



« REMOTE HUB ISOC CAMEROON »
On the occasion of the Global INET and 20th Anniversary of ISOC.
22-24th April 2012

REPORT

DAY ONE

The remote hub of ISOC Cameroon on the occasion of the Global INET and 20th Anniversary of ISOC took place at the National Advanced School of Posts and Telecommunications in Yaoundé from 23 to 24 April 2012. This remote hub was organized by ISOC Cameroon in partnership with the National Advanced School of Posts and Telecommunications was placed under the theme: "Imagine the future of the Internet in Cameroon."

The seminar began on 23 April 2012 with opening remarks by the conference moderator in the person of John Baptist Fotso, an official of the School. After welcoming all participants, he gave an overview of the mission and objectives of ISOC Cameroon by placing it in the context of the celebration of the 20th anniversary. He immediately handed the floor to the personal representative of the Director of the National Advanced School of Posts and Telecommunications for the official welcome address.

In his address he first of all welcome all participants to the campus, then congratulated the Internet Society for the choice of campus of ENSPT to host this international event and finally expressed the wish to see the School work with ISOC Cameroon Chapter in future especially in the domain of capacity building in ICT. The end of his speech marked the effective start of real business.

Mr. Pierre Ewodo (ISOC Vice President-Cameroon, network specialist at ADC) was next on the podium. He covered extensively the history of the internet and the internet society with a special focus on the case of Cameroon.

This presentation was attended by most participants who raised many questions to understand the importance of ISOC. One participant asked what actions are taken by the Internet Society to promote the recent developments in the Internet. Mr. Ewodo highlighted the recent "training on IPv6" organized by Chapter with assistance of ISOC a month ago as one of the glaring ways in which ISOC is assisting developing countries to fully keep pace with recent developments and to better integrate the country in the mainstream of the internet world.

After 1 hour 30 min of discussion, it was time to move to the next item on the agenda. But due to a delay in the program the participant could not follow the videoconferencing session live from Geneva at 10h 30 min on the theme: "Governance in an interconnected world:.....? ". The moderator adjusted the program which allowed participants to follow the brief talk that was held at 10am. This introductory session was punctuated with a coffee break. The session resumed at 13.30p.m with live streaming from Geneva on the theme "Youth and Social Networking: redefining Business and Society." Hermann Deutcho one of the participants was designated to conduction briefings, discussions and questions and answers session during after the presentations.

After a break that lasted an hour, worked resumed and participants had the privileged of listening to a series of presenters.

- 1- Slim Aman -C.E.O Alixys
- 2- Dr. Tarek Kamel - MoB National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of Egypt
- 3- Gareth Mc Namara - Information Security Specialist
- 4- Paco Ragagleles -President of Futura Networks
- 5- Aminta Sy -President of Senegalese Next Generation team

The presentation of Aminata Sy was greatly appreciated by the participants in the room, because she recounted little story that reflected the daily challenges that our society is facing to better illustrate his presentation on the use of social networking sites by young people, while highlighting certain constraints. This series of presentation ended with discussion and questions amongst the participants. Some of the participants asked their questions to the panel in Geneva directly. One of such questions was addressed to Dr. Tarek Kamel - MoB National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of Egypt based on his presentation.

"Dr Tarek. Do you think the freedom of expression on the Internet Could open doors to violence in the society or any other manifestation that is not safe for the population?" Question came from Steven Sado. The question relates to the fact that if the internet should be free without any control, any erroneous information published online could lead to social upheavals if not properly dealt with. The example was drawn from the events of the Arab spring.

This Q and A session marked the end of the first day. An assessment of the day was done by the organizing committee with proposals made to adjust the program and keep to time. Suggestions were also sent to Geneva to make available transcript in French. A total 48 participants took part on the first day.

DAY TWO

The second day began just as the first with the same exciting to follow the presentations from Geneva and to engage in the debate locally. After testing all equipment to ensure all is O.K, the moderator presented the agenda of the day. This set the stage for the first presentation of which saw participants connected at 08:45 to follow the first online session on the topic "Harnessing the Internet for Economic Transformation." with moderator Alice Munyua, Chair of the 2011 United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF). Discussions then followed locally amongst the participants to see how they could narrow down the topic to suit the local context.

A break was observed for 15 mins and when participants resumed there was another adjustment in the program. The workshop on cyber criminality was pushed to the last topic of the agenda while participants were given a presentation on the Next Generation Leaders Program of the Internet Society. This was due to the presence of many students during this morning session.

This was followed by the "Web 2.0" presentation by Mr. Gabriel Dacko (Board Member ISOC Cameroon). His presentation was more a less a semi training. He drilled participants on the concept of Web 2.0, RSS, Google Reader, Google Alerts, advanced search techniques, blogging services, online collaboration (Google Docs). This semi training forum was flowed by the last point on the agenda: "Cybercrime". This session was chaired by Mr. Hermann Deutcho (telecommunication engineer, Quanteq). Participants were divided in to two groups to allow each person to fully participate. The first group worked on the fundamentals of cybercrime, types and forms of attacks in Cameroon while the second group focused the on actions and approaches by the stakeholders to combat this malice.

At the end of the discussion, each group was given 20mins to do a presentation on the various conclusions arrived at. They were advised to step up the awareness campaign on the issue especially in universities, churches, and village, tribal and regional associations. Recommendations were made to the various stakeholders to create a strong association to defend the right of users. The day ended at 18:00 with a diner offered to all participants. A total number of 44 participants registered for this session.

Conclusion:

It could be rightly said the conference had a success rate of about 90 percent. This could be judged from the number of participants present, the diversity of the topics discussed, the contribution of special guests and the participants and above all the number of participants who expressed their interest to become members of ISOC. Many also expressed the desire to involve more in the future with such initiatives that keeps them updated and gives them a chance to participating in international discussions.

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2- Agenda

Days	Hours Start and End	Agenda	Duration
Sunday (Researved for chapter members) 22/04/12	8h00 - 8h30	Arrival and briefings	30 min
	8h30-9h15	Coffee break	45min
	9h15 –9h30	Testing Equipment	15min
	9h30 - 12h	Global chapter workshop Symposium	2h30min
	12h- 12h45	Lunch	45min
	12h45 – 14h	Collaborative Leadership Exchange	1h15min
Monday (Open to the public) 23/04/12	8h00-8h30	Arrival and registration.	1h
	8h30-8h45	Arrival of official	
	8h45-9h00	Arrival of director	
	9h00-9h05	Welcome address by the Director	05min
	9h10 10h30	History of the internet and internet society	1h20min
	10h30-11h	Coffee break	30min
	11h-13h00	Roundtable discussion: Governance in an Interconnected World: Where in the public interest?(live streaming from Geneva)	2h
	13h-13h30	Lunch	30min
13h-14h15	Concurrent Session 1.3: Youth and Social Networking - Redefining Business and Society	45 min	
Mardi (open to the public) 24/04/12	8h00-8h30	Arrival and registration	30 min
	8h30-9h30	Welcome address, announcements	1h
	09h30 – 11h30	Concurrent Session 2.2: Harnessing The internet for economy transformation	2h
	11h30-12h00	Coffee break	30 min
	12h00-13h30	Cybercrime: Issues and Challenges	1h30min
	13h30-14h45	Lunch	45min
		Workshop on Web 2.0	45min

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