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| **Agenda item:** Item 8**Summary:** This document contains a summary of AFRINIC’s strategy to cover user services during COVID-19.**Expected results:**1. More collaboration between ITU members and AFRINIC to accelerate digital transformation and mainly Internet deployment in developing countries.2. RPM-AFR is invited to examine this contribution and approve the proposals contained therein.**References:**N/A |

Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the African continent, we have taken note of the efforts of African countries’ in accelerating their digital transformation by speeding up the deployment of Internet infrastructure to provide Internet and mobile connectivity to citizens from any part of their countries.

Anticipating the future increase of e-services, AFRINIC has shifted 90% of its services to online, which kept continuing support and assistance to Network operators, government institutions, and universities during the pandemic.

Most of the AFRINIC services, including IP number requests, Routing Security and IPv6 Deployment for Government, Regulators and Network operators, are now accessible and available 24/7 from any devices. These services are constantly improved to meet the increasing demand for internet connectivity within the Africa region.

Bearing a long experience in the field of Internet development, AFRINIC proffers most of its online capacity building services [[1]](#footnote-1) for free to ITU members of the Africa Region, to accelerate the deployment of Internet infrastructure and increase Internet connectivity coverage within the African region.

In this context of COVID-19 and in line with the ITU’s Global Network Resiliency Platform (REG4COVID) such initiatives from AFRINIC contribute to catalyse the economic and social development and mitigate the impact of further pandemics.

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1. IP resources request: <https://apps.afrinic.net/nmrp/>

 IPv6 Deployment online courses: <https://learn.afrinic.net/elearning>

 Routing Security: <https://afrinic.net/resource-certification>

 DNS Support: <https://afrinic.net/dns-support>

 Root Server Copy Project: <https://afrinic.net/root-server-copy> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)