

## **Call for Technology/Innovation Institutions**

The Collaboration on International ICT Policy for East and Southern Africa (CIPESA, [www.cipesa.org](http://www.cipesa.org)) is seeking partnerships with local tech communities in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Ethiopia to generate an empirical understanding in an [East] African context, of online safety and security technologies for ICT/internet users in the region. Each tech institution will work with CIPESA to bring together various competencies and networks to address the various internet freedoms challenges faced in the region.

The partnerships are in the context of the OpenNet Africa initiative ([www.opennetafrika.org](http://www.opennetafrika.org)) which is aimed at promoting internet freedom in the region through digital security and safety skills development, creating awareness on the status of online freedoms, building a network of the region's actors in this domain, and advocacy to engender more progressive digital rights regimes. OpenNet Africa is supported by the Humanist Institute for Co-operation with Developing Countries (Hivos), the Open Technology Fund (OTF) and the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto.

### **Scope**

It is envisaged that the successful applicants will, among others, work with CIPESA on the following:

- Websites catalogue development for technical audits on website blocking in the focus countries
- Digital safety and security tools testing and/or localization
- Digital safety and security technical support to at-risk groups
- Online safety toolkit development, skills building and awareness raising
- Research and documentation of threats to access, privacy and security online in East Africa

The initial timeline for partnerships is 6 months. Thereafter, institutions will be subject to progress reviews to assess their performance for potential future collaboration.

### **Eligibility**

This Call is open to institutions that are interested and preferably have experience in internet freedoms research and/or tech innovation, and who are based in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Ethiopia. Applicants may include ICT research groups, incubators, labs, hubs, universities, and civil society organisations.

### **To apply**

Expressions of interest of no more than six pages should be submitted to [programmes@cipesa.org](mailto:programmes@cipesa.org).

Proposals should state which country the applicant is interested in partnering with CIPESA and include the following:

- The institution's profile including resources and facilities
- Resumes of relevant personnel, and track record of recent relevant projects
- Understanding of internet freedom issues that the partnership would address.
- The activities and deliverables which the applicant proposes to contribute to under the partnership with CIPESA.
- Proposed budget

Preference will be given to institutions based in each target country.

**The deadline for submissions is 18:00 Hours East African Time on Friday January 9, 2015.**

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