Collaborative Governance
#SMWCountMyVoice

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Who are we?

The Internet Society is a global cause-driven organization that is dedicated to ensuring that the Internet stays Open, Globally-Connected, Trustworthy and Secure for Everyone.
Our Vision:
The Internet is for Everyone!!
Our Global reach

“Think global, act local.”

We support regional and local work through regional bureaus and dedicated teams with regional expertise.

We team up with Chapters to grow memberships, assist them in building strong projects and help them advance their support for the Internet Society’s mission and values.
Growing Community of Members & Chapters

Our global community of members and Chapters span over 230 countries, territories, and areas of geographic interest world-wide.
Internet Society In Africa

https://www.internetsociety.org/regions/africa/
What we do in Africa

Supported the development of the Internet in Africa for over 20 years.

- Infrastructure development (IXPs, NOGs, ...)
- Capacity Building and Training (Workshop, Online Courses, ...)
- Studies and Research (Security of infrastructures in Africa, protection of personal data, ...)
- Organization of regional Internet Development Events (Community Network Summit, AfPIF, RIDD, Africa DNS Forum, ...)
- Advocacy for Open and Accessible Internet
- Support Africa participation in the technical development of the Internet (IETF Africa Initiative)
- Support Africa’s participation in the Global Internet Governance
- Promoting the use of the Internet for economic, social and human development
- Support and strengthen ISOC chapters in Africa
Our Key Areas of focus 2018-2019

- Community Networks
- Collaborative Governance
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Routing Security
Collaborative Governance Campaign

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What is the problem we are trying to solve

• The Internet is in every facet of our lives
• Many forces shaping the Internet: AI. Cyber threats, IoT, Internet economy, Rising role of government
• Cybersecurity issues pressure governments to take decisions which impact the open Internet and Internet Governance
• Movement away from MS Model for Internet Governance
• Unless urgent action is taken, the collaborative approach at the core of the multistakeholder (MS) model of Internet governance is at risk
What is our Goal

We aim to reform governments’ decision-making processes on emerging Internet issues to empower citizens as co-shapers of policy formulation that put their interest first.

We believe that Governments processes need to be inclusive (top-down) while citizens need to be equipped to shape policies that affect them (bottom-up).

We want to see a new generation of leaders champion new MS approaches to Internet governance.

We want individuals, citizens to be part of this. The Internet is for everyone hence everyone has a voice in the Internet Governance.
Multistakeholder Approach, what is it

A discussion approach that brings together the participation of various entities or groups of entities interested in the topic of discussions without weighing the level of interest.
10 characteristics that distinguish the MS process

1. All stakeholders have equal permission to speak
2. Stakeholders self-identify
3. Stakeholders self-represent
4. Lack of formal legal procedures
5. Lack of precedent
6. Discussion addresses various stakeholders, not just the government
7. The audience is a participant
8. State-based entities have no extra status
9. Transparency is fundamental
10. The organization is fluid, but not without structure
How are we applying this model
The Senegal Experience
Key Projects

Senegal as a leader in reforming and adopting the MS approach to develop sound solutions for Internet domestic policy issues on 2 Key areas:

- IoT Security Framework
- AUC Privacy guidelines
SECURING THE INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT) IN SENEGAL

A joint effort of the Internet Society and the Senegal partners
What is happening in Senegal

SENEGAL MULTISTAKEHOLDER PROCESS ON ENHANCING IOT SECURITY

A joint effort of the Internet Society and the Senegal partners
As more and more devices are connected, privacy and security risks increase.

And most consumers don’t even know it.
What are we doing about it?

We all have a responsibility to look after our #digital well-being. Help us ensure security is at the heart of #Internet innovation in #Senegal.
Encouraging the use of multistakeholder processes to solve complex security issues
The Senegalese Government emerging as leader in reforming and adopting the MS approach to develop sound solutions for Internet domestic policy issues
Stakeholder groups represented

- Government: 33%
- Private Enterprise: 17%
- Industry Associations: 12%
- Technical Community: 14%
- Civil Society: 7%
- Security Organizations: 6%
- Academia: 4%
- Consumer Organizations: 3%
- International Representatives: 2%
- Students: 2%
The Process

Moderated, in-person meetings with the larger stakeholder group (half-day and full-day).

