

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018  
AT 14:06 UTC VIA ONLINE CONFERENCING SYSTEM**

**Present:**

Mrs Wafa Dahmani (WD)	Member - Chairman
Dr Paulos Nyirenda (PN)	Member
Mr Adam Nelson (AN)	Member
Mr Lala Andriamampianina (LA)	Member
Mr Ayitey Bulley (AB)	Member

**AGENDA**

- 1-Review and adoption of the last meeting minutes
- 2-Validation of the received Documents
- 3-Setup and start assessment process

**BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

**1-Review and adoption of the last meeting minutes**

The Committee adopted the minutes dated 19 January 2018 as circulated by the Secretariat. Proposed LA. Seconded AN.

**2-Validation of the received Documents**

The Committee acknowledged receipt of all the documents requested from the Secretariat.

**3-Setup and start assessment process**

The Chairperson, WD invited the Members to discuss on the process to assess the Appeal.

PN proposed that the first step is to define what is consensus or the Committee to agree on what is consensus. WD agreed with PN but highlighted that everyone seem to have his own definition of consensus.

However, the final judgement will be based on the Committee's understanding of the consensus based on the PDP, IETF definition RFC7282 and other elements such as AFRINIC's situation.

AN mentioned that IETF RFC7282 defines consensus; but it is noted that there is a section which implies that lack of disagreement is more important than agreement.

The Committee noted that AFRINIC does not have a definition of consensus. The Co-Chairs' general practice is to gauge the discussions and decide consensus during the public policy process.

The Committee brainstormed on the definition of consensus, and the different stages of consensus throughout the discussion of a policy, i.e before, during PPM and after last call.

The Committee agreed that AN will draft one paragraph with cross-references on the definition of consensus and shared on the mailing list for discussion.

#### **4-Adjournment**

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday 16 February 2018 at 14:00 UTC.

The meeting adjourned at 14:55 UTC.