

STAFF ASSESSMENT FOR AFPUB-2017-GEN-002-DRAFT-02

AFRINIC Policy Development Process BIS (v2)

Proposal	AF PUB-2017-GEN-002-DRAFT-02
Title	AFRINIC Policy Development Process BIS
URL	https://www.afrinic.net/en/community/policy-development/policy-proposals/2233-afrinic-policy-development-process-bis PDWG Guidelines: https://www.afrinic.net/en/community/policy-development/policy-proposals/2235-afrinic-policy-development-working-group-guidelines-and-procedures
Previous Assessment	https://afrinic.net/community/policy-development/policy-proposals/2083-afrinic-policy-development-process-bis#staffassessment
Assessed	21/Nov/2017

1.0 Staff Understanding of the Proposal

The proposal is a major revision of the current Policy Development Process (Sec 3 of the CPM).

2.0 Staff Comments

Observations from staff mostly concern clarity:

1. The two documents (The proposal and "PDWG guidelines") should be in one document to be consistent with the principle behind the CPM as the single reference for all policy information.
2. Under "Phases of a policy proposal", the idea appears to be that the problem statement and description is agreed in the Adoption Phase, the outline of the solution is agreed in the Discussion Phase, and the wording of the proposal is agreed in the Review Phase, but this is not clear.
3. Implementation date should not be tied to last call, but rather the date of Board Ratification. 6 months from the date of ratification is reasonable time to implement a proposal.
4. Art 3.7.2 includes a mention of a section of the by-laws. This should be avoided and removed, because if the by-laws change, the CPM would need to be changed too. Let this section be reworded to something like:

"The AFRINIC Board of Directors may adopt policies regarding the management of Internet number resources where it considers that the same is necessary and urgent, having regard to the proper and responsible usage of these resources. The working group will endorse any such adopted policy at the following public policy meeting."

3.0 Comments from Legal Counsel

None observed.

4.0 Implementation

If ratified as written, the proposal shall be implemented within the time stipulated by the PDP.