

Evolution of the Forum on Internet Freedom in Africa (FIFAfrica)



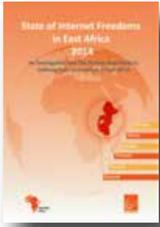
The Forum on Internet Freedom in Africa (FIFAfrica) is an initiative of the Collaboration on International ICT Policy for East and Southern Africa (CIPESA)

2014 Host Country: **Uganda**  **80** participants

 **6** Countries represented
Burundi, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Uganda

 **1** Day  **4** Panel sessions

 Topics Covered
Digital security and privacy, media and online safety, development of regional internet freedom strategies



Report launched
State of Internet Freedoms in East Africa 2014
An Investigation Into The Policies And Practices Defining Internet Freedom in East Africa

2016 Host Country: **Uganda**  **240** participants

 **24** Countries represented
Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Zambia, Zimbabwe

 **3** Days  **13** Panel sessions

 Topics Covered
Transparency and accountability of intermediaries, internet shutdowns, human rights in connectivity, using tech to defend the defenders, creative social tech and commentary, clickbait journalism, African frameworks on internet freedom, using data to track rights, online violence against women, researching internet rights, cost of shutdowns, cybersecurity strategies

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- Commemoration of International Day for Universal Access to Information
- Digital security clinics
- Internet Policy Training for journalists and human rights defenders



Report launched
State of Internet Freedoms in Africa 2016
Case Studies from Select Countries on Strategies African Governments Use to Stifle Citizens' Digital Rights

2015 Host Country: **Uganda**  **200** participants

 **19** Countries represented
Burundi, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Germany, Italy, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Zambia, Zimbabwe

 **2** Days  **13** Panel sessions

 Topics Covered
Violence against women online, cybercrime, net neutrality, media freedom, access to information, digital safety, freedom of expression online, creative expression, the economics of the internet

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- Commemoration of 10 years of Access to Information Law in Uganda
- Award of the most responsive public body



Report launched
State of Internet Freedoms in East Africa 2015
Survey on Access, Privacy and Security Online

2017 Host Country: **South Africa**  **250** participants
Co-host: Association for Progressive Communication (APC)

 **35** Countries represented
Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cameroon, Chad, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, France, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, Hungary, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Switzerland, Sweden, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, United Kingdom (UK), United States of America (USA), Zambia and Zimbabwe

 **4** Days  **21** Panel sessions

 Topics Covered
Catalysts for collaboration in strategic digital rights litigation; business of big data; universal free access to information online; equality in the age of discrimination online; the future of human rights, the internet and civil society; Keep Up with #KeepItOn; news content and responses to fake news in Africa; challenges and opportunities for media in SGD advocacy; elections and technology; research capacity in internet measurements, cyber policy and digital rights; measuring internet universality; women's safety online; universal Periodic Review Mechanisms; Innovation and Security in Conflict territories; the impact of internet shutdowns; gender sensitivity in ICT policy; risk assessments for civil society organisations; privacy and freedom of expression online

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- Commemoration of Universal Access to Information and #IPDCTalksSA competition award ceremony
- Digital security tools localisation sprint
- Digital security clinics
- Human rights review mechanisms - African and UN Periodic Reviews training workshop
- Strategic digital rights litigation training workshop
- 6 x Lightning talks including on sex and sexuality online in Africa, digital citizenship and security consciousness among youth in Africa, privacy and security of journalists in DR Congo, among others



Reports launched
State of Internet Freedoms in Africa 2017
Intermediaries' Role in Advancing Internet Freedom: Challenges and Prospects
Calculating The Economic Impact of Internet Disruptions In Sub-Saharan Africa