## **Organization Contact Information**

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## a. Organization Official Name Internet Society Gambia Chapter

a1. Organization Name in English (if available) Internet Society Gambia Chapter

a3. Organization Name Acronym (if available) ISOC Gambia

b. Organization Wiki

c. Organization's official website URL http://isoc.gm/isoc/

d. Organization email address info@isoc.gm

e. Organization phone number (include country/city codes) +2203800748

f. Organization mailing address (location and postal address, if different) Tango Building Fajara M Section Serrekunda, The Gambia

g. Organization Country **Gambia** 

h. Organization City Serrekunda

i. Upload Organization Logo https://atlarge-railsproduction.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/at\_large\_structure/logo/625/cropped-ISOC-GAMBIA-Logo-Dark-Core-RGB-2.png

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Structure and Governance

a. Are members of your organization residents of this specific region you seek to represent?

b. Are the officers of your organization residents of this specific region? Yes

Please explain the answer above in sufficient detail so that a person not familiar with your Organization would be able to understand the reasons for your answer, and reference the URLs where any statutes or operating principles or other supporting information related to this question can be found:

ISOC Gambia Chapter is governed by its constitution and its By-Laws. Members are elected into office by the general membership during the Annual General Meeting. Other meetings are scheduled for the respective committees at which any member is welcomed to participate in the decision-making.

There are four Executive members: the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary General and Treasurer.

It also includes three standing committees with their heads each, and, group members. The committees are:

Membership Committee: is responsible for managing and coordinating outreach to existing and new members.

Programs Committee: responsible for programs, projects, and activities related to the operation of the chapter at the local level.

Communication and Publicity Committee: is responsible for public relations activities. ISOC Gambia works in line with Internet Society's Regional/country Chapters objectives of engaging local stakeholders in promoting Internet Development, Infrastructure, Policy, and other Cyber related advocacy programs in the Gambia.

c. Is your organization formally incorporated or organized under a national legal jurisdiction? **Yes** 

IF YES: Please describe what legal recognition it has and indicate the place of legal incorporation or registration

ISOC Gambia Chapter is a legally registered organization registered with the Registrar's Office at the Ministry of Justice of The Gambia recognized as a not-for-profit organization that focuses on Internet development, education, governance

d. Describe your Organization's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):

As described above, there are four individuals serving as the executive officers per term of two year basis after which general elections are held to elect new Executive officers. These officers all volunteers to take care of the day to day administrative operation of the organization. Members of the Executive officers are:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Yes

Secretary General Treasurer In addition, ISOC Gambia has three other Committees, Programs Committee, Publicity Committee, and Membership Committee, each Headed by a chair and an assistant. Heads of these three Committees, together with the four Executive officers and an advisory member forms the Executive Council.

e. In what language/s does your Organization conduct its business? **English** 

About Your Members

a. Do you have individual members with the ability to vote in or otherwise control the management of the organization? **No** 

IF NO: Describe what role individuals have in the management and work of the organization. The members of the executive committee has the role of running the day to day administrative tasks of the organization. Other individuals carried different roles depending on the committee they are in. for example the members of the Publicity committee will work on issues related to public relations and communication of the chapter

b. Do you have organizations as all or part of your membership? **No** 

IF YES: Describe whether they are profit-making, non-profit-making, a mixture of both, and/or what proportion of the total membership each type of private sector organization is. Please also describe what the nature of the organizational members is: For example, are they all of a similar type or interested in a similar activity or policy area?

c. Do you have governmental bodies, or quasi-governmental bodies, as members of your organization?

No

IF YES: Please describe their nature and role in the decision-making and work of your organization, and the proportion of the total membership made up of these types of organization.

d. Describe the general membership – are they predominately of one (or more) professional background or interest group? (e.g. journalists, online rights activists, consumer organizations, individual consumers, etc.)

Our general membership is a diverse group of individuals from different backgrounds: Legal, Technical, Business, Activists, Journalist, civil society, and students of different disciplines.

e. Describe how your Organization keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:

ISOC Gambia maintains an Association Management System (AMS) portal as a mailing list to discuss issues related to ISOC Gambia, and also convey and disseminate information about the activities and news of the organization. ISOC Gambia also maintains an active Facebook Page:

https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=157629707625339&tsid=0.20265124361914877&sou rce=result

that serves the general public and members as a communication platform.

The organization also maintains two WhatsApp Groups: one for Executive members and another for general members for instant updates of information and news sharing.

f. Approximately how many members of each type of membership class (if you have more than one) do you have?

There are two membership classes:

The executive members which consists of 4 individuals

General members, which consists of 249 members

g. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your Organization's constituents/membership: As of now, there is no requirement for general members but executive members must be voted in by the general members.

Funding

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a. What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your Organization? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate "N/A"): N/A

b. Is your organization mainly self-supporting and would not be dependent on ICANN funding for the day-to-day operations of the organization? **Yes** 

c. Do you receive any funding from government agencies or for-profit entities? If so, please describe below and describe their involvement in the activities of the organization (if they so participate):

We do receive funding from Internet Society global body to fulfill certain chapter administrative needs or organizing events etc.

