

AFRINIC 35 PUBLIC POLICY MEETING

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AGENDA (DAY 1 - 1 June 2022)



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09:00 - 09:10	Overview of the logistics of the AFRINIC-35 PPM
09:10 - 09:15	Welcome, Introduction & Agenda Overview
09:15 - 09:40	The AFRINIC PDP & Building Consensus
09:40 - 09:50	Questions & Answers
09:50 - 10:00	TEA BREAK
10:00 - 11:25	PDP Working Group (WG) Guidelines and Procedures AFPUB-2020-GEN-002-DRAFT05
11:25 - 11:35	TEA BREAK
11:35 - 13:00	Update of PDP AFPUB-2021-GEN-002-DRAFT03
13:00	Closing Remarks for Day 1



GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING

AFRINIC Code of Conduct



- As a participant in AFRINIC Public Policy Meetings, you are expected to:
 - Behave professionally and respectfully at all times.
 - Act in the best interests of the AFRINIC community at all times.
 - Respect the agenda: Please keep your remarks on-topic for the relevant part of the meeting.
- ***Harassment, intimidation or offensive behavior will not be tolerated.***

How to Participate in the PPM



- Question Time will be opened to allow questions from both online and onsite participants.
- Please use the Q&A Window on Meetecho conference platform.
- For those following the PPM on Facebook and YouTube, your questions will be monitored and copied to the Q&A Window of the Meetecho conference platform.
- You may also subscribe to rpd@afrinic.net and make your contributions to the policy discussions.
- Consult the RPD archives to familiarise yourself with the discussions on policy proposals.

How to Participate in the PPM



When given the floor:

- **Introduce yourself:** State your Name & Affiliation clearly.
- Respect the timekeeping & keep your remarks reasonably short.
- Respect language differences, translators, and remote participants.
- Please speak slowly and clearly.
- If you are opposing or supporting any policy you must give an **objective reason** bearing in mind the AFRINIC Code of Conduct.
- If microphones are closed before you have had a chance to speak, post your message on the RPD mailing which will be monitored throughout.

AFRINIC PDP & Building consensus





POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS (PDP)

AFRINIC Internet Number Resource Policies



Internet Number Resources Management Policies:

- Guidelines by which AFRINIC manages Internet number resources.
- Guidelines for the services offered by AFRINIC around these resources.
- Developed by the AFRINIC Internet Community (PDWG).
- Developed through the AFRINIC Policy Development Process (PDP).

The Policy Development Working Group



The Policy Development Working Group (PDWG) is:

- Composed of anyone that is involved in discussing a policy proposal (African Internet Community).
- Chaired by 2 Co-Chairs (Volunteers).
- Current PDWG Co-Chairs:
 - Vincent Ngundi (Kenya)
 - Darwin Da Costa (Angola)
- Supported by AFRINIC through the Policy Liaison Team (secretariat duties).

Roles of the PDP Co-Chairs

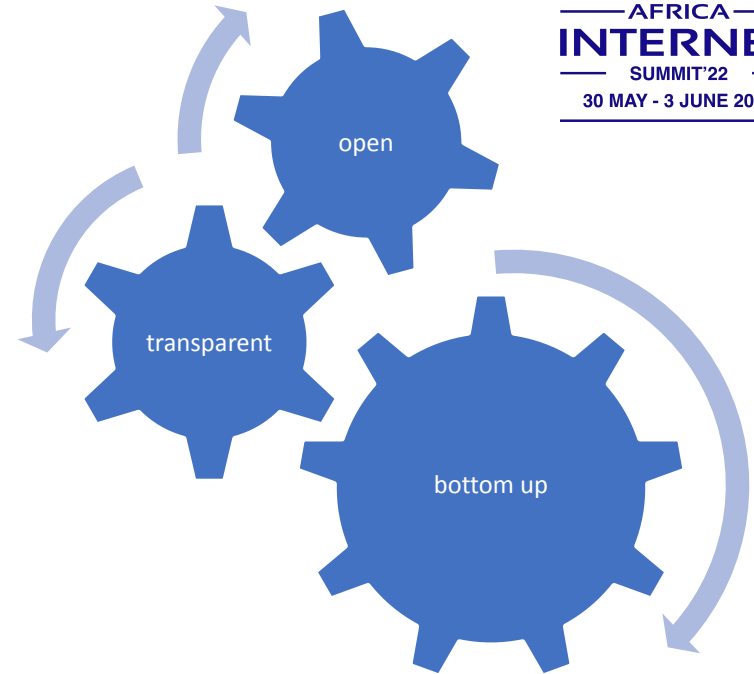


- Moderate discussion in the RPD mailing list.
- Determining whether there is rough consensus during open public policy proposal discussions.
- Initiation and termination of the final review of proposals (Last Call).
- Sending a report on the outcomes of policy proposal discussions at public policy meetings to the AFRINIC Board of Directors.
- Publishing minutes of the proceedings of public policy meetings.

