



COMMUNIQUE

To: AFRINIC MEMBERS

From: Gowtamsingh DABEE, Receiver

Date: 21st April 2025

Subject: Election Date for the Reconstitution of the Board of AFRINIC

Dear Members,

By virtue of an Order dated the 12th February 2025, I have been appointed as the Receiver of African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC) Ltd (hereinafter referred to as "AFRINIC") to replace the Official Receiver.

The purpose of appointing a Receiver for AFRINIC is to "*hold the ring*" and ensure that the status quo of AFRINIC's assets is preserved and that the value of the business is maintained. A Receiver is appointed under Section 178 of the Companies Act 2001 (the "Company Act") and is supported by powers under the Insolvency Act 2009 (the "Insolvency Act").

Given that AFRINIC has not had a quorate Board of directors since June 2022 and has not had any directors since September 2023, I was further mandated by the Supreme Court to see to it that the Board of AFRINIC is reconstituted by way of an election and a Chief Executive Officer is subsequently appointed.

My powers and mandate are sourced from the eighth schedule of the Insolvency Act and the constitutional documents of AFRINIC (the "Bylaws"). These powers include managing and controlling the assets of AFRINIC, overseeing operations, and ensuring compliance with court directives.

As the Receiver of AFRINIC, I am legally fully entitled to act within the purview of the laws and the Bylaws and any other relevant document of AFRINIC to organise, hold and complete the election process.

I am pleased to inform you that the election for the reconstitution of the Board of Directors will be held on **23 June 2025** following an extension granted by the Court.

With a view to address the various concerns that I have received in relation to potential interferences in the election process coupled with the fact that AFRINIC does not have any director in office nor a Chief Executive Officer, after careful consideration and in the best interests of AFRINIC, the following appointments have been made to ensure a completely free and fair election mechanism process.



Appointment of the following Individuals to serve on the Nomination Committee

The Honourable Simon Nicholas Davenport KC has been appointed as the Chair of the Nomination Committee. The Honourable Nicholas Davenport KC is one of the most senior members of the English Bar and has vast experience in insolvency law work.

Under his supervision, three other members have been appointed to assist him, namely Mr Nicholas George Leah, Ms Priscellia Elouise Robinson and Mr George Hayden Penny, all qualified barristers in England and Wales and regulated by the Bar Standards Board.

The duties and responsibilities of the Nomination Committee shall include the following:

- (a) Report to the Receiver and adhere to the guidelines set by the Receiver from time to time;
- (b) Design and implement a suitable timeline and process for the Election;
- (c) Call for candidates for Seats 1 to 8;
- (d) Prescribe criteria and qualifications for eligibility to stand for the Election;
- (e) Interview candidates, if appropriate, prior to finalising the list of candidates;
- (f) Review and finalise the list of candidates for the Election; and
- (g) Supervise the conduct of the polls by the Election Committee and Civica Election Services on Election Day.

Appointment of the following individuals to serve on the Election Committee

Mr Yogesh CHADEE has appointed as the Chair of the Election Committee. Mr Yogesh CHADEE is the Head of Value Added Services of AFRINIC and he has previously acted as a member of the Election Committee. Mr Yogesh CHADEE shall be assisted in his responsibilities by Ms Guylaine LAIYRA, Senior Executive Assistant of AFRINIC. Ms LAIYRA has also previously been a member of the Election Committee. Given that the e-voting platform will be operated by Civica Election Services, Mr Ben Halton, Deputy Manager of the Membership Sector of Civica Election Services, has been appointed to the Election Committee. Finally, Mr Anjoolen NAIR, an accountant employed by my office, has ben appointed to the Election Committee. The duties and responsibilities of the Election Committee shall include handling the pre-election process and conducting polls on the election day.



Appointment of Civica Election Services


Civica Election Services Ltd of the Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 0NW, the United Kingdom (formerly known as the Electoral Reform Services) has been appointed to operate the electronic voting platform and to provide the ballot papers for physical voting.

Civica Election Services has more than 120 years of experience and is trusted by many organisations including local authorities in the United Kingdom.

I am confident that under the leadership of Mr Davenport KC and Mr Yogesh Chadee and , both committees will uphold the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

Please join me in congratulating the appointed members and offering them your full support as they undertake this important responsibility.

Sincerely,



Gowtamsingh Dabee
Receiver