

# Kilima: Highlights from ISOC Africa

February 2018



## Activities

### **AUC Privacy Experts meeting**

A successful 2-day expert review meeting was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 19-20 February 2018. Attended by 14 participants, the purpose of the meeting was to agree on a structure and content for the Privacy and personal Data protection guidelines. For more: <https://www.internetsociety.org/blog/2018/02/future-online-privacy-personal-data-protection-africa/>

### **Community Networks Support**

The African Regional Bureau (ARB) facilitated a meeting between TunapandaNET and the Kenya Education Network Trust (KENET). Both organizations agreed to explore a low cost Internet connectivity partnership, to benefit schools covered by the Community Networks (CN) in Kibera, Kenya.

### **Meeting with US Ambassador to Zimbabwe on Community Network activities**

Verengai Mabika, Internet Society senior policy advisor for Africa met with the US Ambassador to Zimbabwe, Harry K. Thomas, to discuss on ISOC campaign themes with a special focus to the CN flagship network in Murambinda Works. The Ambassador pledged to support the project and requested a field visit to Murambinda .

## **Building and strengthening our Community**

As our community of African chapters is growing, this month we were pleased to welcome two new chapters: The ISOC Botswana Chapter and the ISOC Guinea Chapter. The preparation for the official launch of the two new chapters is currently ongoing.

## **Training on Local Content Production**

A training was organized by ISOC Cameroon Chapter with the financial support of ISOC Beyond the Net Funding Program. Young Internet users and students were trained on how to contribute to the Internet content through Blogs and Wikipedia articles.

## **Technical Online Trainings**

More than 100 trainees from Uganda's and Kenya's Research and Education Networks began their online training schedules using ISOC's Introduction to Network Operations Course in English. The training will help the Research Education Networks deploy, install and manage their own Internet services.



## Events

### **NREN Outreach**

#### **March 2018**

The ARB will present on MANRS (Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security) at a Routing workshop for West African NRENs engineers, preceding the WACREN 2018 Conference in Lomé, Togo, from 15-16 March 2018. The WACREN network will be officially launched at this occasion.



## In the News

### **Launch of Mali Internet Exchange Point (MLIX)**

As a result of the AXIS project (jointly implemented by ISOC and the Africa Union Commission) and advocacy work by Mali Chapter, the Mali IXP (MLIX) was launched on 22 February 2017 by Mali's Minister of Digital economy and Communication.

### **Whether You See It As A Threat Or An Opportunity, The Internet Is Here To Stay...**

I once declared here that the internet is probably the biggest and far reaching invention since the discovery of electricity.

