



Press Release

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Press Release: Tunisia to host the 29th AFRINIC public policy meeting

Ebene, Mauritius, 31th August 2018: Tunisia will in November host hundreds of key players in the African and global Internet industry sector at the 29th public policy meeting of the African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC). The event dubbed AFRINIC 29 will be a platform for technocrats and business to discuss policies, trends, resources and challenges in growing Internet for sustainable development in Africa and the Indian Ocean Region. It is being hosted by AFRINIC in collaboration with the Tunisian Internet Agency (ATI) under the patronage of the Ministry of Technology and Digital economy.

The event which is held annually consists of keynote speeches, policy discussions, seminars, workshops, tutorials and other forums for sharing ICT knowledge within the African region. The 2017 edition was held in Lagos and was attended by over 200 delegates from 34 countries around the world. Registration for the event is ongoing through the meeting website <http://bit.ly/AFRINIC-29>.

Whereas Internet penetration in Africa has grown from 11% to 28.6% in just 5 years despite challenges such as cyber security, it is lower when compared to the rest of the world. Measurable parameters such IP address allocations show that the continent is quite behind. In April 2017, AFRINIC entered the depletion phase of fourth version of IP Addresses (IPv4) way behind of the other four continental regional Internet registries who are already distributing the newest version IPv6 in earnest. Please read the event concept note at <http://bit.ly/AFRINIC-29>.

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About AFRINIC

AFRINIC is the Regional Internet Registry for Africa headquartered in Ebene, Mauritius. It is responsible for the distribution and management of Internet number resources (IP address space and Autonomous System Numbers) in Africa and the Indian Ocean region. AFRINIC ensures equitable and efficient distribution of Internet number resources to the African Internet community to support Internet technology usage and development across the continent. More on AFRINIC can be found at www.afrinic.net.

About ATI

The Tunisian Internet Agency, known by its acronym ATI (Agence tunisienne d'Internet) and created on 12 March 1996, is the principal Tunisian ISP. It is run by the Ministry of Communications and has an equal mission to promote Internet usage in that country and global Internet communities. For more information on ATI please visit <http://www.ati.tn>.

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