A4AI-GHANA COALITION MEETING

26th November 2015, 08:30-13:00
Kofi Annan ICT Centre Of Excellence
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 the UN Broadband Commission Broadband Target of entry-level broadband services priced at less than 5% of average monthly income.

At the start of its work in Ghana, A4AI held a successful 1st 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 Thursday 26th November 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 explain the challenges to affordability their working groups are addressing, the work they have done to date, 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 wider Coalition and its upcoming activities.

AGENDA

8.30 – 9.30: Networking Breakfast and Registration

9.30 – 9:35 Welcome from A4AI
Mr Kojo Boakye, Deputy Director, A4AI and Ms. Onica Makwakwa, Africa Regional Coordinator, A4AI

9:35-9:45 Address by Special Guest of Honour
Dr Edward Omane Boamah, Honorable Minister of Communications, Ministry of Communications
(To be confirmed)

9.45 – 10:00: Internet and Broadband Affordability in Ghana
A Presentation of Internet and broadband affordability statistics in Ghana and the impact on access
Mr. Kwaku Ofosu-Adarkwa, A4AI-Ghana National Coordinator

10:00 – 10:40: The Challenges to Affordability in Ghana, Presentation by A4AI-Working Groups
A representative of each working group will outline the challenges to improved affordability their working group is working to resolve:

- **Taxation Working Group, Plans**
  Mr. Derek Laryea, Head, Research & Communications, Ghana Chamber of Telecommunications

- **Research and Data Collection Working Group**
  Dr. Godfred Frimpong, Science and Technology Policy Research Institute

- **Consumer Awareness and Pricing Transparency Working Group**
  Mr. Jerry Sam, Programmes Director, Penplusbytes

- **Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access Working Group**
  To be Confirmed

10.40 – 11.00: Refreshment Break

11.00-12.30: Presentations by Working Group Champions
Leaders of the working group will each lead a discussion on the work undertaken, focusing on accomplishments to date and the current status of outputs. They will also gather input from participants regarding future plans and strategies to maximize impact.

- *Mr. Kwaku Saakyi Addo, A4A-Ghana Champion, Taxation Working Group*

- *Mr Kafui Prebbie, A4A-Ghana Champion, Research and Data Working Group*

- *Ms. Estelle Sowah, A4A-Ghana Champion, Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access Working Group*

- *Ms. Clara Pinkrah-Sam, A4A-Ghana Champion, Consumer Awareness and Pricing Transparency Working Group*

12.30-13.00: Networking Lunch

End of Meeting