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Annual Report 2019-2020

ISOC Namibia

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Our Story

The Internet Society (ISOC) Namibia chapter was officially launched in November 2017 as a not-for-profit association with a mission to promote the development of policy of the internet as a global technical infrastructure, a resource to enrich people's lives and a source for good in society.

The internet society Namibia chapter membership is free for all and represents the extensive multi stakeholders within the internet in the Namibian Ecosystem. It is independent and only serves along the interest of internet policy and development.

The internet society Namibia chapter is governed by a board of directors, representing the different stakeholders of the internet ecosystem in Namibia.

Mission

To promote the development of the internet as a global technical infrastructure, a resource to enrich people's lives and a force for societal good.

Value

- **Multistakeholderism**
- **Openness**
- **Inclusivity**
- **Collaboration**

Vision

The Internet is for everyone



Vice-President Remarks



... the internet society works on creating priority areas per year on key internet challenges that the organization as well as the local chapters work around. The focus will be on addressing identified issues according to each country's context and approaches.

Since its inception as a local chapter of the internet society globally, the internet society Namibia chapter has been engaging and collaborating with stakeholders both locally and beyond to capacitate, educate and raise awareness on issues of ICT development in the country. The journey has been fruitful and an eye opener, we have managed to air our views, opinions and recommendations at national platforms such as the ICT summit, the Namibia Internet Governance Forum (NamIGF) and national consultations on internet policies being organized through the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology (MICT).

It should be noted too, that issues around ICT keep evolving at a very fast pace, hence the need to capacitate and raise awareness. To realise some solid results, requires a continuous process. On that note, the internet society works on creating priority areas per year on key internet challenges that the organization as well as the local chapters work around. The focus will be on addressing identified issues according to each country's context and approaches.

The 2021 focus areas of the internet society are specifically focusing on:

- Growing the Internet.
- Strengthening the Internet.
- Empowering people to take Action.

We strongly believe that these priority areas will guide and assist us in achieving our goals locally. For this year, we forge ahead through our engagements with our stakeholders and partners.

We look forward to engaging with each and every one of you, as we embark on this journey in this new year, in making the internet a safe and secure space for all.

Sincerely

Josaphat Tjiho

Chapter Officers



Ms. Anna Amoomo

PRESIDENT



Mr. Josaphat Tjiho

VICE-PRESIDENT



Ms. Pahukeni Kangayi

FINANCE



Ms. Frieda Lukas

ADMIN / COORDINATOR



Action Plan 2019

As a local chapter of the internet society global, our action plan for 2019 derived from the aims and vision of the global office action plan for 2019 with the aim of contextualizing those plans into the Namibian context and need.

The overall goal of the 2019 action plan was:

- 1. Shaping the Future of the Internet.**
- 2. Connecting the World.**
- 3. Improving Technical Security.**
- 4. Building Trust.**

With the current challenges of internet connectivity, security and accessibility, we as a chapter worked on addressing these issues by aligning them to the global office's overall goals set for 2019. These were achieved through hosting events, national consultations on ICT issues locally and beyond as well as through social media awareness and other media platforms.

More on our activities for 2019 can be read on the next page of this booklet.

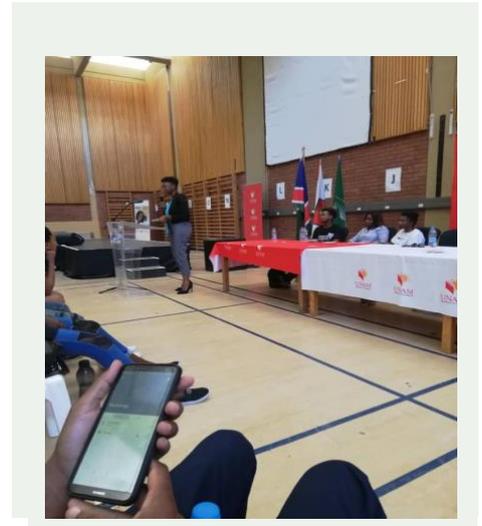
List of Activities 2019

Activity: Online Safety Outreach

Date: 31 January 2019

Venue: University of Namibia.

