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# Access

## A Look at Our Activities in 2017



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As we have already connected half the  
world,  
the digital divide has become a much larger  
gap for the remaining population  
Access has become even more important  
than in past years



# Access Strategy



# The Pillars of Access

“For the Community, with the Community, by the Community.”

## Developing Infrastructure

Changing the lives of people by connecting the underserved, improving Internet interconnection, and creating capacities for efficient Internet operation.

- Community Networks
- IXPs
- Connectivity Reports
- BCOPs
- NOGs

## Building Capacities and Leadership

Position ISOC as a capacity building powerhouse, Identify, equip, and strengthen influencers, leaders, and communities across our access priorities.

- On line courses
- Leadership programs
- Fellowships

## Building Communities

Promote tangible sustainable development in the field, drawing from the Enabling Environment Framework and orient discussions about how the Internet is governed towards sustainable development.

- Beyond the Net,
- Internet Governance
- Connecting Internet Access and Sustainable Development Goals

## Strengthening Our Policy Influence

Advocating for an Enabling Policy Environment and strengthening our leadership by taking on the role as a convener through the Regional Internet Development Dialogues. Working with relevant stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of policies as envisioned through ISOC’s work.

- RIDDs - ISOC a convener in development discussions



# Building Infrastructure

## Goals for 2017 :

- Changing people's lives by connecting the underserved and providing meaningful connectivity to communities to improve socio economic development, education, and small-businesses.
- Improving interconnection and creating capacities for efficient Internet operation

## What We Have Done

- Bishkek Community Networking Meeting on IXPs, April
- Continue influence in Africa at 2<sup>nd</sup> African CN Summit - May
- Networked Tunapanda, Kenya – May
- Support to 2 CNs in South Africa – Zenzeleni and SOWUG - April
- Support and Engage NOGs: SANOG, ENOG, LACNOG, AFNOG, MENO
- Support Ghana - IXP roadshow in Ghana – March
- Support Honduras – IXP – 2 switches – April/May



Tusheti Region in the Greater Caucasus Mountains, Georgia

# Building Infrastructure

## Going Forward Q3 + Q4 2017

- Continue to work with partners in the field to meet our goal of building 2 new CNs in Africa, Europe, CIS, Latin America & the Caribbean
- Georgia, Tusheti Region, CN Project completion Q3/Q4
- Indigenous Community Networking Event in New Mexico Early Q4
- Lead Panel on Community Networking at IGF in Geneva
- Launch Community Network campaign Q3/Q4



# Developing Capacities and Leadership

## Goals for 2017:

- Develop shared understanding of sustainable capacity building and its relation to Internet of Opportunity
- Position ISOC as a capacity building powerhouse
- Identify, equip, and strengthen influencers, leaders, and communities across Access priorities and stakeholder groups, such as policymakers, youth, academia, technologists, and others.

## What We Have Done

### Total Trained

700 individuals trained in moderated courses in 2017 so far.

Online Tutorials: more than 30,000 visits to self-directed training

## Going Forward Q3 +Q4 2017

- Deployment of 'Setting Up CSIRTs' and MANRS courses
- 25 Under 25 program
- Youth at IGF and IGF Ambassadors
- Next Generation Leaders (NGL) Program



# Building Communities

## Goals for 2017

- Promote tangible sustainable development in the field, drawing from the Enabling Environment framework to highlight our work through an SDG context involving our work in community networks and our Beyond the Net Projects
- Orient discussions about how the Internet is governed towards sustainable development

## What We Have Done

- WSIS Forum: senior staff well positioned to convey ISOC's Access campaign message about connecting vulnerable communities, including Small Island Development States (SIDS) and Community Networks.
- IGF: Seat on the MAG secured. Connecting and Enabling the Next Billion: Phase 3 of project launched.
- CTSD WG Enhanced Cooperation: ISOC participated in discussions around the governance mechanisms of the Internet.
- Released Internet and Education Paper at Africa RIDD





# Building Communities

## Going forward Q3 +Q4 2017

- Beyond the Net large grantees to be selected, 102 applications received, final selection mid June
- ISOC presence at key Internet Governance events: EuroDIG, Central Asia IGF APrIGF, LACIGF as well as many national IGFs , Global IGF (3 Workshops selected),
- ISOC presence at key sustainable development events: High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development - UN, WTDC, (WTDC fellowship program according to recommendations recently approved by the board)
- Strategy for showcasing ISOC work at WTDC (Barriers for access reports, Gender workshop, Community Networks)



**ITU WTDC**  
**BUENOS AIRES 2017**

9-20 October

# Award Winning Beyond the Net Projects



We are proud to announce that **"Radio MENQ"**, the voice of Armenians blind, was selected as one of the **WSIS Prizes 2017 Champions!**

The project will be awarded with a Champion certificate from the ITU Secretary-General during a special ceremony, on Tuesday 13 June 2017 at 14:30



## Radio MENQ WSIS Prize (Armenia Chapter)



## Tiflolibros UNESCO Prize (Argentina Chapter)



## Zenzeleni Networks Mozilla Prize (South Africa Gauteng Chapter)



# Strengthening Our Policy Influence

## Goals for 2017

- Develop a strategy for governments and other stakeholders that will see the deployment of processes, policies and tools that can facilitate access of the unconnected, through release of policy documents, reports and surveys
- Advocacy for an Enabling Policy Environment
- Increase collaboration and strengthen our leadership by taking on the role of a convener through the organization of Regional Internet and Development Dialogues (RIDDs)

## What We Have Done

- African Regional Internet Development Dialogue (RIDDD)
- May 8-9 Kigali Rwanda: 161 participants, 31 countries, 1266 unique remote views.
- Internet Society played convened event partnering with the Rwanda Ministry of ICT and Youth and UNESCO
- Papers released : *Internet and Education in Africa*, *Rwanda Local Content Study*, *Caribbean Report*



## Going Forward Q3 + Q4 2017

- Release of a number of new reports: Small Islands developing states Land-locked Developing Countries LLDS Report, Community Networks DEF-ISOC Collaboration paper, Spectrum Policy brief, Community Networks Sub-Saharan Africa,
- European RIDDD Brussels November 7

# Thank you.

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