

Kilima: Highlights from ISOC Africa

July 2019



Activities

Building Trust (IoT)

IoT workshop held in Addis Ababa

A two days hands on workshop on IoT was organized at Addis Ababa Science and Technology University (AASTU) from 25-26 July 2019. The facilitators of the workshop were 2 former trainees of the IoT workshop organized by the Internet Society at the Addis Ababa University (AAU) in September 2016. The equipment used during the workshop was also borrowed from the equipment, which has been previously donated to AAU. AASTU is planning to conduct a summer school/workshop for a week with the participation of all Ethiopian Universities to identify the needs and develop relevant IoT solutions.

Commonwealth ICT Forum '19

The ARB participated in 2 panel discussions on IoT Security and Community Networks during the Commonwealth ICT Forum '19, which was held in Freetown, Sierra Leone from 31 July-2 August 2019 under the theme "*Broadband for inclusive digital transformation*". The forum provided an excellent opportunity for participants to learn and share knowledge of deployment and utilization of digital transformation, through networking with civil society and private sector.

ITU Digital Consumer Forum for Africa

The ARB participated from 29-31 July 2019 at the ITU Digital Consumer Forum for Africa 2019 themed "*Powering digital Africa through data protection, consumer privacy, trust and security*" and hosted by the Kingdom of Eswatini and ITU Regional Office for Africa. The conference was meant to provide knowledge on emerging challenges and opportunities in the region around digital consumers. The meeting was mostly attended by Telecommunication/ICT policy makers, regulators, industry, and consumer associations from the region.

Shaping the Internet's future

West Africa Internet Governance Forum (WAIGF)

The ARB attended the 11th edition of the WAIGF and School of Internet Governance for West African states, which was held from 22-26 July in Gambia under the theme "*Shared responsibilities of stakeholders for a robust Internet Governance Ecosystem*". The event was hosted by ECOWAS Commission, the Government of Gambia, and the African Union. [Read more](#)

Network of Digital Rights for Ethiopia (NDRE) being established

A number of Digital Rights advocates met on July 9 2019 for the first time in Ethiopia to discuss the increasing number of Internet Shutdowns in the country. During this meeting, it

was decided to establish a network that would advocate for digital rights including prevention of Internet shutdowns in Ethiopia.

Building and strengthening our Community: Chapter's Update

ISOC Congo Chapter: joined the Congolese Government and other stakeholders to successfully organize the 2019 Congo National IGF. The Chapter led a session on privacy and Personal Data Protection, and also took the opportunity to promote the ISOC/AU Privacy and Personal Data Protection guidelines.

ISOC Ghana Chapter: collaborated with the Ministry of Communications of Ghana to successfully organize the Ghana youth IGF and the 2019 Ghana National IGF under the theme "*Digital Communities: Roles and Responsibilities of Stakeholders for Sustainable Development*."

ISOC Nigeria Chapter: organized the 1st [Nigeria School of Internet Governance](#) and actively participated in the 2019 Nigeria Youth IGF and 2019 National IGF.

ISOC Gambia Chapter: partnered with ITAG to successfully organize the 2019 Gambia National IGF and to host the 2019 WAIGF.

ISOC Kenya Chapter partnered with Kicktanet to organize the [2019 Kenya School of Internet governance and Kenya National IGF](#). The Chapter talked about collaborative security and promoted ISOC's policy briefs.

ISOC Botswana Chapter: ARB paid a working visit to strengthen relationship and had the opportunity to see and assess the [chapter's project](#) funded by [ISOC Beyond the Net Medium and Large Grant Programme](#).

ISOC Zimbabwe Chapter: organized an awareness event to talk about the growing development of IoT and the importance of ensuring security and protection of users' personal data.

ISOC Guinea Chapter: collaborated with ARB to successfully organize the IXP and Peering Workshop, which took place in Guinea from 8-12 July 2019. The workshop falls under the Internet Society/Facebook collaboration to promote IXP infrastructure development in Africa.

First Success of IETF materials in University courses

ARB has been working for the last few years to encourage Universities to use IETF materials in their courses. The first success has been scored this month at Addis Ababa University where an IETF fellow and lecturer at Addis Ababa University asked Computer Science second year students to study RFCs in the Data Communication and Computer Network course.

7th Africa DNS Forum

The 7th DNS Forum was held in Gaborone, Botswana with the ARB participating in the sessions and supporting the event with Livestreaming. The event attracted more than 1,000 unique viewers remotely and more than 200 attending in person. [Read more](#)



Upcoming Events

2-5 August: Chad IXP workshop, Ndjamena, Chad

20-22 August: AfPIF2019, Balaclava, Mauritius

25-30 August: Francophone Summer School of Internet Governance (FFGI 2019), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

5 September: Smart city at the 14th Global Forum on Human Settlements, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

5-6 September: [14th Global Forum on Human Settlements](#), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

5-9 September: AFRISIG, Chad

10-12 September: Africa IGF, Chad

16-20 September: AUC Ministerial Meeting Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

23-26 September: FiFAfrica, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

28 September- 2 October: Africa CN Summit, Dodoma, Tanzania



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