

# 2016/2017 ANNUAL REPORT

# ENSURING THE INTERNET IS FOR EVERYWHERE

This 17 pages report document comprises of activities, Projects and events of the Internet Society Gambia Chapter for the year 2016/2017. It also features draft activity plan for 2018.

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Dawit Bekele, the Internet Society's Regional Bureau Director for Africa, paid a visit to The Gambia from 17-18 September 2017. This was the first time a senior Internet Society staff visited The Gambia with the intention of meeting Internet Society Gambia chapter leadership, members, and local partners.

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ISOC Gambia Chapter celebrated the Internet Society's 25 years of advocacy for an open, and trusted Internet available to everyone, everywhere.

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#### 1. ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD SEPTEMBER 2016

On the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016, The Internet Society (ISOC) Gambia Chapter opened calls for general members to send Expression of Interest (EOI) to participate in the general election of a new Executive Committee volunteers.

The election process was overseen by the following nominated members of the Election Committee Board:

- **Mrs. Isatou Jah:** Chairperson of Election Committee, Also Chairperson of Gambia Internet Exchange Point (SIXP)
- **Mr. Salieu Taal:** Vice Chairperson of Election Committee, Managing Partner at Temple Legal Practitioners
- Mr. Boneface Witaba (ISOC Kenya Chapter): Observer
- Mr. Gabriel Ramokojo (South Africa Gauteng Chapter): Observer

The Election Calendar as was shared by the chair is screenshot below:

#### Elections Calendar

| No  | Event  | Date / Deadline                          |
|-----|--|--|
| 1.  | Election Committee seeks approval of election rules  | 24th April 2016                          |
| 2.  | Election Committee announces election timeline/date<br>and call for EOIs of members interested in standing<br>for the open positions (2-3 weeks) | 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2016                |
| 3.  | Deadline for sending in EOIs   | 30th May 2016                            |
| 4.  | Publication of valid nominations with background info on each candidate  | 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2016                |
| 5.  | Online voting tool finalized with names of nominees  | 5th June 2016                            |
| 6.  | Campaign period (one week)   | 5 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> June |
| 7.  | Invitation to vote sent out (two weeks in advance of the deadline)   | 13th June 2016                           |
| 8.  | Reminder to vote sent out (4 days in advance of the deadline)  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2016               |
| 9.  | Last reminder to vote sent out (1 day in advance of the deadline)  | 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2016               |
| 10. | Voting Ends  | 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2016               |
| 11. | Announcement of results to Chapter officers (2 days after voting ended)  | 28th June 2016                           |
| 12. | Final announcement of results to all members (3 days after voting ended)   | 29th June 2016                           |
| 13. | Election Committee Report (7-10 days after voting ended)   | 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2016                |
| 14. | AGM (Exact date – TBC)   |  |

Table 1: Election Calendar for 2016

Following successful elections, results were published on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016, The ISOC Gambia took off with a new executive team as was announced by the Chairperson of the Election Committee Board. The elected members of the executives are:

1. Mr. Bakary Njie: Chairperson

2. Mr. Lang Loum: Vice Chairperson

3. Mr. Alagie Ceesay: Secretary General

4. Ms. Amie Njie: Treasurer

The two year term started 12th August 2016

#### 2. POST ELECTIONS AND ROADMAP

After formally accepting roles, the newly appointed executive team convened an informal meeting mid-August to draft action plans and identify areas of priority.

Following the first meeting, Two WhatsApp groups were created:

- 1. ISOC Gambia Executives
- 2. ISOC Gambia Committees

The purpose was to help facilitate activity plans and urgent discussions.

The Website was revamped and rebuilt at www.isoc.gm with 1year Free Hosting by NWeb Plus

#### 3. ROADMAP 2016/2017

The executive and the standing committees convened a series of meeting to create a roadmap, review plans and discuss engagement and outreach activities.

Priorities identified were:

- 1. Create Standing Committee Groups to support activities and form a structured work flow. Standing Committees formed include:
  - a) **Programs Committee**: Chairperson, Muhammed Njie
  - b) Publicity Committee: Chairperson, Modou Njie
  - c) Membership and Outreach Committee: Chairperson, Babucarr Sambou
- 2. Creating an active local community and build a strong **stakeholder engagement and partnership**
- 3. Draft plans for events such as:

- a) Outreach to engage University Students and civil Society organizations
- b) Workshops to build capacity of local Engineers
- c) Outreach to promote internet literacy and Access
- 4. Discuss how to avail an office space for ISOC Gambia chapter with Internet facilities
- 5. How to create partnership between the Chapter and other Internet Governing (IG) bodies such as:
  - a) Join AfRALO as an Atlarge (ALS) under ICANN
  - b) Cross chapter collaboration

#### 4. FORMAL MEETINGS TIMELINES:

Only formal meetings were recorded.

