AfNOG 2018 Opening

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Ladies and gentlemen

AfNOG success !

We are pleased to be back in Dakar, Senegal and for AfNOG 2018

On behalf of AfNOG I express our appreciation for the way we come on this annual pilgrimage to AIS Af* meeting

AfNOG is an operator community committed to build capacity of our community

We are pleased to have supported the incubation of many other successful af* organizations in the ecosystem. AfriNIC, AfTLD, afren, Africacert, afpif, and other's all benefited from incubation at AfNOG. AfNOG is this the mother of all these organisation and we hope to continue to stimulate more self organized groups to form

Today, I wish to discuss about the values of our community

Computing science as a whole is being called upon to establish its ethics in the wake of Cambridge Analytica saga

Likewise our community has been challenged over the past year and we have to reexamine our values hence these comments

Some important community values include active contribution, sharing, volunteering, mutual respect, reject fatalism, laziness... what we do together is always better

Reject selfish ways, promote meritocracy and have community interest be supreme at all times

The human being is his own medicine
"Nitt, nitt moy garabam" if I may quote H.E Léopold Senghor

Community has the solution

Our pilgrimage is occasionally over bumpy terrain yet we make this annual journey to acquire knowledge, gain practice and simply to be with the Af* family since 2000

We thank you all for this

It gives me joy when the face of a young engineer is brightened when he gets the clue

AfNOG ! Success!

We are focused on liberating Africa technologically

We thank local host and our partners for supporting us over the years and helping our community grow

We thank our special partners [ISOC, ICANN, google, network the world, wacren, dotafrica, Nsrc, ghana Dot Com, Oreilly for the trust you have in us

We thank leadership of Af* for holding hands to create a successful and enviable program

In particular we thank instructors, organizers, logistics team and workshop participants

We thank the Ministere de la communication des telecommunications des postes et de l'Economie Numerique

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For their support and hosting us and will like you to convey our respects to the government of Senegal

Congratulations to everyone

AfNOG! Success!