

COMMUNIQUÉ

EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR E-VOTING REGISTRATION

The new deadline for e-voting registration is:

Thursday 5 June 2025 at 15:00 Mauritius time (MUT)

Dear AFRINIC Resource Members,

As Chair of the Nomination Committee, I wish to inform AFRINIC Resource Members that the Nomination Committee has taken the decision to extend the deadline for e-voting registration.

The new e-voting registration deadline will be Thursday 5 June 2025 at 15:00 Mauritius time (MUT).

Resource Members must ensure that they have sent all the necessary documents to <u>elections2025@afrinic.net</u> by the above time and date. The new deadline will be <u>final and no</u> <u>further extensions will be granted</u>.

The deadline for proxy registration remains the same as before (see below).

The reason for extending the e-voting registration deadline is to allow for maximum participation in the 2025 Election as e-voting is the most convenient and accessible method of voting. During the 2025 Election, the e-voting platform will be administered by Civica Election Services, a reliable and specialist provider of election services with over 100 years' experience in managing elections voting.

By extending the e-voting registration deadline, Resource Members have more time to secure the necessary documents to be added to the e-voting register. The e-voting register is being compiled by the AFRINIC Elections Committee and Civica Election Services.

Please find below a reminder about: (i) who can vote (Resource Members in good standing); (ii) how many times can a Resource Member vote (once) (iii) how to register to e-vote; (iv) how to register a proxy; (v) how to vote via an authorised in-person representative on the in-person day of the election; and (vi) where to find more information about the 2025 Election.

Any general questions should be directed to the AFRINIC Elections Committee at <u>elections2025@afrinic.net</u>.

The Honourable Simon Davenport KC Chair, AFRINIC Nomination Committee 2025 <u>3 June 2025</u> Who can vote in the 2025 Election?

Only Resource Members can vote in the election.

A Resource Member must be in "good standing" to vote, meaning, by reference to the Bylaws and the AFRINIC Registration Service Agreement:

- it has completed all the necessary formalities under Article 6.4 of AFRINIC's Bylaws,
- its membership remains current; and
- it has paid all up-to-date membership fees and resource allocation or assignment fees du (which should be done as soon as possible).

Can a Resource Member vote more than once?

No. A Resource Member can only vote once.

Please be reminded that a Resource Member may only vote <u>via one of the three methods of</u> <u>voting set out in full below</u>: (a) a designed e-voting representative; (b) in person by proxy; or (c) an authorised in-person representative. **Voting by more than one method is strictly prohibited**.

How does a Resource Member register to e-vote?

The new deadline to register to e-vote is Thursday 5 June 2025 at 15:00 Mauritius time (MUT).

The e-voting period will last from Monday 16 June 2025 to Monday 23 June 2025 <u>at times to be</u> <u>confirmed in due course</u>.

If a Resource Member chooses to vote via e-voting, it must designate one e-voting representative who will be authorised to vote on its behalf.

There are two types of persons who can designate an e-voting representative:

(a) a director of the Resource Member (or a responsible person such as a treasurer or secretary if the company is unincorporated/volunteer-based) or

(b) someone who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member (e.g., a someone with power of attorney or an attorney appointed in a manner akin to section 182 of the Mauritius Companies Act 2001).

To designate an e-voting representative, a Resource Member <u>must</u> submit the following information via email to <u>elections2025@afrinic.net</u> by 23:59 (Mauritius time) on Monday 2 June 2025:

- the full name and contact details of the designated e-voting representative in a duly signed letter from either a director or a person who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member; <u>and</u>
- 2. a **notarial certificate** letter (or some other legally authorised document) to accompany the signed letter; <u>and</u>
- an email address for the designated e-voting representative to receive the secured e-voting link (the email address <u>must</u> be from the same domain as a Resource Member); and
- 4. a scanned copy of up-to-date identification (e.g., a passport, a drivers' licence or other official ID) of the designated e-voting representative.

