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Launch of the African IPv6 Taskforce

21st March 2012 –As the Regional Internet Registry for Africa, AfriNIC, the African Network Information Centre, is proud to announce the launch of the **African IPv6 Taskforce** (AF6TF). This community driven initiative is dedicated to encourage IPv6 deployment in the african region and to serve as a regional consolidated platform for knowledge and best practice exchange.

To achieve this objective the African IPv6 Task Force (AF6TF) divided its work scope in several Focus Groups to provide a more specialized approach and measurable targets. The Focus groups will work toward assisting different stakeholders in planning and deploying IPv6 on their networks and share knowledge and experience.

The AF6TF Focus Groups aim at supporting African stakeholders in defining clear roadmap for IPv6 implementation strategies as well as introducing IPv6 into African countries through education and capacity building. Hisham Ibrahim AfriNIC's IPv6 Program manager stated "*The task force will provide an African regional platform to debate and face challenges and opportunities together as a region*".

"*The key to a timely embracement of IPv6 by the community lies in successful planning. This initiative driven by the community clearly indicates that Africa is ready to move to the future Internet Protocol. AfriNIC will provide all its support to this initiative by serving as Secretariat",* states Adiel Akplogan the CEO of AfriNIC.

For more information on the African IPv6 Taskforce, please visit:
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