Policy Development Process



---The set of steps by which the African Internet community proposes, deliberates and adopts the policies that guide the use of Internet number resources in the AFRINIC service region---



Policy Development Process



- The PDP is a documented policy (CPM 3.0), also subject to change.
- Procedures in the PDP are designed to be fair, open, objective.
 - Provide ample opportunity for participation by any interested party.
 - Decisions are based on “*rough consensus*”.
- Changes to the PDP must follow the PDP.
- Implemented policies can evolve to adapt to new situations that prevail.

The PDP Principles



Openness

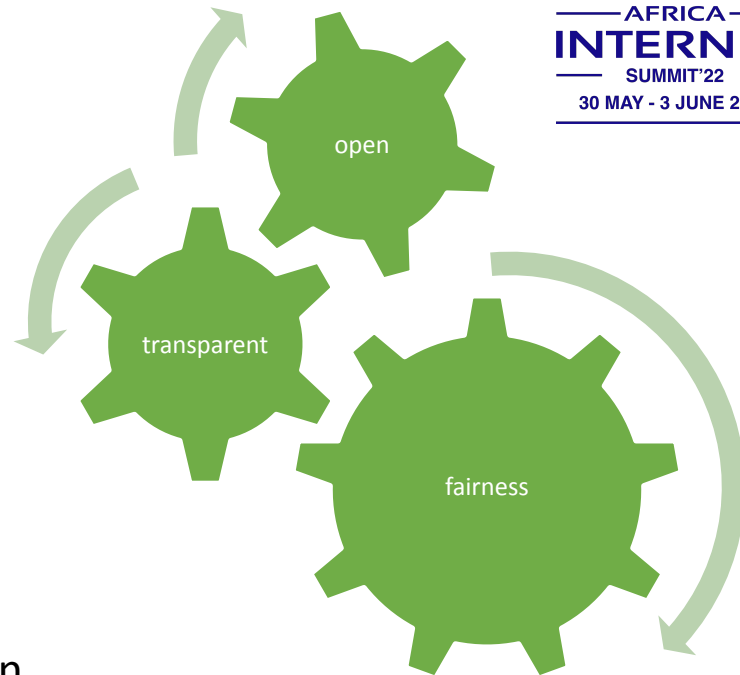
- Policy development happens in an open forum.
- Anyone can participate.

Transparency

- Everything documented, publicly available (RPD archives & website).

Fairness

- Goal of all discussions is to ensure fair distribution of resources.



The PDP Simplified



AFRINIC Consolidated Policy Manual



All ratified policies are documented in the AFRINIC Policy manual

<https://www.afrinic.net/policy/manual>

The manual is updated once new policies are ratified and implemented



BUILDING & DETERMINING CONSENSUS

Building & Determining Consensus



Section 3.0 of the CPM

- The objective of the PDP is to:
 - Provide ample opportunity for participation and comment by all interested parties;
 - Establish widespread Internet community **consensus**.

Section 3.4.2 of the CPM

- The Chair(s) determine(s) whether **rough consensus** has been achieved during the Public Policy Meeting.

Building & Determining Consensus



- **RFC 7282** (On Consensus and Humming in the IETF)
 - A guide to building & determining consensus
 - Developed for the IETF, an environment similar to ours
- **Moderation of Policy Proposal Discussions**
 - Identify **objections & contentious issues** regarding the policy proposal
 - **Track open issues** yet to be addressed by the Author(s) and participants
- **Building Consensus**
 - Direct the PDWG towards the **areas that are contentious**
 - Encourage participants to **focus** and **seek consensus** on such areas
 - Ensure that concerns raised through the AfriNIC **impact assessment** are addressed

Building & Determining Consensus



- **Determining Consensus**

- Objective is to always aim for **rough consensus**, if not consensus
- Rough consensus is **not** built/determined through a VOTING mechanism
- Rather by ensuring that **all objections/concerns are adequately addressed**
- Look/seek consensus **throughout** the process (*for each contentious issue*)
- **No VOTING mechanism** applied at any point in time (*avoid “vote stuffing”*)

- 100 people for and 5 people against **might** not be rough consensus
*If a **minority** of participants have a **valid objection**, that objection must be dealt with before rough consensus can be declared*

