EAST AFRICA SCHOOL ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE 2023 REPORT

The 2nd East African School of Internet Governance was held in Kigali, Rwanda on September 04, 2023. The school aimed at building and strengthening the knowledge and capacity of these institutions to better understand internet governance and policy issues in the region.

Further, the school focused one cybersecurity concerns in the IG ecosystem with the aim of strengthening the role of these actors in adopting strong cyber security systems and policy at both national and region level. The topic was identified during last year's EAIGF meeting in Arusha where cyber security came out strongly as one of the key issues that need to addressed both at national, regional and continental level.

Participating institutions thus purposely selected representatives directly interface with the topic in their day-to-day job roles.

Participants by gender representation

Gender	Number of Participants	Percentage
Male	16	62%
Female	10	38%
Total	**26**	

Participating Institutions

1. East African Legislative Assembly (EALA),
2. East Africa Communication Organisation (EACO),
3. Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA);
4. The Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (EAC-CASSOA)
5. East African Health Research Commission (EAHEALTH)
6. EAC Competition Authority
7. East African Kiswahili Commission (EAKC).
8. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Rwanda (MINAFFET)

Topics Covered.

- Introduction to Internet Governance, overview of Concepts, Institutions and Historical Perspectives.
- Mapping Internet Governance Issues, Stakeholders and Decision-making Points.
- Economic aspects of Internet Governance.
- Cybersecurity Issues of Internet Governance.

This year's East Africa School on Internet Governance demonstrated the desire to acquire knowledge on improving the development and governance of the internet in the region. However, building on the work of EASIG requires sustained commitment, collaboration, and a focus on addressing the evolving challenges and opportunities in the internet governance landscape. It's essential to adapt strategies to the specific goals and needs of the region and its stakeholders.

The school was supported by the Internet Society Foundation and the GIZ digital Transformation Center Rwanda.