Public Consultations and Workshops

Below is a compendium of contributions civil society organizations to different calls from various public bodies around the world for public on policy and regulatory issues related to community-centred connectivity providers as well as workshops on policy and regulation.

Brazil

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (Anatel)	Public Consultation N65 on the Simplification of the Regulation of Telecommunication Services	ISOC Brasil, IBEBrasil, Intervozes - Coletivo Brasil de Comunicação Social, Association for Progressive Communications (APC), Rhizomatica Communications, Redes por la Diversidad, Equidad y Sustentabilidad, A.C., Instituto Brasileiro de Defesa do Consumidor (IDEC), Instituto Nupef and Coalizão Direitos na Rede (CDR)	16 Nov 2020	Download Letter of Support and Download

Canada

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)	Technical and Policy Framework for White Space Devices, SMSE-018-17	Internet Society (ISOC) and Association for Progressive Communications (APC)	15 Feb 2018	Download
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)	New Access Licensing Framework, Changes to Subordinate Licensing and White Space to Support Rural and Remote Deployment	Mozilla and Internet Society	26 Oct 2021	Download
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED)	Non-Competitive Local Licensing Framework, Including Spectrum in the 3900-3980 MHz Band and Portions of the 26, 28 and 38 GHz Bands	Mozilla, Internet Society, and Connect Humanity	14 Nov 2022	Download

Colombia

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Agencia Nacional del Espectro (ANE)	Public Consultation for the 900 MHz band	Colnodo with support from Rhizomatica	Nov 2021	Download (Spanish)
Agencia Nacional del Espectro (ANE)	Draft spectrum policy	Colnodo with support from Rhizomatica	Jul 2020	Download (Spanish)

Ethiopia

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Ethiopian Communications Authority (ECA)	Ethiopian Telecommunications Sector Stakeholder Consultation No. 001-2019 Notice 1003	Association for Progressive Communications, the Alliance for Affordable Internet, Internet Society, Network for Digital Rights for Ethiopia and Bahir Dar Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D) Research Center	Nov 2019	Download
Ethiopian Communications Authority (ECA)	Telecommunications Licensing Directive No. 1/2020	APC, ICT4D (Information and Communication Technology for Development) Research Centre at Bahir Dar University, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, the Internet Society Ethiopia Chapter, the Internet Society and the Network for Digital Rights in Ethiopia	Jun 2020	Download
Ethiopian Communications Authority (ECA)	Telecommunications Licensing Directive No. 1/2020 - Universal Access and Service Framework and Universal Access Fund Regulation	APC, the Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI), ICT4D (Information and Communication Technology for Development) Research Centre at Bahir Dar University, the Internet Society Ethiopia Chapter, the Internet Society and the Network for Digital Rights in Ethiopia	Oct 2020	Download

Kenya

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Communications Authority (CA)	National Broadband Strategy	Association for Progressive Communications (APC) in collaboration with Rhizomatica, the Internet Society (ISOC), the World Wide Web Foundation/Alliance for Affordable Internet, ARTICLE 19 Eastern Africa, the Tunapanda Institute and the Kenya ICT Action Network (KICTANet)	Mar 2019	Download
Communications Authority (CA)	Public consultation on TV White Space spectrum	Kenya ICT Action Network (KICTANet), the Tunapanda Institute, the Association for Progressive Communications, Internet Society and Rhizomatica	Apr 2020	Download
Communications Authority (CA)	Public consultation on a Licensing and Shared Spectrum Framework for Community Networks	Association for Progressive Communications (APC) in collaboration with Rhizomatica	May 2021	Download

Indonesia

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
None	Policy Brief For Supporting Community Networks Development In Indonesia	Common Room and colleagues (see document for full list)	Nov 2022	Download

India

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)	Auction of Spectrum in frequency bands identified for IMT/5G	Center for Internet and Society and Mozilla Corporation	Jan 2022	Submission Local copy

Mexico

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones (IFT)	Consulta Pública sobre el Proyecto de Bases de Licitación Pública para concesionar el uso, aprovechamiento y explotación comercial de segmentos de espectro radioeléctrico disponibles en las Bandas de Frecuencias 814-824 / 859-869 MHz, 1755-1760 / 2155-2160 MHz, 1910-1915 / 1990-1995 MHz y 2500-2530 / 2620-2650 MHz para la prestación de servicios de Acceso Inalámbrico (Licitación No. IFT-10)	Telecomunicaciones Indígenas Comunitarias, A. C	Oct 2020	Download Contribution (Spanish)

Nigeria

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)	Consultation on Information Memorandum on 3.5GHz Spectrum Auction	Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) and Association for Progressive Communications (APC)	Oct 2021	Download
Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)	Publication of Final Information Memorandum for the Auction of 2 x 100MHz in the 3.5GHz Spectrum Band	Association for Progressive Communications (APC)	Nov 2022	Download

