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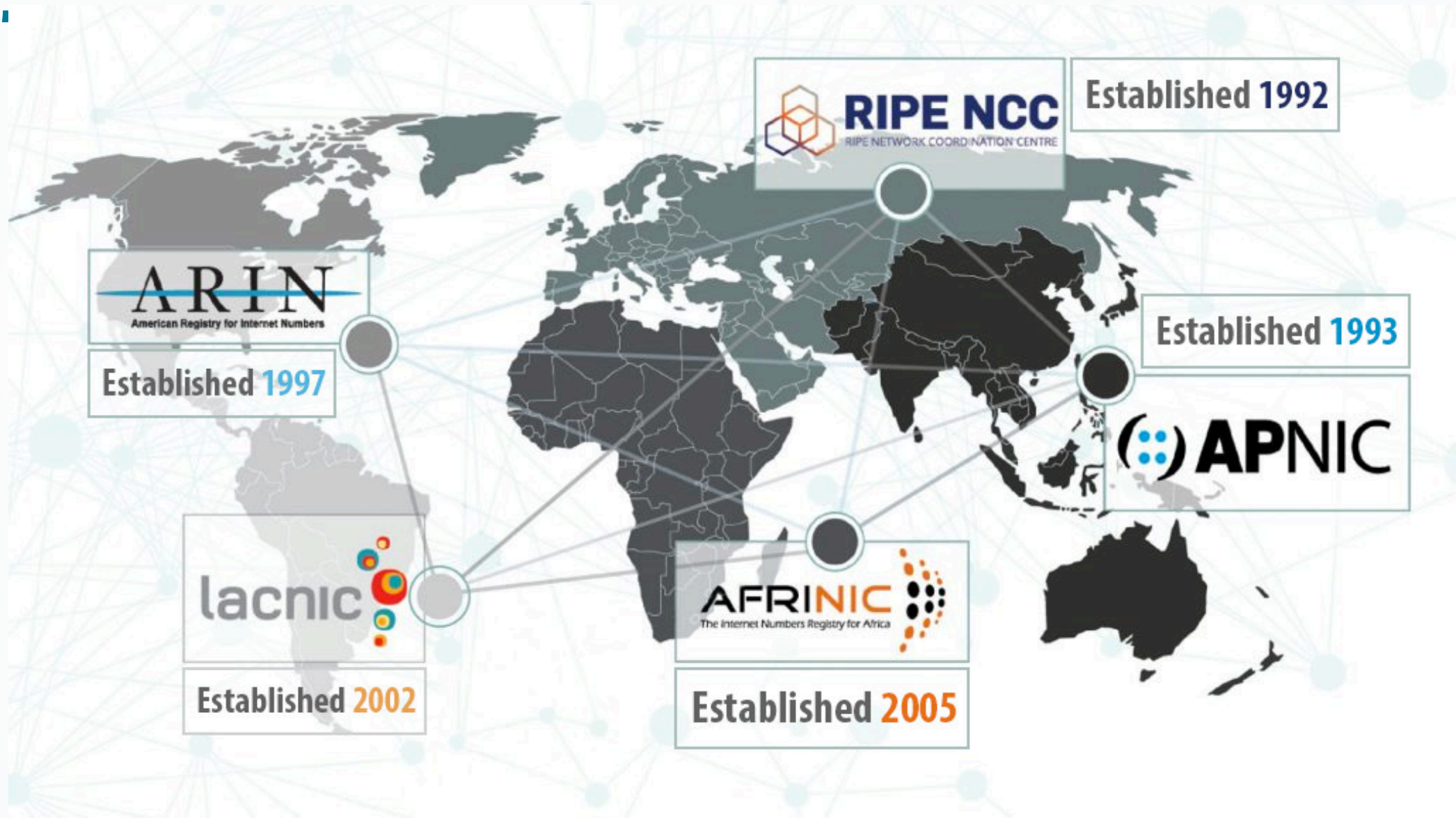
American Registry for Internet Numbers

## **ARIN and Ongoing Developments in the Global Internet Number Registry System**

**John Curran, ARIN President & CEO**



# The RIR System





# Background



ARIN does not normally comment on disputes or related litigation occurring at another RIR



Provide insight into the nature of the dispute, to highlight some aspects of the ongoing litigation

# Timeline of Legal Developments

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## 2020

AFRINIC completed a Registry Audit

A determination that **resources were not being utilized for the purposes for which they were issued** and would be revoked (after a suitable time to allow customer migration of those resources)

**More information was required** from Cloud Innovation

Mr. Lu and his businesses **disputed AFRINIC's authority** to enforce this provision of its customer agreement



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Mr. Lu engaged in several **legal actions in the courts in Mauritius** to prevent having to return the address blocks to AFRINIC

One motion currently **freezes AFRINIC's accounts** and thus has the potential to hamper AFRINIC's operations

After approx. 2.5 months, AFRINIC successfully has **freezing order removed**

Injunction entered in Court **preventing AFRINIC from holding its annual elections**

Filing by registered member of AFRINIC seeking the **appointment of Directors to the Board to constitute quorum** (list of proposed candidates was provided by African Telecommunications Union)



# Litigation



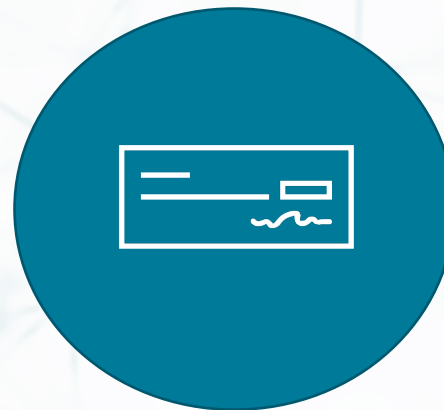
# Litigation



AFRINIC  
subject to  
over 40  
claims



Majority of  
cases involve  
Cloud  
Innovation



Freezing  
financial  
accounts for  
2 ½ months



Interference  
in the  
operations of  
AFRINIC



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# **Governance, Elections, and Board Lawsuits**

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No Quorum



Seeking court relief to appoint directors to reach Quorum



Injunction Prevents Elections



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Current public relations campaign against AFRINIC by the Number Resource Society (NRS)



The NRS is in no way affiliated or connected with the NRO





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Public relations campaign by the NRS against

- AFRINIC's CEO
- Other individuals that have expressed support for AFRINIC

It is of utmost importance to ensure fair, transparent,  
and trustworthy elections in AFRINIC

# NRO Public Response



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12 July 2022



## NRO Letter to Mauritius Government

*“For the last 12 months, AFRINIC has been inappropriately disrupted in its ability to perform its critical functions. Over 25 lawsuits have been filed against it by an entity known as Cloud Innovation Ltd, with registered address in Seychelles, and which is owned and controlled by a Mr. Lu Heng, a resident of Hong Kong.”*

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# **ARIN's Communication to the Community**

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## Blog Posts

January 2021

August 2021



## RIRs Message

21 June 2022

**ANY QUESTIONS**

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**Thank You**