

ARIN AC expression of support to the emerging AfriNIC RIR  
May 13, 2004 – Sent to the AC Chair, Alec Peterson, and to the full AC membership

The ARIN Advisory Council expresses its full support for the effort of the Board of Trustees and staff of the emerging African Regional Internet Registry, AfriNIC. The AC encourages the communities at large that make up the continent of Africa to provide strong leadership and financial support for this huge effort. Commitment to the principles of open and transparent management of these important resources requires the full range of individual, organizational and government support.

Since representatives of the AfriNIC vision first participated in ARIN meetings, the ARIN community has given voice to that vision and expressed its approval. This community has watched the development of the vision until leaders are now poised to take an historic step into the future. This step will fulfill the AfriNIC vision as it joins the RIR community and consolidates Internet numbers resource management across the entire continent of Africa. Welcome we say.

It is a privilege for the ARIN AC to send representatives to the first-ever Regional meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania to take part in policy discussions with those managing AfriNIC's transition toward full and independent performance of its registration role. Be assured that all members of the AC express their support and wish the African community the very best of luck. We pledge our continuing interest and encourage you to call upon us as colleagues in whatever capacity we may be of service.