

A4AI-Nigeria Coalition Meeting 5th July 2018

**Wazobia Hall, Sheraton Abuja
Abuja, Nigeria**

The Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) brings together prominent players from government, the private sector, civil society and development sectors to provide a unified voice and coordinated focus in addressing the shared goal of open, affordable and equal access to the internet in the developing world. A4AI aims to make the internet universally affordable for all who want to use it.

Since 2014, A4AI-Nigeria has been working on priority issues that must be addressed to unlock the potential for affordable, universal and equal access in Nigeria:

- Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access – limited sharing of some infrastructure.
- Spectrum - concerns over spectrum policy, including innovative and efficient use of spectrum.
- Consumer Awareness and Pricing Transparency – limited consumer awareness and information about the benefits and cost of internet services, including, but not limited to, taxation and fiscal concerns that affect cost borne by consumers.

The overarching theme for this meeting is **Advancing Access to Affordable Broadband in Nigeria**. It is open to all people interested in increasing broadband access and affordability in Nigeria, with a view to discussing key considerations including policy, regulation and innovation needed to achieve this goal. Nigeria adopted the “**1 for 2**” **affordability target**, committing to ensuring that Nigerians can afford at least 1G of data per month at an average of no more than 2% of average monthly GNI. The coalition remains resolute in supporting the development of a suitable policy and regulatory environment to meet this goal. Looking towards **Vision 2020** and the opportunity to update **Nigeria’s National Broadband Plan**, this meeting will offer an opportunity to engage all key stakeholders to participate in a dialogue towards an effective broadband policy.

DRAFT AGENDA

Digital Inclusion: Opportunities and Strategies for a New Nigeria Broadband Plan

8H30 - 9H00	Arrival & Registration
9H00 - 9:15	Welcome & Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engr Ernest Ndukwe, A4AI-Nigeria National Coordinator Onica N. Makwakwa, A4AI Africa Regional Coordinator
9H15 - 9H45	Opening Remarks by Guest of Honour Honourable Minister, Alhaji Barrister Adebayo Shittu , Ministry of Communications (invited) <p>Updates from the Working Groups (5 min per group)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates per group leader: present 2018 plans and priorities Key questions to address by the Coalition
9H45 - 11H00	Advancing Digital Inclusion Through Universal Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Universal Service and Access Funds: An Untapped Resource to Close the Gender Digital Divide</i> - (Remote) A4AI, World Wide Web Foundation (Nanjira Sambuli, Digital Equality Advocacy Manager / Dhanaraj Thakur, Senior Research Manager) <i>From Access to Efficiency: The 8-point Agenda of Nigeria Universal Service Provision Fund</i> (invited) Mr. Ayuba Shuaibu, Secretary of Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) <p>Moderator: Onica N. Makwakwa, Africa Regional Coordinator, A4AI</p>
11H00 - 11H15	Coffee Break
11H15 - 12H00	Current Affairs: Policy and Regulatory Challenges to Affordable Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Levy on Electronic Transactions</i> - (invited) Mr. Olusola Teniola, President, Association of Telecoms Companies of Nigeria (ATCON) <i>Data Pricing Regulation on Affordability</i> - (invited) Prof. Umar Danbatta, Executive Vice Chairman/CEO, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) <p>Moderator: Chukwuyere Izuogu, Champion, Infrastructure, Open Access & Spectrum Working Group</p>
12H00 - 13H00	A New Broadband Plan that Leaves No One Behind (Group Working Sessions) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure, Open Access & Spectrum - Recommendations for Bridging the Infrastructure Gaps and Connecting the Unconnected Digital Inclusion - Recommendations for closing the digital divides through smart fiscal policies (including review of taxation and universal service funds in context of 1 for 2 policy). Consumer Awareness - Recommendations to Bring more Nigerians online, From Relevant Content to effective Consumer Protection
13H00 - 13h45	Report back and next 6 months per working Groups: Priorities and activities Moderator: Engr Ernest Ndukwe, A4AI-Nigeria National Coordinator
13h45 - 14h00	Wrap Up & Next Steps
14h00	Networking Lunch