



The 8th African Internet Governance Forum (AfIGF2019)

Ndjamena, Chad, 10-12 September 2019

NDJAMENA STATEMENT ON THE ROLE OF THE SENIORS IN INTERNET GOVERNANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT

The participants in the 8th AfIGF annual meeting, held in Ndjamena from 11th to 12th September 2019 under the sponsorship of the African Union and generous hosting by the Government of the Republic of Chad,

- **Appreciating the important African contribution in the entire World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) process from its inception in 1998 until the end of the second phase of the Summit in 2005,**
- **Considering particularly the African contribution in building the international consensus regarding the need to continue consultations on issues relevant to Internet Governance, by the creation of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF),**
- **Referring to the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing for Developing initiatives aimed at promoting mutual, productive exchange between the generations, focusing on older persons as a societal asset and maximizing opportunities for maintaining and improving intergenerational relations,**
- **Noting the tremendous efforts put in, by Seniors in the creation of the International process which led to the creation of the Internet Governance Forum at the International and African levels,**
- **Noting further that Seniors have both time and expertise to volunteer and contribute to the development of the work of the African IGF Initiatives and intersessional activities,**
- **Taking into account the contribution of these Seniors in the process of the establishment of National, Regional and the African IGF processes,**

- **Considering further that an important amount of experience and knowledge has been capitalized by the Seniors all along the WSIS and IGF processes,**
- **Convinced that the cooperation between these Seniors with the juniors in Africa will be highly profitable for development,**
- **Call for further participation of African Seniors in the ongoing activities related to Internet Governance in Africa, as well as for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**
- **Call upon the African Union Commission to make use and take advantage, as much as possible, within the PRIDA program, of the potential that may be available through contributions of the Seniors in its implementation.**
- **Call for the support of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, other African and International organizations with IG related activities, through funding the participation in the IGF process at the global and African levels of underrepresented groups, especially women, youth and elderly people whose contribution is of great value to the IGF initiative.**
- **Recommend the strengthening of exchanges between African Youth and Seniors in developing African approaches in the field of Internet Governance.**

Ndjamena, 12 September 2019