

# Africa Internet Summit, AIS'21

## Shaping Africa's Internet Future

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# COVID-19 and the Internet in Africa



# Internet resilience during COVID-19

- Discussions on African Internet resilience
- Only about half of Africa can access the Internet
- Internet economy projected to contribute roughly 180 Million USD to Africa's GDP by 2025
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# Overview of our work



## **We need to make the Internet stronger.**

The Internet needs our help to maintain its critical properties and be there for everyone.



## **We need to grow the Internet.**

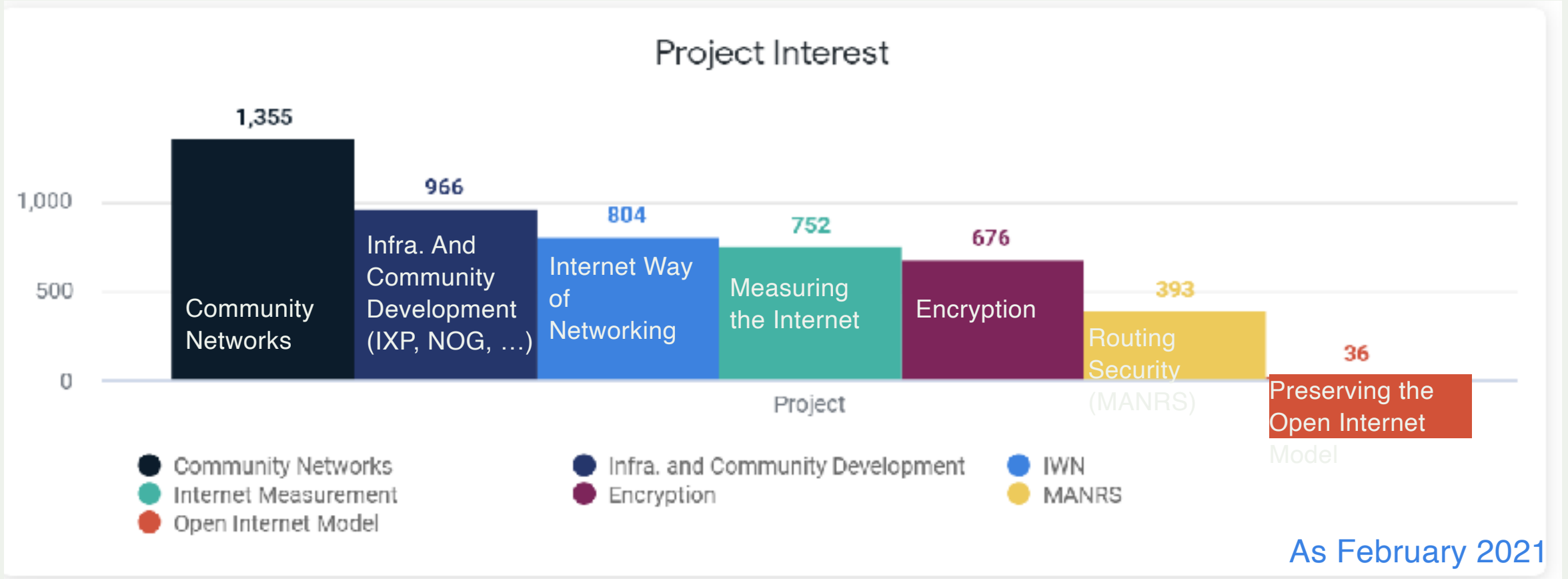
Nearly half the world's population is not connected.



## **We need to empower people.**

Attract, engage, and strengthen our community.

# Africa Region (Individual members) interests in the 2021 projects



To express your your interest in the Internet Society 2021 projects, follow the instructions at:

<https://www.internetsociety.org/take-action/2021-projects/>





# Growing the Internet





# Understanding Community Networks in Africa

- A survey identified 37 community network initiatives in 12 African countries in 2017.