These records exclude event specific meetings which were convened for event plans etc. it also excludes email and WhatsApp group discussions. Event driven meetings are not captured in this report:

#### 4.1 Executive meetings

- **4** 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016,
- **♣** 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive meeting held on Sunday, 2nd October 2016.
- ♣ 4<sup>th</sup> Executive meeting held on Saturday, 15th October 2016.
- ♣ 5<sup>th</sup> Executive council meeting held on the 8th April 2017

Minutes of all meetings can be found in the ISOC Gambia AMS library.

#### 4.2 Stakeholder meetings

#### 4.2.1 THE MOICI MEETING

Thursday 15th September 2016, Venue - MOICI board room

**Stakeholder engagement:** Meeting was by invitation from the Ministry of Information Communication and Infrastructure (MOICI). Meeting was attended by Director of ICT, Principal ICT officer, and team.

Discussion was centered on how to support the delegation/transfer of Gambia's ccTLD. Also discussed was how to partner and engage as local stakeholders with a common vision to develop ICT, Internet literacy, Capacity, and Infrastructure.

#### 4.2.2 GENERAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING

#### Thursday 8th March 2017, Venue - ISOC Gambia

**Stakeholder engagement meeting -** Was attended by senior officers of local stakeholders, among them:

- 1. Director at the Ministry of Information Communication and Infrastructure (MOICI) with team.
- 2. Director of Consumer Affairs, with Director of ICT and team from the National Regulatory Authority (PURA).
- 3. Rep, Dean of Schools of ICT and Computer Science University of the Gambia
- 4. Head of School of Computer Science, American International University
- 5. CIO of Qcell Limited/Chairperson of Serrekunda Internet Exchange Point (SIXP)
- 6. Administrator of Serrekunda Internet Exchange Point (SIXP)
- 7. Director of The Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (TANGO)
- 8. Managing Partner, Temple Legal Practitioners (Also member of ISOC Gambia election Committee)

Discussion was centered on ISOC Gambia's mission, activity plans and how do we establish collaboration strategies, partnership in development of local Capacity, literacy and infrastructure.

#### 4.2.3 UNIVERSITY COMPUTER SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Wednesday 3rd May, Venue - ISOC Gambia office

**Stakeholder engagement Meeting and Outreach with the University Students body** – Was a meeting between ISOC Gambia and the Computer Science Association of the University of the Gambia (ITCA). In attendance were:

- 1. President of the Computer Science Association and her executive members
- 2. President of ISOC Gambia and the executives (including Heads of the Standing Committee).

Discussion was about getting more students onboard from the University to take up leadership roles and get involved in ISOC Gambia activities and help partner in outreach strategies.

#### 4.2.4 MEETING WITH THE MINISTER - MOICI

#### Monday 18th September 2017, Venue - Office of the Minister

Meeting with the Honorable Minister Demba Jawo at the Ministry of Information Communication and Infrastructure (MOICI)

Meeting was attended by the Minister, Internet Society's Director of Africa Regional Bureau Dr. Dawit Bekele, and ISOC Gambia Executives.

Discussion was focused on introducing ISOC Gambia and Dr. Dawit Bekele to the new Minister.

#### 4.2.5 MEETING WITH MANAGEMENT OF THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY - PURA

Monday 18th September 2017, Venue - Boardroom at PURA office

Main goal of the meeting was to introduce Dr. Dawit Bekele and ISOC Gambia to the general management of PURA. Opportunity was used to discuss the Chapter's mission and future engagement and partnership plans.

#### 4.2.6 MEETING WITH CIO QCELL/CHAIR OF THE INTERNET EXCHANGE POINT

Monday 18th September 2017, Venue - Office of the CIO Qcell Limited

Main goal of the meeting was to introduce Dr. Dawit Bekele to the Chairperson of the Internet Exchange Point, who is also a partner and sponsor of the ISOC Gambia Chapter activities, Mrs. Isatou Jah.

The chapter executives used the opportunity to thank Mrs. Jah for her role in pioneering Internet development in the Gambia and also in supporting the Chapter activities.

#### 4.2.7 MEETING WITH THE GAMBIA NATIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU - TGSB

Thursday 26th October 2017, Venue - ISOC Gambia Office

In recognition of the ISOC Gambia Chapter as a valuable local stakeholder, The Gambia National Standards Bureau (TGSB) visited the ISOC Gambia office to discuss ways the chapter can contribute to an ongoing national ICT and Internet Standards Development process.

