Kilima: Highlights from ISOC Africa

May 2018

Activities

Securing the Global Routing System: MANRS

The African Regional Bureau (ARB) delivered 3 presentations on MANRS during the AIS-2018 in Dakar, Senegal. Two presentations were delivered to the AfNOG basic and advance routing workshop participants. Another presentation was made during the GFCE Internet infrastructure security event.

Innovating to connect the Unconnected: Community Networks (CN)

The ARB gave a Keynote presentation titled "*Community Networks – What role for women in Africa*" during the AfCHIX conference held during AIS-2018. The presentation demonstrated the role women can play to support the emergence of more Community Networks in Africa.

The ARB participated and contributed at a workshop titled *"reaching the underserved"* organized by APC and the Communications Regulatory Association of Southern Africa (CRASA) held in Port Louis, Mauritius on 16 May 2018. The workshop was attended by 20 representatives from 8 CRASA member states and focused on the role of CN's in connecting the unconnected.

Promoting Open Internet Standards

The Internet Society organized the 2nd Hackathon@AIS attended by more than 70 engineers from 15 different African countries. The event was structured around 3 different topics (tracks) and participants got to choose one that interested them. More on the event here: https://hackathon.internetsummitafrica.org

CyberSecurity and IoT

The Internet Society participated in a CyberSecurity Workshop organized by the GFCE and AfricaCERT during the AIS-2018 and made a presentation on the Open Trust Alliance framework for Internet of Things (IoT) devices as a guideline for use in designing IoT devices.

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Building and Strengthening our Community

ISOC Guinea Chapter- the ARB paid a working visit to the recently chartered ISOC Guinea Chapter on 4-6 May 2018. This visit was an opportunity to present the Internet Society and its key areas of focus for 2018 campaigns to the chapter members and local key partners.

ISOC Senegal Chapter: hosted a series of successful activities during AIS-2018. These included: presentation of the COWSHED project (video), Multistakeholder Consultative Meeting on Enhancing IoT Security and the ISOC@AIS Cocktail for members, chapters and supporters.

ISOC Mali Chapter- held successful elections on 28 April 2018. Congratulations to Bakary Kouate, the new chapter president and all the newly elected officers!

ISOC Tunisia Chapter- held successful elections on 22 April 2018. Congratulations to Haythem EL MIR the new chapter president and all the newly elected officers!

Events

Community Networks workshop

19-20 June 2018

The Internet Society together with the African Union Commission (AUC) will hold a 1.5 day workshop on CNs in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The workshop will be attended by the RECs, African Government representatives, CNs and African Chapters.

2018 African Chapters Advocacy meeting

20-21 June 2018

27 fellows from 25 chapters are selected to participate in the 2018 African Chapters Advocacy workshop, which will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The AUC and the Chapters will also have and engagement session to establish relationship between the chapters and the AUC for collaboration in the CNs project

In the News

MANRS: SEACOM, one of the largest submarine cable operators in the region, becomes the 2nd network operator to subscribe to MANRS.

Promoting and Building IXPs: AfPIF@iWeek2018 call for papers has been issued and available at https://www.afpif.org/afpif2018/call-for-papers/

Technical Online Training: The Internet Society will be running the Introduction to Network Operations Course in English and French monthly. Announcements on the opening of registrations will be made on various mailing lists and ISOC Chapters list.