

Kilima: Highlights from ISOC Africa

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ACTIVITIES

➤ **The Internet Society & the African Union Commission collaborate on Privacy Guidelines for Africa**

The Internet Society Africa Regional Bureau (ARB) and the African Union Commission (AUC) have agreed to collaborate in the development of Personal Data Protection & Privacy Guidelines for Africa. These guidelines aim to help African countries put the necessary privacy measures in place to increase trust on the Internet within Africa. The guidelines, will provide fundamental principles important for security and privacy of individuals' data online.

➤ **Technical Online Trainings**

The Introduction to Network Operations Course in English and French as well as the Network Services and Monitoring course are now available with registration for the courses opening up via different NOGs and NRENs in the African region.

➤ **AfPIF-2018**

The African Peering and Interconnection Forum (AfPIF 2018) will be taking place in **Cape Town, South Africa** from **20-24 August 2018**. Organized annually by the African IXP Association (AFIX) in partnership with the Internet Society's African Regional Bureau the forum addresses key opportunities and challenges related to peering and network interconnection within Africa.

➤ **2018 Africa Internet Summit Planning**

Activity planning for the upcoming Africa Internet Summit have started within the ARB staff set to be involved in a number of activities including this year's Hackthon@AIS event as well as the AfNOG week of technical trainings among others. The full list of ISOC's engagements at the yearly event will be made known in early April 2018.



EVENTS

> **Re-Launch the Internet Society Nigeria chapter** 1 February 2018

After a successful soft rejuvenation process, the newly elected leadership of the Nigeria chapter is organizing a re-launch (financially supported by ISOC Beyond the Net small grants program) to show the local, regional and international communities that the chapter is back to the Internet ecosystem as an active contributor. Kathy Brown has been invited by the chapter to share some remarks remotely.

> **AUC- ISOC Privacy Guidelines Experts Meeting** 26-28 February 2018 (TBC)

In light of the development of Personal Data Protection & Privacy Guidelines for Africa, the Internet Society and AUC will hold an Expert workshop in **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** to gather views from African Privacy experts.

> **Capacity Building Workshop on Satellite Communications** 6 - 8 February 2018

ATU to hold Capacity Building Workshop on Satellite Communications focusing on Regulations, Licensing and Latest Developments, from **6 - 8 February 2018** in **Nairobi, Kenya**. The objective of this workshop is to build capacity of experts dealing with satellite communications in the areas of applicable regulations, trends and best practices in licensing and latest developments.



MEDIA

> **Community Networks: Kenya Chapter in partnership with Tunapanda Institute**

Kibera is one of the largest slums in Africa and houses about **250,000** people. Communities living in low income areas have to make the choice between a meal and the internet.

> **AU Summit to endorse Africa ICT masterplan**

The AU Heads of State and Government Assembly which took place from **22-29 Jan 2018** in **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** expected to discuss and approve the resolutions of an AU Specialized Technical Committee on Communication and ICT.