#### 5. ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

## 5.1 TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS FUNDED BY INTERNET SOCIETY (ISOC) TO GAMBIA CHAPTER MEMBERS

1. **Ms. Amie Njie – Treasurer, ISOC Gambia:** Attended African Chapters Advocacy meeting in Cameroon.

**Date:** 18th to 21st September 2017.

**Purpose:** As part of Chapter's leadership workshop held in Cameroon where delegates from various chapters in Africa converged to discuss and strategize areas of development such as Access, Privacy etc. <u>MORE DETAILS</u>

2. **Mr. Lang Loum - Vice Chair, ISOC Gambia:** Attended the Africa Regional Dialogue meeting and conference in Kigali Rwanda.

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**Purpose:** Represent the Chapter at the Africa Regional Internet Development Dialogue (RIDD) to discuss Internet for Education and Internet for Economic development and how ISOC Africa and the chapters can work together to promote the use of the Internet as a catalyst for inclusive and quality education and economic development. MORE DETAILS

3. **Ms. Juma Baldeh - ISOC Member:** ISOC Gambia provided a formal letter of recommendation in support of Ms. Baldeh's application for fellowship to attend the celebration of 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Internet Society in Los Angeles USA.

Date: 18th September 2017

**Purpose:** As part of Internet Society's celebration to recognize 25 young people around the world who are taking action and using the Internet as a force for good. Ms. Baldeh was selected as one of the 25 under 25 awardees recognized by the Internet Society. MORE DETAILS

#### **5.2 EVENTS**

#### SPONSORED LAUNCHING OF HACKERTHON GIRLS:

As part of the chapter's mission to partner and support local Internet literacy and Access development initiatives, the chapter donated Five Thousand Dalasis **(GMD 5,000)** to support the launching of the Hackerthon girls which was attended by the ISOC Chapter chairman, Mr. Bakary Njie on behalf of the chapter.

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017.

**Purpose:** To enhance the charter's influence and profile through supporting/encouraging smaller Projects and initiatives.



Fig.1 - ISOC Chairperson handing out certificates to participants

Fig.2 - ISOC Chairperson 2016/2017

#### MORE DETAILS CAN BE FOUND HERE

#### 6. ISOC GAMBIA NEW OFFICE INAUGURATION

#### **BACKGROUND**

With support from the Ministry of Information Communication and Infrastructure (MOICI), The ISOC Gambia acquired an office complex at The Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (TANOG) campus in Fajara M Section Kombo.

The new office underwent a renovation and furnishing

The office is equipped with a Desktop computer, 2Mbps Internet Connections, small library for Internet Engineering and Computer Science books, Internet and Internet Governance posters, a comfortably furnished sitting lounge with Air Conditioning, whiteboard for meeting and work, Water dispenser, and other office provisions.

**DATE:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017, **VENUE:** TANGO Complex Hall

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the office is to provide the ISOC Gambia executives and members with a place to meeting, discuss and work towards the projects and goals of the Chapter. It also provides Internet and library to attract students and small communities to use for work and collaborate on research, meetings etc.

#### **DELEGATES PRESENT**

Local stakeholders from: PURA, MOICI, CIO Qcell, Administrator of the Gambia Internet Exchange Point(SIXP), University of the Gambia Dean School of ICT, HOD computer science at American International University among others, Director general of TANGO.

Office was inaugurated by Mrs. Isatou Jah

See photos and links

Link: ISOC\_Gambia\_Facebook Page



Fig. 3 - ISOC Members pose for a group photo



Fig. 4 - ISOC office being inaugurated by Chairperson of Gambia Internet Exchange Point (SIXP)





Fig. 5 - Members working in the new office space

Fig. 6 - Group photo of attendees during the inauguration

#### 7. USE OF THE OFFICE

Since its opening, the new office has been a good place where University students come to collaborate with Interns on assignments, projects and use the Internet.







Fig. 8 - Interns working in the new office

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#### 8. AFNOG'S AFCHIX 2017

#### **BACKGROUND:**

As part of the activities of 2016/2017, the AFCHIX Workshop for women ICT Engineers was hosted by the Internet Society The Gambia Chapter. It was held from the  $10^{th}$  to  $14^{th}$  of July 2017 at <u>KHAMSYS COMPLEX</u>, Bijilo.

