



Forum on Internet Freedom in East Africa 2015



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September 28–29

Golf Course Hotel, Kampala–Uganda

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Programme

Day 1: September 28th

08:00 – 09:00

Participant Arrival and Registration

09:00 – 09:15

Introductory remarks:
CIPESA

Opening remarks

Hon. Eng. John Nasasira - Minister of Information and Communication Technology

09:15 – 9.45

Session 1: Key notes - The Highs and the lows of internet freedom in East Africa – developments (policy and practice) influencing the state of internet freedom in East Africa May 2014 to-date
Jaco du Toit, Adviser for Communication & Information, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa
Crystal Simeoni, Hivos East Africa

9.45 – 10.45

Session 2: Electioneering and Extremism in the Digital Age

Moderator: Kenneth Muhangi, Signum Advocates

- Gbenga Sesan, Paradigm Initiative (PIN) Nigeria
- James Marenga, NOLA Tanzania
- Nanjira Sambuli, Umati/ iHub Research Kenya
- Emma Belinda Were, Uganda Media Centre

10.45 – 11.00

Q&A

11.00 – 11.30

Tea Break

11.30 – 13.00

Parallel Sessions

Session 3:

Media Role in Promoting Internet Freedom

Room: Main Hall

- Eric Chinje, Africa Media Institute (AMI) (Moderator)
- Victor Bwire, Media Council of Kenya
- Collin Akim Lasu, Association for Media Development in South Sudan
- Robert Mugabe, Great Lakes Voices Rwanda
- James Wamathai, Bloggers Association of Kenya
- Jean Claude Kavumbagu, NetPress Burundi
- Alexandre Niyungeko, Burundi Union of Journalists
- Anteneh Abraham Babanto, Ethiopia National Journalists Union
- Paul Kimumwe, African Centre for Media Excellence (ACME)

Session 4:

Human Rights Defenders and Activists Perspectives on Internet Freedom

Room: Meeting Room 1

- Emilar Vushe, Association for Progressive Communications APC (Moderator)
- Nicholas Opiyo, Chapter 4
- Richard Lusimbo, SMUG
- Helen Mwale, Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Zambia
- Gaius Kowene, Goma Web Activism Summit/ Yole! Africa
- Edward Terso Loku, Union of South Sudan Journalists

Session 5:

Bridging the Gap Between Techies and HRDs roundtable

Room: Meeting Room 2

- Neil Blazevic, East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP) (Moderator)
- Dan Meredith, Open Technology Fund (OTF)
- Kelly Daniel Mukwano, Winning Team – OpenNet Africa Tools Testing Challenge Uganda
- Davide Del Vecchio, Globaleaks
- Crystal Simeoni, Hivos East Africa
- Edward Sekyewa, Hub for Investigative Media (HIM)

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Parallel sessions

Session 6: Violence Against Women Online

Room: Main Hall

- Dr. Ruth Nsibirano, Makerere University (Moderator)
- Crystal Simeoni, Hivos East Africa
- Prudence Nyamishana, Global Voices
- Jan Moolman, Association for Progressive Communications (APC)
- Moses Owiny, Women of Uganda Network (WOUGNET)

Session 7: Creative Expression Online

Room: Meeting Room 2

- David Kaiza, Writer, (Moderator)
- Faisal Kiwewa, Bayimba
- Stella Chege, Jukumu Letu/HIVOS
- Roland Niwagaba, Writivism
- Naamala Samson, Culture and Development East Africa (CDEA)
- Tom Odhiambo, University of Nairobi

Session 8(a): 10th Anniversary of the Access to Information Act: experience, lessons and challenges

Room: Meeting Room 1

Welcome remarks

- Simon Mayende – Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)
- Gilbert Sendugwa – Africa Freedom of Information Centre (AFIC)

Roundtable discussions:

- Imelda Namagga, Uganda Debt Network (UDN)
- Mohammed Ndifuna, HURINET
- Edward Sekyewa, Hub for Investigative Media (HIM)

15.30 – 17.00

Session 9: The Economics of Internet Freedom

Room: Main Hall

Moderator: 'Gbenga Sesan, Paradigm Initiative Nigeria (PIN)

- Ephraim Kenyanito, Access Now
- Kevin Chege, ISOC Africa Regional Bureau
- Ebele Okobi, Facebook
- Michael Niyitegeka, ICT Association of Uganda (ICTAU)

Session 8(b): Oversight Role of Parliament in Promoting the Access to Information Act

Room: Meeting Room 1

- Simon Mayende, OPM
- Hon. Nalule Juuko, Member of Parliament
- Hon. Keneth Lubogo, Member of Parliament
- Gilbert Sendugwa, AFIC

17.00

End of day one

17.00 – 20.00

Cocktail

- Presentation of the State of RTI in Africa report - Patrick Tumwine, HURINET
- Official launch of the report - Hon. Jim Muhwezi, Minister of Information and National Guidance
- Right to Information Award 2015 - most responsive public body on www.askyourgov.ug

Day 2: September 29th

8.00 – 8.30

Arrival and Registration

8.45 – 9.00

Introduction to Day 2: Aims and objectives - CIPESA

9.00 – 9.20

Key note address:

Promoting Freedom of Expression Online: Good Activism - An African Cookbook
Solana Larsen and Renata Avila, Web We Want

9.20 – 10.20

Session 10: Which way for internet rights in Africa?

