



Summit 2015 Report

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1.0 About AfICTA

1.1 Introduction

Africa Information & Communication Technologies Alliance (AfICTA) is a concerned - private sector led alliance of ICT Associations, Multi-national Corporations, Companies, Organisations and individuals in the ICT sector in Africa.

1.2 Vision

Our vision is to fulfil the promise of the digital age for everyone in Africa.

1.3 Mission

- To engage the knowledge olympiad, propel innovation and fulfil the promise of digital social and economic transformation in Africa ...to encourage and participate in multi-stakeholder dialogue fostering ICT enterprise penetration in Africa.
- To promote the use of cutting-edge innovative technologies including mobile, computing and satellite technologies to achieve an Information society in Africa.
- To boost foreign direct and intra-African investments.

1.4 Objectives

Our **Goals/Objectives** are to

1. Organise business ICT stakeholders in Africa for effective local and continental advocacy
2. Be the focal point for African Business ICT advocacy in the global digital economy.
3. Promote constant improvement in African digital literacy in collaboration with stakeholders.
4. Create partnerships with the African Union and all the regional economic commissions towards realizing global sustainable development targets for Africa.
5. Support effective dialogue between members and policy makers.
6. Mobilise the core leadership of African ICT professionals and experts in the business community to be fully engaged in the global Internet Governance multi-stakeholder dialogues.
7. Promote business partnerships and African local contents between members and their associations' members.
8. Contribute to capacity building by promoting best practices, standards, encouraging regional projects, free movement of ICT professionals in Africa, sharing data (skills, expertise, events, business announcements, exhibitions, seminars).

2.0 About Summit 2015

2.1 Overview

Africa is home to over 1 billion people and is the region with the greatest economic growth potential for the foreseeable future given the growing intra Africa trade of about 10%. The fulcrum of the 3rd Africa Summit is to enable the transformative power of Information and Communication Technologies to light the way to development and prosperity and thus empower and enrich people across Africa. This event added leverage to the vision of AfICTA which is to fulfil the promise of the digital age for everyone in Africa.

The **3rd AfICTA Summit** brought together business, government and ICT professionals across Africa with the focus of fostering ICTs adoption in all segments of African life; in arts, entertainment, tourism, business, governance, health care, exploration, education, research, elections, sports, agriculture and mining.

2.2 Objective

The objective of the Summit was to explore innovative ways of moving the continent beyond the WSIS goals through the application of appropriate policies, profitable investment and good governance using Information and Communication Technologies.

2.3 Strategic Focus

Following the success of the 1st AfICTA Summit in Lagos and the 2nd in Cairo, the **3rd Summit** moved to Johannesburg to unite the voices of Southern Africa with those in the West and North of Africa who have pledged their desire to support the Smart Africa agenda pioneered by His Excellency, President Paul Kagame of Rwanda and strongly supported by His Excellency the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, President El-sisi with the patronage of the Egyptian Minister of Communication and Information Technology.

The Summit sought to create and enhance partnerships that can accelerate ICT enabled development through increased last mile broadband access, creative and innovative applications (including mobile) to engender wealth creation, inclusive cultural rejuvenation (through effective presence on the Internet), safe health management, digital literacy, and participatory governance towards all round prosperity for Africans.

The Summit was an excellent opportunity for governments and the private sector leaders to exchange experiences and best practices on ICT industry specific issues such as multiple taxation, investment for job creation and infrastructure development. It also presented opportunities to proffer solutions to societal challenges and in

particular challenges confronting the open, stable, secure and resilient Internet (such as cybersecurity and Internet Governance) on which African renaissance rests.

It was an insightful Summit!

2.4 Side Attractions

The 3rd AfICTA Summit took place with **The Fak’ugesi Digital Africa Festival**. Other available side attractions were:

Cradle of Humankind Heritage Site – www.gauteng.net/cradleofhumankind

Sun City - <http://www.suninternational.com/sun-city/Pages/default.aspx>

Lesedi Cultural Village - www.lesedi.com

Dinokeng Game Reserve – www.dinokengbig5.co.za

City Sightseeing Joburg - www.citysightseeing.co.za/joburg

Origins Centre - www.origins.org.za

Liliesleaf Farm – www.liliesleaf.co.za

Gold Reef City – www.goldreefcity.co.za

Apartheid Museum – www.apartheidmuseum.org

Maboneng Precinct – www.mabonengprecinct.com

Montecasino – www.montecasino.co.za

There are shopping malls in Sandton (www.sandtoncity.com) and Rosebank (www.rosebankmall.co.za), that provided interesting attractions.

2.5 Event Venue/Accommodation

The event held at the Protea Hotel Parktonian (www.parktonian.co.za). Accommodation for delegates was also secured at reasonable discount in the hotel.

