

# Submission #59

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**How would you define the stakeholder community or communities to which you belong?** Civil society

## Questions

### 1. What are your priorities for issues that should be addressed through the Internet Universality framework in each of these five categories?

Rights	100% we one of those promoting the African Declaration on Internet Rights and Freedoms in all the work we do. Our work we using the Engage platform on the African Internet rights we work with communities and organisation in the Gambia to promote the 13 principles of the African Declaration on Internet Rights and Freedoms
Openness	Openness is key in our work, hence we very involved through the International Open Data Charter in promoting Open Data especially among Muncipal councils, we hope to do more if we have the funds.
Accessibility	Our centre has over the years worked with various stakeholders in Gambia on promoting accessibility.especially in encouyraging universal access to haoppen through a fund. We plan bringing it up during the upcoming global IGF as our centre is a Remote centre. With a new Government in place a lot needs to be done on universal Access
Multistakeholder participation	Its a model we have strongly been involved with based on our role in the West African Internet Governance Forum and ICANn NPOC Constituency

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Cross-cutting indicators      ICT for D

**2. Are there any existing indicators with which you are familiar that you think it would be useful to include in the ROAM indicators framework?**

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Rights      I will say association of Progressive Communication [www.apc.org](http://www.apc.org) has good indicators

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Openness      Work of the International Open Data Charter and how cities that have adopted it work with the Charter principles

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Accessibility      the A4AI report on affordability is important to go through

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Multistakeholder participation      The ICANN model is a very good recommended model I will say link on [https://icannwiki.org/Multistakeholder\\_Model](https://icannwiki.org/Multistakeholder_Model)

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Cross-cutting indicators      Communication Initiative has great examples.

**3. What do you think are the most important gaps in data/evidence required for monitoring Internet Universality and the ROAM principles? What approaches do you think could help to address these in your country, region or area of work?**

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Rights      Advocacy and more Multi stake holder engagement in the process

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Openness      I will say more engagement by key stakeholders working with the bottom layer of government which is the municipalities can bring better engagement.

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Accessibility      The work of A4AI across the globe in developing partnerships in country

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Multistakeholder participation      this is something that should be encouraged more especially with diverse groups using the ICANN model [https://icannwiki.org/Multistakeholder\\_Model](https://icannwiki.org/Multistakeholder_Model)

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Cross-cutting indicators      Nil

**4. What experience or views do you have of indicators relating to the Internet which are concerned with gender and with children and young people?**

<https://www.childtrends.org/indicators/home-computer-access/>

**5. How do you think you might use the indicator framework for Internet Universality once it has been developed?**

We shall use it internally in our capacity building programs for communities and educators in the Gambia, we shall promote it within our National IGF and talk about it with our stakeholders group like ICANN NPOC constituency we involved in. Above all it shall be promoted mainly in schools and youth groups.

**6. How do you think that other stakeholders might use the framework?**

Other stakeholders can use it as a tool in gauging their work and example is for achieving the new UN SDGs.

**7. Please add any other comments that you think will be helpful to UNESCO in developing the indicators framework.**

I will say including actors like us who are in Civil society that are involved in capacity building, Stakeholder engagement to be involved in the whole process of developing the framework, either remotely or face to face. As such NGOs like us will work in implementing locally working with government stakeholders and communities. Our focus now is getting girls in coding, which we have attached together with a profile of us.

**8. Please upload any documents that you think will be helpful here.** girls\_in\_ictabout\_usyplus.pdf  
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