

Kilima: Highlights from ISOC Africa

June 2019



Activities

ISOC@AIS2019

2019 Hackathon@AIS

The Internet Society and AFRINIC co-organized the 3rd Hackathon@AIS alongside the Africa Internet Summit (AIS) in Kampala, Uganda. The 2 day event held from 19-20 June attracted more than 100 participants. 17 fellows from 12 countries were supported by the Internet Society to attend the Hackathon. 12 expert facilitators led the participants in covering 5 main topics related to open Internet Standards development. More details [here](#).

Internet Society Women in Tech Dinner

More than 32 remarkable women in technology from Uganda and across the African continent met and spent time over dinner on 9 June 2019 in Kampala, Uganda to discuss and celebrate their contributions in building, promoting and defending the Internet.

2nd GFCE Triple I workshop

During the AIS, the ARB participated to the 2nd GFCE Triple I workshop in Kampala, Uganda. The workshop was initiated by the [Global Forum for Cyber Expertise](#) and was supported by [AFRINIC](#), [AfricaCERT](#), [AFNOG](#), [WACREN](#), [ICANN](#), the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate and the Internet Society. The workshop covered topics on open Internet Standards, security and encryption and also best practices to help improve Internet reliability. Sessions on IoT and MANRS were also lead by the Internet Society at the event.

RPKI and MANRS verification BoF

The first MANRS and RPKI Verification BoF was held on 18 June 2019 in Kampala, Uganda. The event was co-organized with SEACOM and WorkOnline with an aim of getting more networks to implement routing security best practices. During the inaugural event more than 10 networks participated with 5 networks acquiring their RPKI ROAs and one network from Nigeria making an application for MANRS. Following the positive reception of this event, TERACO/NAPAfrica have agreed to have a MANRS and RPKI verification BoF during AfPIF-10 Peers for Beers event, which will be taking place from 20-22 August 2019 in Mauritius. Subsequently, there will also be a MANRS and RPKI verification BoF during SAFNOG-5 and iWeek events in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Consultation with AFRINIC Community Members

The Internet Society held bilateral meetings with a number of AFRINIC community members during the AIS week to understand the existing issues and see what role the Internet Society can play to mediate AFRINIC's on-going challenges. The ARB also co-lead the discussion between AFRINIC board and the community.

Connecting the world (CN)

Innovation Africa Digital Summit (IAD)

ARB participated in a panel on CN and moderated a session on ICT for all during IAD, which was held from 10-11 June 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Subsequently, Extensia, organizer of IAD, invited ARB Director Dawit Bekele to participate in the National ICT Agenda Acceleration Series.

Building Trust (IoT)

1st Africa Region Data Protection and Privacy Conference

ARB participated at the Data Protection and Privacy Conference hosted by the Network of African Data Protection Authorities and Ghana Data Protection Commission in Accra, Ghana from 23-27 June 2019. The Africa Data Protection and Privacy Conference convened various established Authorities in Africa and Global North counterparts for thought leadership, insight, best practice, high level strategic content and networking, providing a critical platform for promoting Africa's drive for Data Protection and Privacy laws.

Building and strengthening our Community: Chapter's Update

ISOC Namibia Chapter: organized a successful election to renew its leadership. The ARB welcomes the newly elected leaders of the chapter.

ISOC Tunisia Chapter: supported and organized a series of activities during RightsCon 2019 including bilateral meeting with the Minister of ICT of Tunisia, the Internet Society booth and ISOC@RightsCon networking cocktail.

ISOC Uganda Chapter: hosted ISOC@AIS networking event at the AIS2019 in Kampala, Uganda where 90+ attended the event. Volunteers from the chapter also helped run Internet Society's booth, which was visited by 100+ people. Last but not least, the chapter helped organize an engagement meeting between Internet Society staff members and students/lecturers from the College of Computer Science and ICT of Makerere University. Face to face meetings with the chapter's representatives/leaders were also part of the main activities held during the AIS week.

ISOC Namibia Chapter: As part of the implementation of the partnership between the Internet Society and AISSEC, ISOC Namibia Chapter is working with AISSEC Namibia to improve the ICT skills of young people in Namibia.

ISOC Mali Chapter: published a national Internet [report](#) of Mali. The report presents the state of the Internet in Mali and the perspectives for the future. This report is an outcome of a small chapter's project funded by the [Internet Society Beyond the Net Small Grant Programme](#).

Internet Society Online Course Resuming

Following a migration to a new online learning platform, the Internet Society's online course will be resuming in the coming weeks. Schedules expected to be announced beginning of July 2019.



Upcoming Events

5 July: Congo National IGF, Kinshasa, Congo

9 July: 1st meeting on Internet Shutdown in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

8-12 July: IXP Technical workshop, Conakry, Guinea

22-24 July: [7th Africa DNS Forum](#), Gaborone, Botswana

18-19 July: Gambia National IGF, Banjul, Gambia

22-24 July: 2nd West African School of Internet Governance (WASIG), Banjul, Gambia

25-26 July: West Africa IGF, Banjul, Gambia

July (dates TBC): 2nd multistakeholder workshop on the development of the [National IoT Security Framework](#), Dakar, Senegal (<https://www.ietfsecurity.sn/>)

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

20-22 August: AfPIF-2019, Balaclava, Mauritius

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

9-13 September: AFSIG and AIGF (Venue TBC)

23-26 September: FiFAfrica, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

11-12 October: GSCE, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



In the News

[Shutting down the Internet, Dawit Bekele on Business Daily, BBC Sounds](#)

[2019 Hackathon@AIS: Testimonials from the Trainers](#)

