



IMPLEMENTING THE AFRICAN INFORMATION SOCIETY INITIATIVE (AIS I) SELECTED ACTIVITIES

'African Vision to Create Digital Opportunities'

| Project / Activity | | Objectives | Major AIS I Partners | Life Span/ Dates | Status |
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| Policy and Regulatory Issues | | | | | |
| 1 | Internet Initiative for Africa | To develop Internet networks and strengthen training institutions in Angola, Burkina Faso, Cape Vert, Chad, Ethiopia, Gambia, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Swaziland | ECA, UNDP | 1997 - | Ongoing |
| 2 | Acacia Program (Mozambique, Senegal, South Africa, Uganda) | To facilitate access to ICT applications for rural communities and set up telemedicine applications | ECA, IDRC of Canada | 1997 - | Ongoing |
| 3 | Partnership for ICTs in Africa (PICTA) | To create partnership mechanism in assisting the promotion of ICTs in Africa | ECA and major organisations involved in promoting ICTs in Africa | 1997 - | Ongoing |
| 4 | Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP) | To create global partnership in promoting ICTs for development | ECA, Global partners | 1997 - | Ongoing |
| 5 | Internet Awareness Workshop for African Telecom Ministers (Abuja, Addis Ababa, Libreville, Victoria Falls) | To build awareness among telecom ministers | ECA, UNDP | 1997 - 2000 | Completed |
| 6 | Development of National Information & Communication Infrastructure (NICI) policies and strategies for African countries <u>NICI plans available:</u> Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cap-Vert, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ghana, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Tunisia <u>On-going NICI development:</u> Burundi, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Namibia, Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia <u>On the pipeline to start the NICI process:</u> Botswana, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Sao Tome & Principe, Swaziland | To assist African countries in developing their own national ICT plans and strategies in order to participate effectively in the global economy and knowledge society | ECA, IDRC of Canada, EU, UNDP | 1999 - | Ongoing |
| 7 | Regional NICI workshops for Southern African countries (Windhoek) and for Eastern African countries (Addis Ababa) | To share experiences within a region | ECA, African Member States | 2000 | Completed |
| 8 | Building regulatory capacity in Africa - Workshop on regulatory issues (- Project on developing and strengthening regulatory policies | To enhance the availability of enabling telecom policy environment in African | ECA, ITU, ATU RECs, ECA | Oct 2000 Sep 2001 | Ongoing |



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| 9 Building Information & Knowledge Networks (APREN, CIIN, AVLIN, AKNF) | To promote information and knowledge sharing within and outside the continent | ECA, OAU, EU, RECs, SRDCs, USAID, WB | 2000 - | Ongoing |
| 10 African Information Network Centre (AfrINIC) | To provide and manage Internet Protocol (IP) addresses to African countries and institutions | ECA, UNESCO, UNDP, CISCO | 2000 - | Ongoing |
| 11 Centres of Excellence (AFRALTI Nairobi, ESMT Dakar) | To strengthen African capacity in developing ICTs for developing and implementing regulatory measures | ECA, IDRC, ITU | 2000 - | Ongoing |
| 12 Regional NICI workshops for Central and West African countries | To share experiences within a region | ECA, African Member States | 2001-2002 | Planned |
| Applications and Content Development | | | | |
| 13 Multipurpose Community Telecentres (Benin, Mali, South Africa, Uganda) | To facilitate access to rural communities | ECA, ITU, UNESCO | 1998 - | Ongoing |
| 14 ICTs for the African learning network | To provide computers and Internet connections to African schools | ECA, OAU, Japan, UNDP | Sep 2001 | Planned |
| 15 Electronic information resource centre on AIDS (Portal) | To enhance easy access and exchange of information on AIDS | ECA, USAID, Korea | Sep 2001 | Planned |
| 16 Pan African e-Commerce Initiative | <p>To undertake a study and organise national workshops on e-commerce environments in the following countries: Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, Tunisia, Uganda</p> <p>To organise regional workshops for SMEs and study tours and fund e-commerce start-ups and incubators (4 countries per subregion to be funded)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eastern and southern Africa (Mauritius) - Western and Central Africa (Dakar) <p>To develop an African e-commerce prototype</p> | <p>ECA, IDRC of Canada</p> <p>ECA, India, Japan</p> <p>ECA, Korea</p> | <p>2001</p> <p>Apr 2001 Oct 2001</p> <p>Sep 2001 -</p> | <p>Completed</p> <p>Planned</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Planned</p> |
| 17 School Networking in African countries – Consultation (Namibia) | To facilitate the networking of schools | ECA, IDRC | Mar 2000 | Completed |
| 18 Interfacing new ICT with digital radios (Niger) | To benefit from new technologies interfacing with traditional means of communication such as radio | ECA, UNESCO, ACMAD, UNDP | 2001 - | Ongoing |
| Training | | | | |
| 19 Training of trainers on Internet Technology (Abuja, Accra, Bulawayo, Dakar, Nairobi, Tunis) | To enhance the development of Internet technology skills in Africa | ECA, UNESCO, AFRINIC, AFNOG | 1997 - | Ongoing |
| 20 IDEP training on new information technologies and INTERNET | To expose the students to the advantages of Information and Communication | ECA, IDEP | 1997 - | Ongoing |



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| 27 | Committee on Development Information (CODI) 2 – ICT sub-committee | To provide policy and technical guidance to ECA's programme on "Harnessing Information for Development" | ECA, African Member States | Sep 2001 | Planned |
| 28 | ADF'99 Post Forum Summit | To create dialog between African Heads of State and major ICT private sector in order to facilitate massive ICT investment | ECA, OAU, ADB, EU, UNDP, African Member States | 2002 | Planned |
| Evaluation | | | | | |
| 29 | Developing ICT indicators (SCAN-ICT project) (Ethiopia, Ghana, Morocco, Mozambique, Senegal, Uganda) | To build capacity and develop indicators to measure impact of ICT in Africa's development | ECA, IDRC, EU, NORAD, ITU | 2000 - | Ongoing |

