

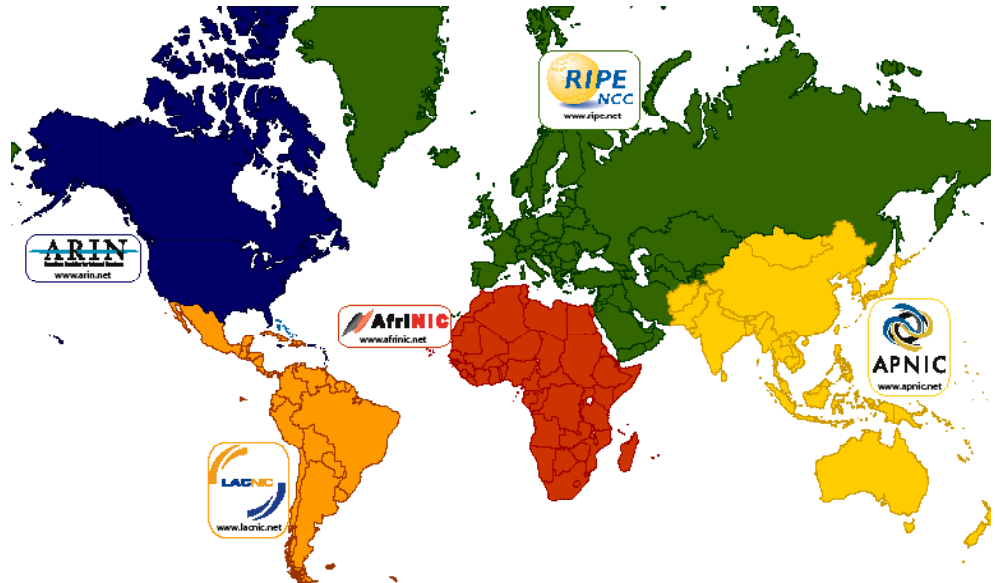
About ARIN

The American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) is the nonprofit corporation that distributes Internet number resources, including Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, to Canada, many Caribbean and North Atlantic islands, and the United States.

There are five Regional Internet Registries, or RIRs. All RIRs are nonprofit, membership-based, community-regulated organizations that, on a regional basis:

- Distribute Internet number resources, including IPv4 and IPv6 address space and Autonomous System numbers

- Facilitate the policy development process
- Disseminate information and provide education



All RIRs are:

- **Nonprofit:** RIRs charge fees for services they provide, not for Internet number resources. They are all fully funded by their regional communities.
- **Membership-based:** RIRs are open, transparent, and include participants from the private sector, civil society, and governments.
- **Community-regulated:** RIRs are governed by member-elected

executive boards and adhere to policies that are created by their regional communities.

The five RIRs together form the Number Resource Organization (NRO), which exists to protect the unallocated number resource pool, to promote and protect the bottom-up policy development process, and to act as a focal point for Internet community input into the RIR system.