The online safety outreach was an invitation by the University of Namibia for the chapter to have a platform to raise awareness and educate the first-year university students at their orientation about the safety measures to keep in mind when they are on the internet. This was a one-day event and attracted 400 students who attended the event.



Activity: Safer Internet Day

Date: 5 February 2019

Venue: Mao Ze Dong High School.

In celebrating the UN international celebrated day. Our chapter took part in celebrating the world Safer Internet Day. The event was celebrated under the theme “Together for a Better Internet”, and it was in partnership with UNICEF, Lifeline-Childline, Mao Ze Dong High School, Ministry of Education Arts and Culture, Ministry of Gender Equality and Child Welfare as well as different schools. This event had overall participants of 160.

Activity: I.U.M First Year Orientation

Date: 12 February 2019

Venue: International University of Management.

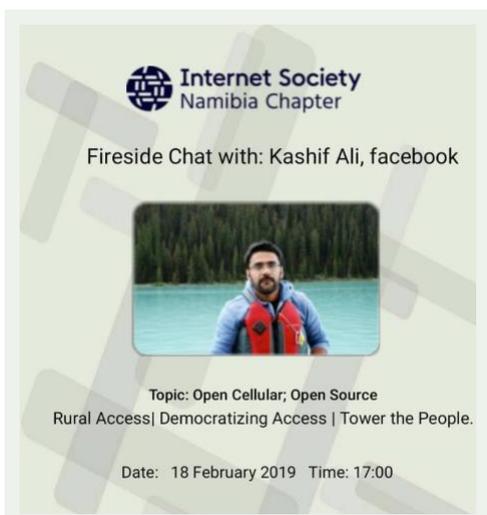
The first-year orientation is an annual initiative by universities where first year students are brought together to learn and receive updates on what lies ahead for them at that specific university in terms of their academic studies and other information. Our chapter was invited to inform and educate the first-year university students on the topics: “The good and bad of Internet”

This event had over 500 students present.



Activity: Groot Aub Community Network Outreach**Date: 13 February 2019****Venue: Groot Aub**

This was the first community network set up by the chapter in Groot Aub. As a first step of setting up a community Internet network we focus abundantly on Training the local community on the ability to connect and mount a solar panel to support the community network. Setting up the solar station is to keep the community internet network electrified in the absence of power supply from the local council's grid system.

**Activity: Open Cellular- Fireside Chat****Date: 18 February 2019****Venue: NBII**

The aim of the fireside chat was to discuss concepts of Open Cellular and Open Source in the context of Namibia and how that could provide for rural access, democratizing access and give the power of connectivity back to the people. The chat featured Facebook executive Kashif Ali.

Activity: National Stakeholder ICT Meeting**Date: 19 March 2019****Venue: Office of the Prime Minister**

The purpose for attending this meeting was for the chapter to present its focus areas and activities for the years as well as to engage with other stakeholders in the internet ecosystem on internet issues in Namibia.



Activity: IETF Viewing Hub 104

Date: 26 March 2019

Venue: NBII

IETF viewing is an opportunity for Namibian Internet Engineers to view and discuss chosen topics held at the IETF physical meeting. The IETF is hosted 3 times a year and chapters can participate remotely to the working groups and contribute and add on the topics of their interest. The chapter has been hosting this viewing hub since its inception in Namibia.



Activity: Namibia Safety and Security Expo

Date: 4 April 2019

Venue: Windhoek Show Ground

The chapter took part in this first Namibia safety and security expo. The need for partaking in this expo was to raise awareness on the security and importance of being secure online. The chapter had a stall at the expo and also raised awareness of the chapter and its existence in the country.

