A4AI-Nigeria Coalition Quarterly Meeting

Abuja, Nigeria

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Spectrum Working Group

Outcome

Making spectrum more widely available to Nigerian stakeholders, including easier for small entrepreneurs to innovate and provide affordable access solutions in underserved areas.

Spectrum Working Group

Output 1

- Comprehensive recommendation to regulator addressing the following items (initial list):
    - transparency around spectrum assignment and use
    - shared users licensing strategies,
    - accelerated development of white space regulations,
    - reduce cost based discrimination of operation across states

Output 2

New policy and regulatory support to facilitate the ability of small enterprises to make use of unlicensed spectrum

- Examine what other countries are doing in respect of shared users licensing strategies (e.g., UK, US).
- Draft a proposal for a licensing regime that supports more granularity for licensing (for one city or one town)

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Output 3

- Proposed white space regulations

Output 4

- National network of community ISPs/service providers, experimenting with innovative technologies under License/authorization agreement

Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access

Outcomes:

- A policy and ROW regulations that facilitate increased broadband penetration across Nigeria.

- Increased infrastructure sharing amongst Nigeria's industry players

- Nigerian ISP and other ICT sector players establishing the Community broadband initiative (based on an open access/ shared infrastructure framework)

Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access Working Group

Output 1

- Policy statement to incentivize the implementation of infrastructure sharing initiatives

- Draft proposed regulatory instrument(s) to support the implementation of infrastructure sharing initiatives

Output 2

- A monitoring and evaluation framework to assess progress towards the National Broadband Plan's targets

Output 3

- Recommended strategy for the development and establishment of shared community broadband networks in Nigeria.

Consumer Advocacy and Pricing Transparency Working Group

Outcomes:

- Consumers are aware and informed of the benefits and opportunities from internet access

- Consumers have clear, transparent and easy to find information about the cost of data so they can make informed decisions about how to maximize their time value and resources.

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Output 1:
- A comprehensive consumer awareness strategy (e.g., campaign) to increase consumer/citizens awareness and knowledge of the benefits of the internet.

Output 2:
- Website or other appropriate medium with:
    - Clear opt out options for promos
    - Info for cost of data across provider
    - Info on what a GB, MB and KB is and what might be used in normal circumstances e.g. to stream Film – 300MB to 1GB etc.
    - Info on top 10 offenders in respect of breaches of consumer rights.

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Output 3:

- Recommendation for regulation to enforce/encourage provider notice of:
  - Data usage and roaming costs – (Similar to the SMS message provided after voice call).