



The African IXP Association

2017 General Meeting #2 / August 21st, 2017 / Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

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Why are we here?



- Closed-door meeting for IXPs in Africa
 - Strictly confidential environment
 - We focus on generating open and candid discussion
- Big thanks to our sponsor:
 - The Internet Society
- Big thanks to the organizers:
 - Many people help to make this happen
 - Mostly on a volunteer basis

What is AFIX?



AFIX is a group of Internet exchange point (IXP) operators from across Africa, brought together by a shared need to coordinate and exchange knowledge.

Our purpose is to provide an enabling environment for IXP operators, help IXPs' maximize their value, improve connectivity within the continent, and increase the Internet's value for all.

History



- Established at AfPIF 2012 in Johannesburg
 - Bi-annual meetings are held at AIS and AfPIF
- Informal structure
 - Not legally registered, no membership agreements
 - Co-Coordiators: Kyle Spencer (UG), Nishal Goburdhan (ZA)
- Most activity occurs on the private mailing list
 - Please let us know if you are not subscribed

Objectives



- Produce and share knowledge, tutorials, best practices, policy templates, and other resources
- Encourage governments, regulators, and civil society to support new and existing IXPs
- Serve as a central point of contact for people and organizations who wish to engage with African IXPs

Objectives



- Compile and distribute information regarding Internet traffic and IXPs
- Catalyze new ideas, projects, and research related to Internet traffic exchange
- Help IXPs address operational issues, deploy new services, improve security, and scale

Additional information



- Member of the Internet eXchange Federation (IX-F)
 - A global group of IXP associations (IXPAs)
 - Other members include: EuroIX, LACIX, and APIX
 - Aims to ensure that IXP and IXPA voices are represented in relevant global projects and policy initiatives
 - Working with IX-F to develop the IXPDB project
- AFIX Benchmark Survey
 - Annual survey and report on the African IXP industry
 - Outputs available on the AFIX website (see: Resources)

Introductions



Please tell us:

- Name
- IXP/organization
- About your IXP/organization
- Anything else you wish to share



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