Activity: Technology Innovation Bazaar

Date: 23 May 2019

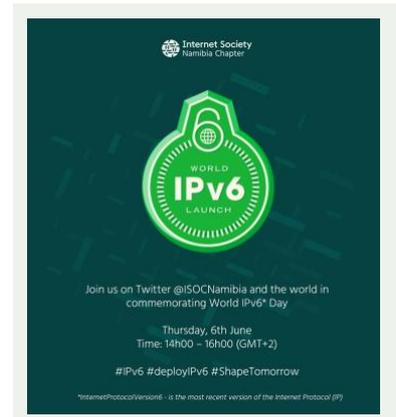
Venue: NBII

The event was organized by the Namibia University of Science and Technology with the sponsorship from MTC. This was an event organized for all kinds of ICT Stakeholders in Windhoek to showcase their work and projects and have a chance to win awards. ISOC Namibia used this opportunity to reach out and recruit more members for the Chapter.

DATE	22-23 May 2019			
VENUE	Namibia Business Innovation Institute, 1 – 3 Click Street, Windhoek West			
HOST	NIIST Faculty of Computing and Information Faculty Research Day & Tech Innovation Hub			
AUDIENCE	Sessions marked with open to public are open for general public, free entrance			
TIME	TENT	LABS	BAZAAR	
10:00-10:30	REGISTRATION			
10:30-10:45	Address by Hon. Minister of Education, Training and Innovation Honourable Dr. Shani Kunda-Murungu, Minister of Education, Training and Innovation			
10:45-11:00	TEA BREAK			
11:00-11:30	Research in Africa: Intelligent Knowledge in the digital world	Early stage innovation support	exhibitions networking workshops awards	
11:30-11:45	LUNCH	Tech Knight's Round Table		
14:00-15:30	Research in Africa: Digital transformation	Research for Industry Innovation		
15:30-15:45	TEA BREAK			
15:45-16:30	Open for Lab			
16:30-20:00	NETWORKING/REGISTRATION			
17:00-17:30	REGISTRATION			
17:30-18:00	Address of Chairperson of Council Honourable Dr. Shani Kunda-Murungu, Minister of Education, Training and Innovation			
18:00-18:30	Research in Africa: Big Data - Infrastructure and Analytics	Industry challenge workshop		
18:30-19:00	TEA BREAK			
19:00-19:30	Panel discussion: How to bridge the gap between research, innovation and entrepreneurship	Industry challenge workshop		
19:30-19:45	Closing session			

Activity: ISOC Namibia World IPv6 Twitter Discussion**Date: 6 June 2019****Venue: Online**

June 6 is the World's IPv6 Day Commemoration - ISOC Namibia held an online panel discussion with local and international attendees to discuss IPV6. The panel discussed issues around promotion, adoption, security of IPv6 in the world.

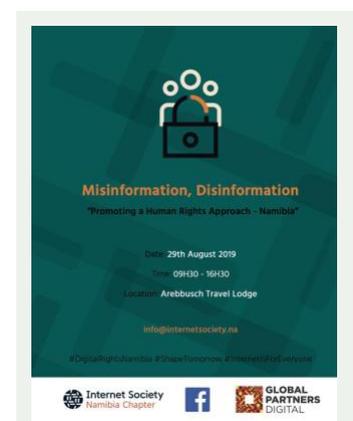
**Activity: IETF 105 Remote Hub Viewing****Date: 26 July 2019****Venue: Namibia University of Science and Technology**

The Internet Engineering Task Force is an international organization that is dedicated to developing open technical standards. Every year IETF hosts 3 international 1-week events where Internet Engineers gather to share updates on the standard they have been working on. The Namibia Chapter hosted a 4th remote view hub for members and the technical community around Windhoek. The purpose of the activity was to expose people in Namibia to the work of the IETF and to raise up some

individuals to join the different working groups. Africa is generally very poorly represented on the various IETF Working Groups hence the need for the chapter to host these viewing hubs.

Activity: Misinformation, Disinformation- Training for Journalist and Editors**Date: 30 August 2019****Venue: Arebbusch Travel Lodge**

The purpose of this event was to Raise awareness about misinformation online through formal training, targeting practicing media owners and editors, empower journalists with knowledge to navigate misinformation during election time and introduce journalists to tools and mechanisms to deal with misinformation.



