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Rwanda: National IGF Report

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Introduction

- Rwanda IGF was held at the 3rd August 2010 (Kigali, Laico Hotel)
 - Guest of Honour: Minister of ICT
 - Attendance: Public sector (regulator, policy maker), private (telecom companies, private sector federation), civil society (local government association, platform of national NGOs), media
 - Supported by the Ministry of ICT and JICA
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Objectives

- Strengthening cooperation between government and ICT sector stakeholders in their complementary role of promoting internet usage as tool for spearheading Rwandan development;
 - Create awareness on the existing issues in Internet Governance at the national level and propose solutions;
 - Come up with a common understanding on issues to be discussed at the EA-IGF level;
 - Setting up the IGF Platform
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IG issues: Thematic discussion

Before thematic discussion, there have been presentation on the history and on the role of IGF (at the global, regional and national level).

Issues discussed :

- Strengthening Critical Resources: ccTLD, IXP (RINEX).
- Access and affordability of the broadband
- Migration from Ipv4 to IPv6
- Cyber Security

The thematic discussion was followed by the open discussion about Rwanda's priorities in IG

Identifying some Rwandan priorities in IG

- Human capacity development in ICT
 - Content development
 - ccTLD redelegation and IXP management
 - IPv6 transition and migration
 - Access to broadband
 - Cyber security
 - Certification (services, organisation, human skills)
 - Affordable internet access devices
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Rwanda IGF Group

At the end of the National IGF, all participants agreed that there was a need to create a forum to interact with the government and that people can address on various internet governance and ICTD issues.

The working group set is to:

- Come up with ToRs of the platform (National IGF committee) in a few weeks;
 - Deepening IG priority for Rwanda
 - Propose an action plan for a way forward.
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Rwanda IGF Group (Con't)

The current Rwanda IGF working group is made of 8 people headed by Prof. Zimulinda a lecturer at Kigali Institute of Science and Technology (KIST).

Its composition is made as follow:

- 2 members from private sector
 - 2 members from public sector (regulatory body and policy makers)
 - 2 members from Civil society (local government association, Platform of the National NGOs)
 - 2 members from academia/research
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Way forward

- Creation of sustainable National IGF committee
 - For sustainability, the IGF shall include all stakeholders: policy makers, regulatory bodies, representatives of the Telecom companies, ISPs, representatives of the civil society organisations, private sector and the academia;
 - Regular consultation/information sharing through virtual forum which will be complemented by off-line meetings. <the results of these discussions and recommendations should be captured and codified for further dissemination
 - Follow up the implementation of the national IGF recommendations;
 - Make IGF a strong platform to determine a country position on IG issue at national, regional and global level.
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Thank you

