



## Press Release

**Attn: Business Editor**

### **PRESS RELEASE: LAGOS TO HOST THE 27<sup>TH</sup> AFRINIC PUBLIC POLICY MEETING**

**Ebene, Mauritius, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017:** Lagos will in November host hundreds of key players in the African and global Internet industry sector at the 27<sup>th</sup> public policy meeting of the African Network Information Center (AFRINIC). The event dubbed AFRINIC 27 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 Nigerian Internet Registration Association (NiRA).

Over 400 delegates from 39 countries have already registered for annual event, which consists of keynote speeches, policy discussions, seminars, workshops, tutorials and other forums for sharing ICT knowledge within the African region. The event is being supported by The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), Internet Society (ISOC), MTN Nigeria, The ZA Central Registry (ZACR), Main One Nigeria, NTEL among other sponsors. Registration for the event is on going through the meeting website <http://bit.ly/2vdgM3P>.

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/2uylwiv>.

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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](http://www.afrinic.net).

### **About NiRA**

NiRA, founded in March 2005, is an Incorporated Trustees registered under the Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and a not for profit organisation, charged with the management of Nigeria's country code Top Level Domain Name (.ng ccTLD). NiRA is a self-regulating body and managers of the .ng national resource, the country code Top Level Domain (ccTLD) name space in the public interest of Nigeria and global Internet communities. For more information on NiRA please visit <https://www.nira.org.ng>.

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