Activity: Namibia Internet Governance Forum 2019**Date: 2 October 2019****Venue: Gateway Centre**

The Namibia Internet Governance Forum (NamIGF) is a multi-stakeholder forum that engages on issues related to Internet Governance (IG) on a national level, and how it intersects with IG developments at continental, and international level. Established in 2017, it adheres to the principles of the African Internet Governance Forum (AfIGF), which, in keeping with the United Nations (UN) Internet Governance Forum (IGF). Be Open - all entities, organisations and participating individuals that are IG stakeholders shall be free to join the NamIGF. Multi-stakeholder - The active and democratic participation of a diverse range of stakeholders, including that of women and youth, shall be promoted. Transparent - Stakeholders shall be open in their communication, decisions, and implementation of NamIGF related activities. Accountable - Mechanisms for checks and balances, as well as for the review and redress of actions related to the NamIGF shall exist. Remote participation - The NamIGF shall make optimum use of the Internet to increase the number of participants in all its activities. The Internet Society Namibia Chapter serves as the secretariat for the Namibia Internet Governance Forum and has been involved in the planning, preparation and hosting the IGF of 2019.

Activity: Women Digital Leadership Forum**Date: 9 October 2019****Venue: AM Weinberg Hotel**

The aim and purpose of the forum was:

- Create a platform to share experiences with online violence.
- Introduce participants to means on navigating online violence.
- Introduce participants to platforms and tools to protect

them online.

- Train participants with mechanisms on how to counter negative narratives against themselves.



Activity: National ICT Summit 2019**Date: 9 October 2019****Venue: NIPAM Windhoek**

The national ICT Summit brings together all the stakeholders in the ICT Industry of Namibia. Internet Society Namibia Chapter has played a big role in the planning and contributing to the summit as session moderators, panellist and exhibitors. The ICT Summit provides an opportunity to ISOC members to engage with the stakeholder in the ICT and Internet Summit and to learn about the various developments happening.

Activity: Fake news & Electoral Democracy in Namibia**Date: 10 October 2019****Venue: Roof of Africa Hotel**

The event was held in preparation for the Namibia national election that took place the following month. The purpose of this event was to create awareness about fake news and its potential impact on democracy. The internet is a medium through which much fake news is spread. How might this impact democracy in Namibia.

**Activity: Establishing the Ongha Community Network****Date: 30 October 2019****Venue: Ongha Ohengwena Region**

The purpose of this initiative was to have a wireless Internet connectivity network established for the Ongha Community Network. The purpose of the network is to empower the residents of Ongha by providing free internet access and training in digital literacy to enable them to unlock opportunities for themselves. This was a 2019 Namibia chapterthon project under the internet society.

Activity: UNESCO Africa Code Week- Tobias Hainyeko Training**Date: 8 November 2019****Venue: Katutura, Windhoek**

UNESCO and SAP provided seed funding to ISOC Namibia to carry out a training project to teach more than 100 girls how to code. The project could be carried out only over 1 month.

**Activity: Global Internet Governance Forum****Date: 25-29 November 2019****Venue: Berlin, Germany**

Our founding and chapter vice-president Josaphat Tjiho received a fellowship from the German Informatic Society as a youth in IGF to attend the Global Internet Governance Forum 2019 in Berlin, Germany.

The youth at IGF had a side event a day prior to the global internet governance forum where 100 young people from 40 different countries engaged in different subgroups discussion and plenary on internet governance issues for young people. The youth came up with 11 key messages. These messages reflected the need for inclusive participation, Transparency, Holistic digital education, and enhanced safety online.

https://yigf.gi.de/fileadmin/GI/Hauptseite/Aktuelles/Projekte/YIGF/YIGF_Publikation_Website.pdf



Activity: Members Engagement Day/ Year End Function

Date: 15 December 2019

Venue: Heja Lodge

This was a training, engaging and socializing platform with the chapter members as well as to close off for the year. It was also for New Members to get a chance to meet other members and learn more about the Internet Society and the membership portal.

