DRAFT AGENDA
Tuesday, 25th October 2016, 08h30-16h0
Advance Information Technology Institute - Kofi Annan Center of Excellence (AITI-KACE)
Accra, Ghana

About the A4AI-Ghana Coalition
The Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) brings together prominent players from the private sector, public sector, and civil society to provide a unified voice and coordinated focus in addressing the shared goal of open, affordable access to the Internet in the developing world. The Alliance aims to increase the affordability of both mobile and fixed-line Internet access dramatically, with a focus on achieving a goal of *"1 for 2"*—no more than 2% of monthly income per capita for 1GB broadband connection.

At the start of its work in Ghana, A4AI held a successful first A4AI-Ghana Forum in which a number of priority issues were identified. These priority issues have the potential to undermine efforts to increase Internet access and affordability to broadband in Ghana. The priority issues identified in Ghana are:

● Taxation
● Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access
● Research and Data Collection
● Consumer Awareness and Pricing Transparency

The Coalition members have formed four working groups that are working on each priority issue. These working groups developed work plans and started developing policy and regulatory outputs (e.g. draft proposals and recommendations) designed to resolve the key challenges.

Objectives and Outline of the Public Consultation and A4AI-Ghana Coalition Meeting

Consultation on Infrastructure Sharing Study Conducted by Vieira de Almeida
Stakeholders in Ghana identified the need to develop human and institutional capacity for infrastructure sharing and open access as critical. In light of this need, on July 5th 2016, A4AI and its partners, Vieira de Almeida (VdA), facilitated a capacity building workshop for stakeholders in Ghana. Joined by Ghanaian ICT policy consultant, Eleanor Sarpong, together they were subsequently awarded a contract to conduct an in-depth study on infrastructure sharing and open access following a competitive process. VdA is a Portuguese independent law firm with over 300 staff and 19 practices with a global Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) team, headed by award-winning and internationally acknowledged lawyers. Within Africa, the ICT team has conducted work in countries such as Mozambique, Angola, Nigeria and Cape Verde . VdA's work has been acknowledged, amongst others, by the "Financial Times 2015 Game Changing Law Firm in Continental Europe (Non UK)"and "Financial Times Innovative Lawyer 2013 in Continental Europe (Non UK)" awards.

A4AI-Ghana Coalition Meeting
The A4AI-Ghana Coalition Meeting in the afternoon of **Tuesday 25th October** is open to all stakeholders interested in increasing broadband access and affordability in Ghana. Ms Onica Makwakwa, A4AI's Africa Regional Coordinator and Ms. Nanjira Sambuli, Digital Equality Advocacy Manager, Web Foundation, will open the meeting with lightning talks on recent research by A4AI and a Gender scorecard respectively . Following the research presentation, each of the four working groups will share perspectives of challenges to affordability they are addressing, and report on key accomplishments to date as well as expected outcomes in the near future. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for all participants to discuss the work of each working group.

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08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 9:15	**Opening Remarks** ● Mr. Kwaku Ofosu-Adarkwa, National Coordinator, A4AI-Ghana ● Ms. Sonia Jorge, Executive Director, A4AI
09:15 - 09:30	**Opening Keynote** Representative from Ministry of Communications (Invited)
09:30 – 10:45	**Public Consultation Session I: Presentations** ● Inception report brief ● Highlights and recommendations from study and leading questions ● Announcement of breakout sessions Ms Eleanor Sarpong, Policy Advocacy Manager, A4AI Ms Isabel Ornelas, Telecom Legal Expert, Vieira de Almeida Ms. Magda Cocco, Partner and Telecom Lead Expert, Vieira de Almeida
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	**Public Consultation Session II: Discussion** ● Brainstorming and assessment of the recommendations and key models ● Summary of recommendation/ additional suggestions from various breakout groups ● Final input submission and wrap up ● Conclusion and next steps Ms Eleanor Sarpong, Policy Advocacy Manager, A4AI Ms Isabel Ornelas, Telecom Legal Expert, Vieira de Almeida Ms. Magda Cocco, Partner and Telecom Lead Expert, Vieira de Almeida
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:00	**Lightning Talk & Discussion on Gender Scorecard for Ghana** Ms. Nanjira Sambuli, Digital Equality Advocacy Manager, Web Foundation Representative from Media Foundations For West Africa (WRO partner) Moderator: Ms Onica Makwakwa, A4AI's Africa Regional Coordinator
14:00 - 15:45	**Break-out Session & Review of Working Group Workplans** ● Taxation working group ● Research and Data Collection working group ● Consumer Awareness and Pricing Transparency working group Re-group for Open Discussion: ● Working Groups policy focus & outputs to date ● Recommended adjustments for working group work plans going forward Focus on upcoming outputs
15:45 –16.00	Wrap-up and next steps