2.6 Programme Outline

September 1

Time	Description	Facilitator
8 - 9am	Accreditation/ Tea/Coffee	Secretariat
9 - 11am	AfICTA Strategy Session I	Chair
11 – 11.30am	Tea/Coffee Break II	Secretariat
11.30 - 1pm	AfICTA Strategy Session II	Chair
1 – 2.30pm	Lunch	Secretariat
2.30- 4pm	AfICTA Annual General Meeting/ Elections	Chair Legal Counsel

September 2

Time	Event Description	Facilitator
8 – 9am	Accreditation/ Tea/Coffee	Secretariat
9-10.30am	<p>Delegate welcome</p> <p>Goodwill Messages</p> <p>Keynote: ICT: Lighting the way to development and prosperity across Africa</p>	<p>Adrian Schofield, Vice-Chair, AfICTA & Chair Planning Committee</p> <p>AfICTA Chair</p> <p>Sunil Geness, President ITASA</p> <p>Roger Latchman, Deputy President WITSA</p> <p>Mpho Matsitse (SAP Snr Advisor-Government)</p>
10.30 – 11.45pm	<p>High Level Panel of Thought Leaders:</p> <p>Strategies and Policies to light the way for development and prosperity across Africa</p>	<p>Jimson Olufuye, AfICTA Chair</p> <p>Steve DelBianco ED Netchoice & VC BC-ICANN</p> <p>Marilyn Cade, CEO mCade Ilc</p> <p>Rudi Vansnick Chair NPOC & Board Member GKPF</p> <p>Chris Uwaje, CEO Mobile</p>

		Software Solutions
11.45-12.15pm	Tea/Coffee Break/ Pictures	
12.15-1.30pm	<p>Session 1 (Access & Internet Governance)</p> <p>Broadband Access case studies: Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, Egypt, Uganda</p> <p>Tackling IG Issues; The Cybersecurity challenge</p>	<p>Dr Waudo Siganga Computer Society of Kenya</p> <p>Dr Jimson Olufuye, Nigeria Adrian Schofield, South Africa Paul Rowney, ICT-PAN</p> <p>Segun Olugbile, CEO CPAA Hossam ElGammal CEO GNSE</p>
1.30-2.45pm	Lunch sponsored by BC-ICANN	
2.45 - 4.00pm	<p>Session 2 (Sustainable Development Agenda)</p> <p>Post WSIS Agenda</p> <p>Internet of Things and the new gTLD opportunity</p> <p>Building the African DNS Industry</p>	<p>Jimson Olufuye</p> <p>Andrew Mack, CEO AmGlobal</p> <p>Rudi Vansnick Chair NPOC & Board Member GKPF</p>
4.00 – 5.30pm	<p>Session 3 (ICT Industry/ Enterprise Development)</p> <p>Impact of Universal Service/Development Fund and the desirability of regulations</p> <p>BP Outsourcing Industry: Opportunity & Challenges Measuring the Internet</p>	<p>Chris Uwaje, CEO Mobile Software Solution</p> <p>Dr Vincent Olatunji, Director NITDA</p> <p>Alaa Elkhishen, Vice-Chair EITESAL, CEO Eccooutsourcing</p>

	economy	Adrian Schofield
7 – 9.30pm	Gala Dinner / Awards	

September 3

Time	Track 1		Track 2
	Schedule	Facilitator	
8 – 9am	Accreditation		Business Match-Making & Networking / Fak’ugesi Digital Africa Festival...
9 – 11am	DNS Workshop 1	Rudi Vansnick Chair NPOC & Board Member GKPF	
11 – 11.30am	Tea/Coffee Break		
11.30 – 1pm	DNS Workshop 2	Rudi Vansnick Chair NPOC & Board Member GKPF	
1-2.30pm	Lunch		
2.30- 4pm	Project Management Workshop	Jimson Olufuye Adrian Schofield	

3.0 The Summit Report

3.1 Introduction

Members of the Africa Information and Communication Technology Alliance (AfICTA) convened for the 3rd edition of its annual IT summit at the Protea Hotel, Parktonian All Suite, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, South Africa, 1-3 September 2015, with the aim to explore innovative ways of moving the continent beyond the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) goals through application of appropriate policies, profitable investment and good governance using Information and Communication Technologies.

The event leveraged on the vision of AfICTA, which is to fulfil the promise of the digital age for everyone in Africa.

3.1 Theme

The theme of the Summit was “**ICT: Lighting the way to development and prosperity in Africa**”. It took place in conjunction with the Fak’ugesi Digital Africa Festival and attracted more than 70 delegates from 12 countries . The countries include host South Africa, Nigeria, Egypt, Kenya, Namibia, Ghana, Cote D’voire, Botswana, Ethiopia, Benin, Belgium and USA.

