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Kofi Annan ICT Centre Of Excellence  
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### Expert Biographies

#### **Professor Clement K. Dzidonu, President of Accra Institute of Technology, and Chairman of National ICT Policy and Plan Development Committee**

Professor Clement Dzidonu is the President of the Accra Institute of Technology (AIT), a member of the Council of the Informatics Development Institute (Ireland), and a Senior Research Fellow of the International Institute of Information Technology (INIIT).

From 1984, Professor Dzidonu taught and conducted research at a number of universities including: Trinity College, Dublin; National University of Ireland, Galway, Makerere University, Uganda, the National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe and Valley View University, Accra, Ghana. He has published seven computer books and over ninety scientific papers and reports.



During the past twenty years, he has been involved in a number of information and communication technology (ICT) related projects and initiatives in Europe and Africa. He served as a Consultant to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), advising a number of African Governments on their National ICT Policies and Plans.

He is Chairman of the National ICT Policy and Plan Development Committee, and member of the United Nations Global Alliance for ICT for Development (GAID) High-Level Advisory Committee. He also served as the Chairman of the African Technical Advisory Committee of the African Information Society Initiative (AISII) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Professor Dzidonu's International Recognitions and Awards, include:

- *Meritorious Award for Distinguished Services to the Field of Computer: Awarded by the International Biographical Center (IBC) Cambridge, UK (1998)*
- Listed in the Who's Who in the World as an Author and Computer Science Educator
- Awarded the Outstanding People of the 20th Century Medal by the International Biographical Center (IBC) Cambridge, UK (1999)
- Winner of the 2003 World Technology Award.
- Life Achievement Award, The 1st Ghana ICT Awards (2008)
- The ICT Personality of the Year (Male), West Africa, The West African ICT Awards



**Mr. Ivan Vallejo Vall, Market Analyst, International Telecommunications Union (ITU)**

Ivan Vallejo Vall is Market Analyst at the ICT Data and Statistics division (IDS) of the International Telecommunication Union's Telecommunication Development Bureau. He works in the collection and dissemination of ICT statistics, with a particular focus on data from administrative sources. He participates as market analyst in the drafting of the analytical reports produced by the ITU IDS division – such as the Measuring the Information Society report – and in the methodological publications on administrative sources – such as the ITU Handbook for the Collection of Administrative Data on Telecommunications/ICT. He takes part in the organization of the ITU Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and in its discussions. Before joining ITU he worked in the Spanish telecommunication regulator, the National Markets and Competition Commission. He holds Engineering degrees in Telecommunications from the *Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications* (ENST) in Paris and from the *Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya* (UPC) in Barcelona.



**Mr. Michuki Mwangi, Senior Development Manager for Africa & Middle East, Internet Society (ISOC)**

Mr. Michuki Mwangi joined ISOC in April 2008 as Senior Education Manager working with the Education team to promote Internet growth and sustainability in the developing world.

Michuki has long been active in the African and global Internet communities, having been centrally involved in key infrastructure developments, technical coordination activities, and policy-making forums.

Before joining ISOC, Michuki was an Internet technology consultant. He previously served as the Administrative Manager at the .KE registry (KENIC) and serves as president of the African Top Level Domain (AfTLD) Association and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of the Kenya Internet Exchange Point (KIXP), both in a volunteer capacity. He facilitated the anycast deployment of the .COM, .NET, F, and J root servers in Kenya, as well as other key infrastructure deployments in Africa.



He is active in the African Network Operators Group (AfNOG), the Country Code Name Supporting Organization (ccNSO) of ICANN, AfriNIC (the Regional Internet Registry for Africa), and several other local and international technology groups. Michuki has also been involved in the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) discussions since the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) meeting in Tunis.

Michuki holds a diploma in computer analysis and design from Data Center College in Nairobi, Kenya. He has also received additional training in Scalable Network infrastructure and services at AfNOG. In 2006, he was selected as an ISOC Fellow to the IETF (attending the 66th IETF meeting, in Montreal, Canada). Michuki is based in Nairobi, Kenya



**Mr. Osondu C. Nwokoro, Director Regulatory Affairs, Airtel Nigeria**

Osondu manages regulatory affairs (compliance, interconnection, environmental affairs) and relationships with government and other telecommunications industry stakeholders for Airtel Nigeria. He has broad experience spanning over 15 years in the industry, having previously been at the Nigerian Communications Commission, where he was very actively involved in developing the foundational policy and regulatory instruments for the industry.

Osondu is a regular commentator on telecommunications trends in Nigeria and is highly referenced in that regard. He holds degrees in law and is a member of the Nigerian Bar.



**Mr. Jose Marino Garcia, Telecommunication Policy Advisor, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism in Spain**

Jose Marino Garcia is currently finishing a Ph.D. in Applied Economics at Complutense University in Madrid. His dissertation and professional background focuses on the regulation of telecommunication markets, the design and implementation of public policies to increase the access and inclusive use of ICT, and the generation of the appropriate environment for the development of infrastructures.

He earned a Master of Public Administration at Columbia University in New York, and a Master of Science in Telecommunication Engineering from Alfonso X University in Madrid. Currently, Jose works as Telecommunication Policy Advisor in the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism in Spain. In his role he was Delegate of Spain in working groups of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) and has collaborated with the OECD in groups dealing with the regulation of telecommunication markets.



Previously, Jose Marino worked as an independent consultant at the World Bank doing research about infrastructure sharing and is still collaborating with the Bank on that matter. A talented pianist, Jose also received a superior degree in music for piano from the Higher Conservatory in Madrid.