# Community Networks in Africa

**Murambinda Community Network**  
*Zimbabwe*

**Zenzeleni & Zuri Networks**  
*South Africa*

**Fantsuam**  
*Nigeria*

**TunapandaNET**  
*Kenya*

**BOSCO Uganda**  
*Uganda*





# Infrastructure and Community Development in Africa

- **Develop.**
- **Build**
- **Knowledge sharing**



# Measuring the Internet

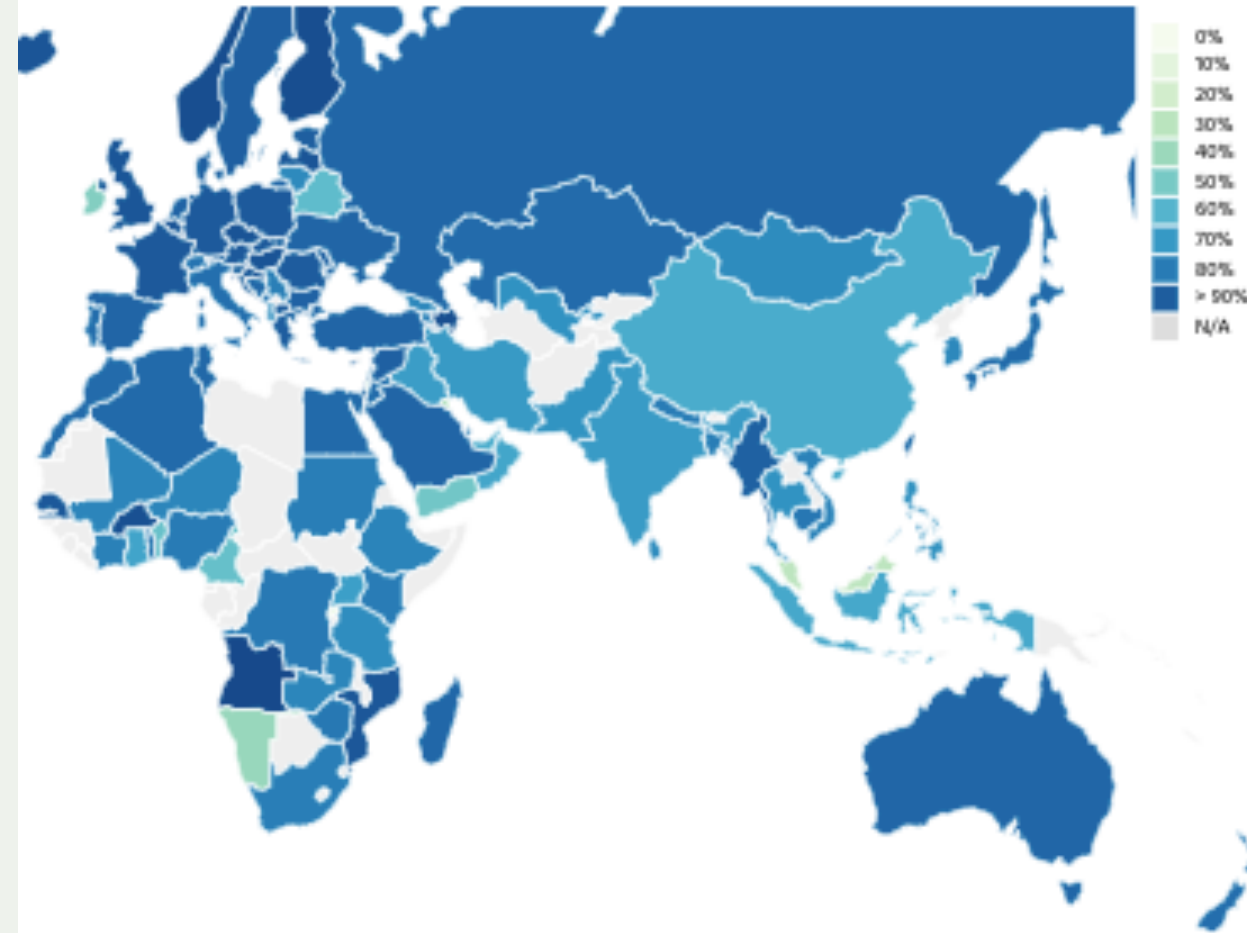
## About

- **[pulse.internetociety.org](https://pulse.internetociety.org)**
- Launched December 2020.
- We curate Internet measurement data from trusted sources to help everyone gain deeper, data-driven insight into the Internet.
- Helps to assess whether our efforts to ensure that the Internet remains open, globally connected, secure, and trustworthy are working.

**Pulse is available to everyone, everywhere including network operators, researchers, policymakers, journalists, and civil society groups.**



HTTPS IPv6 DNSSEC TLDs



Global Growth of Enabling Technologies

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# Our Work in the Region

- **Tracking Internet shutdowns:**

- 2021: Congo Brazzaville and Niger (March), Uganda, (January)
- 2020: Cameroon and Ethiopia (November), Tanzania and Guinea (October), Sudan and Algeria (September)

- **Internet Resilience**

- Focus on Africa.
- Measuring Internet Resilience in Africa (MIRA) Project Overview - together with AFRINIC: [\*\*\*pulse.internetsociety.org/blog/5847\*\*\*](https://pulse.internetsociety.org/blog/5847)
- Measurement probes (MIRA Pods) already installed in Cameroon🇨🇲, Kenya🇰🇪, Rwanda🇷🇼 and Mauritius🇲🇺.
- Four Chapters also hosting measurement probes: Benin🇧🇪, Ethiopia🇪🇹, Madagascar🇲🇬 and Tunisia🇹🇳.
- Initial data to be published soon.





