

Reminder to Designate an AFRINIC Voting Representative

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If you are receiving this letter, you have likely also received previous updates from the DCA and ISPA regarding AFRINIC developments. In summary, following an aborted election marred by irregularities and controversy, the court-appointed Receiver (“Receiver”) has announced that new elections will take place this month.

This communication is intended to encourage you to make sure that your organisation has designated a voting representative. According to AFRINIC, as at 8th August 2025, only 238 of the 1740 AFRINIC members eligible to vote had done so. It is critical to maximise participation in the new election, to elect a Board who can restore good governance to a critical African institution.

The voter designation process

You will no doubt be relieved to learn that there is no requirement for you to have any documents notarised this time around. You can complete the entire process from the comfort of your office. Here is a high-level view of the process:

1. Starting in late July, AFRINIC emailed all of the listed contacts for every AFRINIC member eligible to vote inviting those contacts to vote. If you have not received that email (and you are a member eligible to vote), we urge you to check your registered AFRINIC contacts (and your spam folders) to locate that email. (If you can't locate that email, keep reading.)
2. Go to [this page](#) on the AFRINIC elections website, and follow the instructions to download, complete, and [upload](#) the Designation of Voter Authorisation Letter. Again, you do *not* need to have this notarised. It simply needs to be placed on your organisation's letterhead, signed by an authorised executive and uploaded. This [link](#) will allow you to upload the letter even if you did not receive the original email.
3. AFRINIC will attempt to verify the identity of your designated voter to make sure that they are, in fact, associated with your company. In addition, a Provisional Voters Register will be published on 20 August 2025, so that all members can verify their details and raise objections if necessary.

If this explanation of the process is not clear enough, we encourage you to watch the recording of AFRINIC's [Behind the Ballot: Secure Your Vote — Voter Designation Process](#) webinar. AFRINIC's staff provide a thorough explanation of the process in that recording.

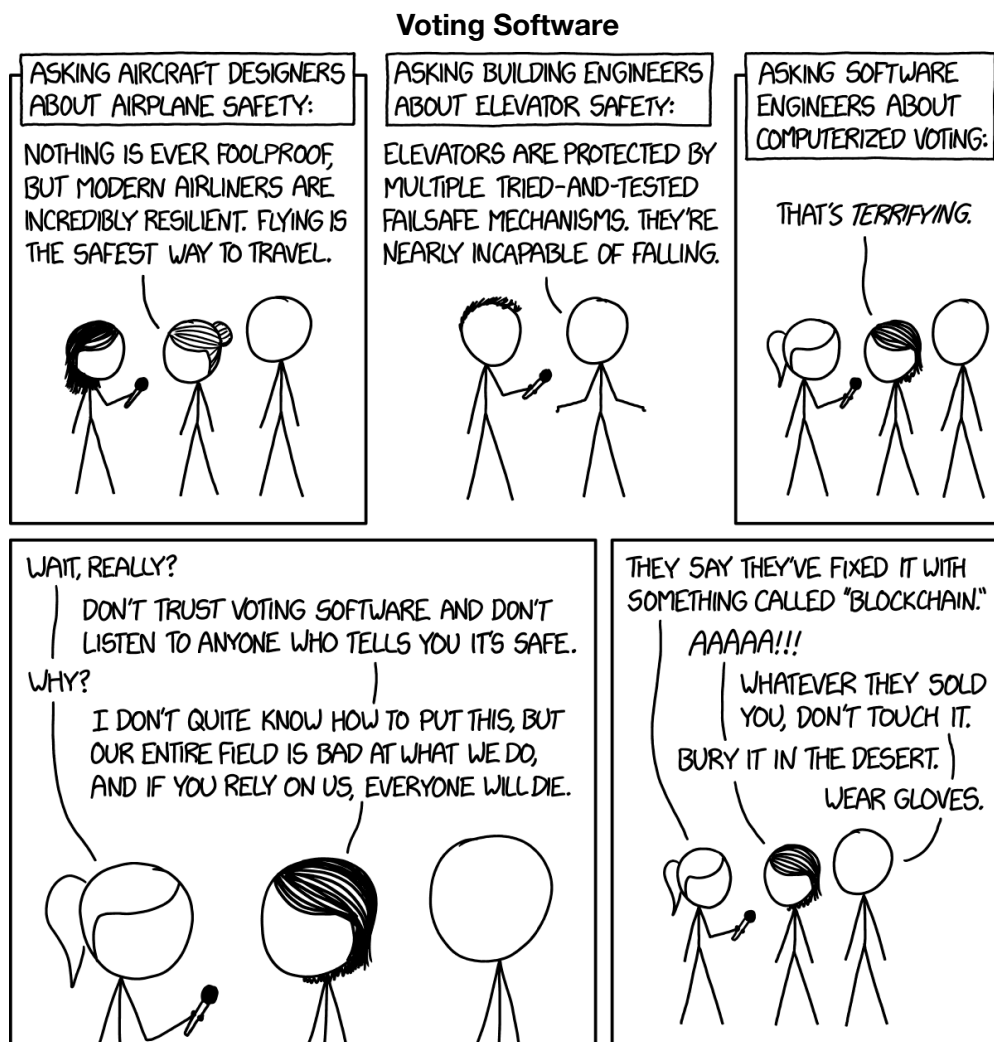
If you did not receive the original email, or if you are not sure if you are eligible to vote, you should contact the AFRINIC Elections Committee using the ecom2025@afarinic.net address.

Who should I vote for?

That's a good question, but not one that can currently be answered. Despite the fact that voting is due to open in two week's time, AFRINIC has not yet published the process for nominating candidates, or a list of candidates. While this is a cause for concern, it should not stop you from designating an authorised voter.

Stay informed

ISPA and the DCA will continue to provide updates on the AFRINIC situation to South African stakeholders through our partner organisations, and we will share information on participating in the new election as soon as it is available. If you would like to receive future updates on this topic directly, please contact secretariat@ispa.org.za with "Send me AFRINIC updates" in the subject line, and we will add you to a mailing list for direct updates. By sending that email, you are granting permission for ISPA/DCA to send you updates on AFRINIC. You can unsubscribe yourself at any time, and we will only use your address for the purposes of sharing information about AFRINIC.



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