

Kilima: Highlights from ISOC Africa

August 2019



Activities

AfPIF-2019 held in Balaclava, Mauritius

The tenth meeting of Africa Peering and Interconnection Forum (AfPIF) was held from 20-22 August 2019 in Balaclava, Mauritius, with participants celebrating the achievements of the past 10 years and looking forward to further collaboration.

In his opening speech, Internet Society President and CEO, Andrew Sullivan highlighted the importance of the forum, which helps create a community that supports the growth of the Internet in Africa, identifies challenges, and ensures that awareness is widespread.

AfPIF connects and brings key infrastructure, service, and content providers together in order to identify ways to improve network interconnection, lower the cost of connectivity, and increase the number of Internet users in the region.

As the curtains fell on the tenth edition of AfPIF, it was clear that the future is looking bright, with 367 participants, representing 59 countries: 202 from Africa, 36 from Europe, 16 from America, and 13 from Asia. It's been a record-breaking year: 97 women attended AfPIF-10, the highest ever, showing the fruits of diversity efforts from organizers and sponsors. For more please read [the daily summaries](#).

Moreover, during the forum, Andrew Sullivan met with Hon. Yogida Sawmynaden Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation of Mauritius as well as with his Chief Technical Officer, Rajnish Hawabhay. The meetings were an opportunity to learn about Mauritius' vision for the development of the Internet in addition to raising awareness about Internet Society at the Ministry level.

The forum was also an opportunity for Andrew Sullivan, Joyce Dogniez as well as the ARB team to meet with cyberstorm.mu, a team of young Mauritian technologists who not only participated remotely at IETF hackathons several times but also managed to author/contribute to a number of IETF drafts. The meeting was an opportunity to learn from their successes.

SAFNOG-5 and iWeek

The Internet Society, through its ARB team, sponsored and participated to the SAFNOG-5 & iWeek events held from 26-28 August 2019 in Johannesburg South Africa. The ARB participated in the diversity panel where ISOC's online courses were highlighted for their ability to enhance inclusivity in the region. In addition to presenting on Routing Security and highlight the [MANRS Observatory](#), the Internet Society sponsored and participated to a RPKI and MANRS verification party where 8 networks were verified to have their RPKI and ROA's

and to meet at least 3 MANRS requirements. The verified networks received a ROA + MANRS t-shirt. SAFNOG-5 received over 200 participants.

Networks of Digital Rights for Ethiopia (NDRE)

NDRE has been established under the Center for Advancement of Rights and Democracy (CARD). The first working group of NDRE is on Prevention of Internet Shutdown in Ethiopia (PISE). The launch of NDRE will be announced at the FiFAfrica conference taking place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from September 23-26 2019.

Meeting on the revision of the Ethiopian Computer Crime Proclamation

The ARB participated in the meeting on the revision of the Ethiopian Computer Crime Proclamation, which was held on September 17 2019. It is to be noted that the Internet Society submitted written inputs for the revision process last year.

Building and strengthening our Community: Chapter's Update

ISOC Chapterthon 2019: 18 African chapters were selected to participate in the 2019 Internet Society global Chapterthon on "Connecting the Unconnected". [Read more.](#)

Working visit to ISOC Burkina Faso Chapter: The Community Engagement Manager for Africa, paid a working visit to ISOC Burkina Faso Chapter alongside the [2019 Francophone School of Internet Governance \(FFGI\)](#) that took place on August 26-30, 2019 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. This is part of an overall effort to build and strengthen relationships with our chapters. The visit was also an opportunity to discuss the chapter's opportunities and challenges and better ways of collaboration in 2020 and beyond.

ISOC Tanzania Chapter: Elected a new leadership and completed a successful transition. Congratulations to the newly elected officers! We look forward to the onboarding and future collaboration to promote the Internet Society's vision, mission and strategic objectives in Tanzania and beyond.

ISOC Chad Chapter: Successfully hosted an IXP training workshop and was selected by the government of Chad to supervise and facilitate the establishment and operationalization of the Chad Internet Exchange Point.

ISOC South Africa Gauteng Chapter: Congratulations to the newly elected leadership!



Upcoming Events

5-9 September: [AFRISIG](#), Chad

10-12 September: [Africa IGE](#), Chad

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

23-26 September: FiFAfrica, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

7-11 October: IXP roadshow, Benin

11-12 October: GSCE, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

21-25 October: Lubumbashi IXP workshop and IXP launch, DRC

28 October - 2 November: [Africa CN Summit](#), Dodoma, Tanzania



In the News

[Tchadinfos.com](#): Tchad : Internet Society envisage améliorer le réseau internet

[Maurice Info](#): Maurice accueille la 10ème édition du forum africain sur le peering et l'interconnexion

[Platform for Africa](#): Mauritius to host 10th Africa Peering and Interconnection Forum

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