Twenty Five (25) participants (female ICT Engineers and Managers) were drawn from different Ministries, Public and Private Institutions, Bank, ISPs, Academia and the regulator in the Gambia, plus Five (5) other participants from Senegal (ccTLD registry, University and Health sector) to take part in an intensive 5 days training on Unix System Administration by <u>AFNOG</u> and <u>NSRC</u>

instructors.

**DATE:** 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2017

#### **PARTNERS AND SPONSORS:**

- Internet Society Beyond-the-Net grants
- Qcell Gambia limited
- GAMTEL (incumbent Telecommunication Provider)
- PURA (National Regulatory Authority)
- MOICI (Ministry of Information Communication and Infrastructure)
- Khamsys Consulting and event center
- AFNOG (African Network Operators' Group)
- NSRC (Network Start up Resource Center)
- AFRINIC (The Internet Numbers Registry for Africa)

#### PHOTO GALERY AND WORKSHOP LINKS

- Workshop reports links
- NSRC Workshop Posts
- AFnog Posts
- Photo Gallery
- VIDEO Documentary of the Afchix 2017
- VIDEO Jane Butler Speaker
- The Point News Paper report
- GRTS: National TV News workshop reports

#### 8.1 Internet Policy Training for stakeholders

Alongside the AFCHIX 2017, Internet Society Gambia Chapter also participated in an Internet Policy Training for stakeholders in the Gambia from Tuesday, July 11 to Thursday, July 13, 2017. The training was coordinated by Gambia Press Union and Paradigm Initiative. The training was held separately over three days at Djembe Hotel. Other participants were drawn from civil society, media, and government. Internet Society Gambia selected attendees included Mr. Bakary Njie, Ms. Fatou Ceesay, Mr. Momodou Darboe, Mr. Sainey Jarju and Ms. Saffie Bobb.



Fig. 8.1- ISOC Gambia attendees at the Internet Policy training.



Fig. 8.2- ISOC Gambia President making presentation at the Internet Policy training.



Fig. 10 – Participants during the AfChix workshop (day 1)



Fig. 9 - Group photo of AfChix participants and lecturers





Fig. 11 – Participants during the AfChix workshop (day 2)

Fig. 12 – Participants during the AfChix workshop (day 3)

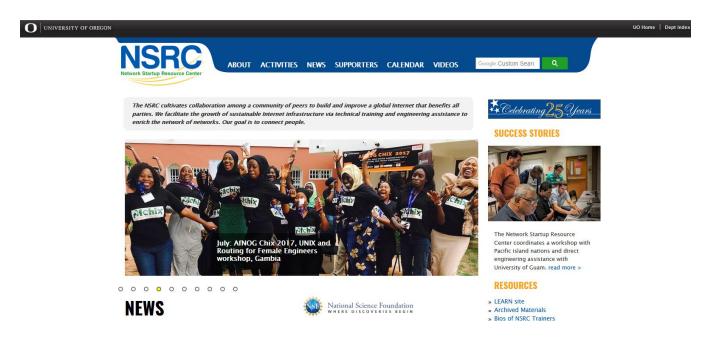


Fig. 12.1 - NSRC as partners and Sponsor, featured the AfChix 2017 workshop on their website and Facebook



Fig. 12.2 - Khamsys as partners also featured the AfChix workshop on their website and Facebook

Event updates were also featured by <u>AFNOG on their Website</u> and <u>Facebook Page</u>. The Gambia National TV news, <u>The Point Newspaper</u> and The Standard News Paper all together.

#### 9. THE GAMCHIX PROJECT

The long term vision of the Afchix 2017 workshop was to train and retain the participants to form an active community of women Engineers in the Gambia who would be capable of leading a national Network Operators' Group, CyberSecurity and local IG experts.

To continue the journey to this vision of building a national community of Engineers, Security and Policy makers, the Chapter continued to work with Afchix participants after the workshop in creating this roadmap.

#### 9.1 CURRENT PROGRESS and ACHIVEMENTS

**9.1.0 ACHIVEMENTS:** Created an IETF 101 Fellow to London, and a Diplo IG sponsored Scholar, one other participant (member) is ICANN Nextgen Fellow - all Females

#### 9.1.1 Inforum online UNIX and DNS training:

Participants were given further follow up training on UNIX and DNS through Internet Society's Inforum online courses which was lead and moderated by **Mr. Kevin Chege, Internet Development Manager for Africa, Internet Society** 

#### 9.1.2 Registration and Constitution:

1. GamChix has been successfully registered as nonprofit Association of local Engineers under

the Registrar of Companies, AG chambers, the Gambia Ministry of Justice.

