AfICTA Submission to the Global Multistakeholder Meeting on the Future of Internet Governance ? NET mundial

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Abstract

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The *NET mundial* is focused on getting globally acceptable PRINCIPLES for Internet Governance and evolving frameworks for further evolution of the Internet. AfICTA and its members appreciate the opportunity presented by the hosts of *NETmundial* and look forward to active participation in this worthwhile process.

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AfICTA further submits that the ROADMAP for further evolution of the Internet can only happen when the following are in place:

1. Constructive and continuous engagement, which is happening already in IGF, CSTD and is expected at *NETmundial*

2. Equal participation of all stakeholders in the Internet Future debates

3. Empowerment of effective participation of stakeholders from developing and least developed economies, which will mean financial support for representatives of all categories of stakeholders

4. Recognition that existing multistakeholder institutions have contributed to the Internet's global growth and need to remain at the heart of the Internet governance ecosystem

5. Governments should commit to a single, interoperable Internet that can flourish globally, enabling freedom of expression and economic prosperity.

6. Commitment to collaborate with the private sector toward prevention of crime and protection of individuals at the global level, including support for national adoption of rule of law, cooperative mechanism to address risks and threats on the Internet. We must recognise that the Internet has created new types of economic and personal crime. Government and the private sector need to collaborate to support improved mechanism to address risks and threats while educating users about their responsibilities and rights.

The expected resultant effect is CONFIDENCE, STABILITY, SECURITY and RESILIENCY of the Internet for continuous socio-economic development that can serve the 2.7 billion users, and support the inclusion of the next 4+ billion users.

About AfICTA

AfICTA - Africa Information & Communication Technologies Alliance is a private sector-led alliance of ICT Associations, Multi-national Corporations, Companies, Organisations and Institutions in the ICT sector in Africa.

Vision

Our vision is to fulfil the promise of the digital age for everyone in Africa.

Mission

Our mission is to encourage multi-stakeholder dialogue fostering accelerated and ICT enabled development in Africa and the use of cutting-edge innovative technologies including mobile, computing and satellite technologies to achieve an Information society in Africa.

Goals

Our goals are to:

1. Organise non-state ICT actors in Africa for effective local and continental advocacy by the year 2015

2. Create awareness and improve African digital literacy by 50% in collaboration with stakeholders by the year 2020

3. Create partnerships with the African Union and all the regional economic commissions towards the realization of the WSIS 2015 targets

4. Position more than 50% of African ICT professionals and experts in the business community, academic and technical community and civil society to be fully engaged in the global Internet Governance multi-stakeholder dialogues by 2015

5. Be the focal point for Africa ICT advocacy in the global digital economy.

6. Promote business partnership between member's associations.

7. Contribute to capacities building by promoting best practices, encouraging regional projects, sharing data (skills, expertise, events, business announcements, exhibitions, seminars, etc)

8. Organize regional contests and cross-African advocacy