

Dr Hago Dafalla's Profile

He was the first person in Sudan to use and manage the University of Gezira email server in 1996, before Internet services were introduced in the country. The email service provider served most universities, scientific research centers, and hospitals in Sudan, as it was the first service provider in the nation. This server played a key role in raising awareness about the importance of Internet services in Sudan.

He also trained researchers, students, and university professors on how to use the Internet by organizing workshops, forums, and seminars across Sudan. In 1998, he participated in the Network Training Workshop for Countries in the Early Stages of Internetworking held in Geneva, Switzerland, and became a member of the Internet Society that same year.

He continued to work both in Sudan and abroad to enhance community awareness in the field of Internet literacy and its services, collaborating with organizations and individuals outside Sudan. In 2001, he participated in the founding meetings to establish the AFRINIC organization in Ghana and contributed to several activities, programs, and training initiatives in this field. He also became a member of various Internet-related organizations and participated actively in multiple ICANN groups.

He was involved in establishing the Arab Internet Governance Forum (Arab IGF) and served as a member of its Advisory Committee. He participated in the first African Internet Governance Forum (AfIGF) in 2012 and in subsequent editions, as well as in the establishment of the North African Internet Governance Forum in 2016, where he also served as a member of the forum's advisory committee.

He has served and continues to serve as the Regional Director of the East Africa Office of AfricanICT. Through this role and beyond, he has worked tirelessly to build community capacity regarding the importance of communications and the Internet. He has organized numerous workshops, training sessions, and seminars, particularly focusing on rural communities and women—introducing them to the concepts of digital transformation, the digital economy, and community development. He has actively promoted women's participation in digital initiatives to enhance their capabilities in the field.

In 2016, he established the Youth Forum for Internet Governance in Sudan and has since conducted annual workshops to train young people on the importance of Internet governance. He has also organized and facilitated several workshops on Internet security, including events to commemorate Internet Security Day, and led initiatives to educate communities on protecting children from online dangers.