

AFRINIC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TechCOM)

1. Purpose

The AFRINIC Technical committee (TechCOM) has the responsibility to define and recommend for approval by the Board matters related to technical aspects of the organisation.

2.0. Composition

The Committee shall be appointed by the AFRINIC Board (on the recommendation of its members) from amongst the Directors of the company and shall consist of not less than 3 members including the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee. The COO/CTO will serve as a committee liaison in an advisory capacity. The committee may invite any expert as an observer.

Members may serve successive one-year terms as long as they continue to meet the selection criteria. Vacancies on the Committee during the term shall be filled in the same manner as the regular selection process.

The Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the members of the Committee and ratified by the Board. If any member of the Committee shall, during the term of his/her appointment, have any action occur or engage in any action or transaction, which impacts his/her independence, he/she shall so inform the Committee at the earliest date. If such member shall be determined no longer to be independent, he/she may be required to resign from the Committee.

3.0. Decision-making

A quorum shall be a majority of members. Each member has one vote.

The Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings in which all its actions are recorded.

4.0. Responsibilities

The Committee shall function in two areas: Oversee AFRINIC's Technical architecture and standard. The Committee shall report/advise the Board regarding actions to be taken. The Committee shall ensure that AFRINIC is technically capable of allocation and registration (internet routing protocols, global Internet connectivity, DNS server support, suitable internal infrastructure, enough technical capability). The AFRINIC Technical Committee shall review its charter annually and its performance as an AFRINIC Board committee. Any recommendations from this review shall be reported to the AFRINIC Board for its consideration.

4.1. Oversee AFRINIC Technical architecture and Standard

The Committee shall:

- (i) Review the AFRINIC technical architecture and consider the technical performance report of the company on a yearly basis;
- (ii) The Committee shall approve technical changes of critical architecture such as Datacenter, redundancy and data recovery;
- (iii) Review Management's strategies for developing or implementing new technologies and systems including the IT Risk Management and Security plan on a yearly basis;