

---

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION FOR  
SEAT TWO: WESTERN AFRICA**

---

*The candidate information below has been limited to 1500 characters (brief motivation) and 3000 characters (professional background) respectively, as prescribed by the 2025 [Nomination Form](#). Only the information submitted within the above character limits has been published.*

*The nationality and country of residence of each candidate has also been published.*

---

**Abderahaman Boubacar Mariko**

Nationality: Nigerien

Country of residence: Niger



**Brief Motivation**

My motivation for seeking a position on the AFRINIC Board stems from a deep commitment to fostering the robust and equitable development of the Internet across Africa. As a continent, we stand at a pivotal juncture where digital transformation can unlock unprecedented opportunities for economic growth, education, and social inclusion. However, realizing these potential hinges on strong, visionary leadership within organizations like AFRINIC.

I believe my experience and insights can significantly contribute to strengthening AFRINIC's role in allocating and managing critical Internet resources efficiently and transparently. My focus will be on ensuring that policies and operational frameworks are not only technically sound but also actively promote infrastructure development, local content creation, and affordable access for all Africans.

Furthermore, I am passionate about enhancing the governance of the Internet in Africa. This includes advocating for multi-stakeholder models that empower diverse voices – from governments and civil society to the technical community and the private sector – in shaping the future of our digital landscape. I am committed to upholding principles of openness, accountability, and inclusivity within AFRINIC and across the broader African Internet



ecosystem, ensuring that the Internet serves as a tool for progress and empowerment for every African.

### Professional Background

I am an accomplished ICT Expert with 20 years of experience in the telecommunications industry. Holding a relevant degree, my expertise spans critical domains such as Wholesale Voice Interconnect, Roaming, and Wholesale Data, alongside broader ICT, Sales, Management, and Business Development.

My extensive experience in Telco Wholesale Data-Interconnect and Roaming has equipped me with deep insights into these complex operational areas. I have a proven track record in team management, partnership development, driving wholesale revenue growth, and fostering international connectivity. My proficiency also extends to Telco infrastructure sharing and leasing, regulatory compliance, and cost-saving initiatives.

Beyond my core telecommunications expertise, I have held influential roles that underscore my strategic and governance capabilities. I represented Orange Niger at the ACE Management Committee, a top-level instance responsible for strategic decisions, acquisitions, budgeting, commercial activities, new party acceptance, construction, and maintenance.

Furthermore, as an Advisor to the President of the Republic of Niger on ICT matters, I actively participated in government level discussions concerning ICT policies and contributed significantly to regional organizations' discussions and projects within the ECOWAS sub-region and across Africa.

My role as a member of the board of the Niger State School of Telecommunication has further enhanced my high-level decision-making experience.

Currently, I work as a consultant, specializing in various domains including messaging Carrier Relations Management with Mobile Network Operators (MNOs), Regulators, and Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

Throughout my career, I have honed exceptional organizational skills and demonstrated strong capabilities in team management and leadership. I possess extensive experience in sales, coupled with remarkable attention to detail and the ability to work with speed and accuracy. I am recognized for my strong ethics and a proven record of success in all my roles. I am a well-organized and responsible team player who thrives in diverse cultural environments, exhibiting excellent interpersonal skills in interactive settings.

**Abdoul Aziz Faye**

Nationality: Senegalese

Country of residence: Ghana



Brief Motivation

I am honored to accept nomination for the AFRINIC Board of Directors for the 2025 election. With over a decade of experience in Internet governance, network infrastructure, and public policy within Africa, I am committed to advancing AFRINIC's core mission: ensuring the fair distribution and responsible management of Internet number resources across the region.

My motivation stems from a deep belief in the transformative power of the Internet to foster innovation, economic growth, and inclusion. However, for this potential to be fully realized in Africa, we must strengthen the governance structures that support our Internet ecosystem. As a Board Member, I will advocate for greater transparency, accountability, and community engagement in AFRINIC's decision-making processes.

I bring a balanced perspective from both technical and policy domains, having collaborated with ISPs, IXPs, regulators, and civil society across multiple African countries. I will work to ensure AFRINIC remains a stable, community-driven institution that is resilient to external pressures and internal challenges.

With your support, I am ready to serve with integrity, commitment, and a deep belief in the transformative power of the Internet for Africa's development. This I pledge to do by listening actively, acting ethically, and promoting a vision that supports capacity building, IPv6 deployment, and inclusive digital development, while reflecting and serving the diverse voices of our continent.

