

South Sudan Internet Governance (SS-IGF) IGF Conference Day- 2022

Narrative Report

About the South Sudan Internet Governance Forum:

The South Sudan IGF is an initiative that aims at engaging different stakeholders in South Sudan to discuss Internet governance issues within an annual IGF process, finalized with the South Sudan School of internet governance (SS-SIG) and the South Sudan Internet governance conference.

This initiative is intentional on maximizing the opportunity for:

1. Open and inclusive dialogue and exchange of ideas on Internet governance (IG) related issues
2. The creation of opportunities to share best practices and experiences
3. Identification of emerging issues and bringing them to the attention of relevant bodies and the general public; and
4. Contributing to capacity building for Internet governance.

South Sudan IGF 2022

The second edition of the SS-IGF was held on the 23rd September 2022 at **Palm Africa Hotel** in the capital city Juba, South Sudan. Bringing together around **200** participants from various stakeholders' groups under the theme **“Towards a holistic approach to Internet Governance in South Sudan: Consumer Rights, Competition, and universal access.”**

The meeting was hosted under the umbrella of ICT 4 development Network which is the body hosting the secretariat for the South Sudan internet governance forum, ICT4DN also partnered with local initiatives of Koneta Hub and SafetyComm to organise the event and make it a success.

The SS-IGF Organising Committee

The organising committee of the 2022 SS-IGF was composed of diverse stakeholders and included multiple youth volunteers including the below listed individuals:

TITLE	FIRST AND LAST NAME	ORGANIZATION	STAKEHOLDER GROUP
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Nyadak Lam	ICT4D Network	Private Sector
A/DIRECTOR	Unguec Stephen	National Communication Authority (NCA)	Government (Regulator)
CHAIRPERSON	Nelson Kwaje	Defy Hate Now	Civil Society
ICT SPECIALIST	Paul Buru	ICT Society	Private Sector
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Dennis Denaya	Koneta Hub	Civil Society

Preparatory Process:

The 2022 IGF meeting is a long overdue of the 2020 IGF which has to be postponed multiple times due to the Covid-19 pandemic and other circumstances in the context of South Sudan which prevented the event to be conducted virtually due to technical and connectivity concerns that would prevent many participants from attending the event, hence due to inclusion concerns the organising committee had to postpone the event until it was feasible to be conducted.

Before the event was scheduled to take place in 2020, all the consultative meetings were held earlier and the theme was selected with consensus and contribution from the local internet community in alignment with the IGF guiding principles of bottom-up approach, transparency, and multi-stakeholderism, all was set until Covid hits and everything had to be put on hold. In mid July this year the SS-IGF secretariat held a consultative meeting to

re-organise the 2022 IGF with the same inputs were received in preparing for the 2020 preparatory processes

Attendance Statistics

The SS-IGF 2022 had only onsite participants with the below attendance:

TOTAL ATTENDANCE	200 PARTICIPANTS
GENDER	Male: 89.4 % Female: 10.6%
STAKEHOLDER GROUP	Government: 12.5% Civil Society: 20.8% Private Sector: 18.4% Technical Community: 16.5/% Academia: 31:8%

The IGF meeting had 6 main sessions as outlined in the full meeting program attached in annex A with the key points raised during sessions also highlighted.

Budget

The meeting had a total budget of 10,000.00 USD.

Contact Information

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