



Guide for establishing a national body for eGYAfrica

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This guide contains suggestions about how to go about establishing a national body for eGYAfrica. It includes brief reference information about eGYAfrica.

Description of eGYAfrica

Objective of eGYAfrica

eGYAfrica Work plan

Build on reexisting structures

Activities for participants

This is a shopping list of suggested activities for people participating in eGYAfrica at all levels. Suggestions are welcome; please send them to the Secretary: alemmeb@googlemail.com and Co-chairs: cebarton@gmail.com; victorchukwuma@yahoo.com

Activities for everyone

- Raise awareness about eGY-Africa and its objectives
 - Give a presentation about eGY-Africa at a conference that you attend
 - Write formal articles for journals about issues relating to eGY-Africa
 - Submit news items about eGY-Africa in various newsletters
- Establish a group of concerned scientists in your country who are willing to take action to get better Internet access for scientists in Africa.
- Host an eGY-Africa meeting as a means of focusing attention on digital divide issues, possible solutions, successes and problems, and expanding the network of concerned scientists.
- Invite others to participate in eGY-Africa.
- Seek financial support for running and attending meetings relevant to eGY-Africa.
- Collaborate with other established groups and networks that are also committed to reducing the digital divide.
- Research and share information about the status Internet facilities in your Universities and elsewhere, and plans for the future. Participate and get others to participate in the questionnaire survey that is being developed.
- Tell others about your activities - contribute to the electronic eGY-Africa Newsletter.
- Check the website (www.egy.org/egyafrika.php) - make suggestions for improvements, additions, and updates.
- Add information to the reference documents: list of conferences, related organisations and initiatives, policy statements and resolutions, conference presentations, ...

eGY-Africa Committee responsibilities

- Run eGY-Africa.
- Set policy
- Improve networking among scientists in Africa (and elsewhere) who are concerned about the Digital Divide problem and wish to do something about it.

- Expand participation in eGY-Africa and establish links with organisations with related objectives.
- Encourage the establishment of eGY-Africa groups in all countries in Africa, using existing networks when possible.
- Provide information that can be used to argue the case for better Internet access.
- Secure and administer funding (the Secretary General of IAGA acts as Treasurer, following IAGA financial practices and auditing)

eGY-Africa Workshop Committee responsibilities

- Organise a Workshop to provide an Africa-wide focus for eGY-Africa activities and planning.
- Establish a local organizing committee.
- Help seek funding for the Workshop.
- Help identify possible joint partners in order to increase possible participation.
- Prepare the program for the Workshop.

We need volunteers to undertake the following special responsibilities

- Policy document Manager – research, collate, and maintain a reference archive of policy statements, resolutions, and declarations about the need to reduce the digital divide and the benefits (to science and national development) of Internet access.
- Website Manager – ensure information is complete, relevant, and up-to-date; check and maintain links.
- Meetings Manager - maintain and update the list of meetings in Africa and elsewhere that are relevant to eGY-Africa participants; issue reminders about deadlines; seek reports from people who attend meetings; publicise information through the website and newsletter.

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