

Kenya IGF Agenda (Kictanet)

Background and Introduction to Internet Governance

What is Internet Governance, the IGF process, Kenya's contribution ?

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is a multi-stakeholder forum for policy dialogue on issues of Internet governance. It brings together all stakeholders in the internet governance debate, whether they represent governments, the private sector or civil society, including the technical and academic community, on an equal basis and through an open and inclusive process. [1] The establishment of the IGF was formally announced by the United Nations Secretary-General in July 2006 and it was first convened in October / November 2006.---- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_Governance_Forum

The first five years were concluded with the 5th Internet Governance Forum that was held in Vilnius Lithuania. There was consensus on the need to renew the mandate for another five years and Kenya successfully bid to host the 6th IGF meeting under the new five year mandate which will be held in September 2011 at the United Nations offices in Nairobi, registration is ongoing on www.intgovforum.org and igf.or.ke (Host country website).

Day 1 (30 June) Introduction – Present the 2010 report

Mobile Internet – (Emerging Trends)

Day 2 and 3 (1,4th July 2011) Impact of Mobile Internet in Kenya - -Lessons Learned.

- What role has mobile networks played in providing Internet access to Kenyan citizens and what needs to be put in place to promote mobile Internet and enhance local content development?
- What initiatives are needed to ensure that sufficient spectrum is available for mobile networks to provide effective Internet access for various services?

Mobile Payment Platforms

Mobile payments platforms continue to offer tremendous amount of services and innovation, with the ability to exchange, transmit and store data and content embedded within payments systems.

- What are the challenges in balancing consumer protection and regulatory oversight?
Particularly regarding privacy and ownership of information/content and data?
- What is the role of policy and regulation for successful transition to new mobile payment channels?

Impact of reduction of pre/paid tariffs

Has there been any impact since the prepaid tariffs were reduced, are there any lessons to be learned.

Day 4 (5th July) : Cloud Computing

- What role should the government play to promote cloud computing in Kenya?
- What practical steps should we take as a nation that will move cloud computing from a lofty idea into a strategic commercial resource?

Day 5 (6th July) : Cyber Security and Privacy

- With Cyber Security threats increasing at an alarming rate, what strategies can we embrace as a nation to address and combat the threats?
- What initiatives are needed to ensure there is sufficient awareness and education on Cyber threats?

Day 6 (7th July) : Broadband

- As a nation do we need a comprehensive policy on broadband, if so what should it contain?
- Does the current ICT Policy ensure that the country maximizes on the potential of the available broadband?

Day 7 (8th July) : Principles of Internet Policy Making

- Is there a rationale for principles on Internet Policy making, how should we be involved as a nation?
- Which roles should the government, civil Society and private Sector play in developing Internet Policies

Day 8 (9th July) : Principals of Internet Policy Making

- How can establishment of Internet Policies encourage investment and innovation in the internet market place?

Day 9 (10th July) : Closure and taking stock of IG- The Kenyan perspective

Day 10 (11th July) Summary