

## Gfce opening AfNOG 2019

I am pleased to say a few words at the opening in our search for safety on the Internet

Every step we take in life comes with risks which we all assess routinely and continuously. This determine actions we take

We do this analysis in real time and people are generally successful at it

There are known to occur unplanned and unexpected events some not under our control. Some of these are intermediated with common rules of law and others as public service or responsibilities

As societies we have effectively accomplished these in our villages and townships and extend to countries to over the high seas and to space

At each such extension we have derived appropriate mechanisms to enable freedom,

peace and safety in the new space with varied success

As we move our lives into this new cyber space we are deriving how we attain the peace, freedom and safety in this new realm

We are now learning how to do these assessments in cyberspace but we have some hints

- cooperation is a necessary part as different authorities contribute to global internet
- Education and awareness are precursor to norms and taboos in this new space
- Extensive coordination and rapid response are part of behavior in this new space
- New hygiene practices would be required
- May require national laws and global/regional treaties or understandings to fully address issues in this new space
- Facilitation of law enforcement in a measured and accountable way would be important

- Anticipating new uses of internet and with intimate hands on understanding would be invaluable in policy formulation

We are in a fluid situation and Africa has an important role to play

AfNOG is celebrating its 20th anniversary at this event and it's important to note that security and safety was part of discussions at the first event in 2000 and has continued

At this celebratory event we have very good hands on tutorials on IoT, blockchain and next cloud architecture all with a bearing on security. I hope you'll take some moments and engage the larger AfNOG ecosystem on these topics as well

I am pleased to see the engagement and wish you a very good meeting

Thank you