

# Kilima: Highlights from ISOC Africa

March 2018



## Activities

### **Innovating to Connect the Unconnected: Community Networks**

**Innovation Digital Africa:** The African Regional Bureau (ARB) promoted the Community Network campaign at Innovation Digital Africa meeting that took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 20-21 March 2018.

**Webinars:** The ARB and ITO held the first of two webinars on 22 March 2018 titled *Community Networks: Technical and Resource Planning*. The event was attended by 8 participants from Community Networks in Africa and focused on network design, planning and documentation to scale development. The second webinar took place on 28 March 2018 under the title *Community Networks: Sustainability and Development*.

### **IETF Africa Initiative**

**IETF 101:** The ARB organized a session, at the IETF 101, that serves as both a meet and greet and idea sharing session for those interested in participating, helping/learning about the promotion of the IETF and open Internet standards in Africa.

**Adventist University of Africa:** The ARB presented areas of research focusing on the IETF and Internet Measurements, to a cohort of computer science masters students at the Adventist University of Africa.

### **Building and Strengthening our Community**

**ISOC Namibia Chapter** signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UNESCO Namibia to collaborate through complementary and/or joint programming efforts supporting National Development Goal, Plans and long term vision outcomes in the areas of *Building knowledge societies through ICTs, Building and supporting a multi stakeholder approach in Internet Governance and Driving ICTs for SDGs*.

ISOC Ghana Chapter held the induction ceremony of the newly elected Executive committee on 2 March 2018.

ISOC Botswana, Ghana, Namibia, Nigeria and Zimbabwe Chapters hosted IETF Viewing Hubs for IETF 101.

ISOC Namibia Chapter hosted a Panel Discussion on *"Mitigating Online Violence Against Women"* on 22 March 2018.

### **Securing the Global Routing System: MANRS**

The ARB presented MANRS actions to 30 engineers representing research and education networks from 10 West and Central African countries attending the Central Africa Research and Education Networks (WACREN) Routing workshop from 12 -16 March 2018 in Lomé, Togo. The Bureau attended the launch of the WACREN network presided by the Prime Minister of Togo. A message of support to WACREN in the areas of continued collaboration was delivered by the ARB representative during the launch.

### **Promoting and Building IXPs**

The ARB paid a courtesy call to the Togo IXP (TGIX) and held discussions with the board chair, members and WARCIP project leaders on areas of collaboration aimed at growing the peering ecosystem in Togo. TGIX was launched in June 2017 and has 4 networks connected.



## Events

### **African Internet Summit (AIS)**

**29 April-11 May 2018**

The annual, regional, multi-stakeholder ICT conference will be held in Dakar, Senegal bringing the ICT business and technical community in Africa together under one roof to discuss ICT issues and challenges. A number of activities and side events highlighting the need for action across our 2018 campaigns are planned by the Internet Society during the Summit. For more on #AISDakar: <https://www.internetsummit.africa/>



## In the News

### **Next Einstein Forum Global Gathering 2018**

Over 1600 leading scientists, policymakers, business leaders, civil society leaders, entrepreneurs and innovative youths are brought together in Kigali, Rwanda from 26-28 March to showcase Africa's contributions to the global scientific endeavour and how this impacts Africa's transformation.