

Proposed policy changes for Africa Portion of the RIPE NCC region.

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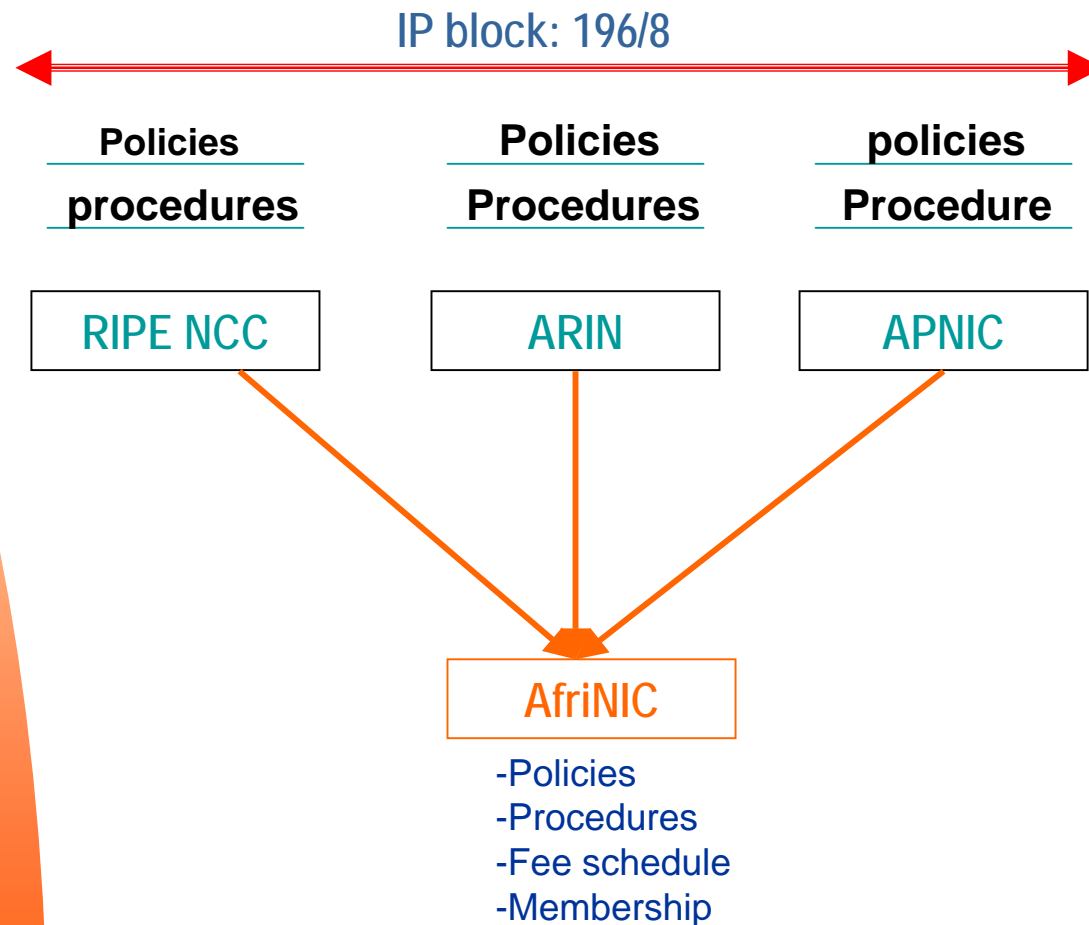
Introduction:

