

COMMUNIQUÉ

Date: 28 April 2025

Dear Resource Members,

Re: AFRINIC Board Reconstitution Election & Voters Register 2025

I am pleased to inform Resource Members that the election for the reconstitution of the Board of Directors of the African Network Information Centre (AfriNIC) Ltd [hereinafter referred to as 'AFRINIC'] will be held on **23 June 2025** (with e-voting held between 16 June 2025 and 23 June 2025).

Methods of voting

The election will take place in a **hybrid format**. This means that participating voters will have the option to vote either **in person** at a designated polling location in Mauritius or **online/remotely** through a secure digital platform provided by Civica Election Services. The goal of this hybrid approach is to increase accessibility, participation and convenience for all eligible voters while maintaining the integrity and security of the election process.

Voting eligibility criteria (good standing)

Only Resource Members can vote in the election.

A Resource Member must be in "good standing" to vote, meaning, by reference to the Bylaws and the AFRINIC Registration Service Agreement:

- it has completed all the necessary formalities under Article 6.4 of AFRINIC's Bylaws,
- its membership remains current; and
- it has paid all up-to-date membership fees and resource allocation or assignment fees due.

In order to avoid any complications with voting in the election, any outstanding fees due should be paid to AFRINIC's satisfaction as soon as possible and, in any event, before the election day.



Voting by e-voting

The e-voting period will last from Monday 16 June 2025 to Monday 23 June 2025 at times to be confirmed in due course.

If a Resource Member chooses to vote via e-voting, it must designate one e-voting representative who will be authorised to vote on its behalf.

There are **two types of persons who can designate an e-voting representative**: (a) a director of the Resource Member or (b) someone who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member (e.g., someone with power of attorney or an attorney appointed in accordance with section 182 of the Mauritius Companies Act 2001).

To designate an e-voting representative, a Resource Member <u>must</u> submit the following information via email to <u>elections2025@afrinic.net</u> by 23:59 (Mauritius time) on Monday 2 June 2025:

- 1. the full name and contact details of the designated e-voting representative in a duly signed letter from either a director or a person who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member; and
- 2. a notarial certificate to accompany the signed letter; and
- 3. an email address for the designated e-voting representative to receive the secured e-voting link (the email address **must** be from the same domain as a Resource Member); and
- 4. a scanned copy of up-to-date identification (e.g., a passport, a drivers' licence or other official ID) of the designated e-voting representative.

<u>All four</u> of the above requirements must be met in order for a designated e-voting representative to be validly added to the register of designated e-voting representatives.

Voting in person by proxy

If a Resource Member prefers to appoint a **proxy** to vote at AFRINIC's polling station, subject to Article 12.12(viii) of the AFRINIC's Bylaws which makes clear that no member shall carry more than 5 proxies, it can appoint such a proxy.

There are **two types of persons who can appoint a proxy**: (a) a director of the Resource Member or (b) someone who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member (e.g., someone with power of attorney or an attorney appointed in accordance with section 182 of the Mauritius Companies Act 2001).

To appoint a proxy, a Resource Member <u>must</u> submit the following information via email to <u>elections2025@afrinic.net</u> by 23:59 (Mauritius time) on Monday 9 June 2025:

- 1. the full name and contact details of the appointed proxy in a duly signed letter from either a director or a person who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member; and
- 2. a notarial certificate to accompany the signed letter; and
- 3. a completed Proxy Form which is available on the MyAFRINIC portal; and
- 4. a scanned copy of up-to-date identification (e.g., a passport, a drivers' licence or other official ID) of the appointed proxy.

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<u>All four</u> of the above requirements must be met in order for a chosen proxy to be validly added to the register of proxies.

On the day of the election, a chosen proxy must bring with them physical copies of:

- 1. the duly signed letter from the director or person who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member:
- 2. the completed Proxy Form or a notarially certified copy of the Proxy Form; and
- 3. up-to-date identification.

N.B. No candidate in the election can act as a proxy for any member.

Voting by an authorised in-person representative

If a Resource Member does not provide either the designated e-voting representative or the proxy details as requested by the specified deadline, a Resource Member may still vote in person at AFRINIC's polling station using a paper ballot, which will be provided on-site.

A Resource Member may vote in person on the election day via an authorised in-person representative.

There are two types of persons who can select an authorised in-person representative: (a) a director of the Resource Member or (b) someone who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member (e.g., someone with power of attorney or an attorney appointed in accordance with section 182 of the Mauritius Companies Act 2001).

To be eligible to vote in person via an authorised in-person representative, the following <u>must be shown</u> on the election day:

- 1. a duly signed letter from either a director or a person who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member to grant the authorised in-person representative authorisation to vote; and
- 2. a notarial certificate to accompany the signed letter; and
- 3. a physical copy of up-to-date identification (e.g., a passport, a drivers' licence or other official ID).

If the authorised in-person representative of a Resource Member cannot provide the above three documents on the election day, they will not be eligible to vote in person at AFRINIC's polling station using a paper ballot.

N.B. **Multiple members may select the same authorised in-person representative**; however, the authorised in-person representative **must bring** the above three documents in relation to **each member** on election day.



IMPORTANT:

Please be reminded that failure to:

- 1. designate an e-voting representative,
- 2. appoint a proxy for the purpose of voting in person, or
- 3. ensure that the authorised in-person representative attending the polling station presents valid authorisation

shall result in a Resource Member being ineligible to vote.

Please also be reminded that a Resource Member may only vote <u>via one of the above three methods of voting</u>: (a) a designed e-voting representative; (b) in person by proxy; or (c) an authorised in-person representative. Voting by more than one method is strictly prohibited.

Further information regarding the polling platform and polling station, as well as the specific timing of the election, will be shared in due course.

For any questions or assistance, please feel free to contact elections 2025@afrinic.net.

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Election Committee