Internet Governance in Africa

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Internet Governance

⊙ WSIS Working Group on Internet Governance, 2003, Geneva: *Internet governance is the development and application by Governments, the private sector and civil society, in their respective roles, of shared principles, norms, rules, decision-making procedures, and programmes that shape the evolution and use of the Internet*

⊙ WSIS and WSIS outcomes (IGF, enhanced cooperation)

⊙ NETmundial Initiative

⊙ From the governance of Internet Critical Ressources to the regulation of content, privacy, cybersecurity and responsibility of online platforms

Internet Governance Issues in West Africa

- ⊙ Accessibility (connectivity, local content)

- ⊙ Cybersecurity (good balance between Human Rights)

- ⊙ Privacy

- ⊙ E-Government services development

- ⊙ Digital ecosystem development

- ⊙ Ownership on national ccTLDs

- ⊙ Need for a multisakeholder approach

Internet Governance Forums in Africa

- Africa Internet Governance Forum
  - Last meeting: 4th to 7th December 2017, in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
  - Next meeting: October 2018, Khartoum, Sudan (TBC)

- Regional Internet Governance Forums:

  - Central African IGF

  - East African IGF

  - North African IGF

  - Southern Africa IGF

  - West African IGF

Feedback on the West African IGF 2018 recommendations (Focus)

- ⊙ Accessibility, Internet for all (SDGs)

- ⊙ Development of local content

- ⊙ Improvement of networks resiliency

- ⊙ Full ownership on ccTLDs

- ⊙ Better coordination on Cybersecurity

- ⊙ Better environment for emerging technologies

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