In between these sessions, leverage:

- Smaller workshops with special interest groups (youth, French-language, Indigenous people, etc.)
- Virtual roundtables and webinars (bi-weekly)
- Online communication platforms (Slack, listservs, etc.) for general discussion
Follow Progress here : www.iotsecurity.sn
Personal Data Protection Guidelines for Africa

A joint initiative of the Internet Society and the Commission of the African Union

9 May 2018
2014, African Union (AU) members adopted the African Union Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection

The Declaration set a strong objective of African action on cybersecurity and personal data protection to deliver benefits to Africa

To facilitate implementation of the Convention, the AUC asked the Internet Society (ISOC) to jointly develop the Privacy and Personal Data Protection Guidelines
Objectives of the Guidelines

Show the importance of ensuring trust in online services, as a key factor in sustaining a productive and beneficial digital economy.

Offer guidance on how to help individuals take a more active part in the protection of their personal data, while recognizing that in many areas, positive outcomes for individuals depend on positive action by other stakeholders.
The process

Implementing the recommendations of the Personal Data Protection Guidelines

Senegal stood out as the first African Union member to act on the recommendations by demonstrating the collaborative approach through bringing together a set of stakeholders to instigate discussions around policies on privacy, innovation, cybercrime, threats to information.

As an influencer on MS model Senegal to encourage further dialogues with Regional bodies and Governments in taking positive actions towards the protection of personal data of their citizens.
Here are 3 things you can do right now to protect your Personal Data

• Become a sophisticated user of your online tools and services
• Find and use specific online privacy tools
• Check your privacy settings
Learn more

How to manage and protect your Online Identity and Privacy
https://www.internetsociety.org/tutorials/manage-your-identity

Personal Data Protection Guidelines for Africa

Why your Digital Footprint matters
https://www.internetsociety.org/tutorials/your-digital-footprint-matters/
Lessons learned

Time: Multistakeholder projects can move very slowly. Adding on extra contingency time is prudent.

Stakeholder identification: Use the as many resources as possible to assist with identification and outreach, including the Oversight Committee, newly recruited stakeholders, and the influence of champions within your own organization.

Stakeholder engagement: Multistakeholder projects have a heavy stakeholder engagement demand. As conveners, our primary duties have consisted of:

- Outlining and reinforcing the rules for engagement;
- Conducting stakeholder outreach;
- Trying to maintain stakeholder diversity at meetings; and
- Managing expectations regarding the MS process and its outcomes.
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Nigeria: Opportunities and Activities

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Opportunities and Activities

- About The Nigeria Chapter
- Working Groups and Special Interest Groups
  - Policy and Regulatory Engagement
  - Online Training Opportunities
- Beyond The Net Grants and Projects
About the Nigeria Chapter

- Established in 1998
- Re-launched in 2018
- Website at www.isoc.ng
- Social media handles: @isocngchapter
Working Groups and SIGs

- **Infrastructure and Community Networks:** Communication infrastructure development, Security and Community networking.
- **Protocols and Standards:** Development and adoption of Internet protocols and standards.
- **Policy and Governance:** Engaging stakeholders and Developing materials for education and orientation on key Internet policy and governance areas.
- **Innovation and Incubation:** Software Development, Business and Applications for education, health, agriculture, and other areas of everyday life.
- **Stakeholder Engagement and Member Development:** Engaging stakeholders and Developing materials for education and orientation on use and benefits of the internet. Also includes raising awareness of Internet Society tools and Materials to enhance knowledge of members and exposure to opportunities.
- **Internet Laws and Legislation SIG:** Engaging stakeholders and Developing materials for education and orientation on use and benefits of the internet. Also includes raising awareness of Internet Society tools and Materials to enhance knowledge of members and exposure to opportunities.
Policy and Regulatory Engagement

- Engagement between members on topical issues relating to Internet policy and regulatory interventions

- Engagement with regulators and provision of feedback in response to calls for comments or other issue.
Online Training Opportunities

- InForum Online Courses for ISOC members at http://www.internetsociety.org

- Webinars hosted by the Nigeria Chapter and the Africa Bureau

Follow @isocngchapter on social media for updates
Beyond The Net Grants and Projects

- Grants for small projects and activities

- Grants for Medium and Large projects - In 2019 we will be building a community network to improve the level of connectivity in Zaria (for educational institutions and the local population)
Here is a call to action for all of us!

Join us to promote policies that sustain an Internet that’s open and has a universally-accessible platform for innovation, creativity, and economic opportunity.

Join us in working for an open, globally-connected, trustworthy and secure Internet for Everyone

Too much to process? Start with the free online course at https://www.internetsociety.org/tutorials/shaping-the-internet/

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