



A4AI ALLIANCE FOR AFFORDABLE INTERNET

GHANA COALITION

Coalition Meeting

Tuesday, 28 March 2017

AITI-KACE, Accra, Ghana

About the A4AI-Ghana Coalition

The Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) brings together prominent players from the private sector, public sector, and civil society to provide a unified voice and coordinated focus in addressing the shared goal of open, affordable access to the Internet in the developing world. The Alliance aims to increase the affordability of both mobile and fixed-line Internet access dramatically, with a focus on achieving a goal of “1 for 2”—no more than 2% of monthly income per capita for 1GB broadband connection.

At the start of its work in Ghana, A4AI held a successful first A4AI-Ghana Forum in which a number of priority issues were identified. These priority issues have the potential to undermine efforts to increase Internet access and affordability to broadband in Ghana. The priority issues identified in Ghana are:

- Taxation
- Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access
- Research and Data Collection
- Consumer Awareness and Pricing Transparency

The Coalition members have formed four working groups that are working on each priority issue. These working groups developed work plans and started developing policy and regulatory outputs (e.g. draft proposals and recommendations) designed to resolve the key challenges.

Objectives and Outline of the A4AI-Ghana Coalition Meeting

The A4AI Ghana Coalition Meeting on Tuesday, March 28th is open to all people interested in increasing broadband access and affordability in Ghana. It will give the four A4AI-Ghana working groups the opportunity to review the work they have done to date, discuss opportunities for continued collaboration and reset priorities going forward.



AGENDA

08:30 – 09:00	Breakfast and Registration
09:00 – 09:15	Opening Remarks & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kwaku Oforu-Adarkwa, National Coordinator, A4AI-Ghana • Ms. Eleanor Sarpong, A4AI's Deputy Director - Policy Lead
09:15 - 09:30	Address by Guest of Honour Hon. Mrs. Ursula Owusu-Ekuful, Ghana Minister of Communications(invited)
09:30 – 09:45	Release and Presentation of Ghana Infrastructure Sharing Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estelle Akofio-Sowah, Working Group Champion • Eleanor Sarpong, A4AI's Deputy Director - Policy Lead
09:45 – 10:00	Fireside Chat with Deputy Minister Zotawon Titus of the Government of Liberia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberia's ICT Journey • Interviewer: Kwaku Sakyi Addo
10:00 - 10:15	Fireside Chat with Mr. Joe Anokye, Director General, National Communications Agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards Affordable Internet: Notable Regulatory Interventions for Ghana
10:15 - 10:30	Highlights & Accomplishments: A4AI-Ghana, 2014 - 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kwaku Oforu-Adarkwa, National Coordinator, A4AI-Ghana • Clara Pinkrah-Sam, Deputy National Coordinator, A4AI-Ghana
10:30 - 11:15	The A4AI 2016-2017 Affordability Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onica N. Makwakwa, A4AI Africa Regional Coordinator • Erica Penfold, Research Analyst, A4AI • Open Discussion
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:30	Breakout Group Work: Looking Forward, A4AI-Ghana 2017 - 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxation Champion Kwaku Sakyi-Addo, CEO, Ghana Telecom Chamber • Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access Champion Estelle Akofio-Sowah, Country Manager, Google Ghana • Consumer Advocacy & Pricing Transparency Champion Clara Pinkrah-Sam, Innovation Entrepreneurship & BPO Expert, eTransform Project • Research & Data Collection Champion Kafui Prebbie, CEO, TechAide
12:30 - 13:15	Group Reports: Focus on upcoming priorities and required adjustments to work plans
13:15 - 13:30	Next Steps & Closing
13:30 - 14:30	Networking Luncheon