<u>All four</u> of the above requirements must be met in order for a designated e-voting representative to be validly added to the register of designated e-voting representatives.

What does a Resource Member appoint a proxy?

The deadline for proxy registration remains 9 June 2025 at 23:59 Mauritius time (MUT).

If a Resource Member prefers to appoint a **proxy** to vote at AFRINIC's polling station, subject to Article 12.12(viii) of the AFRINIC's Bylaws which makes clear that no member shall carry more than 5 proxies, it can appoint such a proxy. N.B. No candidate in the election can act as a proxy for any member.

There are two types of persons who can appoint a proxy:

(a) a director of the Resource Member (or a responsible person such as a treasurer or secretary if the company is unincorporated/volunteer-based) or

(b) someone who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member (e.g., a someone with power of attorney or an attorney appointed in a manner akin to section 182 of the Mauritius Companies Act 2001).

To appoint a proxy, a Resource Member <u>must</u> submit the following information via email to <u>elections2025@afrinic.net</u> by 23:59 (Mauritius time) on Monday 9 June 2025:

- 1. the full name and contact details of the appointed proxy in a duly signed letter from either a director or a person who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member; <u>and</u>
- 2. a **notarial certificate** (or some other legally authorised document) to accompany the signed letter; <u>and</u>
- 3. a completed **Proxy Form** which is available on the **MyAFRINIC portal**; and
- 4. a scanned copy of up-to-date identification (e.g., a passport, a drivers' licence or other official ID) of the appointed proxy.

<u>All four</u> of the above requirements must be met in order for a chosen proxy to be validly added to the register of proxies.

On the day of the election (23 June 2025), a chosen proxy <u>must bring with them physical</u> <u>copies of</u>: (i) the duly signed letter from the director or person who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member; (ii) the **completed Proxy Form or a notarially certified copy of the Proxy Form**; <u>and (iii)</u> up-to-date identification.

What if a Resource Member misses the e-voting or proxy registration deadlines?

If a Resource Member does not provide either the designated e-voting representative or the proxy details as requested by the specified deadline, a Resource Member **may still vote in person at AFRINIC's polling station using a paper ballot**, which will be provided on-site.

A Resource Member may vote in person on the election day via **an authorised in-person representative**. N.B. **Multiple members may select the same authorised in-person representative**; however, the authorised in-person representative **must bring** the required documents in relation to <u>each member</u> on election day.

There are two types of persons who can select an authorised in-person representative:

(a) a director of the Resource Member (or a responsible person such as a treasurer or secretary if the company is unincorporated/volunteer-based) or(b) someone who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member (e.g., a someone with power of attorney or an attorney appointed in a manner akin to section 182 of the

Mauritius Companies Act 2001).

To be eligible to vote in person via an authorised in-person representative, the following documentation **must be shown** on the election day:

- 1. a duly signed letter from either a director or a person who holds authority on behalf of the Resource Member to grant the authorised in-person representative authorisation to vote; <u>and</u>
- 2. a **notarial certificate** (or some other legally authorised document) to accompany the signed letter; <u>and</u>
- 3. a physical copy of up-to-date identification (e.g., a passport, a drivers' licence or other official ID).

If the authorised in-person representative of a Resource Member **cannot provide the above three documents** on the day of the election (23 June 2025), **they will not be eligible to vote** in person at AFRINIC's polling station using a paper ballot.

Where is there more information about voting?

For all the essential information about the AFRINIC Election Process, please visit: <u>https://afrinic.net/election-process</u> where you will find the following relevant documents:

- The Election Guidelines; and
- The second Official Communiqué about voting methods and requirements.

In particular, please read the 2025 Election FAQs here: <u>https://afrinic.net/ast/2025/Final_FAQ.pdf</u>.

Any general queries on the AFRINIC elections may be addressed to <u>elections2025@afrinic.net</u>.