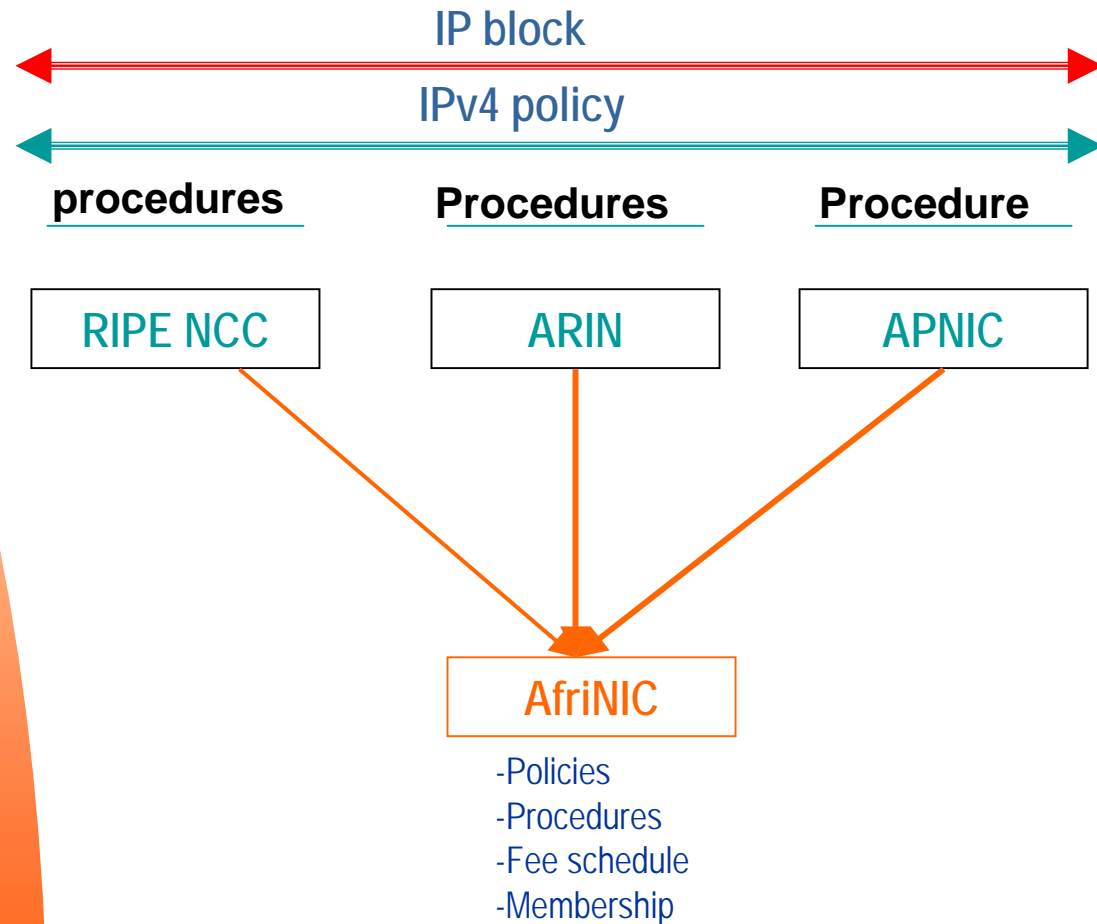
- Africa:

- ◆ 3 RIR's serving the African Continent.
- ◆ Different IP blocks used in continent.
- ◆ Three different policies [-RIR's] in effect.
- ◆ Three different procedures.

- AfrinIC's task:

Merging the different procedures and policies
and to a single and harmonized policy





Cause:

- In the quest to come up with a common policy for future LIR's in AfriNIC region (Africa and Indian Ocean), a few policy changes have been proposed for RIPE region's African LIR's.
- The changes are similar to what ARIN implemented in their last meeting in Chicago, 2003-15.* The ARIN Advisory Council voted to forward policy proposal to the ARIN Board of Trustees for consideration by 3rd Dec '03. Since this call expired, we assume the ARIN BoT will pass it ;-)

* 2003-15: IPv4 Allocation Policy for the Africa Portion of the ARIN Region available at:

http://www.arin.net/policy/2003_15.html.

- Briefly, this policy suggests an initial allocation of a /22 for ARIN's africa members.

Proposal:

- First Allocation to African LIR's:
 - ◆ The minimum allocation for African members of RIPE NCC to change from /21 to /22.
- Sub-allocation:
 - ◆ Downstream network operators in Africa efficiently using a /23 sub-allocation qualify to receive a /22 PA allocation from the RIPE NCC if they decide to become an LIR themselves.

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- These changes will be applied only to LIRs operating in Africa's RIPE NCC region.
 - The change will only affect the 196.201/13 range used by RIPE NCC to allocate IP address in Africa Region
 - When AfriNIC begins operation, the policies endorsed at AfriNIC-I in May 2004 will be used. (AfriNIC is currently in a Policy Dev. Process and a wg is already in place: policy-wg@afrinic.org – with 8 volunteers now. List is still closed until March 15 when the first set of policy will be ready for comments from internet community

Current Developments:

- Project/Business Manager Hired: Adiel Akplogan - Oct '03.
- Policy Working Group – create harmonized policy from current arin/ripe ncc/apnic policies. WG results will be open to community for comments mid march. (policy-wg@afriNIC.org) – 15 March.
- closely working collaboratively with RIPE NCC and ARIN to effect the (technical/eng.) transition – ongoing.
- setup the technical operations centre in Pretoria, South Africa (under the CSIR – Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, www.csir.co.za, a project under the DoC – 7 Feb).
- AfriNIC-1 Open Policy Meeting, Senegal – May 2004

- Overview of all AfriNIC mailing lists:
<http://listserv4.cfi.co.ug/mailman/listinfo>
- Questions?

