

Quarterly Report Nigeria Coalition



2nd Quarter Report:
April – June 2017

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Spectrum Working Group

TBA

Taxation & Fiscal Working Group

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Summary of Key Accomplishments



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- Renewed MOU with the Federal Ministry of Communications

- Hosted 2nd Coalition meeting on April 25 in Lagos on day 0 of the Paradigm Initiative's Internet Freedom Forum
Launched Nigeria Affordability Report with media coverage on CNBC Africa and
- A4AI also attended partner agency ATCON's Annual General Meeting where the Nigeria report was shared & Infrastructure sharing issues discussed
- Tax & Fiscal Policy interest group held first meeting.

Summary of Key Accomplishments

- In June the Consumer Working Group ran its #WebWeWantNG social media campaign garnering 1.3 million media impressions.
- A4AI accepted invitation from the Ministry to participate in the newly constituted Broadband Council.
- In June A4AI's Chairperson Dr Johnson and members attended the Business Day Broadband Summit successfully convincing key stakeholders to participate in a future workshop on Infrastructure to drive industry improvements.
- Contributed comments to the NCC's call for comments on the establishment of an Internet Industry Code of Practice mostly governing the subjects of an Open Internet and Net Neutrality.



Working Group Reports

Consumer Advocacy & Pricing Transparency working group

- Reviewed the Work Groups work plan and assigned roles and responsibilities
- Ahead of the WebWeWantNG Campaign developed a campaign package to help members participate meaningfully in the campaign.
- Organised and coordinated the #WebWeWantNG online campaign on the 14th June to raise awareness on the internet and to seek information from Nigerians on the web they wanted as part of NCC's consultation on internet governance.

Infrastructure Sharing & Open Access working group

- Developed plan to host an Infrastructure sharing workshop as recommended by key stakeholders.
- IS Champion participated in the IFF2017 Difficult Conversations panel on shared infrastructure to help promote Open Internet and Internet Freedom
- IS Champion attended the Stockholm Internet Freedom Forum #SIF2017 discussing importance of multistakeholder participation to promote access.
- Also engaged other participants, including Steve Song at SIF, on the prospect of holistic research on the level of infrastructure sharing happening in Nigeria

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Infrastructure Sharing & Open Access working group



- Exploring research collaboration opportunities on extent of infrastructure sharing with, but not limited to, Nigerian GIS researchers, A4AI/Web Foundation research team, and Lagos Business school
- IS Champion moderated a panel at the Business Day Broadband Summit sponsored by MainOne and chaired by A4AI Chairperson Dr Omobola Johnson on broadband as enabler of economic growth.
- At the summit the IS working group secured joint commitment by Business Day and the NCC towards an Infrastructure workshop with A4AI; plans are underway.

Spectrum working group

- Explore research to review national allocation table and identify gaps
- Restructuring working group
- Discussions on setting spectrum prices, base prices
Unregulated spectrum in terms of TV white spaces and unregulated spectrum and there's a need to follow through on these areas.
- Researching good practices in Tv white spaces and Dynamic spectrum management
- NCC should consider Spectrum trading as an option. ATCON has made a proposal.
- Discussions on Spectrum trading rules /guidelines should be undertaken.

Taxation & Fiscal working group (New)

Objective To review the fiscal policy in Nigeria and how it (may) address affordable Internet access.

Key outcomes of engagements :

- Immediate plan: Develop ToR setting up of the working group and leadership
- Assess the USPFs documentation and frameworks and identify issues relating to fiscal and tax implications.
- Review of previous and current strategic management plans (2007-2011, 2013-2017), including ECOWAS policies.
- Streamlining taxation policies (federal vs local govt levels)

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Taxation & Fiscal

- Push for pricing transparency in telecom, and made openly available.
- Plans to develop a research, policy, evidence-building WG that passes on findings to Consumer Advocacy & Pricing Transparency WG for the advocacy.
- Comprehensive outlook desired: how to get around loosening USFs eg for affordable devices
- How does this also translate to the ECOWAS region and synchronization of fiscal policies.



Working Group Action Plans Q3 & Q4

Working Groups Plans

Consumer Advocacy & Pricing Transparency

- Raise awareness on Importance and Benefits of the Internet through Infographic
- Engage consumer organizations on pricing transparency concerns

Infrastructure Sharing & Open Access

- Better align A4AI meetings with NCC's overlapping events
- Initiate qualitative research on Infrastructure sharing
- Plan and hold an Infrastructure Sharing Workshop
- Improve membership profile of the Infrastructure Working group to active and influential members
- Produce a special Industry report on Infrastructure Sharing
- Increase level of engagement for Community Networks

Working Groups Plans

Taxation

Key follow up actions

- Who should be in the WG? Reach out to potential members
- Collect information based on the above and share with the Consumer Advocacy WG Research function.
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Tentative Dates

3rd Quarter Working Group Meetings
(online and/or locally)
mid-September – October 2017

4th Quarter Coalition Meeting
& Infrastructure Sharing Roundtable
Thursday, 30th November 2017
Abuja



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