- 5 people for and 100 people against **might** still be rough consensus
*As long as there are no **valid objections** that have not been addressed*

Building & Determining Consensus



Moderate Policy Proposal Discussions

Identify objections/contentious issues

Track open issues that are yet to be addressed

Build Consensus

Direct PDWG towards open issues

Encourage PDWG to focus & seek solutions to these issues

Leverage on impact assessment to address open issues

Determine Consensus

Focus is to ensure that all open issues have been addressed

Looks/seek consensus throughout the process

No voting (to avoid vote stuffing)

100 people for & 5 against **might not be** rough consensus

5 people for & 100 against **might be** rough consensus



Policy Proposals for AFRINIC-35 Public Policy Meeting

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1. PDP Working Group (WG) Guidelines and Procedures - ID
AFPUB-2020-GEN-002-DRAFT05
2. Update of PDP - ID AFPUB-2021-GEN-002-DRAFT03

Flow of the Discussions



Presentation of the policy proposal by Author	10 minutes
Presentation of Staff Impact Assessment by Secretariat	5 minutes
Presentation on contentious areas by the Co-Chairs	5 minutes
Open Mic Discussions by the PDWG + Q&A comments/questions	40 minutes
Response by the Authors	15 minutes
Announcement of the decision of the Co-Chairs	10 minutes

PDP Working Group (WG) Guidelines and Procedures Policy Proposal - ID AFPUB-2020-GEN-002-DRAFT05

PDP Working Group (WG) Guidelines and Procedures Policy Proposal

AFPUB-2020-GEN-002-DRAFT05



Submitted to rpd mailing list on 24 May 2022

Authors : Noah Maina & Alain Aina

We now hand over the microphone firstly to the authors so that they may present the proposal & then the AFRINIC Secretariat will present the impact assessment.

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Objections/Concerns on Draft-04

The PDP is not just "guidelines" it is strict rules, it can't be subjected to interpretations and then we come into trouble. CPM has rules.

rejecting inputs is discriminatory. If someone was too busy to participate in part of the discussion he/she has the right to come in at any time during the discussion. May have inputs that have not been considered before and in any case, he has the right to express an opinion. That section must be completely deleted.

Is bad to have a mention to specific sections of the bylaws, they can change (they should, in fact, they must not encroach the community and PDP)

Lack of consensus definition. Many folks don't read RFCs - there is no clear view of if the consensus is determined also in the mailing list discussion. Lack of last-call definition Lack of clear timings for all the processes.

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1. Open Mic Discussions by the PDWG + Q&A comments/questions
 1. Introduce yourself - Name and affiliation
 2. Start by saying if you support or oppose this proposal or want to comment on the proposal
 3. Do you see any disadvantages in this proposal?
 4. Is there anything in the proposal that is not clear?
 5. What changes could be made to this proposal to make both effective and acceptable?

PDP Working Group (WG) Guidelines and Procedures Policy Proposal - ID AFPUB-2020-GEN-002-DRAFT05



2. Response by the Authors

3. Announcement of the decision of the Co-Chairs

Update of PDP

AFPUB-2021-GEN-002-DRAFT03

Submitted to rpd mailing list on 18 May 2022

Author : Jordi Palet Martinez



We now hand over the microphone firstly to the authors so that they may present the proposal & then the AFRINIC Secretariat will present the impact assessment.

Update of PDP AFPUB-2021-GEN-002-DRAFT03



No discussions on the rpd mailing list on the updated proposal

Update of PDP AFPUB-2021-GEN-002-DRAFT03



Objections/Concerns on Draft-02

Pending concerns relating to section 3.4.2 - “The reduction of the announcement of the meeting agenda on the RPD list from two weeks to one week makes no sense because it does not give the RPD enough time for discussion and less time to get a better grasp of the meeting's agenda. In the current version, it states that 'no change can be made to the draft policy within one week of the meeting' but good enough, there are two weeks. The proposed version estate the same thing but it only gives a one-week provision”

Pending concern to section 3.4.5. “There is no necessity for the additional functions of the board of directors. Because it would be additional work to both the community and the board plus giving the board the opportunity to make temporary policy changes which would last until the next PPM might create an issue from it was created to the next PPM’

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Objections/Concerns on Draft-02

Oluwabunmi EGBEYEMI, a researcher from a University in Nigeria mentioned her disagreement with the shortening of the expiration of the PPD and questioned the purpose?

She is of the opinion that the PPV should be consolidated within one year, so it is approved to better serve the community.

Is a staff impact assessment needed?

If yes, at what point is it appropriate to have an impact assessment done?

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End of sessions PPM Day1