

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 |
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| Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações (Anatel) | Public Consultation N65 on the Simplification of the Regulation of Telecommunication Services | ISOC Brasil, IBEBrasil, Intervezes - 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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| 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

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| 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

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 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

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 | |

Tanzania

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| 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

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| 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

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 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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