Promoting the  
Internet Way of Networking

200 Train 200  
individuals

4 See the IIAT used to assess the  
impact of new or existing policies in  
at least 4 policymaking processes



## Extending Encryption

The Internet is under threat - governments around the world are finding new and unique ways to undermine the use of strong encryption.

10%

Increase adoption  
of e2e encryption  
by 10% globally

8

Mitigate government  
attacks on encryption  
in 8 target countries



# Securing Global Routing

Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security (MANRS) are vital to our trust of the Internet.



# MANRS Actions – Network Operators Programme

**Launched November 2014. Actions 1, 3 and 4 are mandatory. Action 2 is optional.**

## Filtering

Prevent propagation of incorrect routing information

Ensure the correctness of your own announcements and announcements from your customers to adjacent networks with prefix and AS-path granularity

## Anti-spoofing

Prevent traffic with spoofed source IP addresses

Enable source address validation for at least single-homed stub customer networks, their own end-users, and infrastructure

## Coordination

Facilitate global operational communication and coordination between network operators

Maintain globally accessible up-to-date contact information in relevant RIR database and/or PeeringDB

## Global Validation

Facilitate validation of routing information on a global scale

Publish your routing data, so others can validate

Registering number resources in an IRR and/or creating ROAs for them

# MANRS Actions – IXP Programme

**Launched April 2018. Actions 1 and 2 are mandatory, plus at least one additional action is required.**

## Action 1

Prevent propagation of incorrect routing information

This mandatory action requires IXPs to implement filtering of route announcements at the Route Server based on routing information data (IRR and/or RPKI).

## Action 2

Promote MANRS to the IXP membership

IXPs joining MANRS are expected to provide encouragement or assistance for their members to implement MANRS actions.

## Action 3

Protect the peering platform

This action requires that the IXP has a published policy of traffic not allowed on the peering fabric and performs filtering of such traffic.

## Action 4

Facilitate global operational communication and coordination

The IXP facilitates communication among members by providing necessary mailing lists and member directories.

## Action 5

Provide monitoring and debugging tools to the members.

The IXP provides a looking glass for its members.



# MANRS Actions - CDN & Cloud Programme

- Was launched on 1 April 2020 to complement existing Network Operators and IXP programme.
- Principles developed by large industry players including Akamai, Azion, Cloudflare, Comcast, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Nexica Oracle, Redder, Telefonica, TORIX, Verisign.
- Conformance with Actions 1-5 is mandatory. Action 6 is optional.

## Action 1

Prevent  
propagation of  
incorrect routing  
information

Egress filtering

Ingress filtering –  
non-transit peers,  
explicit whitelists

## Action 2

Prevent traffic  
with illegitimate  
source IP  
addresses

Anti-spoofing  
controls to  
prevent packets  
with illegitimate  
source IP  
address

## Action 3

Facilitate global  
operational  
communication  
and  
coordination

Contact  
information in  
relevant RIR  
database and/or  
PeeringDB

## Action 4

Facilitate  
validation of  
routing  
information on  
a global scale

Publicly  
document ASNs  
and prefixes that  
are intended to  
be advertised to  
external parties

## Action 5

Encourage  
MANRS  
adoption

Actively  
encourage  
MANRS adoption  
among the peers

## Action 6

Provide  
monitoring and  
debugging tools  
to peering  
partners

Provide  
monitoring tools  
to indicate  
incorrect  
announcements  
from peers  
filtered by CDN &  
Cloud

# Preserving the Open Internet Model

Open standards are as critical now as they were in the early development of the Internet.

