Internet Society Announces Grants for 13 Community-Based Internet Projects

Supports work to enhance the Internet environment in underserved communities

[Washington, D.C., and Geneva, Switzerland, 21 November 2012] – The Internet Society today announced funding for 13 community-based Internet projects that will enhance the Internet ecosystem in underserved communities around the world. The Community Grants are awarded twice each year to Internet Society Chapters and Member. Recipients receive up to US$10,000 to implement their projects.

The 13 projects funded in this round of grants will:

- Bring the Internet to underserved communities in South Africa
- Offer Internet governance and standards development training in Ghana
- Create public awareness about Internet traffic management practices in The Netherlands
- Deploy a central repository for Internet related issues in Latin America
- Educate and train key players in the use and deployment of IPv6 in Cameroon
- Establish Internet facilities for remote and unprivileged communities in Rwanda
- Build a web interface to engage citizens and members of Parliament in the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia in a dialogue on Internet public policy issues
- Measure the impact of mobile technology on education in Romania
- Improve education with Internet access at Beijing Daxing District Chengxin School
- Create a sustainable software development community within Puerto Rico
- Encourage and enable young women to enroll in technology careers in Nigeria
- Empower children in Trinidad and Tobago with information on sensible Internet usage
- Develop study materials to promote Internet use for school activities in Ecuador

"We are truly impressed by the creativity and dedication of the Internet Society Chapters and members who are making a significant impact on the lives of people in their communities through these projects," said Walda Roseman, Chief Operating Officer of the Internet Society. "The Community Grants Programme reflects the Internet Society's mission to ensure the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for people throughout the world. The Internet Society is committed to encouraging innovation and fresh thinking by providing these grants to address the humanitarian, educational, and societal contexts of online connectivity."

The next application round opens in February. Additional information is available on the Community Grants Programme and these award-winning projects.
http://www.internetsociety.org/what-we-do/grants-awards/community-grants/current-grants

About the Internet Society
The Internet Society is the trusted independent source for Internet information and thought leadership from around the world. With its principled vision and substantial technological foundation, the Internet Society promotes open dialogue on Internet policy, technology, and future development among users, companies, governments, and other organizations. Working with its members and Chapters around the world, the Internet Society enables the continued evolution and growth of the Internet for everyone. For more information, visit www.internetsociety.org

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