- 2. A constitution has been written and adopted with an executive board consisting of:
  - Two Members of Advisory Board
  - Chairperson
  - Vice chairperson
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer and PRO

#### 9.1.3 Mailing list hosted by NSRC:

All participants including instructors and Mr. Kevin Chege are currently on active discussions and collaboration on the GamChix mailing list hosted by **NSRC**. Current topics are centered on:

- Identifying other training needs
- Creation of Working Groups to accomplish tasks.

#### 9.1.4 Working Groups:

Current Working Groups in progress are:

- Mentorship Program for University Computer Science students
- Research Group on Safe Browsing

#### 9.1.5 Conference call with Kevin Chege

Participants also held a conference call with presentation by Kevin on December 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 as part of the online training to discuss challenges and way forward and a second call is currently

#### 10. Dr. Dawit Bekele's Visit to ISOC Gambia

Dawit Bekele, the Internet Society's Regional Bureau Director for Africa, paid a visit to The Gambia from 17-18 September 2017. This was the first time a senior Internet Society staff visited The Gambia with the intention of meeting Internet Society Gambia chapter leadership, members, and local partners.

#### **PURPOSE:**

The aim was to discuss our past and future plans for more engagement and future Internet development. It was also an opportunity to raise the profile of the Internet Society Gambia Chapter.





Fig.13-Dr. Dawit visit to The Gambia with ISOC members

Fig. 14 – Dr. Dawit's visit to QCell's CIO with ISOC members





Fig. 15 – Dr. Dawit's visit to the Kachikally crocodile pool

Fig.16-Dr. Dawit's visit to The Gambia Internet Exchange Point

During his short visit, Dawit Bekele and the Internet Society Gambia chapter executives took the opportunity to meet with the Minister, Ministry of Information and Communication Infrastructure (MOICI), Honorable Demba Jawo.

The team also visited and met with the Management of The Gambia's Public Utilities and Regulatory Agency (PURA) as well as the Chairperson of the Serrekunda Internet Exchange Point SIXP, Mrs. Isatou Jah. The delegates also visited and toured the Serrekunda Internet Exchange Point SIXP.

Among the topics discussed was the way forward in fostering partnership with local stakeholders in supporting Internet development, security, and capacity building.

#### 11. CELEBRATION OF INTERNET SOCIETY 25<sup>TH</sup> ANIVERSARY

#### **BACKGROUND**

ISOC Gambia celebrated the Internet Society's 25 years of advocacy for an open, and trusted Internet available to everyone, everywhere.

**DATE:** Tuesday, 19th September 2017

The activities carried out during the event were:

- Presentation of ISOC Gambia
- Recognition of the participation of Gambian public and private individuals and companies for their contributions to the internet development in the Gambia
- A short remote node participation
- Open discussion about future of the Internet (Opportunities, expectations and fears)
- Wrap up cocktail evening (food, drinks etc.) and networking.



Fig.17 - connecting remote celebration node



Fig.18-ISOC GM's Vice Chairperson moderating event



Fig.19- Guest's at the ISOC 25th Anniversary



Fig.20- Group photo at the ISOC 25th Anniversary

View More Photos from Gallery

#### 12. DRAFT CALENDAR OF 2018 ACTIVITY AND EVENS

| EVENT   | PROPOSED DATE | PROPOSED VENUE   |
|---|---------------|------------------|
| ICANN AFRALO (Atlarge Structure), IG and ISOC Outreach  | March 2018    | ISOC Gambia Hall |
| Launching of the first ISOC Gambia Community Lab (by ISOC President Kathy Brown and Delegates)                        | April 2018    | TBD              |
| High level delegate led by the Internet Society<br>President – Mrs. Kathy Brown and team to meet<br>Gambian officials | April 2018    | TBD              |
| <b>AFNOG</b> & <b>AIS 2018</b> Outreach – ISOC cross chapter collaboration and AFRALO.                                | May 2018      | Dakar Senegal    |
| Regional Workshop on DNS and ccTLD Registry operations.   | July 2018     | TBD              |
| AGM   | October 2018  | ISOC Gambia Hall |

#### 13. APPRECIATIONS

 $Special\ Thanks\ to\ all\ our\ active\ members,\ partners\ and\ sponsors\ both\ local\ and\ global$ 

#### **LOCAL**

- **MOICI**
- **♣** PURA
- **QCELL**
- **SIXP**
- **4** GAMTEL
- **TANGO**







**Public Utilities** 







# Gambia Telecommunications Company LTD creating a brighter future in communications

#### **GLOBAL**

- Internet Society
- **♣** NSRC
- **AFNOG**
- **AFRINIC**
- **↓** Jane Butler (University College London)
- **♣** SenChix Senegal













