

## Press Release

### The Gambia's Ministerial Delegation visits AFRINIC in Mauritius

#### For Immediate Release

**Ebene, Mauritius, 14th October 2022:** The African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC) this morning hosted Hon. Ousman Bah, Minister of Communications and Digital Economy in the Republic of Gambia. The Gambian delegation accompanying the minister included Mr. Ebrima Darbo, the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Mr. Lang Loum, the Deputy Director of ICT, Mr. Sering Modou Bah, the Principal ICT Officer, and Mr. Assan Jammeh the Senior Planner. The ministerial delegation was received by Mr. Eddy Kayihura, the Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Kayihura, showed the Honorable minister around the office, introducing him to the staff. The visitors made it to the board room where Mr. James Chirwa, AFRINIC Head of Member Services, delivered a presentation on AFRINIC showcasing the state of resource membership in Gambia and provided inputs on how the Ministry can partner with AFRINIC champion AFRINIC services(IPv6, IRR, and RPKI) Adoption.

With regard to digital growth, the two principals had deliberations on IPv6 deployment in Gambia, and how the two organizations can collaborate. "I want to assure you IPv6 deployment in Gambia come January 2023", said, Honorable Bah. On his part, Mr. Kayihura committed to providing support towards IPv6 deployment in the Gambia. Mr. Kayihura said, "We want to support the Gambia to achieve its digital transformation objectives and one of the ways we will do this is by supporting your IPv6 adoption. We will ensure your engineers are trained and walk them through IPv6 deployment and I am glad that come January 2023, this will be achieved".

Concerning the minimal number of resource members in Gambia, the Honorable Minister assured Mr.Kayihura that he would see to it that Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in his country become resource members for IPv6 adoption to be realised. This is in line with the Ministry's mission of promoting the development of robust, scalable, reliable, affordable, and accessible modern information. The Minister expressed the urgency for this initiative and promised to meet with the Gambian Internet stakeholders in the coming week to discuss the way forward.

Hon. Bah applauded the work that AFRINIC is doing towards realizing sustainable digital growth in the region and expressed his optimism about the partnership between AFRINIC and Gambia's Ministry. This visit by the Gambian delegation is part of the delegation's study of the digital ecosystem, infrastructure, and development in Mauritius.

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### **About the African Network Information Centre (AFRINIC)**

AFRINIC is the Regional Internet Registry for Africa. Based in Mauritius, this not-for-profit organisation with more than 40 staff members, is responsible for the distribution and management of Internet numbers (IPv4, IPv6 addresses and autonomous system numbers) for Africa and the Indian Ocean. Serving more than 2,000 organisations in the public, private and academic sectors, AFRINIC contributes to the development of the African Internet through the equitable distribution of Internet numbers, technical support and capacity building of African engineers and policymakers in the field of Internet technology and governance. More on AFRINIC can be found at <https://afrinic.net/about>

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