Protecting the Internet
for Today and Tomorrow

Welcome to the latest edition of the Internet South Africa newsletter! As we dive into the digital world's ever-evolving landscape, it's crucial to celebrate and safeguard the technologies that empower us. This month, we're thrilled to turn our focus to a topic that lies at the core of online security and privacy: encryption.

With Global Encryption Day just around the corner, we invite you on a journey through the intricate web of encryption's importance and its impact on our digital lives. Join us in exploring the fascinating world of data protection, secure communications, and the tools that empower individuals and organizations alike. Together, let's unravel the mysteries of encryption and reinforce our commitment to a safer, more secure online future.

| Read on, engage, and be a part of this critical conversation.

~Thoko Miya - ISA Secretary

1. Q3 AFRICAN CHAPTERS CALL:

Mark your calendar and Register for the Q3 African Chapters' Call on Wednesday September 6 at 13:00 UTC
isoc.zoom.us/meeting/register/…

Details on topics and agenda will be shared with next week's reminder.

2. GLOBAL ENCRYPTION DAY GRANT:

We would be happy to see your Chapter being actively involved in the 2023 Global Encryption Day (GED) Celebration. For those who did not apply for the GED grant yet, submit your Chapter's application for a mini-grant to locally celebrate the 2023 Global Encryption Day.

Funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis; so, make sure yourchapter is a member of the Global Encryption Coalition and act now.

3. 2023 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:

We cordially invite you to attend the third session of the 2023 Chapter Leadership Program, scheduled for September 7th at different times.

It is recommended that you register at your earliest convenience to secure your spot and obtain the session link. During this session, we will work together to build a guideline for chapter members recognition.

Please be aware that to receive the leadership certificate, you must successfully complete the Internet Society Chapter Management Essentials Online Course and participate in at least two sessions of this program before November 30th, 2023.

However, you are welcome to attend any session of the program, regardless of whether or not you wish to obtain a certificate.

4. THE ISOC ACCESSIBILITY STANDING GROUP:

Prepared a survey in collaboration with ISOC Foundation to assess your Chapters' needs for increasing digital accessibility and its knowledge and readiness in terms of digital inclusion.

This survey will aim to bridge the information gap concerning your Chapter priorities as well as human and institutional capacity needs with regard to accessibility for persons with disabilities. It will also be used to determine whether there are needs/interest in offering specific grant funding to your Chapter in order to promote and improve accessibility for persons with disabilities.

We would be very grateful if you could spare 5mn or less to answer this short survey.

The survey will be closed on September 02, 2023 at 23:59 UTC.

You can take the survey in: English or French

5. ENCRYPTION TRAINING WEBINAR FOR JOURNALISTS AND POLICY MAKERS:

Encryption is a vital tool for protecting ourselves in a digital society. Yet governments are increasingly trying to undermine this valuable tool, putting us all in danger.

The Internet Society is working across the globe to protect encryption by helping policymakers understand proposals that could jeopardize our security online.
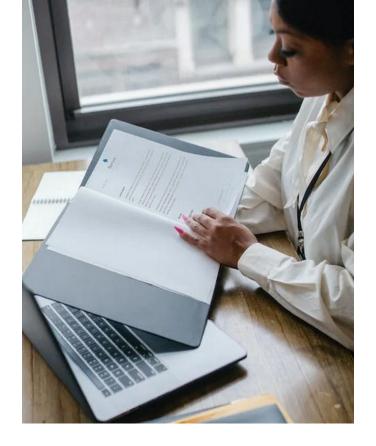
In line with that, it's organizing a series of training webinar for Journalists and Policymakers.

ENCRYPTION TRAINING WEBINAR FOR JOURNALISTS (30-31 AUGUST 2023):

Register today and share with your network.
English: 31 August, 3:00 to 4:30 UTC | English: 31 August, 15:00 to 16:30 UTC

7. ENCRYPTION TRAINING WEBINAR FOR POLICYMAKERS (26-27 SEPTEMBER 2023):

Register today and share with your network.

Français: 26 septembre, de 14h00 à 15h30 UTC

English: Sept 27th, 3:00 to 4:30 UTC

English: Sept 27th, 15:00 to 16:30 UTC

STAY CONNECTED

As we wrap up this edition of the Internet South Africa newsletter, we're reminded of the incredible community that makes our organization thrive. We're always eager to hear your stories, experiences, and ideas. Your voice matters, and it's what propels us forward.

Let's continue this journey together, staying connected and sharing the remarkable narratives that make our online community so vibrant. Your stories inspire us, and together, we can shape a brighter digital future for all. Don't hesitate to reach out, connect, and let your voice be heard. Thank you for being a part of our Internet South Africa family.

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