3.2 Day 1

Day one of the summit featured the Strategy Sessions and Annual General Meeting (AGM). In his welcome address, the Chair AfICTA, **Jimson Olufuye, Ph.D** who was the Chief Host welcomed participants, noting that though AfICTA at 3 is still young but is determined to impact the rich African continent and her over 1.1bn people positively to fulfil the promise of the digital age. The promise of the digital age he said is prosperity for all engendered by the power of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). Also, that the key to Africa realising the full benefits of ICTs is the need to get the strategies and policies right on a sustainable basis.

He further noted that since the WSIS 2005, data have shown increasing opportunities provided by ICTs for citizens to communicate, learn new things, live, play and trade with one another for economic growth and development. Citing that, Africa Internet penetration is now at 30% compared to less than 1% about a decade ago which has directly impacted African GDP by more than 5% annually; citing that Nigeria recorded over 10% annual GDP increase as a result of ICTs over the period.

At the close of the day, members of the Alliance re-elected Dr Jimson Olufuye, Kontemporary, Nigeria as its Chairman. Mr Adrian Schofield, IITPSA South Africa as Vice-Chairman and Mr Gbenga Fijabi, Great Financiers Consulting, Nigeria as Treasurer. Other elected members are: Mr Sunil Geness, SAP South Africa; Dr Waudu Siganga, CSK Kenya; Engr Hossam El-Gamal, GNSE Egypt; Engr Lanre Ajayi, ATCON Nigeria; Ms Arinola Akinyemi, Digisphere Nigeria; Ms Tanya Sims, CompTIA/ITA, South Africa; Mr Paul Rowney, ICT-PAN, Namibia; Mr Alaa Ahmed Fouad Kamal El Khishen, Ecco Outsourcing/EITESAL, Egypt and Engr Adetola Sogbesan, ChaceSystems, Nigeria.

Day 1 Pictures



Elected AfICTA Board members



Cross-section of participants on Day 1

3.2 Day 2

The Summit formally opened on Day 2 with keynote delivered by the CEO SAP South Africa (Pty) Ltd, represented by Mpho Matsitse (SAP Snr Advisor-Government). Thereafter, the High Level Panel of Thought Leaders on Strategies and Policies to light the way for development and prosperity across Africa was moderated by Jimson Olufuye, Ph.D. In the panel were Mpho Matsitse, Adrian Schofield, Chris Uwaje, Rudi Vansnick and Steve DelBianco who spoke via video conferencing. It was the consensus of speakers that Africa should look inwards and evolve strategies and policies better suited for her environment and vigorously pursue the implementation thereof. Transformation they said is key to lighting the way for development. Leaders need to have vision, think big and plan well. In the words of Mpho “when leaders focus on innovation, prosperity is delivered and at the core of innovation is technology”.

Next session was on Access and Internet Governance (IG). Sub-themes were Broadband Access case studies: Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, Egypt, Uganda, Namibia and Tackling IG Issues and The CyberSecurity Challenge moderated by Waudu Siganga Ph.D. Other discussants include Paul Rowney, Hossam El-Gammal via Video Conferencing amongst others. Speakers spoke on high broadband cost despite over 20tbps fibre ring across Africa and the challenge of intra/ inter-national fibre link. On IG, participants were enjoined to be involved in the on-going IANA function transition from the US Government to the global Multi-stakeholder Internet Community and to participate even remotely in the 2015 edition of the IGF taking place November 9-13 in Joao Pessoa, Brazil.

The session on the Sustainable Development Agenda was moderated by Adrian Schofield. Discussants included Andrew Mack by video link, Rudi Vansnick amongst others. Andrew Mack acquainted participants with business justification for investing in the Domain Name System (DNS) and that a market exists for the new gTLDs without posing any threat to existing ccTLDs. He encouraged business stakeholders to improve on awareness and appropriate market development programmes to achieve success. Rudi counselled that Africa should ensure African data remain in Africa and by so doing reduce capital flight.

The last session on ICT Industry/Enterprise Development was moderated by Chris Uwaje. Speakers included Alaa Ahmed Fouad Kamal El Khishen and others. Alaa articulated a framework for the creation of one million jobs in Africa by 2020 through a best practice industry enabled outsourcing programme. He proposed its adoption to AfICTA. By the intervention of the Chair the proposal was adopted by affirmation.

(The day concluded with the Gala Dinner/ Recognition Night.)

