

## **A4AI-MOZAMBIQUE COALITION MEETING**

18<sup>TH</sup> November 2014, 8:30-15:00 Girassol Indy Village Maputo, Mozambique

#### **About A4AI**

The Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) brings together prominent players from the private sector, public sector, and civil society to provide a unified voice and coordinated focus in addressing the shared goal of open, affordable access to the Internet in the developing world. The Alliance aims to increase the affordability of both mobile and fixed-line Internet access dramatically, with a focus on achieving the UN Broadband Commission Broadband Target of entry-level broadband services priced at less than 5% of average monthly income.

Since the start of its work in Mozambique, A4AI has held a successful 1<sup>st</sup> A4AI-Mozambique Multi-stakeholder Forum on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in which a number of priority issues were identified. These priority issues undermine efforts to increase access and affordability to broadband in Mozambique. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> A4AI-Mozambique Forum, Mozambican stakeholders have formed the <u>A4AI-Mozambique Coalition</u> and chosen working groups that will work on each of the issues identified.

### Objectives and Outline of the A4AI Key Stakeholder Forum

Scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in Maputo, the primary objective of the A4Al-Mozambique Coalition meeting is for coalition members to develop work plans that will guide their work on their respective priority issue.

Participants at the meeting will gain further insights into the priority issues and how these affect broadband access and affordability in Mozambique. These priority issues are: data collection and reporting; infrastructure investment and sharing; and taxation.

During the meeting, participants will also learn how the priority issues have been resolved elsewhere, through the review of global best practice; decide upon the activities they and their fellow working group members will undertake to tackle the issues in Mozambique; what outputs might be produced; and what risks might be faced as they try to execute the activities in the work plan.

The following presents the agenda for the A4AI-Mozambique Coalition Meeting.



#### **AGFNDA**

# Girassol Indy Village Duration of Meeting: 8:30-15:00, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014

8:30: Networking Breakfast and Registration

9:00: Introduction of the agenda and plan for the day

#### 9:15-11:00: Panel on Priority Issues: Understanding the windows of opportunity

Participants will examine those priority issues the coalition is addressing. Namely:

- 1. Data collection and reporting
- 2. Infrastructure investment and sharing
- 3. Taxation

A mix of local and international stakeholders will examine each Priority Issue in respect of:

- The Issue: Why it is an issue/challenge in Mozambique? (I.e., in what way is it undermining or delaying greater Internet and Broadband affordability and usage?)
- The goals: What objectives and goals should be achieved if we are to resolve the issue? What is the ideal outcome taking into account the Mozambican context?
- **Possible options:** How might the issues be resolved or mitigated? Examination of best practices used elsewhere; what stakeholders are most important.
- > Expert Discussant for 1:
- > Expert Discussants for 2:
- > Expert Discussant for 3:

#### 11:00-11:15: Working Refreshment Break

#### 11:15: Working Group Sessions

This session will provide an opportunity for participates to begin the development of the work plans for each working group. The A4AI team will explain the structure of work plans, how they should be developed and how they will be used. The working groups for each priority issue will then work in their groups to begin drafting their own work plans, which will detail objectives, outputs, activities, a timeline for completing the activities, partners and responsibilities, potential risks and challenges.

#### 12:30: Working Lunch

Participants will use the working lunch to continue developing their works plans.

### 13:30: Reporting

Each working group will present their work plan. The rapporteur for each group will present the draft work plan to all participants. This is designed to be an interactive discussion between Coalition Members and should result in stronger work plans for each working group.

### 14:30: Coalition Schedule of Activities and Conclusion

The A4AI team will draw the meeting to a conclusion, outlining some of the key findings from the day and actions for the future, including the short term activities in each work plan, coalition wide seminars/webinars and the next coalition meeting in Q1 of 2015.