Activity: IoT Market Analysis in the Namibian Landscape

Date: 16 December 2019

Venue: Windhoek West, Windhoek

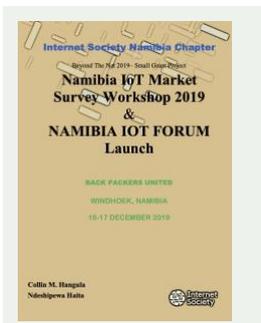
The workshop was a study to establish what is happening in the IoT landscape in Namibia, this will help us on who and how Namibians are working in the IoT space. The chapter have established an IoT forum that will act as IoT watchdog to monitor, incubate and educate people in the IoT space in Namibia.



Activity: Launch of Namibia IoT Forum

Date: 17 December 2019

Venue: Back Packers United



This is an IoT-focused special interest group (SIG) of ISOC Namibia that will be studying, discussing and reporting on all IoT developments in the country, region and continent for the benefit of ISOC Members and partners.

The elected leadership of the Forum, together with the ISOC Namibia leaders will finalize the 2020-21 action plan for the Forum in January 2020.

Action Plan 2020

The internet society global office action plan for 2020 focussed on:

- **Strengthening the Internet**
- **Growing the Internet**
- **Building our Community, Extending our Voice**

The year 2020 presented us with an evolution where we got tested on the need of internet connectivity and perhaps started to think about the importance of the internet and how it can be incorporated as a basic human rights component. Nearly half of the world remains unconnected and those who are connected face new and growing challenges to fully realize the internet's potential.

For this, the areas of strengthening the internet and growing the internet were very much vital in achieving our global goal of making sure that everyone has access to the internet and that "internet is for everyone". However, to strengthen and grow the internet there is a huge need in building communities that understand the importance of the internet and how they can raise their voices for the betterment and development of the internet for everyone.

Through these focus areas and in Namibia, we engaged with different stakeholders and partners on different occasions and platforms addressing issues of our focus areas for the year as well as finding key areas of collaborations and engagements. More on the events we hosted and took part in can be found in our next pages to follow.

List of Activities 2020

Activity: Safer Internet Day 2020

Date: 11 February 2020

Venue: Keetmanshoop, Namibia.

The internationally celebrated event was hosted in Keetmanshoop, under the theme “Together for a better Internet”. Our chapter hosted a panel discussion with children, parents, teachers, and social workers on cyber bullying. The aim was to enable children to share their views and experiences on child online safety.



Activity: Chapter Training Program on IoT

Date: 30 April 2020

Venue: Online.

Our Chapter member Benjamin Akinmoyeje presented the report “The organization of work on IoT Research in Africa”. Benjamin invited SIG members to take part in this work and contribute to the basic document as part of his initiative.



Activity: Chapter Training Program MANRS

Date: 2 June 2020

Venue:

Our Chapter member Lucas Chihinga Tjimango who represented the chapter for the MANRS Training initiative wrote a blog post as part of his initiative. The blog speaks about routing.

<https://isocnamibia.org/news/internet-routing/>



Activity: Chapter Training Program Encryption**Date: 6 June 2020****Venue: Windhoek**

As part of the ISOC Chapter Training initiatives, our chapter member Loide Uuzigo who represented the chapter wrote a blog post as her initiative and Course Activity.

**Activity: Namibia Women Rights Online Report Launch****Date: 30 July 2020****Venue: AM Weinberg Hotel**

The launch tabled the findings of the National Frameworks and SDG Commitments on how the country can overcome the gender digital divide. Amongst others the research targeted the following main themes: Internet Access and Women's Empowerment Affordability Digital Skills and Education Relevant Content and Services for Women Online Safety A panel also interrogated the findings of the research and explored policy positions to ensure a narrower gender digital gap.

