Emerging African Internet Institutions

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Introduction

- 90-95: Get Connected
- 95+   : Africa Gets Organized
- 96+   : Liberalize PTTs
- 97+   : Changing Internet Governance

(Articulates What You Have all Been Saying All Along)

Where are We?

- North America, Europe and Asia are very organized.

- Latin America is Getting Organized.

- Africa is the Least Organized but with the Most Potential.

- Asia is Pushing both Latin America and Africa to Get Organized

African Internet Institutions

- Gets Africans focused on Building Knowledge Centers
- Creates Avenues for all Africans to Contribute
- Harnesses The African Potential
- Establishes The Lobby Channels
- Becomes Repository of Our History
- Its Our Identity

Financing

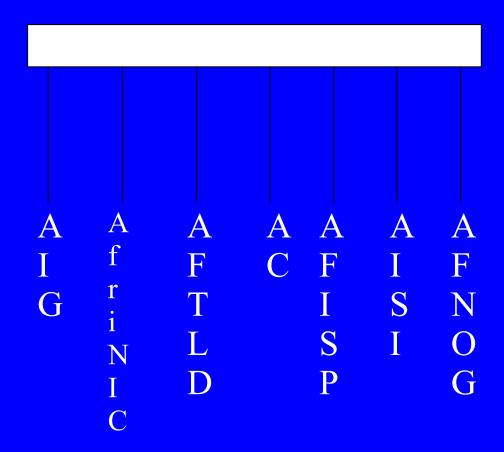## Self Reliance

The Incubators

- ISOC Conferences and Workshops
- ISOC and Sponsors Have Been Financiers
- Several African Leaders

African Network Symposium-ANS

- Description: Meeting Forum
- Membership: African Institutions
- Funding:ISOC Conferences
- Coordinator:

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ANS Structure

AIG AfriNIC AFTLD ACC AFISP AISI AFNOG

African Internet Group - AIG

- Description: Interest Group and General
- Membership: ISOC Workshop alumni, ISOC Conference attendees
- Funding: ISOC largely (piggy-back)
- Coordinators:

  Shem Ochuodo <shem@arcc.or.ke>,

  Pierre Dandjinou <sdnpaf@intnet.bj>

African Network Information Center - AfriNIC

- Description: Regional Address Registry
- Membership: Companies and ISPs
- Funding: Registry Services
- Coordinator:

  Alan Barrett <apb@iafrica.com>

African TLD Administrators -AFTLD

- Description: Regional member of wwTLD
- Membership: African ccTLD Administrators
- Funding: Domain Registrations
- Coordinator:

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African ISOC Chapters - AC

- Description: Representatives of African ISOC Chapters
- Membership: Chapters
- Funding: membership dues
- Coordinator:

 Tarek Kamel <tkamel@idsc.gov.eg>

African ISPs - AFISP

- Description: Internet Service Providers
- Membership: ISPs
- Funding: Membership Fees
- Coordinator:
  Bessie Saidi <bessie@malawi.net>

African Network Operators Group - AFNOG

- Description: Operators Groups
- Membership: ccTLDs, ISPs, CIXs, Operators, Companies
- Funding: Membership dues + fees
- Coordinator:

  Charles Musisi <cmusisi@uol.co.ug>

African Information Society Initiative

- Description: Developing Information Society
- Membership: Governments
- Funding: UN ECA
- Coordinator:

    Makane Faye <faye@un.org>

Others

- Academic & Research
- Internet Exchange
- Commercial Groups including Content

Recommendations

- Make The Institutions WORK
- ISOC Board of Trustees: Join ISOC. Nominate & VOTE!
- ICANN Board: Join ISOC and Latin America, request African seat on final ICANN Board
- ICANN Membership Advisory Committee: Nominate some persons

Recommendations - 2

- Open ICANN Board Meeting: Request one Held in Africa in 1999. Latin America has Requested January 1999.
- Address SO: AfriNIC should inform other Registries and Apply to be part of SO

Recommendations - 3

- Domain Name SO: Get AFTLD active and participate (complex group: + users, Trademarks, NSI etc.)
- Protocol SO: Participate in IETF (even more complex)
- Form ISOC Chapters (Language and Cultural mechanism)
- Participate, DON'T Disrupt - Its voluntary
- BUILD African Internetworks!