A4AI-NIGERIA COALITION MEETING

24th November 2015, 08:30-13:00
Victoria Crown Plaza Hotel
Lagos, Nigeria

About the A4AI-Nigeria 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.

At the start of its work in Nigeria, A4AI held a successful 1st A4AI-Nigeria Forum in which a number of priority issues were identified. These priority issues have the potential to undermine efforts to increase Internet access and affordability to broadband in Nigeria.   The priority issues identified in Nigeria are:

- Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access

- Spectrum

- Consumer Awareness and Pricing Transparency

The Coalition members have formed three working groups to work on each priority issue. These working groups developed work plans and started developing policy and regulatory outputs (draft proposals, recommendations, etc.) designed to resolve the key challenges.

Objectives and Outline of the A4AI-Nigeria Coalition Meeting

The A4AI Nigeria Coalition Meeting on Tuesday 24th November is open to all stakeholders interested in increasing broadband access and affordability in Nigeria. It will give each of the three A4AI-Nigeria working groups the opportunity to explain the challenges to affordability they are addressing, progress to date and expected outcomes in the near future. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for all participants to discuss the work of each working group, as well as the wider Coalition and its upcoming activities. A Q&A session will follow each of the presentations.

AGENDA

8.30 – 9.00: Networking Breakfast and Registration

9:00-9.45: Welcome & Opening
Welcome from A4AI Honorary Chairperson, Hon. Omobola Johnson
Address by Special Guest of Honour
Mr. Adebayo Shittu, Honourable Minister for Communications, Federal Ministry of Communications

9.45 – 10:00 Internet and Broadband Affordability in Nigeria
Presentation of Internet and broadband affordability statistics in Nigeria and the impact on access
Dr Ernest Ndukwe, A4AI-Nigeria National Coordinator

10:00-10.40: The Challenges to Affordability in Nigeria
Presentation by A4AI-Working Groups
National Coordinator Dr. Ndukwe will chair presentations on the challenges to affordability in Nigeria. A representative of each working group will outline the challenges their group is working to resolve. The discussion will conclude with a Q&A session.

- **Spectrum Working Group**
  Mr Victor Pyarrap, Office of the Executive Commissioner, Technical Services, Nigeria Communications Commission

- **Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access Working Group**
  Mr Olusola Teniola, Chief Executive Officer, Internet Solutions

- **Consumer Awareness and Pricing Transparency Working Group**
  Mrs Mrs Busayo Obisakin, CEO/Founder, Women Inspiration Development Center

10:40 – 11:00 Refreshment Break

11:00-12:30 Presentations by Working Group Champions
A4AI Deputy Director Kojo Boakye will chair the Working Group presentations. Leaders of each working group will lead a discussion on the work undertaken, focusing on accomplishments to date and the current status of outputs. They will also gather input from participants regarding future plans and strategies to maximize impact. The discussion will conclude with a Q&A session.

- Engr. Nura Falalu, Deputy Manager, SA to the ECTS, Spectrum Working Group Advisor

- Mr. Jinmi Oluanuiga, A4AI Champion, Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access Working Group

- Mr. Oyebisi Babatunde Oluseyi, A4AI Champion, Consumer Awareness and Pricing Transparency Working Group

12:30-13:00: Networking Lunch

End of Meeting