The launch was officiated by the First Lady of the Republic of Namibia, Madam Monica Geingos. The research was done by our founding President Nashilongo Gervasius, Vice-President Josaphat Tjiho and chapter member Em'c Erastus.

Activity: Making it Through Covid-19 Pandemic**Date: 21 September 2020****Venue: Online**

This was a chapter initiative to create awareness and discussions on TV around the importance of using social media and other online communication platforms during COVID19 in the country and beyond. Access the YouTube video here: -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98RhuGSG0pA&authuser=0>





Activity: Youth Speak

Date: 24 September 2020

Venue: Online

Our chapter was invited to participate in sharing collective views and recommendations on the Role of Digitalisation in Youth Empowerment as well as to be part of the African Union and European Union Delegation reports for development.

Activity: 2020 Chapterthon

Date: 5 October 2020

Venue: Keetmanshoop

Through the Chapterthon the Chapter donated laptops to a local community internet Café. Four-chapter members engaged in discussions about the Internet and e-learning and the Café offered free services to the community in the Month of October 2020. We utilized the community radio station and offered content to be shared regarding the internet ecosystem.

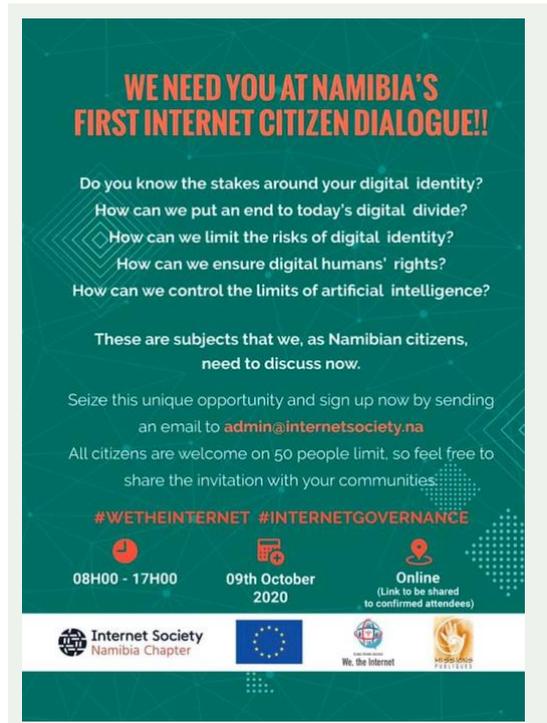


Activity: We The Internet Citizen’s Dialogue

Date: 9 October 2020

Venue: Avani Hotel

The one-day dialogue is an initiative by Missions Publiques (www.missionspubliques.com), in collaboration with ISOC Namibia. The aim of the dialogue was to discuss improving internet governance issues for the 21st Century. It targeted 100 citizens engaging on internet issues and how these issues affect them as well as recommendations that the ordinary citizens have on these issues. The purpose was to engage with different stakeholders and share ideas, challenges and opportunities on internet issues specifically in the Namibian context. The outcome was compiled with other 76 countries that will be hosting this same dialogue in their countries and will be presented at the 2020 Global Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

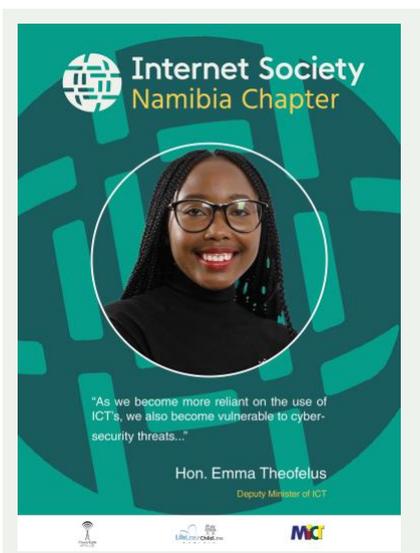


Activity: Cyber Security Awareness Campaign

Date: 29 October 2020

Venue:

The goal of the campaign was to be able to educate the future generation with skills that are vital and can carry the message of safety and be able to shape the internet for the youth of Africa. While working toward the goal of safety during this pandemic of Covid-19 we also want to educate the youth about on malicious site e-learning best practices, raise awareness on how to identify & reduce Fake News, Cyber security.