Moderator: Henry Maina, Article 19, East Africa Office

- Renata Avila, Web We Want (Web Foundation)
- Solana Larsen, Web We Want
- Sylvia Musalagani, Hivos East Africa
- Lydia Gachungi, UNESCO South Sudan

10.20 – 10.45

Q&A

10.45 – 11.00

Tea break

11.00 – 12.00

Session 11: Presentation – Report on the State of Internet Freedom in East Africa 2015 and country experiences

Moderator: CIPESA

- Jean Paul Nkurunziza, Internet Society Burundi Chapter
- Grace Githaiga – Kenya ICT Action Network (KICTANet)
- Jean Claude Niyibizi – Independent researcher (Rwanda)
- Esther Nakkazi - Independent researcher (Uganda)
- Asha Abinallah - Jamii Forums Tanzania
- Melaku Girma – Addis Ababa University

12.00 – 12.45

Q&A

12.45 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 14.45

Session 12: Presentation of discussions of the proceedings and issues emerging from breakouts on day one

Moderator: Keneth Muhangi, Signum Advocates

Panelists:

- Paul Kimumwe, ACME
- Lindsey Kukunda, Rapporteur session 5
- David Kaiza, Writer
- Emilar Vushe, Association for Progressive Communications (APC)
- Dr. Ruth Nsibirano, Makerere University
- Apollo Kakaire, ACME

14.45 – 15.00

Q&A

15.00 – 16.00

Session 13: Cyber crime Vs internet rights – What key role do intermediaries, regulators and law enforcement agencies play?

Moderator: Ambrose Ruyooka, Vice – President, ISOC Uganda Chapter

- Jimmy Haguma, Uganda Policy Cyber Crime Unit
- Irene Kaggwa, Uganda Communications Commission
- Ebele Okobi, Facebook

