

Infrastructure Sharing & Open Access

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Progress Summary



- Ministerial commitment to improve broadband penetration and affordability made at November Nigeria Coalition
- A4AI Recommendation of Infrastructure Sharing and Spectrum Trading well received at forum
- Position Paper for better enabling ICT delivered by Engr Ndukwe at Minister's Retreat
- Recommendations received by Senate & House Committees, EVC NCC at Minister's retreat in January 2016
- EVC's 8 Point Agenda released in February 2016 prioritising Broadband Penetration, Quality of Service and Spectrum Utilisation
- NCC statement on Spectrum Trading as an option for efficient utilisation of spectrum made at Mobile World Congress, Barcelona in March 2016
- A4AI Affordability Report published in 2016 with new target
- Report & Communications Service Tax Infographic created
- Suspension of introduction of Communications Service Tax Bill
- Suspension of introduction of data floor pricing pending report
- Introduction of Spectrum Trading as an option to improve access
- TV White Spaces pilots were approved for implementation by NBC

Overall Highlights 2014 - 2016

- A4AI articulated a strong Policy position on the need for affordable internet and infrastructure sharing
- A4AI effectively partnered with the Ministry of Communications in supporting the Nigerian Broadband Plan
- A4AI Successfully lobbied for continuity of implementation with respect to the plan

Overall Highlights 2014 - 2016

- A4AI successfully held 5 coalition meetings and a multi-stakeholder forum on infrastructure sharing and sector issues
- A4AI strongly advocated and promoted the drive towards spectrum trading and sharing frameworks to improve digital dividends
- A4AI drove several advocacy efforts on the benefit of the internet and elimination of the Communications Service Tax
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- A4AI ably represented and tabled its affordability concerns at a formal presentation meeting with the Senate President, Senator Olubukola Saraki
- A4AI has successfully offered its support to the regulator NCC in assisting with cost based pricing and analysis where needed

IS & OA Work Plan – Achievements

OUTPUT	DEADLINE	PARTNERS	STATUS
1. Policy statement driving implementation of infrastructure sharing initiatives	AUG 2015	NEC	DONE
2. Monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the National Broadband Plan Progress	JUN 2015	National Broadband Council	DONE
3. Recommended strategy for the development and establishment of shared community broadband networks	JUN 2015	LGA, State Govt	WIP



QUICK WINS

IS&OA Quick win for Nigeria

A4AI Output based on work plan	Proposed quick win activities for the work group	Likelihood of producing quick win by end of 2015 (1 being high)	Target audience	Possible timeline			Key responsible
				Nov	Dec	Jan	
Policy statement to incentivize the implementation infrastructure sharing initiatives Draft proposed regulatory instrument(s) to support the implementation of infrastructure sharing initiatives.	Coalition Meeting held in Lagos	1	Work group				Lead-
	Assess Smart State progress, gaps, remaining challenges.	1	Nigeria Communications Commission (NCC), CSOs, Telecoms operators and the wider public.				Lead-
	Assess policy instruments that promote and incentivize infrastructure sharing	1	General public				Lead-
	Develop policy recommendations to note and incentivize implementation	1	NCC, FMCT				Lead-
	Present the recommendations to Federal and State Authorities	1	NCC, FMCT, STATE				Lead-

IS & OA Work Plan – Challenges

- The Smart States Initiative made very little headway due to changes in administrative interests and economic priorities
- Assessing the current state of infrastructure sharing was difficult due to an absence of cohesive industry data
- A4AI identified that driving effective and actual infrastructure sharing was the greater challenge following its effective advocacy

IS & OA Work Plan – Challenges

- A4AI did not have continuity of engagement as the Broadband Council appeared to have been disbanded or was in a long state of transition
- Community broadband and local networks were evaluated to be low on current state priority targets and considered financially unviable for OpCos, a position A4AI does not necessarily agree with
- A4AI identified that further research and data gathering was required to effectively drive its advocacy and implementation efforts within specified timelines

Next Steps

- A4AI identified several datasets of information required to adequately report on Infrastructure Sharing
- Nigeria Coalition to develop a Terms of Reference for carrying out this research similar to Ghana
- IS Group targets and proposes holding an Infrastructure Sharing Workshops with industry stakeholders in 2017
- A4AI proposes reengaging with the Broadband Council

Thank you!

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