Professional Background

I currently serve as Group Chief Information & Innovations Officer/ Managing Director of Eprocess International In charge of the entire Technology, Innovations & Information Security in the Ecobank Group as well as heading the Ecobank subsidiary in charge of Technology (called Eprocess). My achievements in this role include developing a new Ecobank Mobile App with Cloud native capabilities and developing an App for SME's in line with Ecobank's



purpose of building a pan-African institution that drives financial integration and contributes to the economic development of Africa.

From 2016-2020 I served as Group Head Technology Operations of Ecobank Group in charge of all operational systems at Network, Infrastructure, Applications and services and availability management. Making sure all systems SLAs were met for the services provided to the 33 Ecobank subsidiaries.

Prior to this I served in various other capacities within the Ecobank Group from Head of Technology for Ecobank Senegal to Group Head Technology Applications. Before my journey with Ecobank I served as the Deputy Head Technology for DHL Senegal.

With 29 years of managing various areas of Technology in various multinational entities, I am equipped with sufficient expertise to translate Business strategic objectives into Technology capabilities and have employed the skills I have acquired over this period in this regard.

## **Emmanuel Adewale Adedokun**

Nationality: Nigerian

Country of residence: Nigeria



### Brief Motivation

I am expressing my renewed interest in serving as a Director on the AFRINIC Board, having previously held this role from 2019 to 2022. During that time, I had the privilege of contributing meaningfully to AFRINIC's governance and development, including chairing key committees such as the Technical, Audit, and Finance Committees. These responsibilities enabled me to foster transparent oversight, enhance technical governance, and uphold best practices in resource allocation and policy formulation.

Having closely followed AFRINIC's recent challenges, I am deeply committed to helping restore trust, stability, and accountability within the organization. I believe my prior board experience and understanding of AFRINIC's operational landscape position me well to contribute to its institutional recovery and future resilience.

My motivation is grounded in a desire to realign AFRINIC with its core values, transparency, community-driven governance, and operational excellence—while promoting inclusive dialogue and regional collaboration. I am dedicated to serving the AFRINIC community with integrity and purpose as we collectively chart a path forward.

### Professional Background

Professor Emmanuel Adewale Adedokun is a seasoned academic, internet governance advocate, and technology leader with over two decades of experience in computer networks, cybersecurity, and digital infrastructure development in Africa. He is a Professor of Computer Engineering at Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, Nigeria, where he also served as Head of Department and has supervised numerous postgraduate students in fields related to internet technologies and network security.

Prof. Adedokun holds a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering with a specialization in Network Security, an M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering, and a B.Eng. in Electrical Engineering—all from Ahmadu Bello University. His research and academic interests lie in computer networks, wireless and mobile communication, cloud computing, and information security. He has



published extensively in peer-reviewed journals and presented at regional and international conferences.

In the broader internet ecosystem, Prof. Adedokun has made significant contributions through capacity development and leadership. He currently serves as the National Coordinator of the Nigerian Network Operators Group (ngNOG), a capacity-building initiative that has trained hundreds of engineers and technical personnel in IP networking and internet resource management across Nigeria and West Africa. His role has been pivotal in promoting technical excellence, local internet development, and knowledge sharing.

Prof. Adedokun has also served on the Board of Directors of AFRINIC as the representative for the Western Africa region, where he contributed to governance processes, strategic planning, and community engagement. His time on the AFRINIC Board was marked by his commitment to transparency, regional inclusion, and the strengthening of AFRINIC's institutional capacity.

He is a recognized thought leader in Africa's internet governance space and an active member of the global Internet community. He is affiliated with several professional bodies including the Internet Society (ISOC), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Nigeria Society of Engineers (NSE), the Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria (CPN), and the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS).

Prof. Adedokun's unwavering dedication to advancing Africa's internet ecosystem, combined with his academic, technical, and governance credentials, make him exceptionally well-qualified to continue serving on the AFRINIC Board. He brings a balanced perspective, combining grassroots technical engagement with high-level strategic oversight and remains deeply committed to AFRINIC's mission of enabling internet growth and resilience across the continent.

## **Francis Kwabena Boachie**

Nationality: Ghanaian

Country of residence: Ghana



### Brief Motivation

Francis K. Boachie is a chartered Engineer UK/EC, a Professional member of Ghana Institute of Engineering and has had a lot of experience working with many people with diverse background for over thirty-two years since his first degree in Electrical/Electronic Engineering at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in 1993.

