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3.2.6.1. Towards an African ISOC Chapter Vers la création d'un chapitre africain de l'ISOC (Tarek Kamal)

Towards an African ISOC Chapter



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Agenda

- Mission of Internet Society
- Internet Chapters in Africa
- Process of developing an Internet Chapter
- African ISOC Chapter of Chapters
- Proposed Steps

Mission of Internet Society

- To serve as the international organization for global coordination and cooperation on the Internet,
- To promote and maintain a broad spectrum of activities focused on the Internet's development, availability, and associated technologies,
- A facilitator and coordinator of Internet-related initiatives around the world.
- To enhance the availability and utility of the Internet on the widest possible scale.

Process of developing an Internet Chapter

- Internet Society Secretariat to send a letter on your behalf to *current and former ISOC members in the area to be served by the proposed chapter.*
- Creating an N.G.O. in your country
- Create a mailing list of those who contact you and keep prospective members informed.
- Need at least 25 members
- Set a date for a first meeting, and create an agenda.
- Set down the mission statement of your chapter:
 - education, communication, access, or
 - whatever the major concerns of the individuals who are meeting are.

- Create a *charter committee and a subcommittee*
- Name your chapter.
- Designate the region your chapter will serve.
- The charter committee's job is now done until the bylaw committee reports with proposed chapter bylaws.
- Develop a formula on how you will elect your first set of officers and board members.
- Develop a consensus about the chapter bylaws.
- Seek approval of ISOC on the bylaws
- Conducting first formal meeting of the chapter

- Nominations for officers and board members should be conducted.
- After elections, your new board and officers must create the following:
 - Mission statement to be part of the bylaws
 - Strategic plan outlining what the chapter wants to do in broad strokes
 - Tactical plan describing how each item of the strategic plan will be carried out
 - Financial plan as the budget for the chapter,

Internet Chapters in Africa

- Connectivity
 - 49 Countries and territories out of 54
- Current Chapters
 - Egypt, Ghana, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda
- Chapters in Formation
 - Cameroon/Central Africa, Cote d'Ivoire

African ISOC Chapter of Chapters

- Vision
 - "To lead and support the African community as a whole in making best use of the Internet to contribute to the socio-economic development and growth in Africa."
- Mission
 - To co-ordinate the efforts of Internet chapters in Africa and support establishment of new chapters.

Proposed Steps

- Build an N.G.O. in a country

OR

- Build a regional chapter of chapters (virtual)