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Pierre Dandjinou is currently the CEO of the Strategic Consulting Group (SCG), a Consulting firm based in Cotonou, Benin, and Dakar Sénégal. For 12 years, he has been a Staff member of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as a Regional Policy Advisor on ICT for Development and e-Governance for Africa. He has assisted close to 15 African countries in defining their ICT strategies and has contributed in mainstreaming ICT in UNDP's overall global framework for development. Pierre further on assisted African countries in developing and implementing their national e-governance related projects, namely as relate to public administration reform and modernization (e-administration), institutional capacity development (e-Parliament) and provision of public services to citizens (e-services). Pierre is one of the initiators of the Africa e-Governance Academy (AfeGA), being incepted in Accra, Ghana.

On the African scene, Pierre is known as one of the pioneer of Internet connectivity, having participated in many initiatives which aimed at increasing access to ICTs and its subsequent services to the marginalized portions of the society. He organized the first African conference on Internet Governance in Cotonou in 1998 and coordinated the Internet initiative for Africa of the UNDP, which helped provide the first national Internet gateway in many Africa countries. Pierre has been among the first representatives of Africa at ICANN, as an active member of different specialized committees; he chaired the Board of Directors of Afrinic, the Africa Internet registry from 2004 to 2008, is President of ISOC chapter in Benin, and of PANOS West Africa.