



AFRINIC crisis meeting

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American Registry for Internet Numbers

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AFRINIC
The Internet Numbers Registry for Africa



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A. There are lawyers involved

B. Only current as of yesterday — new developments all the time

C. *The opinions expressed herein do not necessarily represent those of my employer, ISPA, etc.

How broken is AFRINIC?

A quick recap

- Very
- Co-founder and high-ranking employee (same person) caught stealing IPv4 addresses from free pool to lease/sell.
- Legacy address blocks stolen / hijacked / squatted — also to sell/lease (by different people).
- Rather than focus on dealing with this, AFRINIC goes after Cloud Innovation too — big mistake
- Cloud Innovation, and its allies and associates bring AFRINIC to its knees

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- In the opening skirmish, Cloud Innovation locked AFRINIC out of its own bank account with an “at own risk and perils” garnishee order.
- AFRINIC is subsequently drowned in litigation.
- AFRINIC tries to hold elections to fill board vacancies, but it devolves into a schoolyard fight — except with allegations of serious corruption.
- Final paralysing blows block election and gets court to order that AFRINIC’s inquorate board can make no decisions — including appointing a new CEO.

List of Court Cases involving AFRINIC

Court Cases

Other Updates

A) Salient features of courts cases involving AFRINIC

Application set-asideSee Order

SN	Date	Case Name & Cause Number	Nature of Case	Status	Remark
1	2020 Jun 12	Afri Holdings Ltd & Others vs AFRINIC SC/COM/WRT/000295/2020	Application for an injunction (Not granted)	Completed	Application has been set-aside with Costs following Applicants' motion for withdrawal of their application on 15 June 2023 See Order
2	2021 Feb	LegisWeb Inc vs AFRINIC	Application for injunction	Completed	Application



Current status

- AFRINIC placed under receivership on 12 September 2023
- Elections were to be held within 6 months — by 12 March 2024
- A rival faction blocked this.
- New receiver ultimately appointed, which must call elections. Which is why you're here.

Questions
