Icann 7 minutes

I am pleased to give an update on Afnog 2019 at icann meeting. As a former director of icann and convener of AfNOG I cannot overstate the natural synergy between our two organizations.

The relationship between technical coordination and administration of the Internet and the technical capacity of the operator community is rather vivid. A weak operator community would have negative impact on the stability and administration of the internet which would have adverse impact on the one internet we have

AfNOG seeks to build the technical capacity of operators in Africa and Africa is made up of emerging internet economies. We create an atmosphere for experienced operators to volunteer their time to train younger operators and retain them in a community

Afnog was the forum to incubate several of the African technical institutions, af*, proposed in Cotonou 1998

AfNOG is the oldest of the Af* organizations and held its first workshop and conference in Cape Town, South Africa in 2000.

Other Af* organizations include Afrinic, ren africa, aftld, africacert, AfNOG chix and others

Hence, Afnog celebrating it's 20th Anniversary at this event in Kampala. Please join us in celebrating this 20th Anniversary

Over the 20 year period we have visited 17 different countries 3 of them two times including Uganda. We have assisted over 10,000 engineers and many of them have become instructors of AfNOG or country NOGs

Several of AfNOG participants are leaders of internet operators in Africa. We cultivate cooperation among engineers and operators to build the internet

We ask participants to join their local country NOG to propagate AfNOG spirit of cooperation and success in countries

For the Workshop part of the AIS, we have 150 Participants from 31 African countries and instructors are from 15 different countries

I now wish to comments on our approach to decision making in a multi stakeholder multi disciplinary deliberately diverse environment. The approach works well when there's broad active participation from community and systematic moderation of issues. It also becomes meaningless when we do not adhere to roles of stakeholders. It is even worse when we start to imagine that some stakeholders are not relevant as we lose the value of shared ownership of one internet. In short potential capture is one of the strongest threats to inclusive community decision making and we should ensure it does not occur

Happy 20th anniversary at AfNOG and AIS

Thank you for your attention