With thirty-two (32) years combined experience in the UK and in Ghana, he has developed many skills in the technical, professional and management acumen to deliver the expectations required for the role so advertised.

Francis worked five years post his first degree in Ghana and then left to study and worked in the UK before returning to Ghana to the University of Ghana where he has been for the past seventeen (17) years first as the Deputy Director of IT infrastructure responsible for IT infrastructure, IP network design, deployment, refurbishing and support while mentoring new crop of IP and security Engineers for the University and the country at large.

With the background of working at the British Telecommunications PLC UK in several roles as a Professional and Senior Professional Engineer and having worked with the University of Ghana in the Information Technology ecosystem supporting and running the country-wide University's network over the years, I am at the point where I could support the management and administrative roles required by an AFRINIC Director as advertised.

### Professional Background

Ing. Francis K Boachie is a chartered Engineer UK/EC, a Professional member of Ghana Institution of Engineering and an IT professional with thirty-two (32) years of professional experience working in both UK and Ghana.

He has been an IT Administrator at the University of Ghana where he has been working since 2008 after his relocation from the UK where he worked with the British Telecommunication in various roles from 2001 till 2008. He taught part-time in Advanced Computer Architecture at



the department of Computer Engineering at Legon from 2008 till 2022 and has an interest in the use of IT for development in the context of a developing country in the Global South. He was one of the 2015 Commonwealth Professional Fellows at the University of East London UK on IT Services development. He also worked at Valco in Tema and Volta River Authority prior to going to the UK in 1998.

He has mentored a lot of IT Professionals in Ghana and has been an external assessor for IT Professionals and administrators in many Universities in Ghana.

He is passionate about leadership that brings results in the development and deployment of IT for developing economies. Francis K. Boachie provides consultancy services in the planning and deployment of IT solutions and services that have greater impact to SMEs and corporate entities. He has served on various committees and councils and was on the Board of Ghana – India Kofi Annan Centre of Excellence in ICT until January 2025, and the Chairman of IT Steering committee for the University of Ghana Medical Centre (Quaternary hospital in Ghana) and also a member of the oversight committee of the Judicial Service of Ghana's e-Justice Systems.

He had his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Electronic Engineering at KNUST in Kumasi – Ghana in 1993, Master of Science in Information Engineering at City, University of London in 2000 and Master of Business Administration at the University of Wales in 2012 both in the UK. He is married with five children (Two boys and three girls) and a practicing Christian and currently the Chief IT Officer at the University of Ghana where he is leading the transformation of IT services to support the University's vision of becoming research intensive and one of the top Universities in Africa.

As the Chief IT Officer and Director of the Directorate, Francis takes care of the overall responsibility of the vision and direction of the Directorate with staff strength of a hundred and twenty plus – this involves everything IT services, deployment, and operation of the University's Data Centre, ICT infrastructure/applications and services – server computing systems, telecoms, networking systems and the Business Intelligent Unit and the support for the Wide area network of the institutions centres that extends to all the former ten regional centres of the country.

Francis K. Boachie started his professional career straight from the University working with the Volta Aluminium smelter at Tema – an American company and later went to work with the Volta River Authority where he was the supervisor for a team of technicians managing the LANs/WANs of the company. As head of the unit, he motivated and empowered the team to support the company across all the stations where transmission power stations were built.

Due to the desire to continue his education, Francis left for the UK to study for his master's in information engineering and during the study period of two years, Francis worked with some two IT companies that were involved with building personal computers and supporting some offices



## **Philippe Kouamé**

Nationality: Ivorian

Country of residence: Côte d'Ivoire



### Brief Motivation

#### Leadership in Digital Trust & Cybersecurity

Since 2016, Mr Kouamé served as Director of Digital Trust at ARTCI (Côte d'Ivoire's Telecom/ICT Regulatory Authority), driving impactful work in digital regulation and African cybersecurity. His multi-stakeholder leadership includes:

- ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Member (global Internet governance)
- Chairman, National Cybercrime Prevention Committee
- Member, AFRINIC's International Advisory Board
- Focal Point, Smart Africa Cybersecurity Program
- Member of the AFRINIC Government Working Group (AfGWG)

Through these roles, I advance a clear vision: a safe, sovereign, and sustainable African Internet.

