

A4AI-NIGERIA EXPERT WORKSHOPS

Wednesday 25th February, 2015

8:30-15:40

Sheraton Hotel Abuja

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 the UN Broadband Commission Broadband Target of entry-level broadband services priced at less than 5% of average monthly income.

Since the start of its work in Nigeria, A4AI has held a successful 1st A4AI-Nigeria Forum in which a number of priority issues were identified. If not addressed effectively, these priority issues have the potential to undermine efforts to increase broadband access and affordability in Nigeria. The priority issues identified in Nigeria are:

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

Since the previous A4AI-Nigeria Coalition meeting in July 2014, Nigerian stakeholders have formed A4AI-Nigeria working groups that are currently working to produce policy and regulatory outputs related to each of the three issues identified. These working groups are led by three Nigerian key ICT stakeholders (A4AI Champions) and comprise stakeholders from government, the private sector and civil society.

Objectives and Outline of the A4AI-Ghana Expert Workshops

The two A4AI-Ghana half-day expert workshops have been designed to complement and enhance the work of the A4AI-Ghana Coalition as a whole, but the work of two of its working groups in particular. The first of the half-day workshops will focus on spectrum policy and regulation, feeding into the work of the A4AI-Nigeria Spectrum Working Group. Facilitated by Prof. H. Sama Nwana, Executive Director of the Dynamic Spectrum Alliance (DSA), the workshop will to give participants a foundational understanding of spectrum policy, and the spectrum-related policy and regulatory steps that can be taken to enhance broadband access in Nigeria. The workshop introduces *Spectrum Policy & Management: From Statutes via Economic Theory to Practice*, examining real-life examples. It will also enable participants to undertake group exercises that will feed directly into the work of the Spectrum working group activities.

The second half-day workshop will focus on infrastructure sharing and open access. Confirmed facilitators include representatives of the World Bank and A4AI member organization, Alcatel-Lucent. Amongst other things, the workshop will examine infrastructure sharing and open access in theory and in practice, including the essential facets of effective infrastructure sharing policy and regulation. It will also look at global examples of infrastructure sharing to examine what lesson learned might benefit on-going efforts in Nigeria.



AGENDA

Half-Day Expert Workshops

Morning Workshop 1: Spectrum Policy and Regulation

- 8:30-9:00** **Registration and Welcome**
- 9:00-9:05** **Introduction**
Kojo Boakye, Policy Manager and Advocacy, A4AI
- 9:00-10:00** **Economic Regulation & Spectrum Policy**
Prof. H. Sama Nwana, Executive Director, Dynamic Spectrum Alliance
- 10:00-10:15** **Networking Refreshment Break**
- 10:15-10:30** **Drawing it all together and real world examples of spectrum policy formulation for TV bands after DSO**
- 10:30-11:15** **Breakout groups discuss possible policy options for Nigeria**
- 11:15-12:00** **Breakout groups discuss opportunities for intervention in Nigeria**
- 12:00-12:30** **Groups report back**
- 12:30-13:30** **Lunch**

Afternoon Workshop 2: Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access

- 13:30-13:35** **Introduction**
Kojo Boakye, Policy Manager and Advocacy, A4AI
- 13:35-13:45** **The Importance of Infrastructure Sharing in Nigeria**
Jinmi Sonuga-Oluanuiga, A4AI-Nigeria Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access Champion
- 13:45-14:15** **Effective Infrastructure Sharing Lessons Learned and Future Thinking**
Jose Marino Garcia, Telecommunication Policy Advisor, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism in Spain and Independent World Bank Consultant
- 14:15-14:30** **Infrastructure Sharing in Theory and Practice**
Guillermo Alarcon, Government Segment Broadband Initiatives Solution Director, Alcatel-Lucent
- 14:30-15:15** **Breakout Groups develop policy recommendations (Peer Assist Exercise)**
- 15:15-15:30** **Groups report back**
- 15:30-15:40** **Next steps and close**