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AU Launches Kenya Internet Exchange Point of Presence in Mombasa: “Keeping intra-regional internet traffic within the region”

Mombasa, Kenya – 23rd June, 2016: The African Union Commission (AUC), through the Infrastructure and Energy Department, in collaboration with the Ministry of Information, Communications & Technology of Kenya launched the Kenya Internet Exchange Point of Presence in Mombasa on 23rd June 2016.



Through the African Internet Exchange System (AXIS) project of the African Union Commission, Member States with internet exchange points have increased from eighteen to thirty two. The Commission has further provided grants to six internet exchange points to be supported to become regional internet exchange points.

Under the grant awarded to the Kenya Internet Exchange point, the following four areas are to be supported; Capacity Building, the KIXP Site in Mombasa, the GSM Regional Exchange (GRX) and promotion of KIXP as a regional internet exchange “In the context of celebrating 50 years, the AU Heads of State and Government agreed to develop a

Continental Agenda 2063. The overall objective of Agenda 2063 is to chart Africa's development trajectory over the next 50 years. One of the envisaged activities is putting in place an intra-African broad band terrestrial infrastructure, Said H.E. Dr. Elham M.A. Ibrahim, AU Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy."

"As access to information and knowledge is a prerequisite to achieving development goals set by Africa, I call upon the public sector, private sector and civil society to partner and find effective and innovative ways to put the potential of ICT at the service of African citizens, Added H.E. Dr. Elham Ibrahim, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy."

Africa is currently paying overseas carriers to exchange intra- continental traffic on our behalf. This is both costly as well as an inefficient way of handling exchange of local Internet traffic.

"We are keen on enhancing local and regional connectivity to make Africa technologically competitive, said Mr. Victor Kyalo, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology of Kenya."



The launch was officiated by H.E. Dr. Elham Ibrahim, African Union Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy and Mr. Victor Kyalo, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology and attended by leaders of the Industry.

For more information on the African Internet Exchange System Project of the African Union, visit www.au.int/axis

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