



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF  
COMMUNICATIONS  
Leveraging ICT for National Development



**BUSINESS DAY**

**Lagos Continental Hotel - Plot 52A, Kofo Abayomi Street,  
Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria**

## 1. Introduction

The Alliance for Affordable Internet ([A4AI](#)) is the world's broadest technology sector coalition working to drive down the cost of Internet access in less developed countries. Comprising over 80 member organisations from across the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, A4AI works through a blend of international advocacy, evidence-based research (such as the annual [Affordability Report](#)) and direct engagements with selected countries, to support policy and regulatory reforms proven to help reduce industry costs and improve broadband affordability for all.

## 2. Background to the Nigeria Broadband Infrastructure Forum

In 2014, the A4AI-Nigeria Coalition identified the cost of broadband infrastructure deployment including the need for infrastructure sharing on an open access and fair basis as crucial to making broadband more affordable for all Nigerians. Since then, the Coalition has worked on a number of activities and projects to advocate and support the implementation of further policy reforms needed to expand affordable access. As a result, Nigeria endorsed the A4AI "1 for 2" affordability target (now a UN Broadband global target) and has been working to achieve this goal.

### Objectives of this forum :

- I. Assess progress to date to achieve relevant broadband targets and objectives established by the Nigerian Broadband Plan.
- II. Understand the key barriers to progress ; and identify key priorities for the new and updated 5 years National Broadband Plan.
- III. Convene all holders of ICT Infrastructure in Nigeria, including those outside the telecommunications sector (e.g., power, energy, real estate), to collaborate on good practices for sharing and to agree on action items that will see to increased infrastructure sharing and the driving down of deployment costs.

- IV. Develop initial solutions to ensure an enabling environment, with strong incentives for investments that will support market growth and universal affordable access to all Nigerians, with a focus on women and girls, rural population and the poor.

## Agenda

### A4AI-Nigeria Broadband Infrastructure Forum Tuesday October 30, 2018

08:00 – 09:00	Registration and networking
09:00 – 09:10	<b>Welcome Remarks &amp; Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Ernest Ndukwe, A4AI-Nigeria National Coordinator</li> <li>• Sonia Jorge, A4AI Executive Director</li> </ul>
09.10- 9.25	<b>Special Address by Guest(s) of Honour</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Minister of Communications, - Hon. Minister Adebayo Shittu</li> <li>→ Minister of Power, Works and Housing- Hon. Minister Babatunde Fashola (invited)</li> </ul>
09:25 - 09:45	<b>Keynote Addresses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Dr Omobola Johnson, former Minister of Communications, Senior Partner at TLcom Capital LLP, Web Foundation board member and ex-Honorary chairperson of A4AI - <b><i>Closing the Digital Divide in Nigeria, need for urgency</i></b></li> <li>→ Executive Vice Chairman (NCC), Professor Umar Danbatta - <b><i>Progress made in enhancing broadband infrastructure access to boost affordable connectivity to Nigerians (now and by 2020)</i></b></li> </ul>
9.45 – 10.30	<b>Setting the tone- - Lighting talks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mapping ICT Infrastructure in Nigeria-</b> Steve Song , Founder <a href="#">Village Telco</a></li> <li>• <b>Considerations for achieving affordable broadband access from the coast to the home</b> - Funke Opeke, MainOne</li> <li>• <b>Advancing Partnerships with Utilities companies to advance broadband access - Key recommendations</b> - Mavis Ampah , expert on ICT policy and Infrastructure, CEO Stinsad Consult &amp; formerly of the World Bank</li> <li>• <b>A summary review of the broadband plan 2013-2018-</b> Tope Ogundipe , Director of Programs, Paradigm Initiative</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Sonia Jorge, A4AI</p>
10:30- 11:15	<b>Panel: Mobilizing Nigerian Infrastructure Providers - Progress and Opportunities</b> Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Funke Opeke</b>, CEO Mainone (Subsea)</li> <li>• <b>Jane Egerton-Idehen</b>, Country Manager , Avanti Communications (Satellite)</li> <li>• <b>Tunji Alabi</b>, Executive Director Reanna Infrastructure Int. Limited .</li> <li>• <b>Ibrahim Dikko</b> -CEO, Backbone Connectivity Network Nigeria Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Olusola Teniola</b> - President ,Association of Telecommunications Operators of Nigeria (ATCON)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent Secretary -Ministry of Communications (invited )</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Eleanor Sarpong , Deputy Director and Policy Lead , A4AI.</p>
11:15 - 11:30	<b>Group Photograph and Coffee Break</b>
11:45 – 12.45	<p><b>Policy recommendations to boost broadband access</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Breakout Session 1:</b> Accelerating broadband Infrastructure across states - <i>Olusola Teniola</i></li> <li>• <b>Breakout Session 2:</b> Infrastructure sharing - <i>Mavis Ampah</i></li> <li>• <b>Breakout Session 3:</b> New technologies for access - Key considerations - <i>Jane Egerton- Idehen</i></li> <li>• <b>Breakout Session 4:</b> Mapping gaps in Infrastructure, Steps forward - <i>Steve Song</i></li> </ul> <p>Each group lead will have a 2 minute lightning talk before a breakout into the various groups. Each group will address 3-4 key questions to guide the dialogue and focus on what needs to be done differently to improve the ecosystem including key recommendations to update the Nigeria Broadband Policy.</p>
12:50 – 13:20	<p><b>Path Forward: 2018 - 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report back from Groups</li> <li>• Plenary: Key actionable takeaways</li> <li>• Moderator: Onica Makwakwa, Head for Africa, A4AI</li> </ul>
13:20 - 13.50	<p><b>Open Discussion: Next Steps to Achieve Results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment and agreed milestones and targets</li> <li>• Coalition working group follow up strategy</li> <li>• Closing Remarks</li> </ul>
13:55-15:00	<b>Closing &amp; Late Networking Lunch</b>