National IGF- Tanzania Summary Report

Tanzania stands a better chance of benefitting more from internet resources, as a result of some of its organizations' active participation in Internet Governance Forum-related activities.

A pivotal role played by UTPC, in its capacity as National Internet Governance Forum (NIGF) Secretariat Steering Committee in 2012, is a typically classic example given that its President, Mr. Kenneth Simbaya presided over the Dar es Salaam meeting on 12th July 2012.

The Meeting

The one-day meeting, co-funded by Tanzania Communication and Regulatory Authority (TCRA), deliberated upon a wide range of such issues as the launching of National Backbone called cyber in Tanzania, to be shared among nine African countries.

Enacting of cybersecurity laws, the involvement of more stakeholders in the Steering Committee, Terms of Reference (ToR) for Secretariat's smooth running and presentations made in Swahili for an enhanced participant's understanding were key themes.

Presentations

The aforesaid deliberations were based solely on four papers entitled "IGF Movement: Process and status in Tanzania". The presentations were as follows;

1. National Backbone Status and last Mile Connectivity and Local Content: Presented by UTPC Executive Director, Mr. Abubakar Karsan and presented by ICT Director, Dr. Zeipuna Yonah.

2. New Media(the Social Media) in promoting Democracy presented by Sahara Media Group Chair, Dr. Anthony Diallo.

3. Dot tz Domain: Awareness status and Way forward" presented by Eng. Abib Ntahigiye, the Managing Director of Tanzania Network Information Center.

Resolutions

1. It was resolved that the report of the meeting shall be written and presented in the
2. As part of the way forward, it was resolved that the East Africa Internet Governance Forum (EAIGF) be held between 17th and 18th July 2012, in Nairobi, Kenya, where Mr. Diallo would present NIGF report.
3. The 2013 NIGF was to held in Dar es Salaam and major issues that were to be discussed are:-

1. Cybersecurity in Tanzania
2. Promotion of ICT for development
3. Building the capacity of Tanzania in participating in various ICT related international forums.