

Closing AIS 2018 v.01

Madam minister, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen

overall; we did it again and will do it again !! We have been at it since 2000. It's all kudos from me

Afnog success!

Thanks everyone for all the support and active participation and we are very grateful to our hosts and sponsors for this great opportunity to network in the region

At the National level I am satisfied Senegal is playing its role very well and we recognize a growing local ecosystem of SN*, nic, nog, rer, isoc, and others, all employing open bottom up multi stakeholder approaches. This is very healthy and encouraging to see. Perhaps, national and governing processes might employ similar multi stakeholder methods for improving policy dialogue in general in Senegal

Regional; As a key proponent of Af*, I am pleased to see your active involvement in building our regional technical institutions. Please be mindful that these institutions are largely public interest groups and therefore not property to keep but property to share. I

ask you to protect them by increased participation and resist capture. We risk inviting the real politicians to come in as we are becoming too political for my liking. We seem to be throwing away meritocracy for power and that is politics. We want back humility and service. Also, the multi stakeholder processes require active participation for success without which capture becomes a real concern

Globally, we thank our friends and partners sincerely for their support and engagement. We also wish to ask our partners to be patient and understanding with us as we go through these challenging times. Please do all you can to constructively support this emerging internet continent. Be courageous to call out what is wrong, taking in consideration of our cultural context, so we have opportunity to repair. It's worth mentioning that in service to community there is no winner and no loser. Rather we all succeed together or fail together

Trust me, the African community is much more united and determined than it appears on the surface

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Congratulations! Please congratulate each other!!

We look forward to AIS 2019 in Kampala, Uganda

