Kilima: Highlights from ISOC Africa

April 2018

Activities

Building and Strengthening our Community


ISOC Kenya Chapter: hosted together with Digital Grassroots, the 2018 Kenya Youth Convening on Internet Governance conference on 14 April 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya under the theme: The Youth in Shaping Kenya’s Digital Future. The event was webcast live on the Internet Society Livestream Channel.

ISOC Uganda Chapter: with the support of the Internet Society, African Regional Bureau (ARB) published a statement to express the Chapter’s position on the Uganda’s proposed Taxation of Over the Top (OTT) Services. More at: https://internetsociety.ug/internet-society-uganda-chapters-position-on-proposed-taxation-of-over-the-top-ott-services/

ISOC Chad Chapter: with the support of ARB issued a statement on Social Media blocking in Chad. More at: https://www.internetsociety.org/blog/2018/04/internet-shutdowns-cannot-solution-political-challenges-chad/

ISOC Liberia Chapter: organized a local community engagement event on “Internet for Education”. The ISOC’s report on “Internet for Education in Africa” was shared with the participants and local policy makers.
Call for AfPIF2018@Iweek fellowship is now open
The call for AfPIF2018@Iweek fellowship opened on 27 April 2018. The fellowship program will give an opportunity to qualified applicants to attend Africa’s premier peering event. This year, taking into consideration the importance of having gender balance in the peering and interconnection ecosystem, the program has included a unique fellowship opportunity for Women-In-Tech, whereby women who have an interest in peering and interconnection can apply.
More at: https://www.afpif.org/afpif2018/

IETF Africa Initiative
11 fellows from 8 countries selected to participate in the Hackathon@AIS, which will take place from 9-10 May 2018 at the AIS 2018.

Events

ISOC activities @ African Internet Summit (AIS)
29 April-11 May 2018
The Internet Society will be holding a number of activities at the AIS 2018 focusing on the Internet Governance (IG) campaign. This includes the launch of the African Union and ISOC Personal Data Protection Guidelines for Africa. The Guidelines emphasize the importance of the multi-stakeholder model and provides recommendations for Governments, policymakers, Data protection authorities (DPAs) etc. More information on ISOC @ AIS activities at: https://www.internetsociety.org/events/africa-internet-summit/2018/

Promoting Multi-stakeholder IG-- Enhancing Internet of Things (IoT) Security
11 May 2018
Organized in collaboration with ISOC Senegal Chapter, the half day workshop taking in Dakar, Senegal will aim to instigate dialogue on Internet related policy priorities for the country. Senegal is amongst the 3 countries the Internet Society selected to demonstrate the collaborative, multi-stakeholder model of Internet governance.

In the News

MANRS Launches New IXP Programme to Promote Routing Security
Rwanda becomes the first African country to be amongst the ten founding participants in the MANRS IXP Programme.