

AFRINIC Policy Update







Proposal: Number Resource Transfers

- This proposal calls for IPv4 address transfers to be put in place so that African IP network operators can benefit from an open IPv4 address market when the AFRINIC IPv4 address inventory is finally exhausted.
- Discussions around the feeling that the proposal stands to mainly benefit other regions than Africa, as transfers will be most likely one-way: out of the continent.
- No consensus at 2 AFRINIC meetings still under discussion, will probably expire soon if no revisions by author, per PDP.



Proposal: Soft Landing BIS

- Proposal is an update to the current IPv4 soft-landing policy.
- Describes how AFRINIC will manage allocations/assignments from the last IANA allocated /8 by defining two distinct exhaustion phases:
 - Phase 1 sets the maximum allocation/assignment at /15 instead of /10 as defined in current (Soft Landing) policy.
 - Phase 2 sets the the maximum to /22.
- Allocation period shall change to 8 months (from 12).
- Reserves a /16 for Critical Internet Infrastructure, and /13 for future unforeseen circumstances.
- Removed Minimum allocation size as this could evolve over time.
- Imposes IPv6 allocation/assignment.



Proposal: Soft Landing Overhaul

- Completely replaces the original (and currently in force) IPv4 Soft Landing Policy.
- The intent to create a new category of resource requestors called "new entrants", while setting aside a /13 block reserved for those "new entrants".
- Proposal does away with "soft landing" and allows for the "natural depletion" of the current IPv4 inventory, with the spirit of promoting IPv6 uptake.
- No consensus at last meeting some discussants branded it a "crash landing" proposal, while others supported the intent.



Proposal: Number Resources Review

- Proposal provides for AFRINIC to audit number resource usage as provided for in article 4 of the RSA – to allow recovery of resources whose utilization is not in compliance with RSA and/or policies.
- The spirit of the proposal is to discourage stockpiling and encourage efficient usage of especially the scarce resources at this time.
- Reviews/audits can be triggered:
 - Randomly, by AFRINIC (only for "large" members)
 - Picked as a result of non-compliance
 - Requested by the member
 - Triggered by a "whistle-blower" from the community.
- An appeal process for members who think the review was unfair.
- No consensus at last meeting still under discussion.

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