Activity: Global Internet Governance Forum

Date: 2-17 November 2020

Venue: Virtual

Our chapter Vice-President Josaphat Tjiho took part in the 2020 global IGF with other 50 expert under 30 years to develop 12 key

recommendations for the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the internet under its theme #Youth4DigitalSustainability Project.

https://gi.de/fileadmin/GI/Allgemein/PDF/Youth4DigitalSustainability_Recommendations.pdf

Beside the 12 recommendations, Josaphat also took part in a panel discussion on “Youth & Sustainability: Creating Change through Collaboration” at the global IGF representing the civil society and African Group <https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2020-ws-231-youthsustainability-creating-change-through-collaboration>.



Activity: Youth in ICT Day

Date: 21 November 2020

Venue: Namibia University of Science and Technology



The purpose of this day was to create an open and safe environment for young people to discuss issues regarding the internet and internet Governance for the aim of establishing the grounds to host a Namibian youth Internet Governance Forum. The event was a success, and a report is compiled to share what the youth have to say.

Other Initiatives and Activities we took part in

Activity: Child Online Safety

Date: 8 September 2020

Venue: NBC TV

This was a panel discussion organized by NBC to talk about child online safety especially in times of covid-19.



Activity: Africa Code Week

Date: 3 September 2020

Venue: Zoom Online Discussion



The annual celebrated event was organized by Glowdom with other stakeholders and touched on issues of Artificial Intelligence, Fourth Industrial revolution amongst other topics. The chapter was invited to talk and give its perspective and views on these issues.

Activity: Social Good Summit

Date: 22 September 2019

Venue: New York

Our chapter was represented by our founding president Nashilongo Gervasius at the #UNGA Social Good Summit 2019 which is a United Nation Foundation annual summit. Amongst others, the aim of the summit was to interrogate on how we can save the world and the importance of technology.



Activity: Southern Africa Start Up Awards

Date: 19 September 2019

Venue:

Our Chapter and Founding president were selected as nominees for Best Start Up Initiative Ecosystem and Public Choice award at the 2019 Southern Africa Start Up Awards.



Activity: Africa Internet Governance Forum

Date: 10 September 2019

Venue: Chad

Our chapter took part in the African Internet Governance Forum that was hosted by the government of Chad in collaboration with the African Union.

Activity: Youth for Global Goal

Date: 25 June 2019

Venue: Usakos

In collaboration with AIESEC and Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Services, our chapter hosted an ICT project that was funded by internet society on specifically aiming to meet goal number four of the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN.

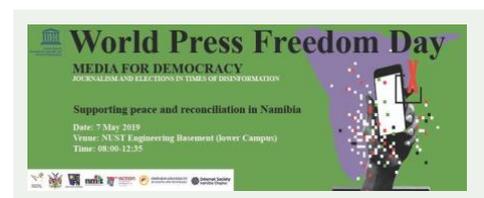


Activity: Stockholm Internet Freedom**Date: 15 May 2019****Venue: Stockholm, Sweden**

Our chapter was represented at the Stockholm Internet Freedom in Sweden. The aim of the event was to engage on internet for global development amongst other topics. This was a weeklong event.

**Activity: Panel Discussion****Date: 14 May 2019****Venue: American Cultural Centre**

The internet society Namibia chapter was invited to a panel discussion on “The Paradox of Underdevelopment in the Era of the 4th Industrial Revolution a Youth Perspective”. Our chapter gave some perspective on the fourth industrial revolution and how we perceive it.

Activity: World Press Freedom Day**Date: 7 May 2019****Venue: Namibia University of Science and Technology**

In celebrating this annual event. The internet society Namibia took part in the 2019 world press Freedom Day under the theme “Media for Democracy, journalism and elections in times of disinformation.

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