Day 2 Pictures



Mpho Matsitse (SAP Snr Advisor-Government) – keynote speaker



Waudu Siganda (Kenya) Laicana Coulibally (Cote d'Ivoire), Ola Akinyemi (Nigeria), Jimson Olufuye (Nigeria), Charles Ofori (Ghana), Toba Obaniyi (Nigeria)



Delegates



Alaa Elkishen, EITESAL Vice-Chair receiving distinguished speaker recognition from AfICTA Chair Jimson Olufuye. Tanya Sims (Board member AfICTA) looks on. (NB this picture not visible?)



Adrian Schofield receiving Chair's Award from Roger Latchman, WITSA Deputy Chair with Tanya Sims looking on



Chris Uwaje former ITAN /ISPON President receiving distinguished speaker recognition.

3.3 Day 3

On Day 3, a DNS workshop was facilitated by Rudi Vansnick and Project Management Workshop by Tola Sogbesan and Jimson Olufuye. Presentations on the subject matter are available on AfICTA 2015 Summit website.

Day 3 Pictures



Rudi Vansnick Chair NPOC & Board member GKPF speaking

3.4 Summit Key Speakers

Key summit speakers included **Dr Jimson Olufuye** and **Adrian Schofield** re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chair Africa ICT Alliance. Keynote speaker **Mpho Matsitse** - SAP Snr Advisor – Governmentt, **Rudi Vansnick**, member Board of Trustees Global Knowledge Partnership Foundation and ICANN NPOC Chairman, **Steve Delbianco** *BC Vice Chair Policy Coordination and Executive Director, Netchoice USA*, Dr **Waudu Siganga**, *Chairman Computer Society of Kenya*, **Engr Hossam Elgamal**, CEO GNSE Egypt, **Paul Rowney** President ICT-PAN, Namibia, **Andrew Mack** *Principal, AMGlobal Consulting, USA & Coordinator BC Outreach Committee*, **Alaa Ahmed El Khishen**, Director Ecco Outsourcing / Vice Chair EITESAL, Egypt, **Adetola Sogbesan** *AflCTA Board member*, **Sunil Genesss** *President IT Association South Africa* and many other distinguished delegates.

3.5 The Jo'burg Declaration

Mindful of its vision, mission and set objectives, members and attendees at the 3rd AfICTA Summit held on September 1-3, 2015 @ Protea Hotel Braamfontein, Johannesburg, South Africa hereby declare as follows:

1. Aware of the on-going WSIS+10 Review, express support for the renewal of the IGF mandate.
2. Considering the inherent value of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) declare support for the goals and motivate the required national and international political will.
3. Given that citizens, users and diverse stakeholders' views are important to public policy articulation and implementation with respect to the realization of the SDGs, express support for enhanced cooperation within the context of multi-stakeholderism involving governments, private sector, civil society, and technical and academia community stakeholders.
4. Realizing the need to complement African governments in providing and creating jobs opportunities is committed to creating one million (1,000,000) jobs by the year 2020
5. Concerned about the need to sustain the rise of Africa urge African Union (AU) and African governments to partner with all stakeholders including the private sector in the spirit of enhanced cooperation and collaboration.
6. Noting the dearth of Internet domain name uptake in Africa urge African governments to express pride in their ccTLD identity and use them in governance to create the necessary "locomotive" effect to boost demand.
7. Concerned by cases of failed projects across Africa recommend the use of global standards, frameworks and methodologies to deliver projects that are "fit for purpose".
8. Affirming that Internet access in particular engenders sustainable development and prosperity urge African national governments and parliaments in particular to enact laws, articulate strategies and policies that promote trust and confidence on the Internet.
9. Noting the need for national ICT associations and stakeholders to collaborate for better impact on national public policies urge delegates to look inwards, work with their contemporaries and stakeholders toward evolving vibrant national ICT advocacy alliance.

Dated this 4th day of September 2015.

Signed on behalf of AfICTA by

Adrian SCHOFIELD
Chairman, Summit Organising Committee

Jimson OLUFUYE, Ph.D.
Chairman AfICTA

4.0 Appreciation

The board and the entire membership of AfICTA wish to thank the chair of the planning committee Mr Adrian Schofield and his members for a successful Summit at Protea Parktonian in Braamfontein Johannesburg, South Africa. We wish to also thank all our sponsors including SAP, ICANN, ICANN BC, National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) Nigeria, Kontemporary and GNSE and Joburg Tourism, Joburg Software Engineering Centre.

We would like to thank all delegates that came from Nigeria, South Africa, Egypt, Belgium, Namibia, Kenya, Botswana, Cote D'voire, Ghana, Ethiopia, Benin and on video conferencing from the United States.

Many thanks indeed!

5.0 AfICTA Summit 2016

AfICTA Summit 2016 comes up in **Windhoek, Namibia**. Do stay tuned for more details on www.aficta.org.