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A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a large, round, woven basket. The basket is intricately decorated with horizontal bands of colorful beads in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. The person holding the basket is wearing a vibrant, patterned garment with geometric designs in red, yellow, green, and black. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting with foliage.

The Africa Internet summit 2024

THE AFRINIC ISSUE AT THE AIS 2024

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- ICANN GSE Africa attended the African Internet Summit held between 10 to 13 September 2024 in Mauritius. Mr. Benjamin Eshun, current chair and board member of AFRINIC shared an update on the AFRINIC Governance legal situation with the participants. His main message for the audience was to wait for the anticipated court decision at the time.
- This was one of the first times there's been such level of public reporting to the community on AFRINIC's current status. There was clear appreciation from the community to receive that report and have some visibility.
- AFRINIC staff provided an update on operations and ensured the community that AFRINIC is fully operational and has been allocating resources as usual and delivering its services to members.
- The Community had a few questions related to the frozen policy development process (PDP) and about AFRINIC's staff not attending the NRO current discussions on the ICP-2.

SUPREME COURT OF MAURITIUS RULING ON 15 OCTOBER

- **The Supreme Court of Mauritius made the following ruling on 15 October 2024.**
- The ruling sets aside the appeal initiated by AFRINIC on 28 September 2023 and restores the judgment made by the learned Judge of the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court delivered on 12 September 2023.
- This ruling also restores the previous order appointing the Official Receiver and providing the Official Receiver (OR) with a two-month timeframe to organize the elections in accordance with AFRINIC's constitution and complete the entire process from the date of this judgment.
- Subsequently, ICANN has taken note on the restoration of appointment of the OR and expectation of organized elections by end of December pursuant to the Honorable Court's order. We look forward to the OR's running of a fair election to restore AFRINIC's governance.