His Candidacy for AFRINIC Board Seat #2 is built on three core commitments:

- Accountable Stewardship: Serving the AFRINIC community with transparency and fiscal responsibility
- Strong Regional Advocacy: Increasing African stakeholders' role Internet resource governance
- Impact-Driven Leadership: Advancing stable, inclusive policies that deliver measurable value to African Stakeholders

#### A Pledge to Africa's Digital Future

He will champion African Internet users' voices in AFRINIC by driving membership growth, building technical capacity, and advancing our right to self-governed Internet resources – the foundation of true digital sovereignty.



## A Vision for AFRINIC's Renewal

With proven expertise, unwavering commitment, and a community-first approach, He stands ready to help restore AFRINIC's credibility and drive sustainable growth.

### Professional Background

With over 27 years of experience in telecommunications, cybersecurity, and digital governance, He will bring a blend of technical expertise, policy leadership, and international engagement to the AFRINIC Board.

#### Academic Background:

- D.E.S.S. in Telecommunications Computing (University of Quebec in Outaouais, Canada, 2001)
- Bachelor's in Computer Science (University of Quebec in Outaouais, Canada, 1997)

#### Professional Experience:

Director of Digital Trust and Network Security at ARTCI (Côte d'Ivoire ICT Regulatory Authority) since 2016, leading national cybersecurity policies, critical infrastructure protection, and Digital Trust initiatives.

- 10 years in project management, economic studies, and impact analysis, including directing competitiveness hubs and producing sectoral reports.
- 10 years as a programmer-analyst, developing technical solutions in IT and telecommunications.
- 7 years in teaching (Computer Science and Mathematics), fostering digital skills development.

#### Key Achievements in Digital Governance & Cybersecurity:

- Led the implementation of Côte d'Ivoire's National Cybersecurity Strategy, Public Administration Information Systems Security Policy, and Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan.
- Established Côte d'Ivoire's national PKI root, electronic archiving ecosystem, and cryptography framework.
- Managed CIVIX (COTE D'IVOIRE Internet Exchange Point), the .CI domain, and the CI-CERT (National Cybersecurity Incident Response Team).
- Chaired the National Steering Committee against Cybercrime and the Cybercrime Fighting Platform (PLCC).
- Spearheaded IPv6 testing initiatives to accelerate adoption in West Africa.

#### International Engagement:

- ICANN Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Representative for Côte d'Ivoire's since 2016.
- AFRINIC Government Working Group (AfGWG) Member since 2015, contributing to Internet governance in Africa.
- Smart Africa Cybersecurity Flagship Focal Point, driving regional cybersecurity collaboration.
- AFNIC International College Member, shaping DNS policies and best practices.



- Organizer of the 2023 West Africa Internet Governance Forum (WAIGF) and active participant in AFPIF, AFTLD, IGF, EuroIX, and AFNIC meetings for over a decade.

## **Seydou Bocar Thiam**

Nationality: Senagalese

Country of residence: Senegal



### Brief Motivation

My particular motivations are mainly in the development of local content in Africa, the development of skills in IP and Internet management. Particular attention will be paid to innovation with the introduction of and the virtualisation of Internet management.

### Professional Background

26 years in the IP and Internet field. Director of the "Transformation and Evolution of the IP Network program of Sonatel since April 2025 former head of data engineering covering the IP/NDLSS network, Internet national and international transmission, data mobile and small datacenters.

## **Terry Edet Okon**

Nationality: Nigerian

Country of residence: Nigerian



### Brief Motivation

Terry Edet is a visionary Tech-Integrated Business Strategist driven by the intersection of technology, cybersecurity, and real estate innovation. With over a decade of cross-industry expertise, he thrives on transforming complex challenges into scalable solutions whether securing digital infrastructures, automating real estate workflows, or closing high-impact tech deals. His passion lies in leveraging cutting-edge tools to bridge operational gaps, enhance data security, and deliver measurable ROI for businesses. Terry's entrepreneurial mindset and adaptability fuel his commitment to staying ahead of tech trends while maintaining ethical standards. Eager to contribute to forward-thinking organizations, he seeks opportunities where his unique blend of technical acumen, sales mastery, and strategic project management can drive sustainable growth and digital transformation.

### Professional Background

Terry Edet is a multidisciplinary professional with 10+ years of experience in cybersecurity, tech sales, real estate advisory, and digital marketing. As a Network Engineer Consultant, he designed secure LAN/WAN architectures for SMEs and IoT-integrated real estate, reducing breach risks by 40% through firewall/VPN implementations. Previously, as Project & Operations Manager at Boing Luxury Estates, he orchestrated end-to-end real estate projects, leveraging automation tools to boost efficiency by 30% and introducing GIS-powered investment dashboards.

