

AXIS

A success story

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- African Union Project
- African Internet Exchange System
- Implemented by the Internet Society
- Phase 1
 - 30 Best Practice Workshops and community mobilization
 - 30 Technical Aspects workshops (hands-on)
- Regional IXPs and Regional Internet Carriers workshops

Achievements

- **Workshops completed as per the schedule/before the deadline**
- **Best practice workshops created consensus almost everywhere**
- **Technical workshops highly rated**
- **IXPs established in**
 - **Namibia, Gambia, Burundi, Swaziland**
- **Others on the way**

Reasons for success

- African Union and Internet Society partnership
 - Shared vision and goal
 - Win-win partnership
 - Complementary role
- Methodology: Catalytic and supportive role
 - Expertise
 - Technical and financial support
 - Independent/unbiased/trusted view
 - The right level of support
 - Flexibility

Lessons learned

- **It is critical that the main stakeholders agree on the need for an IXP**
- **20% technical engineering, 80% social engineering**
- **There is no such thing as off-the-shelf IXP!**
- **Money is not the answer**
- **Multiplicity of projects do more harm than good**