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Alan Barrett is Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of AFRINIC, the Regional Internet Registry for Africa and the Indian Ocean. Prior to his appointment as CEO in 2015, he served on the AFRINIC Board from 2004 to 2009, and he was co-author of the proposal to create AFRINIC. He has been a Member of the ASO Address Council since 2005 and served on committees related to the transition away from US Government oversight of the IANA functions: the ICG and the CRISP Team.

He holds an M.Sc.Eng. Degree from the University of Natal (now UKZN), Durban, South Africa.

His involvement with the Internet began in 1989, when he was a lecturer in the Electronic Engineering Department at the University of Natal. He played a key part in the connection of the South African universities to the global Internet in 1991. He was a co-founder of South Africa's first commercial Internet Service Provider, in 1993. He was also one of the founding members of the South African Chapter of the Internet Society, and one of the founding members of Namespace ZA, an organisation that was intended to oversee the .ZA ccTLD before that role was taken over by the legislation. He has also worked at an Internet firewall company, Cequrux Technologies, and as an independent consultant.