

A4AI-GHANA COALITION MEETING

10th February 2015, 9:00-13:15
Kofi Annan ICT Centre Of Excellence
Accra, Ghana

About the A4AI-Ghana Coalition

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 Ghana, A4AI has held a successful 1st A4AI-Ghana Forum in which a number of priority issues were identified. These priority issues appear to be a challenge or, if not addressed effectively, have the potential to undermine efforts to increase access and affordability to broadband in Ghana. The priority issues identified in Ghana are:

- Taxation
- Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access
- Research and Data Collection
- Consumer Awareness and Pricing Transparency

Ghanaian stakeholders are currently working to produce policy and regulatory outputs related to each of the four issues identified. These Working Groups are led by four of Ghana's key ICT stakeholders (A4AI Champions) and are comprised of stakeholders from government, the private sector, civil society, and academia.

Objectives and Outline of the A4AI-Ghana Coalition Meeting

The A4AI Ghana Coalition Meeting on Tuesday, 10th February 2015 is open to all stakeholders interested in increasing and broadband access and affordability in Ghana. It will give each of the four A4AI-Ghana working groups the opportunity to provide a brief progress report and give working group members the opportunity to work together to produce key deliverables during two dedicated working sessions. Members of the Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) team and international experts will support these working sessions.

AGENDA

8:30-9:00 Networking Breakfast and Registration

9:00-9:05: Introduction and Plan for the Day

Kojo Boakye, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI)

9:05-9:40 A4AI-Ghana Coalition Lightning Talks

Representative of working groups will give brief updates on the work they have done to date in the form of a lightning talk that emphasises objectives, key achievements, key challenges and next steps.

- **Taxation Working Group, Plans: Progress and Next Steps**
Kwaku Saakyi Addo, Chief Executive Officer, Ghana Chamber of Telecommunications
- **Research and Data Collection Working Group: Plans, Progress and Next Steps**
Kafui Prebbie, Chief Executive Officer, TechAide
- **Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access Working Group: Plans, Progress and Next Steps**
Estelle Akofio-Sowah, Country Manager, Google
- **Consumer Awareness and Pricing Transparency Working Group: Plans, Progress and Next Steps**
Kofi Kapito, Head, Ghana Consumer Protection Agency

9:40 – 10:40 Working Group Session 1

Working Group members, with the support of the A4AI team and international experts, will work together on outputs outlined in their respective work plans.

10:40 – 10:55 Refreshment Break

10:55-11:55 Working Group Session 2

Working Group members, with the support of the A4AI team and international experts, will continue to work together on outputs outlined in their respective work plans.

11:55-12:15 Reporting and Next Steps

Working Group representatives will report on the outcome of the working groups sessions. They will also agree upon the next steps for the coalition, including advocacy steps and the schedule for the next coalition meeting and knowledge sharing workshops.

12:15-13:15 Networking Lunch

End of Meeting