

**Attendee list and Results of  
 FEAST workshop  
 Kampala, 11 November 2009**

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**Summary of Discussions**

1. The NRENs of Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Zambia and Somalia gave an update on their national progress towards a consolidation of their NREN efforts. The FEAST partners took note of these updates and will update the NREN's readiness matrix of the FEAST documentation. The NRENs were invited to pass their comments in writing to the FEAST partners.
2. The UA stated that the only way a regional R&E infrastructure in Southern and Eastern Africa can be sustained in the long term is through affordability. It was agreed that there is a need for a long term financial plan for the UbuntuNet Alliance and the regional R&E infrastructure.

3. The Southern and Eastern African NRENs are urged to apply to AfriNIC for their own IP address space and Autonomous System Numbers (ASNs). The Sudanese NREN, SUIN, will assist by sharing their experiences.
4. It is recognized that there are challenges ahead for the UbuntuNet Alliance as much as for the partner NRENs. However, it is also recognized that FEAST, AfricaConnect and NREN Twinning establish a community of support where experiences and best practices can be exchanged.
5. It is clarified that the AfricaConnect preparations are still ongoing within the EC. Therefore there is no concrete date available yet for the start of the AfricaConnect project.
6. It is clarified that 3M Euro over 4 years will have to be found for the Southern and Eastern African participation in AfricaConnect. It is recognized that this poses a challenge to the national NREN budgets as they also have to invest into their national infrastructures.
7. The currently known structure of the AfricaConnect project is explained. The process and requirements of how to become a partner in AfricaConnect, how to join the initial planning and procurement phase and how to join the following implementation and operation phase of AfricaConnect are explained. It is clarified that the process is to a certain extent one of self-selection by the respective NRENs (by meeting the stipulated pre-conditions) and also the UbuntuNet Alliance.
8. It is furthermore clarified that the NREN financial contribution to the Planning and Procurement Phase (month 0 to 12) will only need to cover the 20% share of the actual costs of this Phase (manpower, travel and per diems only).
9. The UbuntuNet Alliance and the Southern and Eastern African NRENs are encouraged to engage with connectivity providers to ensure that potential providers of inter-African connectivity understand the aims and objectives of the UA and the AfricaConnect project.
10. It is recognised that the connectivity procurement of the AfricaConnect project must endeavour to attract proposals from providers of *capacity assets* such as infeasible rights of use of wavelengths or even of dark fibre pairs, in addition to attracting proposals for rented capacity.
11. It is recognised that there is a need for close collaboration between the UbuntuNet Alliance, its member NRENs and DANTE in the preparation of the connectivity procurement of the AfricaConnect project. A clear plan has to be established to ensure that AfricaConnect fits with and explores synergies with already existing or planned connectivity procured individually by the UA member NRENs. To this end, the UbuntuNet Alliance will make their input available to DANTE in writing.
12. It is expressed that AfricaConnect counts on the UA and its member NRENs to take on the role of Network Operations Centre for the network resulting from the AfricaConnect project.
13. The success of NUANCE, the UbuntuNet Alliance monthly e-bulletin that is distributed to the global R&E community was recognised.