His tenure as Business Development Manager at Evamech Nigeria saw him drive a 20% lead increase in B2B tech solutions, while his early role as Tech Marketing Executive at Nimble Stars honed his experience in IT product sales and digital campaigns. Terry's technical prowess spans cybersecurity protocols, CRM systems, and workflow automation, complemented by certifications in digital marketing, sales, and property development.

## **Tony Izuagbe Emoekpere**

Nationality: Nigerian

Country of residence: Nigerian



### Motivation

I am passionate about driving Africa's digital future through inclusive infrastructure, smart regulation, and innovation. As President of ATCON and CEO of Mangonet, I have led impactful broadband initiatives and cross-sector collaboration. Serving on the AFRINIC Board aligns with my commitment to building resilient internet ecosystems that empower people and promote regional growth. My policy insight, technical expertise, and leadership experience make me well-suited to contribute meaningfully to AFRINIC's mission.

### Professional Background

I have over 23 years of experience in telecommunications, with a strong background in engineering, infrastructure development, and broadband service delivery. I currently serve as the President of the Association of Telecommunications Companies of Nigeria (ATCON) and lead MangoNet, a growing broadband provider delivering high-quality fiber and wireless internet services to homes and businesses in Nigeria.

My career began with Linkserve and MTN Nigeria, where I was involved in the rollout of early base stations and network infrastructure. In 2005, I ventured into entrepreneurship and have since built a portfolio of telecom-focused businesses across Africa. Through MangoNet, I am helping to close the connectivity gap by providing reliable internet access in both urban and underserved areas, while exploring innovative technologies like

AI-powered network optimization and green telecom infrastructure. I hold a degree in Electrical/Electronic Engineering from Obafemi Awolowo University, am PMP certified, and an alumnus of the Lagos Business School. I am also a member of IEEE and PMI. My leadership style is collaborative and impact-driven, and I remain committed to advancing Africa's digital transformation through practical solutions and inclusive policies.

## **Williams Segun Adebayo**

Nationality: Nigerian

Country of residence: Nigerian



### Brief Motivation

Williams S. Adebayo is a dynamic and results-driven professional with over a decade of experience in business development, sales strategy, and stakeholder engagement across ICT, fintech, FMCG, and telecommunications sectors. His commitment to advancing Africa's internet ecosystem through strategic partnerships and policy advocacy. Adebayo's expertise in digital transformation, market penetration, and customer relationship management positions him as a catalyst for inclusive growth in West Africa. Fluent in English and Yoruba, he excels in multicultural environments, bridging gaps between stakeholders to drive collaborative success. His motivation stems from a passion for leveraging technology to empower businesses, enhance digital equity, and foster sustainable development across the region.

### Professional Background

Williams S. Adebayo is a freelance tech & sales consultant and a seasoned business development and sales strategist with extensive experience in driving revenue growth and market expansion. He manages high-level client relations with ISPs, ensures AFRINIC compliance, and facilitates seminars to strengthen Nigeria's internet infrastructure. His strategic outreach has significantly enhanced the Africa regional footprint.

Previously, as Territory Sales Manager at Ringo Telecommunication (MTN Partner), Adebayo oversaw revenue targets, retail expansion, and P&L management, achieving consistent growth in broadband and mobile financial services. His tenure as Business Development Manager at Global Plus Group and National Sales/Marketing Manager at Lantern Books Publishers showcased his ability to lead teams, optimize digital marketing strategies, and build brand awareness across diverse industries.

Adebayo's earlier roles at E-Tranzact International Pie (fintech) and Procter & Gamble (FMCG) honed his skills in sales execution, distributor management, and customer service. At P&G, he rose from Van Sales Representative to Territory Manager, demonstrating leadership in field operations and team supervision.





Educationally, Adebayo holds a BSc in Business Administration and is pursuing an MBA in Marketing, complemented by certifications in Marketing Analytics, Retail Management, and Customer Service. Proficient in CRM tools, Microsoft 365, and project management, he combines analytical rigor with interpersonal finesse to deliver impactful results.

A member of the Institute of Corporate and Business Affairs Management, Adebayo's multilingual proficiency (English/Yoruba) and dedication to innovation make him a strong advocate for West Africa's digital and economic advancement.