

Internet Governance Forum Berlin Workshop #293

Unlocking the Digital Potentials of Developing
and Least Developed Countries
November 28, 2019



To all Internet Users

This is a special invite from AfICTA - Africa ICT Alliance Secretariat to you to participate in the IGF Workshop #293 titled “**Unlocking the Digital Potentials of Developing and Least Developed Countries**”.

Date: Thursday, November 28, 2019

Time: 16:40 - 18:10 (GMT +1)

Venue: Room III Sonnenallee 225, 12057 Berlin, Germany

Theme: Digital Inclusion

Organizer: AfICTA - Africa ICT Alliance

Facilitator 1: Jimson Olufuye, AfICTA

Facilitator 2: Hossam Elgamal, AfICTA

Facilitator 3: Mary Uduma, Nigeria Internet Governance Forum

Facilitator 4: GBETONDI VIVIEN ASSANGBE WOTTO

Facilitator 5: Waudu Siganga, AfICTA

Facilitator 6: Thabo Mashegoane, AfICTA

Facilitator 7: Olusegun Olugbile, Continental Project Affairs Associates

Speakers:

Speaker 1: Hossam Elgamal: Private Sector (Africa)

Speaker 2: Chenai Chair: Civil Society (Africa)

Speaker 3: Jane Coffin: Technical Community (North America)

Speaker 4: Gbetondji Vivien Assagbe Wotto: Private Sector (Africa)

Speaker 5: Mohammed Azizi: Civil Society (Asia)

Speaker 6: Kossi Amessinou: Government (Africa)

Speaker 7: Mark Datysgeld: Private Sector/Academia (South America)

Speaker 8: Goncalo Carrico: Private Sector (Europe)

Speaker 9: Melissa Sassi: Private Sector (North America)

Description: The workshop will explore the digital potential of Developing and Least Developed Countries (DLDC). It will take stock of continental directives and how these have translated into national and regional policy and regulations. It will seek to understand if Africa is on the right track, what Africa is doing right, or doing wrong, and what it can learn from the successes of other countries and contents. It will try to get an understanding of what is good and what is bad for Africa and explore its successes and failures. It will discuss the key challenges and explore why Africa has yet to bridge its digital divide.

Expected Outcomes: **a.** Contribution toward the establishment of an Africa Information Hub **b.** Foundation discussion area for 2019 AU/AfICTA ICT summit **c.** Suggestions for enhancing and consolidating DLDC capacity and capability development program **d.** Workshop report with recommendations that will be submitted to the IGF Secretariat **e.** Policy based knowledge sharing, awareness and capacity building of the participants

Onsite Moderator:

Jimson Olufuye, Private Sector, African Group

Online Moderator:

Mary Uduma, Technical Community, African Group

Rapporteur:

Viviane Vinagre: Private Sector (South America)

For online participation, please register via <https://tinyurl.com/wo5gwub> Kindly contact spo@aficta.africa for further information.