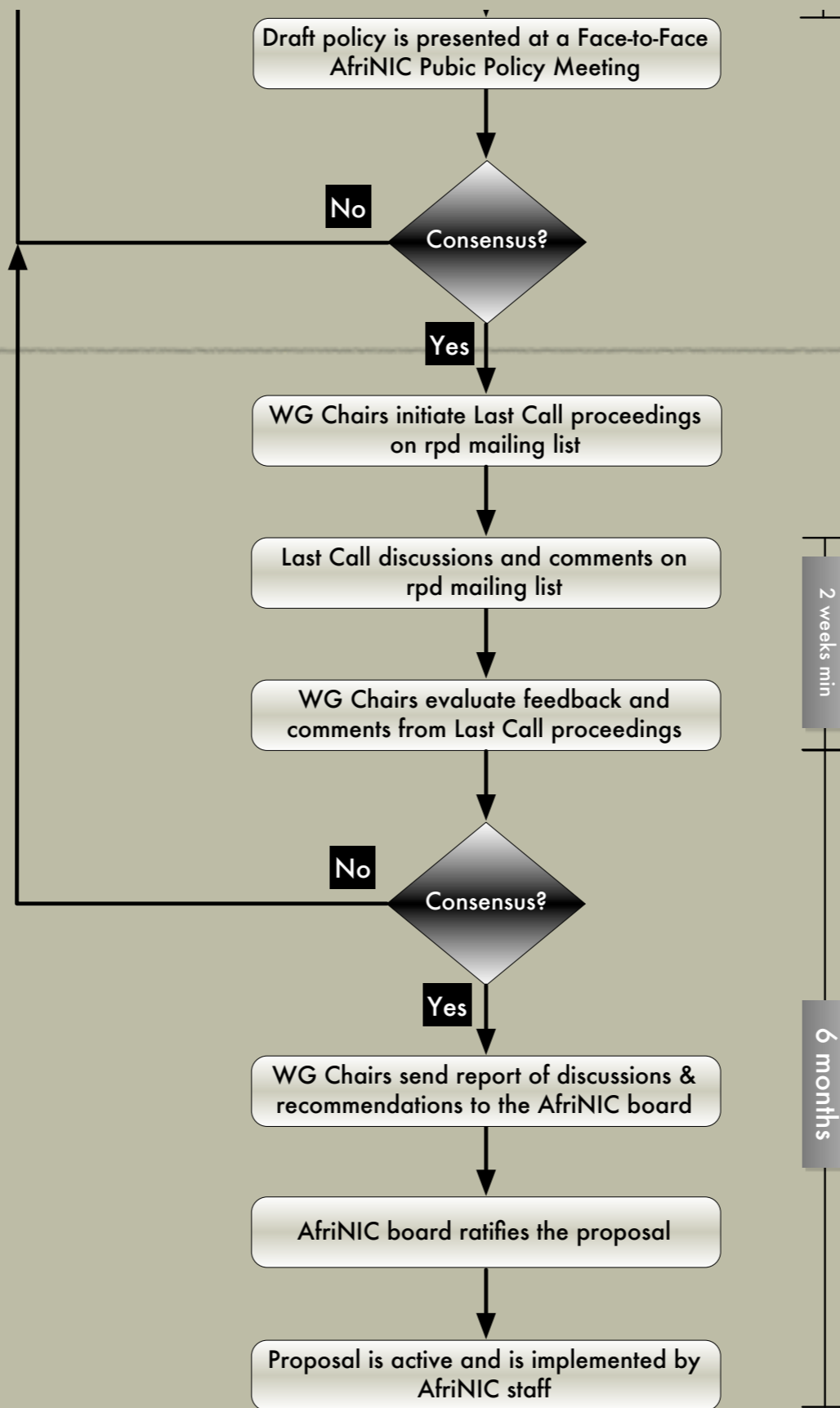
About Global Internet Policiesı

- Most policies are regional - apply only Africa.
- Other policies are global - must be ratified in all RIRs before they can be implemented.

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How to take part in the PDP 1

1. Subscribe to the resource policies discussion mailing list (send a mail to rpd-request@afrinic.net, with the word "**subscribe**" in the subject field)
2. Submit and discuss policy proposals on mailing list.
3. Attend AfriNIC public policy meetings to discuss and deliberate on policy proposals.
4. Nominate people (even yourself) to serve on the PDP moderators group and NRO-NC

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Why Should You Get Involved? 1

- It is one way to participate in Internet Governance.
- Propose policies that ensure fair and effective use of Internet number resources.
- Balance the discussion by representing the interests of various stakeholders of the Internet.

- The Internet is fast becoming the platform on which many aspects of life run …it is smart to pay attention to how its most critical resource is managed.

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Further Detailsı

- For full details about the Policy Development Process:
  - http://www.afrinic.net/docs/policies/AFPUB-2010-GEN-005.htm
  - To subscribe to the policy discussions mailing list:
  - Send a mail to rpd-request@afrinic.net, with the word "subscribe" in the subject field.
- For a full list of implemented policies
  - http://www.afrinic.net/policy.htm
- For a searchable archive of all policy discussions
  - https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/

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