When organizing activities and events, we do also receive part sponsorship from local ICT stakeholders like the Ministry of ICT, the Regulator, and some local operators usually in support of such events like capacity building programs.

Communication

a. Does your Organization commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN? Yes

b. Does your Organization post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your Organization's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s)? **Yes** 

If this information currently is available, provide URLs We do receive funding from Internet Society global body to fulfill certain chapter administrative needs or organizing events etc. When organizing activities and events, we do also receive part sponsorship from local ICT stakeholders like the Ministry of ICT, the Regulator, and some local operators usually in support of such events like capacity building programs.

c. Provide information on your Organization's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails): Mr. Bakary Njie, Chairperson, sankalanka78@yahoo.com Mr. Lang Loum, Vice Chair, Ing.loum@gmail.com Mr. Alagie Ceesay, Secretary General, aceesay84@gmail.com Ms. Amie Njie, Treasurer amina\_njie@yahoo.com

d. Are the leaders of your organization, as individuals, involved in other similar organizations or entities? Yes

If yes, please say which ones:

All executive members and leadership of ISOC Gambia are volunteers working for different organizations, some Government, some University, and Private Sector who come together to volunteer in running the affairs of the chapter.

Our Chairman is ICANN fellowship alumni in Durban and also a Diplo Foundation trainee on Internet Governance.

Our Vice chair has attended this year's African Regional Dialogue in Kigali Rwanda through the support of ISOC Global body. He is now actively involve with ISOC related matters. Our Secretary General is ICANN fellowship Alumni and has been attending ICANN meetings for four times and remotely, as well as AFNOG and AFRINIC meetings since 2012. Our Treasurer also has attended the African Chapters Meeting last year in Cameroon facilitated by Internet Society. She was also selected as ICANN59 NextGen.

Objectives

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a. Please describe your Organization's mission and purpose (please post in the text box below or provide a URL, if posted):

Details about our organization and its mission can be found here: http://isoc.gm/isoc/about-us/

b. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organization's constituents/membership:

Policy Development Processes Capacity Building, advocacy, Outreach and engagement DNS and gTLDs Registries and Registrars operations and various agreements eg RAs and RAAs.

c. Has your organization set up any event, meeting, or real-life activity pertaining to Internet governance issues, or other issues related to the interests of individual users? **Yes** 

If yes, please provide examples:

1. ISOC Gambia has conducted many outreach events to schools on internet governance, child online protection etc. The chapter has also conducted ICANN remote Hubs in the past for its member who couldn't attend certain meetings and shared views on ICANN related issues.

**3.** the most recent activity ISOC Gambia hosted was the AFCHIX 2017 in July. Afchix 2017 was a regional program (10th to 14th July) in collaboration with African Network Operators'

Group – AFNOG, and our Ministry of Information and Communication Infrastructure – MOICI, to train 30 female engineers on Unix System Administration, DNS and Web services. Participants included female ICT staff from various Ministries, the Regulator, Network Operators, .SN Registry, and Universities in Gambia and Senegal. This event ended with a forum and social event where some local and regional internet leaders discussed Internet, Policy and Strategies as well as encouraged and inspire participation. At the end of event, participants has now formed a local Women in Technology community called Gamchix – www.gamchix.gm where discussions and further training on Internet Engineering, and Policy related matters will be shared and discussed to get more women involved in the process. This will include ICANN related issues and IGF. See links: Please find video documentary report: https://youtu.be/09Z6gu8Ea20 photo gallery: www.flickr.com/photos/152569874@N05/sets/... Opening: http://isoc.gm/isoc/afchix-opening-ceremony/ Also see other related posts from NSRC and AFNOG below **NSRC FACEBOOK POST:** https://www.facebook.com/nsrc.org/photos/a.203513559671039.47771.194676730554722/ 1528651063823942/?type=3&theater FEATURED OF NSRC WEBSITE: https://nsrc.org/ AFNOG UPDATE: https://www.facebook.com/AfNOG/posts/841030036060157

The chapter has also conducted stakeholder engagement meetings where we called the leadership our local stakeholders: The Ministry of ICT, Regulator and university community at the launching of ISOC Gambia Chapter new office. During this meeting we established collaborative measures and strategic plans ISOC Gambia is working on and ways we could have their role in it.

d. Has your organization been active in international, regional or national Internet governance issues?

Yes

If yes, please provide examples:

ISOC Gambia has hosted remote hubs for members remotely participate in ICANN meetings in the past

ISOC Gambia has also taken part in the Africa Internet Summit 2012 hosted in the Gambia, African Peering and Interconnection Forum - AFPIF 2014 Dakar, and now hosted AFCHIX 2017 workshop.

These events have brought awareness and interest of the IG ecosystem to our members.

e. If your Organization is accredited, will it commit to participating actively in the Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) for the region in which your Organization is based? Yes f. If your Organization is accredited, does it or will it agree to adhere to the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the other ALSes in your Geographic Region and ICANN, as if it were an original signer of that document? **Yes** 

g. Does your organization have written bylaws or other constitutional instruments? **Yes** 

IF YES: Please insert the text of the written bylaws or other constitutional instruments below (in English if available) http://isoc.gm/isoc/bylaws/

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Signature

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Name Alagie Ceesay

Title **Mr.**