

A photograph of two men working on a network switch. The man on the left is older, wearing glasses, a white shirt, and a green vest. The man on the right is younger, wearing a blue patterned shirt. They are both smiling and looking at the switch. The background is slightly blurred, showing an indoor setting with wooden walls and a window.

3RD
EDITION

Summit on Community Networks in Africa



**Internet
Society**

Venue: Wild Lubanzi Trail Lodge, Eastern Cape, South Africa

Date: 02 – 07 September, 2018

» CN Summit Overview

Community established networks, also referred to as **"Community Networks" (CN)** have existed for many years and provide a sustainable solution to address the connectivity gaps that exist in urban, remote, and rural areas around

the world. In Africa, where these gaps are more evident, a recent survey was able to identify **37** community networks initiatives in **12** African countries, of which **25** are considered active.



» CN Summit Overview

The Internet can open up a world of opportunity. With half the world's population unconnected, it's urgent that we shape a tomorrow that benefits everyone. Closing the digital divide is critical and community networks offer a solution. These are "do it yourself" networks built by people for people.

The objective of the third summit on Community Networks is to **promote the creation and growth of Community Networks**, increase collaboration

between community network operators in the region and to provide an opportunity for them to engage with other stakeholders.

Help us switch on the Internet,
community by community!



» The Venue: Wild Lubanzi Trail Lodge, Eastern Cape, South Africa

Wild Lubanzi runs on solar power **98%** of the time and over **500** indigenous trees and shrubs have been planted to keep the business carbon neutral. The community has a **40%** investment in the business and it is hoped this will grow to **50%** over the next few years.

The aim is creating a balance between the environment and the economic development goals for our area. The best way to achieve this is through information, education and sharing knowledge. The ISOC CN summit is a large step forward in making this goal a reality!



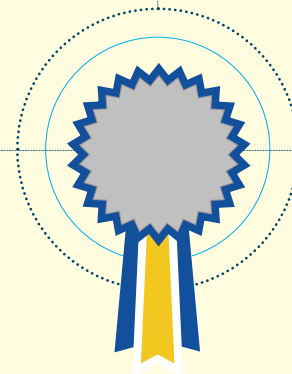
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GOLD SPONSOR | SPONSORSHIP VALUE: **\$7,000**

- ⌚ Opportunity to display two free-standing 1m x 2m pop up banners at conference venue.
- ⌚ Opportunity to write a blog piece covering the event which will be uploaded on the ISOC website.
- ⌚ Retweeting of up to four suitable posts on social media.
- ⌚ Thank you and recognition of company at Summit.
- ⌚ Logo recognition on ISOC website with a link to company's website.
- ⌚ Opportunity to provide branded gifts for the Fellows' and guests' bags (approx. 70).
- ⌚ Photos of event on ISOC website including Sponsor branding.

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SILVER SPONSOR | SPONSORSHIP VALUE: **\$5,000**

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BRONZE SPONSOR | SPONSORSHIP VALUE: \$3,000

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GALA DINNER | SPONSORSHIP VALUE: **\$2,000**

In the main art piece building of Wild Lubanzi Trail Backpackers and Lodge, the Gala dinner will offer delegates an evening of cultural delight, brought to you by the Lubanzi community, your accommodation and venue host for the CN Summit.

As you enjoy a 3 course meal of traditional isiXhosa home cooked food, the isiXhosa dance ensemble, will entertain with original amaXhosa dance and song. We look forward to enjoying this evening with you.

- ⌚ 5-minute Sponsor opening remarks and welcome at Gala Dinner.
- ⌚ Provide branded gifts for the tables.
- ⌚ Two free-standing 1m x 2m pop up banners at the Gala Dinner venue.
- ⌚ Photos of Gala Dinner on ISOC website including Sponsor branding.
- ⌚ Corporate logo on ISOC websites with a link to company's website.
- ⌚ Listed as the sponsors of the gala dinner on ISOC website.

» The Fellowship Programme

The Africa CN Summit fellowship programme provides an opportunity to qualified applicants to attend the 3rd CN Summit on Community Networks event in Eastern Cape, South Africa, in person with the aim to:

- ④ Promote the establishment of Community Networks in Africa.
- ④ Share experiences on ways to improve running and administering of a new, or existing CNs.
- ④ Create public awareness and evangelism of CNs at the national and regional level.
- ④ Advance and influence national/regional policies and regulations on CN.
- ④ Provide a face-to-face networking opportunity for CNs and experts.
- ④ Promote gender balance in the Community Networks development.
- ④ Fellowship Award Package.



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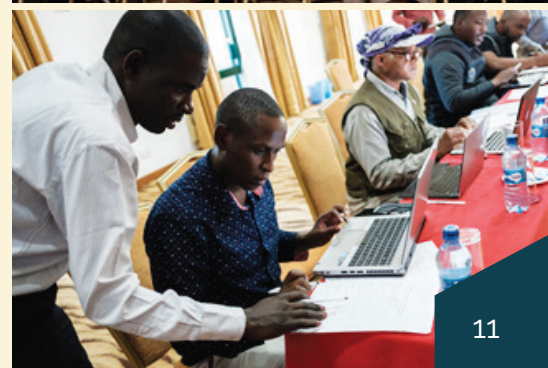
THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME | SPONSORSHIP VALUE: **\$5,000**

- ⌚ Opportunity to 'host' a Fellows breakfast with opening remarks to officially welcome the Fellows onto the Programme.
- ⌚ Retweeting of up to four suitable posts on social media.
- ⌚ Thank you and recognition of company at Summit.
- ⌚ Logo recognition on ISOC website with a link to company's website.
- ⌚ Opportunity to provide branded gifts for the Fellows (approx. 20).
- ⌚ Two free-standing 1m x 2m pop up banners at Conference venue.
- ⌚ Photos of event on ISOC website including Sponsor branding.
- ⌚ Fellows to write a Blog post about their experience at the CN Summit and how the opportunity to take part in the Fellows Programme has made a difference to them and their Community. To be featured on ISOC website and shared through social media.

» What difference will your support make?

The increased awareness about the potential of the community network model, has triggered a growing interest to replicate this initiative across the entire region. However, there is not enough resources to provide everyone with the support and guidance they would require to start the process of creating their own community network. In this sense, the **Community Network Summit provides a unique opportunity to centralize that support and expose the attendees to potential synergies that can only lead to more innovation and collaboration.**

The Summit presents unique opportunities for extending the movement of Community Networks as an alternative solution for connecting the unconnected to other communities that are willing to establish their own network. We anticipate that the fellows will benefit from the experiences shared and also the opportunity to visit the Zenzeleni CN which is one of the most successful CN's in the region.



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