

**Workshop on Regulation of infrastructure Sharing
&
Coalition Meeting**

Monday, 4 July 2016

08h30 to 15h45

InterContinental Hotel

Lagos, Nigeria

About the A4AI-Nigeria 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 Nigeria, A4AI held a successful first A4AI-Nigeria 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 Nigeria. The priority issues identified in Nigeria are:

- Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access
- Spectrum
- Consumer Awareness and Pricing Transparency

The Coalition members have formed three working groups to work on each priority issue. These working groups have work plans that guide their engagement in developing policy and regulatory outputs (draft proposals, recommendations, etc.) designed to resolve the key challenges.

Objectives and Outline of the A4AI-Nigeria Coalition Meeting

The A4AI Nigeria Coalition Meeting is open to all stakeholders interested in increasing broadband access and affordability in Nigeria. Onica Makwakwa will open the meeting with a lightning talk on recent research by A4AI on the impact of mobile data services in developing countries. Following the research presentation, each working group will share the challenges to affordability they are addressing, and report on their progress to date, including highlights of key accomplishments and expected outcomes in the near future. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for all participants to discuss the work of each working group, the objectives of the wider Coalition, and the current campaign against the proposed communications service tax (CST).

Workshop on Infrastructure Sharing in Partnership with Vieira de Almeida

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AGENDA

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Ndukwe, National Coordinator, A4AI-Nigeria• Sonia Jorge, Executive Director, A4AI• Ministry of Communication Technology, Government of Nigeria, TBC
09:30 – 10:45	Session I: Good practice in the regulation of infrastructure sharing - Overview of legal frameworks from Africa and beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis of the policy and legal frameworks across the regions, special focus on Africa• Q&A <p>Isabel Ornelas, Telecom Legal Expert, Vieira de Almeida Sonia Jorge, Executive Director, A4AI</p>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:30	Section II: Overview of legislative and regulatory framework in Nigeria <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jinmi Sonuga, A4AI-Nigeria Coalition Deputy Coordinator and Working Group Leader, Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access
11:30 – 12:45	Session III: Service Providers Roundtable: Gaps and challenges to implement Infrastructure Sharing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Airtel• ATCON• GSMA• MTN• Smile Communications
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 - 14:00	Lightning Talk on A4AI Mobile Data Services Research <i>Exploring User Experiences & Perceived Benefits (View report)</i> Onica N. Makwakwa, A4AI Africa Regional Coordinator
14:05 -14:30	Update on A4AI–Nigeria Coalition advocacy work on the Proposed Communications Service Tax Dr Ernest Ndukwe, A4AI-Nigeria National Coordinator
14:30 - 15:20	Update from A4AI-Nigeria Coalition Working Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocacy & Consumer Working Group• Research & Data Working Group• Spectrum & Open Access Working Group
15:20 - 15:45	Wrap-up & Next Steps