EVERY VOICE COUNTS



Youth IGF in Sudan

Report of second Youth IGF Meeting in Sudan

I am writing to share our Meeting report for an event that was held with cooperation of Sudan Network Operators Group (SdNOG) at Mamoun Behairy Center, Khartoum, Sudan, North Africa, on 16 August 2016.

Internet Governance Youth Community (Youth IGF in Sudan) Meeting initiative targets to introduce the youth from various backgrounds in Sudan not only to ICANN but the wider Internet ecosystem with an aim of ensuring this new audience, are prepared early enough to help them participate effectively in the Youth IGF activities.

The overarching objectives of this meeting is to promote local engagement of Sudanese communities in Internet Governance, create awareness about ICANN, Global IGF, Youth IGF, ICT, IETF and build capacity of Sudan local community towards addressing future challenge of the internet in Sudan, Arab region and Africa Continent.

Young has been discussed and agreed on the importance of these points outlined below to ensure the freedom and privacy online and find the Internet secure, stable, fast to meet the requirements of citizens to live in

dignity and to ensure human rights in freedom and democracy and free expression to blogger.

- -Security and Privacy
- -Institutional empowerment
- -Critical Internet resources management
- -Internet Protection
- -Freedom of expression on the internet
- -The role of youth in Internet Governance
- -The Internet is a human right
- -Cybercrime
- -Protect children from the dangers of the Internet
- Woman and ICT.
- Internet for all.

The meeting also called for lifting of the economic embargo on Sudan, which helps in the growth of Communications and Information Technology in Sudan, which in turn helps in the growth, prosperity, scientific research and sustainable growth and development. The discussions focused on creating a strong international laws in the fight against cyber-crime and protect children from the dangers of the Internet. Attendees also stressed the importance of ensuring freedom of expression on the Internet and the protection of bloggers on the Internet and online platform for everyone Attendees also discussed spent a women in her right to catch up with men in

the area of the Internet and information technology. Also called for young people to find equal opportunities in training and grants to attend conferences and workshops, because Sudan from developing countries that need financial support.





Youth perspectives:

The youth also secured their views and stressed their vision of the future in

the Internet and work to achieve their principles, which are as seen by young

people as follows:

Our vision for the future is an internet where all young people are not

abusive in their language but freely and confidently express whatever

thoughts they have, and are knowledgeable enough to use the internet as a

way of connecting to youth worldwide.

It's very important to ensure that young people have a chance to be creative

and to explore good aspects of the internet. However, there needs to be some

systems in place to protect against the exploitation of young people and to

support their well.

The youth are key stakeholders in the internet too, so our opinions and

voices should be heard, and we have as much of a right to have our views

listened to as any key stakeholders. Young people today are getting more

aware of what's going on around them, growing up faster, and are very tech

savvy. We use the internet a s much as others, and so we should also have an

equal say and be consulted more often, especially as these things will be

implemented when we are adults.

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