



AFRICT EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE

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**H. E. Ban Ki-moon,
Secretary-General,
United Nations,
New York, NY 10017,
USA**

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

UN GLOBAL COMPACT COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT

We are a not-for-profit NGO registered in Nigeria with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) as a company limited by guarantee (RC. 863811). Our organization is currently one of the few, if not the only NGO in Nigeria engaged in pursuing the use of science, technology, engineering and ICT to empower people for the betterment of humanity; with considerable emphasis on ICT empowerment and actualization of the MDGs.

We are pleased to confirm that **AFRICT Empowerment Initiative** continues to support the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to advance these principles within our sphere of influence, and have made a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to continue to take part in the activities of the UN Global Compact where appropriate and feasible – through, for instance, participation in Country/Local Networks; involvement in specialized initiatives and workstreams; engagement in partnership projects; and reviewing and providing commentary to participating companies on their Communications on Progress. Some of our activities in this line between 2013 and 2015 are highlighted as attached.

Yours truly,

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Chief Executive

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Executive Director



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ACTIVITIES 2013 TO 2015

- **Web Indexing Seminar in Accra, Ghana:** AFRICT attended an interactive seminar on web indexing in Accra, Ghana organized by the World Wide Web Foundation with CODESRIA and others in attendance. See pictures below. The social, political and economic impact of ICT in over 60 countries was highlighted. Statistical data put Nigeria's ICT penetration at about 23.5% with a global ranking of 48 on the web index.





- **AFRICT & CFH Medical Outreach to Yenche Village, Kuje, Abuja - Nigeria:** AFRICT in collaboration with CFH carried out a free medical outreach to Yenche Village in Kuje, Abuja - Nigeria. See pictures below.





- **AFRICT & SLF Medical Outreach to Kasanki Village, Abuja - Nigeria:** AFRICT in collaboration with SLF carried out a free medical outreach to Kasanki Village at the outskirts of Abuja - Nigeria. Free mosquito nettings were shared among pregnant women. See pictures below.





- **Youth ICT Engagement Summit in Mauritius:** AFRICT sent high level representation to attend the Youth ICT Engagement Summit held in Mauritius in December, 2013. The highest level meetings and discussions were held with top government officials, industry leaders and key policy and decision makers from across Africa. AFRICT was invited as a VIP delegate to the summit which was a partnership between Extensia and the Ministry of ICT Mauritius. The summit put youth engagement at the centre of the ICT development agenda for Africa and took place alongside a one day forum showcasing the proactive steps that Mauritius is taking to encourage the growth and sustainability of its own ICT industry. The event was organized to share best practices and overcome the challenges which are currently inhibiting youth engagement in ICT in order to empower youth and make Africa an ecologically sustainable environment in the future.



- **AFRICT Community Outreach to Agbaji, Abuja - Nigeria:** AFRICT carried out a free medical outreach to Agbaji, Abuja - Nigeria. See pictures below.





- **International Women's Day Event, Abuja - Nigeria:** AFRICT representative attended the International Women's Day event in Abuja - Nigeria.



- **Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) Forum in Abuja, Nigeria:** A4AI is a recently launched Washington DC based global coalition committed to driving down the cost of internet access in less developed countries. Nigeria has become the fourth country and 1st developing and 1st African country to sign a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the newly launched Alliance. Accordingly, AFRICT participated in the A4AI National Multi-Stakeholders Forum in Abuja, Nigeria.



- **Innovation Africa Digital Summit:** AFRICT participated in the 12th Session of the Innovation Africa Digital Summit held in Banjul, The Gambia.



- **World Bank African Youth Forum - Abuja, Nigeria:** AFRICT participated in the World Bank African Youth Forum held at the World Bank Abuja, Nigeria.



- **AFRICT visited the IDP Camp in Jikwoyi, Abuja - Nigeria:** AFRICT paid a visit and offered its assistance at the IDP Camp in Jikwoyi in the outskirts of Abuja, Nigeria.





- **Sustainable Energy Forum:** AFRICT attended the Sustainable Energy Forum at the United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA.

