

National Internet Governance Forum 2011

Harnessing Internet Development in Uganda

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Outline

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Objectives

- Continue to raise awareness of IG issues in Uganda
- Establish IG issues relevant to Uganda
- Re/define new and emerging IG issues in the country

Last year's recap

- **Access and broadband affordability;**
 - ✓ Rural access with a call to harmonise ICT deployments, increased sustainability of rural access projects and capacity building of rural dwellers to use technologies.
 - ✓ Youth access: calling for the need to empower youth to run ICT projects as a way of improving youth access
 - ✓ Local content; calling for investment in local content development and creating awareness for the importance of local content
 - ✓ Call to strengthen management of the Uganda IXP by addressing infrastructure vulnerability i.e. redundancy of cables
- **Cyber Security management**
 - ✓ Operationalisation of the Cyber laws i.e. Parliament passed the Interception of communications bill, Computer Misuse bill and e-signature bill
 - ✓ Ministry was in the process of developing the National Information Security Strategy under NITA-U
 - ✓ A nation Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT) was under establishment – spearheaded by UCC/Ministry of ICT

Recap cont'd

- **Call for re-delegation of the .UG**
 - ✓ UCC was in the process of establishing a non-for-profit organisation Uganda National Information Center (.ugNIC).
- **Development the IPv6 Migration strategy**
 - ✓ Ministry of ICT was in the process of formulating of multi stakeholder task force to address IPv6 issues in the country
 - ✓ Planned trainings for IT officers, technocrats and decision makers on IPv6 for both public and private sector

Issues arising

- Call for innovations – local content
- What is latest definition of Broadband Internet Access? Did we reach 256 kbit/s (0.25 Mbit/s) ?
- Implementation of the "Interception of Communications Act" – registering mobile phone users – MTN has started doing so
- Call for multi-stakeholder partnership in the implementation there is need for all parties to work with authorities to have these laws fully implemented.– Badru
- Lack of investment in human capital to enforce these laws – police should invest in digital forensics lab and engage academia in cyber security research just as it is in the Netherlands

- Sensitization people about the existence of these laws so that they can report cyber security incidents
- **Mobile phone security**
 - ✓ Registration of sim cards should be integrated in the National ID system
 - ✓ Concern of the lack of synergy in databases from different government ministries
 - ✓ Need for clarity on how sim card registration will be done

Thank you