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Subject: Report on the Policy Proposal, Policy Compliance Dashboard

AFPUB-2021-GEN-003-DRAFT02

Introduction

In line with the Policy Development Process, we would like to inform you that the above-mentioned policy proposal attained rough consensus at the last Public Policy Meeting held in online mode 17-18 Nov 2021 during AFRINIC-34.

Co-chairs believe that the current version of the proposal (Ver. 2) addresses notes and observations made by interested community members that participated in discussions during the life-cycle of the proposal since the first draft. The last call period was concluded at 23h59 UTC on 5 January 2022.

The table below shows the milestones in the policy proposal progress;

Date	Milestone/Activity
18 October 2021	The proposal was received on pdwg@afnic.net
20 October 2021	The policy proposal was given the ID AFPUB-2021-GEN-003-DRAFT01 and posted on website https://afnic.net/policy/proposals/2021-gen-003-d1
20 October 2021	An announcement was made on the RPD mailing list by PDWG Chairs - https://lists.afnic.net/pipermail/rpd/2021/013881.html
9 Nov 2021	Authors submitted an updated version of the proposal to pdwg@afnic.net
10 Nov 2021	The policy proposal was given the ID AFPUB-2021-GEN-003-DRAFT02 and posted on website https://afnic.net/policy/proposals/2021-gen-003-d2
10 Nov 2021	An announcement was made on the RPD mailing list by PDWG Chairs for AFPUB-2021-GEN-003-DRAFT02 https://lists.afnic.net/pipermail/rpd/2021/013894.html

18 Nov 2021	Proposal with ID AFPUB-2021-GEN-003-DRAFT02 was presented and discussed at the <i>AFRINIC-34</i> Public Policy Meeting. The PDWG Chairs announced that the policy proposal reached rough consensus. https://www.afrinic.net/policy/development-working-group/ppm-afrinic-34
8 Dec 2021	The PDWG Chairs provided a summary of how they reached consensus and announced the start & duration of the “last-call” period. https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/2021/014053.html
6 Jan 2022	PDWG Chairs announced the end of Last Call https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/2022/014091.html
14 Jan 2022	AFRINIC PDWG Co-chairs announced that the proposal Policy Compliance Dashboard AFPUB-2021-GEN-003-DRAFT02 has reached consensus. https://lists.afrinic.net/pipermail/rpd/2022/014136.html

Additional Notes

The AFRINIC PDWG Co-chairs have gone through the discussions on the RPD mailing list during the Last Call and prepared this report. As supporting documentation, the summary of the assessment conducted is as follows:-.

Summary of the assessment

Concerns	Addressed/Pending	Notes
The dashboard may pose some problems because the technical side of things may be mishandled and may cause data breach. Data breach is an event no organization wants to experience. What level of assurance can be given to members that their Information will not be compromised. Human error, insider misuse of information, physical theft of data carrying devices are likely issues that may arise from the implementation of the dashboard and whose outcomes could be disastrous.	Addressed	As per AF-34 PPM Minutes , this concern has already been addressed
it subjects resource members to the monitoring of AFRINIC. The Policy Compliance Dashboard, although it is just for "policy compliance",	Addressed	As per AF-34 PPM Minutes , this concern has

<p>this is still surveillance by AFRINIC. This is a direct invasion of privacy that disregards the confidentiality of businesses between resource members and AFRINIC.</p>		<p>already been addressed</p>
<p>A- 3.Notifications : Enforcing the policy still has no guarantee on how you would make sure that the members check the dashboard. A large majority of AFRINIC resource members don't even stay up to date with the latest policy developments. And what if they just choose to ignore the dashboard and then claim that they haven't checked it since nothing obliges them to..?</p>	<p>Addressed</p>	<p>As per 11.2 of the AF-34 PPM Minutes , this concern has already been addressed by author</p>
<p>B- 4.Lack of compliance : Why does AFRINIC even need this policy to exist to conduct exhaustive investigations and further actions when a member is not complying ? This section is one of the most important points of the policy that needs to justify the need of it, and it is lacking explanatory details that are crucial to understand what value exactly is added by the dashboard. Especially if AFRINIC is already doing the same job..</p>	<p>Addressed</p>	<p>As per 11.4(7) of the AF-34 PPM Minutes , this concern has already been addressed by author.</p>
<p>Adding to this, I'll have to agree on the fact that an automated notification might not be as effective as when the task is conducted by a human being, which adds a sense of accountability to the resource member that is not complying and which he can't just ignore....the Compliance Dashboard would then be slowing or complicating a process that is already working perfectly</p>	<p>Addressed</p>	<p>As per 11.2(7) of the AF-34 PPM Minutes , this concern has already been addressed.</p>

Conclusion

Based on the above information, we advise the AFRINIC Board to ratify the draft policy proposal **Policy Compliance Dashboard AFPUB-2021-GEN-003-DRAFT02** at its earliest convenience.

Vincent Ngundi , Darwin da Costa
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