

UNESCO Regional Consultation Forum to define Internet Universality Indicators (Phase 2)

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Time: 9:00 – 11:00; Tuesday 5 December 2017

Venue: Hyatt Regency Sharm el Sheikh, Gardens Bay

Description

Following delivery of the first draft Internet Universality indicators based on phase 1 consultation during March-October 2017, UNESCO takes a further step to advance the project by kicking off the phase 2 consultation and engaging with African stakeholders and experts to review the draft indicators at the occasion of the 6th African Internet Governance Forum.

The project is an immediate response to UNESCO's adoption of the 'CONNECTing the Dots' Outcome document in 2015 as well as the endorsement of the concept of 'Internet Universality' which points to four ROAM principles (Rights, Openness, Accessibility and Multistakeholder Participation). The project aims to develop an indicator framework to help governments and other stakeholders assess the extent to which Internet Universality principles govern their national Internet environments – and help them implement those principles into the future.

UNESCO will present the first draft of Internet Universality indicators, built on the phase 1 consultation which consists of 25 face-to face consultation activities across five continents and hundreds of written submissions received in six UN languages via online platform. It is a mix of quantitative and qualitative indicators, with special attention paid to gender and to the needs and interests of children and young people. The work on the project to define Internet Universality indicators is being led for UNESCO by the Association for Progressive Communications (APC). The draft indicators include five categories concerned with Internet Universality ROAM principles:

Rights (R)
Openness (O)
Accessibility (A)
Multistakeholder Participation (M) and

Cross-Cutting Issues (X)

The phase 2 consultation invites participants to review the draft and provide further comments on those indicators options and means of verifications. The phase 2 consultation will help UNESCO improve the draft indicators and get them finalized and launched by June 2018.

The first draft Internet Universality Indicators will be shared and released before the session as a basis for discussion.

Phase 2 consultation is available at the online consultation platform for written contributions in six UN official languages: <https://en.unesco.org/internetuniversality>

Written contributions are also welcome via UNESCO email: internetstudy@unesco.org

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15' Welcome remarks and Joint Introduction and presentation of the project –
Ms. Xianhong Hu (UNESCO) and Anriette Esterhuysen (APC)

20' Human Rights (R)

20' Openness (O)

20' Accessibility (A)

20' Multistakeholder participation (M)

20' Cross-cutting issues (X)

5' Closing remarks and conclusion