Pakistan

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Government of Pakistan	Contribution to the development of a Gender Digital Inclusion Strategy containing targets for community networks	GDIP (formerly Alliance for Affordable Internet) and Internet Society	Mar 2024	Strategy

Philippines

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Senate of the Philippines	Open Data Transmission Bill	Association for Progressive Communications (APC)	Aug 2021	Letter to senators in support of the Bill
Senate of the Philippines	Konektadong Pinoy Act (Open Access in Data Transmission Act)	PBG, JFC, Industry Associations, and Civil Society Organisations	Jul 2024	Download

South Africa

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services (DTPS)	Electronic Communications Amendment Bill Consultative Process	Zenzeleni Networks NPC in conjunction with the Association for Progressive Communications and the University of the Western Cape	Jan 2018	Download
Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services (DTPS)	Notice 1003 in Government Gazette No. 41935 - Proposed policy on licensing unassigned high-demand spectrum and deployment of the WOAN	Zenzeleni Networks NPC, the Association for Progressive Communications, the University of the Western Cape, the University of Cape Town and Rhizomatica	Nov 2018	Download
Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)	Provisioning of Mobile Broadband Wireless Open Access Services for Urban and Rural Areas Using the Complementary Bands, IMT700, IMT800, IMT2300, IMT2600 and IMT3500	Zenzeleni Networks and APC	Jan 2020	Download
Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)	Electronic Communications Act (36/2005): Notice regarding Information Memorandum on Licensing of Spectrum in the IMT700, IMT800, IMT2600 and IMT3500 Bands	Association for Progressive Communications (APC)	Nov 2021	Download Contribution

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Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)	Second Information Memorandum on the Licensing Process for International Mobile Telecommunications in Respect of the Provision of Mobile Broadband Wireless Access Services for Urban and Rural Areas Using the Complementary Bands,IMT700, IMT800, IMT2600 And IMT3500, for Public Consultation	Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI), Association for Progressive Communications, Mozilla Corporation, Rodwyn Grewan (individual), Soweto Wireless User Group, University of the Western Cape, Violence Prevention Through Urban Upgrading (VPUU NPC), Zenzeleni Networks (Non Profit Company & Public Benefit Organisation)	Nov 2021	Download
Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)	Information Memorandum Regarding ICASA's Intentions to Initiate the Second Phase of the Licensing Process and to make available Radio Frequency Spectrum to Prospective Licensees to Provide Mobile Broadband Wireless Access Services in the Low and Mid Radio Frequency Bands	Association for Progressive Communications, Mozilla Corporation, University of the Western Cape, Zenzeleni Networks NPC	Sep 2022	Download
Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT) formerly DTPS	Consultation on a Next Generation Radio Frequency Spectrum Policy for Economic Development	Association for Progressive Communications, Mozilla Corporation, University of the Western Cape, Zenzeleni Networks NPC and partners	Oct 2022	Download
Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT) formerly DTPS	Invitation to provide written comments on Proposed Electronic Communications Amendment Bill, 2022	Association for Progressive Communications, Mozilla Corporation, University of the Western Cape, Zenzeleni Networks NPC	Aug 2023	Download submission
Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)	Draft Regulations on Dynamic Spectrum Access and Opportunistic Spectrum Management in the Innovation Spectrum 3800–4200 MHz and 5925–6425 MHz	Association of Progressive Communications, iNethi NPC, Internet Society, University of the Western Cape, Zenzeleni Networks NPC	May 2025	Download submission

Tanzania

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Ministry of Communication and Information Technology	Proposed amendments to the Electronic and Postal Communications (Digital and Other Broadcasting Networks and Services) Regulations	Tanzania Community Networks Alliance	Aug 2021	Download

Uganda

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Uganda Communications Commission (UCC)	Proposed review of the Licensing Framework for the telecommunications sector in Uganda	APC, Rhizomatica, Collaboration on International ICT Policy for East and Southern Africa (CIPESA), the AfChix Uganda chapter, BOSCO Uganda and the Internet Society	Apr 2019	Download
Uganda Communications Commission (UCC)	Guidelines for the Utilisation of the 5GHz Band for Wireless Access Networks in Uganda	BOSCO, RENU - Research and Education Network for Uganda (RENU), and APC	Feb 2022	Download
Uganda Communications Commission (UCC)	Uganda National Broadband Baseline Survey & Infrastructure Blueprint	BOSCO and APC	Feb 2022	Download

Zimbabwe

Organisation	Consultation	Respondents	Date	Contribution
Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (POTRAZ)	Consultation on Light Licensing of the 2.4GHz and 5GHz band in Zimbabwe	Murambinda Works, Association for Progressive Communications (APC), Internet Society and Rhizomatica	Feb 2019	Download Contribution

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