We will protect the open standards that underpin the open Internet model by

- Taking a proactive approach to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA)
- Advocating for greater openness, transparency, and collaboration
- Getting the message out to our community and partners

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In the lead-up to or during WTSA, we aim to have 4 governments or governmental agencies express support for our positions



# Empowering People to Take Action





Supporting  
Community Participation

5000

Total Individual Members participating  
in Internet Society activities

500

Equip 500 Chapter  
members with essential  
information related to our  
2021 projects

5

Establish 5 topics for 2022  
as identified through SIG  
Community Consultations





## Building Expertise and Capacity

30

Offer 30 e-learning courses

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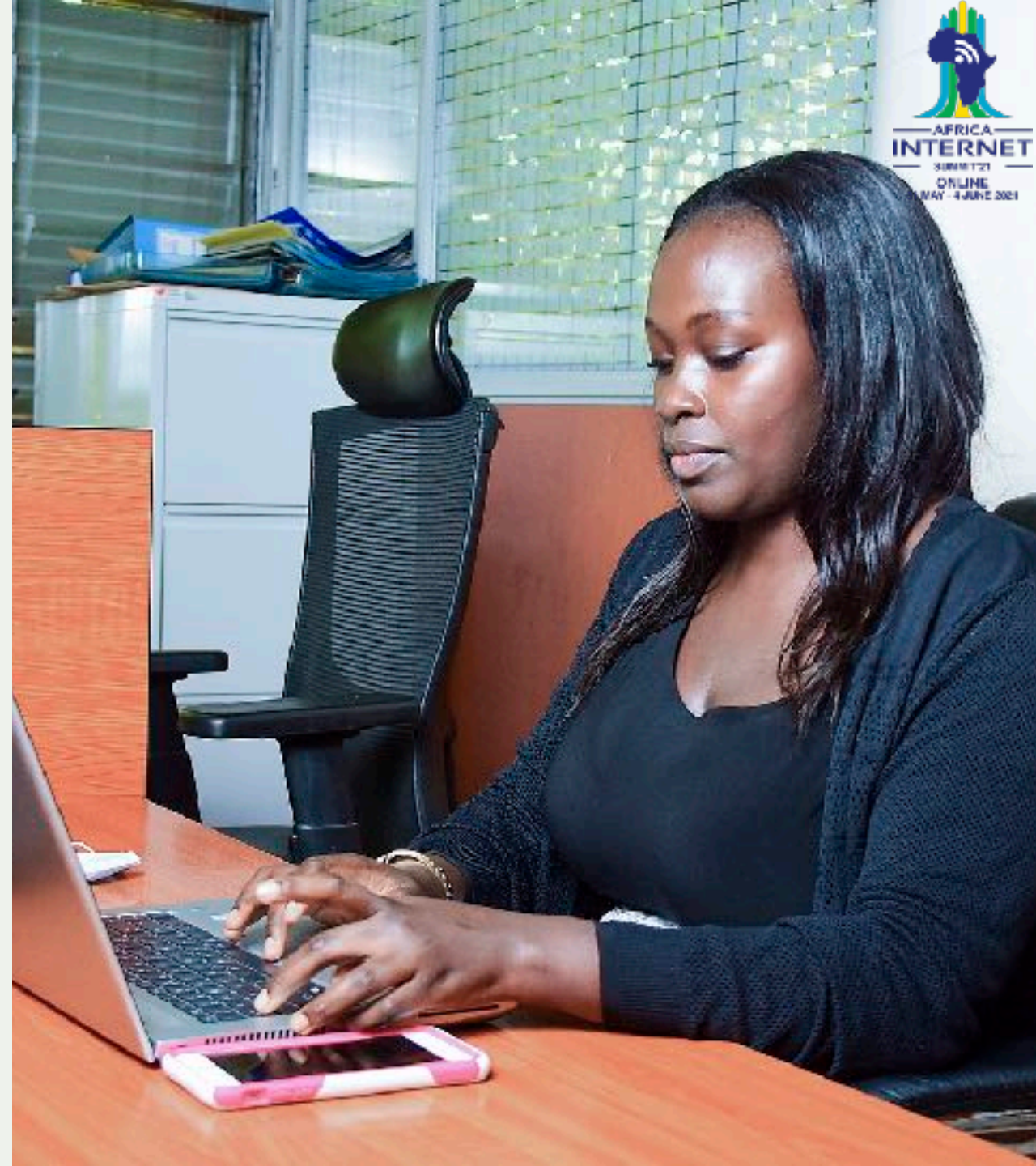
Facilitate 1 collaboration between NDSS research community and open standards community

2

Secure 2 partners to help with course accreditation

4

Secure 4 partners to support Fellowships





# Securing Resources for Growth and Greater Impact

By cultivating broader financial support for the work of the Internet Society, we can do more, include more people, and ensure our work responds to people's needs.

- Targeting outreach for new, diversified funding and partnership

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Through this outreach, which complements our member contributions, we will secure 10 new funding sources and 50 new partners who actively participate in our work.



We will do more for the Internet.

And we will work with, and alongside our global community, building our reputation as a movement of people who are driven by the shared vision:

**The Internet is for everyone.**



# Thank you.

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