VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE AWARD NOMINATION IN THE COMMUNITY CHOICE CATEGORY

AFRINIC calls on the community to vote for its favourite FIRE Award nomination. The voting deadline is <u>24 July 2014</u>.

The Fund for Internet Research and Education (FIRE) aims to encourage ICT development innovations that contribute to sustainable development in Africa.

FIRE Awards are given to initiatives that are already completed or are in their final implementation phase and that are aligned with the three funding categories:

- **Innovation on Access provision**: fostering ICT growth in Africa by ensuring that the delivery mechanism is available, reliable and scalable;

- **E-development**: the development, deployment and enhancement of content, applications and solutions.

- **Freedom of Expression**: initiatives related to freedom of expression, freedom of association, privacy, security, consumer's rights, new forms of intellectual property in the digital environment, and a wider range of issues related to Internet and human rights.

Community Choice Award

In addition to giving awards to projects in these three categories, the FIRE Awards also rewards the project with the highest number of votes from the Community.

Voting for the Community Choice Award opens today 25 June 2014 and closes on 24 July 2014, 00:00 UTC.

There are 10 shortlisted projects in the running to win a USD 3,000 prize and a USD 4,000 travel grant to attend the global Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in Istanbul

held from 2–5 September 2014.

This year's project submissions come from entrepreneurs located in Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa.

How to Vote

You are invited to cast your vote by signing in with your Facebook or Twitter account or registering with your Email address: http://www.fireafrica.org/users/users/login

The project profiles are accessible on:
http://www.fireafrica.org/projects/projects/index

For detailed information about competition categories, conditions of entry and submission procedures please visit www.fireafrica.org or send us an email on fireprogram@afrinic.net.