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Internet Governance: The challenges facing Africa

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Internet Governance

- National Level involves the engagements of
 - Ministries of Information, Communication and Technology
 - Regulatory Authorities or Agencies
 - Operators : public, private sector or public private partnerships
 - None Governmental Organizations, may include: advocacy groups (ISOC chapters) and human rights groups
 - Consumers and consumer groups
 - The Media (journalists and bloggers)



Internet Governance

- Regional Level
 - Multi-stakeholder regional forums e.g Africa Internet Summit
 - Function specific bodies e.g AfriNIC, AfNOG, AfTLD, AfREN
 - Governments collaborations e.g East Africa Communications Organization (EAC region)
 - Africa Telecommunication Union
- International Level
 - Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
 - Address Supporting Organization
 - Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
 - International Telecommunications Union
 - United Nation Internet Governance Forum



Challenges

1. Lack of participation in the process through the various opportunities available
 - i. AFRINIC policy development process
 - ii. AFRINIC Meetings and Training
 - iii. Africa Summit Meetings and Training
 - iv. ICANN Meeting and Public participation process
2. Lack of appreciation of the multi-stakeholder engagement model by some government representatives and the bottom up globally encouraged approach



Challenges

3. Poor prioritization and synchronization of Internet Governance issues by key stakeholders
4. Absence of suitable collaboration platforms especially at the National levels in some countries
5. Absence of appropriate knowledge and skills on ICT issues amongst journalists and poor journalism standards



Recommendations

1. Participations in available fora: meetings, public comment periods, mailing lists
2. Increased Private sector and government engagement
3. Collaboration by various stakeholders in various ways; meetings or mailing lists
4. Stakeholder – media engagement aimed at ICT capacity building



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