16.00 – 16.30

Q&A

16.30 – 17.00

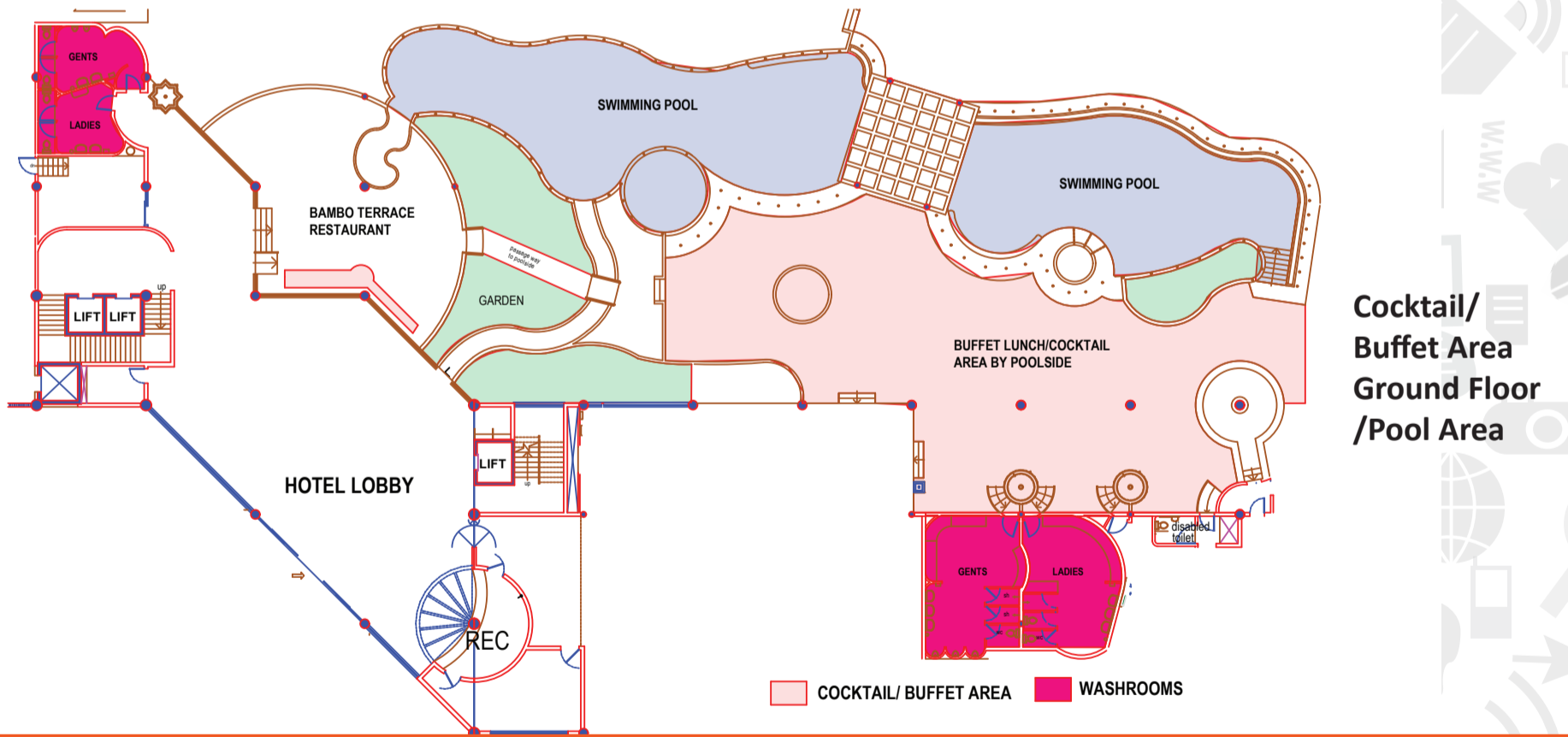
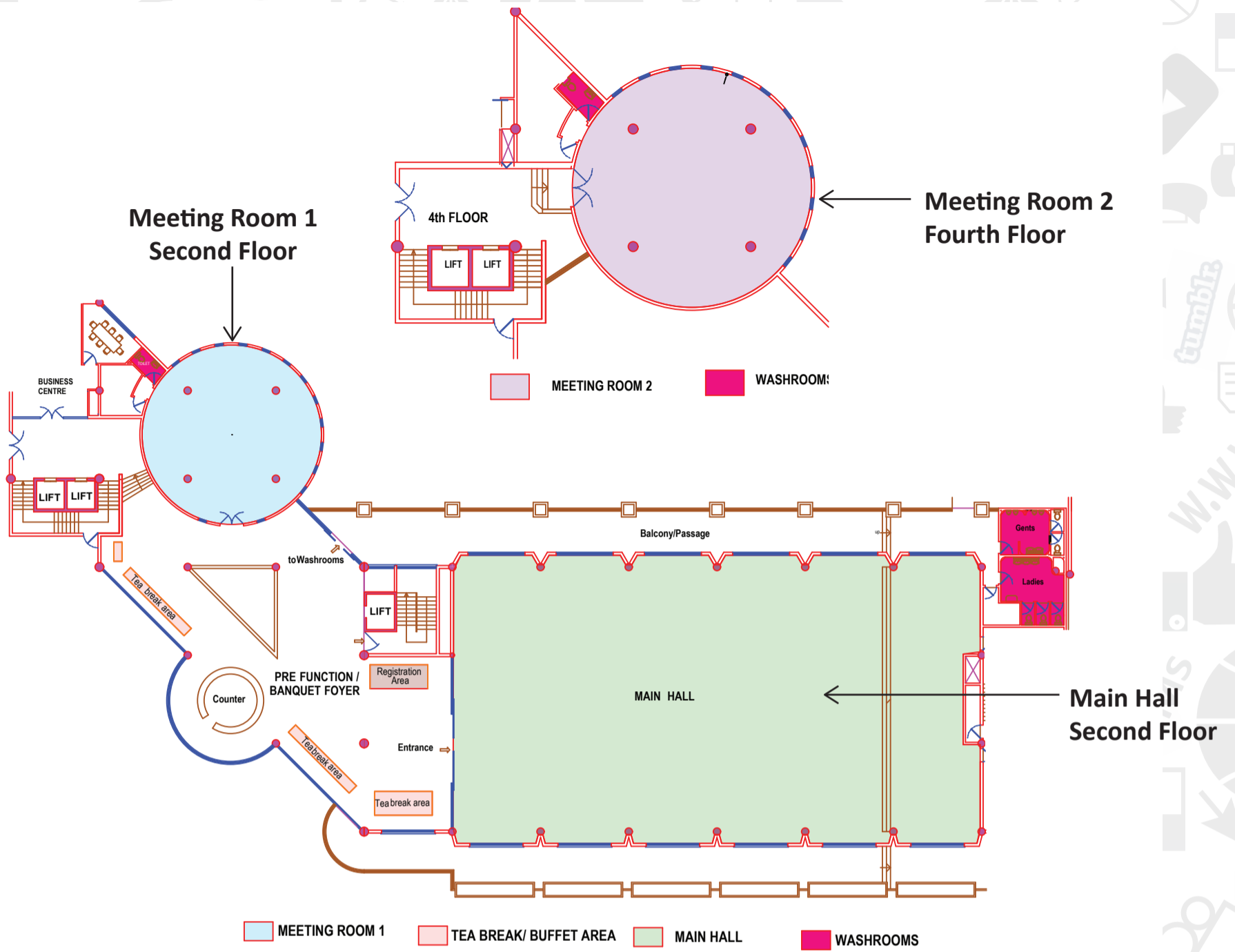
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Closing remarks

Hon. Vincent Waiswa Bagiire, Chair, ICT Committee, Parliament of Uganda

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