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RE: Proposal to Re-engage the AFRINIC Community

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Dear John,

The ICANN Board acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 21 March 2023 entitled “Proposal to Re-engage the AFRINIC Community”.

Further to our conversations during ICANN76, as you know, we share your views and approach to supporting AFRINIC and their membership during this challenging time. Like the Number Resource Organization (NRO), ICANN maintains its strong support of AFRINIC and hopes that AFRINIC can emerge from its recent governance situation.

In support of AFRINIC, ICANN would like to work together with the NRO to offer assistance to AFRINIC in support of its mission, if AFRINIC and the other Regional Internet Registries (RIRs) deem this useful.

ICANN recognizes AFRINIC's work for the benefit of the African networking community, as well as the Internet community at large. ICANN is committed to providing assistance to AFRINIC, as it navigates through its recent challenges, in order to ensure operational continuity of the Internet number registry system.

Best wishes,



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