NEWSLETTER



KENYA NETWORK INFORMATION CENTER

Common .KE Extensions?

.co.ke - Companies

.me.ke - Personal websites and emails

.go.ke - Government Entities

.or.ke - Non-profit making organisations or NGO's

.ac.ke - Institution of Higher Education

.sc.ke - Lower & Middle Institutions of Learning

.mobi.ke – Mobile Devices

.ne.ke - Network Devices

.info.ke - Information e.g emails



STATEMENT FROM THE CEO: "KENIC IN 2024!"



Who, What, Why, How.....at a glance:

Mandate: Promote, manage and administer a secure and reliable .KE domain ecosystem.

Vision: A trusted domain name registry that secures your online identity.

Mission: To provide accessible and reliable domain services that protect everyone's online identity

Core Values: Excellence First, Innovation Driven and Integrity Unshakeable.

Purpose: Provide a secure, accessible and reliable .KE internet ecosystem

Strategic Pillars: Talent & Leadership, Innovation & Technology, Strategic Engagement & Partnership, Growth and Sustainability

History and Key Milestones:

1998 - Delegated administration

2000-2001 - KeNIC was birthed (Non-for-profit)

2015, **2022**, **2023** - Thought Leadership: Africa and Kenya Domain Name Forums

2015-2016 - Regulatory Licensee approval, > 50,000

2017-2018 - Added 2nd Level with nine 3rd Level extensions, The Domain Name System Security

Extensions (DNSSEC) -3rd in Africa

2022-2024 > 108,500

Andrew Lewela Mwanyota Chief Executive Officer, KeNIC

Dear Members & Partners

We welcome you to our 2nd quarter of 2024 newsletter! You'll find that it is filled with educational information, helpful hints and tips, events, and news.

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Thank you for your continued support and we hope you'll enjoy reading this newsletter. We look forward to interacting with you frequently and seeking your views on the content and value development.

COMING SOON!





their own.



This project holds the promise to revolutionize the digital landscape and create avenues for sustained economic growth, especially among the youth and amplifying digital access for all.



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E-commerce: How Your .KE Domain Can Fuel Your Business

Don't Miss Out!

KeNIC is constantly exploring innovative solutions to empower Kenyan businesses to stay ahead of the curve. Visit www.kenic.or.ke today and take your first step towards propelling your Kenyan Ecommerce business to new heights.



Why Is Data Privacy Important?

- 1. Protects Personal Information
- 2. Prevents Identity Theft
- 3. Keeps You Safe Online
- 4. Respects Your Choices
- 5. Builds Trust

Why Public Wi-Fi Can Be Risky

Public Wi-Fi networks are often open and unencrypted, meaning your data travels freely through open networks. This makes it vulnerable to hackers who can intercept and steal sensitive information such as login credentials, financial information, PIN's and personal data.

Don't just connect – connect securely with a .KE domain!Securing your public Wi-Fi connection is just one step towards a safe and successful online space.

Consider registering a .KE domain name for your website or email address to build trust and credibility for your online presence.

EVENTS (April - June 2024)



a) Girls in ICT Day 2024

April 12th 2024: We joyously marked the International Girls in ICT Day 2024 along with the global community with the theme "Leadership".

Our team motivated the students at St Christopher's International School to see themselves as change-makers in the field of STEM (science, technology, engineering and Mathematics). They emphasized to them that by pursuing a career in ICT and digital, they are not just embarking on a job but stepping into a realm of endless possibilities and opportunities, a world where boredom does not exist!

The goal was to empower these budding talents and future leaders to visualize a clear path towards becoming influential leaders in the ICT domain, and we successfully achieved that goal.

b) St. Christopher's International School for their 2024 Career Day

May 23rd 2024: KeNIC had the pleasure of returning to St. Christopher's International School for their 2024 Career Day. This time, we had the opportunity to speak with Year 9 students about careers in ICT/Computer Science.

The main objective of the event was to provide students with valuable insights into different career paths, helping them make informed decisions about their future subject selections and career choices as they progress to Year 10. St. Christopher's invited professionals from various fields to share their experiences and knowledge, and we were honored to represent careers in ICT/Computer Science.



c) Child Online Safety Training

June 6th 2024: Thank you Lillian Kariuki, Executive Director at Watoto Watch Network for her informative training session on Child Online Safety for the KeNIC team.

The session kicked off with an overview of the progress in Child Online Safety in Kenya, including the laws, government initiatives, and efforts by civil society organizations. Lillian then delved into a parent training segment, highlighting the various risks children face online such as cyberbullying, online sexual exploitation, and exposure to inappropriate content professionals.

This training sets the stage for a fruitful partnership in our shared goal of safeguarding children online.

Let's continue on this path of learning and collaboration.



Day 2 at <u>#ICANN80</u> was filled with insightful conversations, including a discussion with <u>Ingabire Grace</u>, the CEO of the <u>Rwanda Internet Community and Technology Alliance (RICTA) LTD.</u>, caught on camera.



day 3 of the <u>#ICANN80</u> policy forum in Kigali, Rwanda, and our CEO <u>Andrew Mwanyota Lewela</u> and <u>Cpa Hildah Maina, MBA</u> had a great time connecting with the <u>Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA) @niraworks</u> (.ng) team.

We had the opportunity to engage in a courtesy call visit and benchmarking session with the Rwandan Registry, Rwanda Internet Community and Technology Alliance (RICTA) LTD. During the meeting, we discussed various strategies and initiatives that have been successful in promoting the growth and development of ccTLDs in both of our respective countries.

d) #ICANN80 in Kigali, Rwanda

June 6th 2024: Andrew Mwanyota Lewela, our Chief Evangelist and Hildah Maina, MBA - our Finance Manager represented KeNIC at the #ICANN80 Policy Forum in Kigali, Rwanda.

The forum aimed to raise awareness of ICANN's role in developing policies aimed at expanding the Domain Name System (DNS) and creating a more multilingual and inclusive internet. ICANN, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, plays a role in ensuring a stable, secure, and unified global internet.

"Many challenges lie before us, so we must remain committed to delivering results, recognizing that we achieve more when we work as one." - #ICANN80





e) Benchmarking Session with Nigeria Internet Registration Association (NiRA)



NiRA is responsible for managing the .ng country code top-level domain (ccTLD) and is seeking technical insights on the deployment of Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC). This meeting aimed to provide NiRA with a better understanding of KeNIC's DNSSEC deployment process, including the challenges faced and the benefits realized.

By participating in this benchmarking session, NiRA hoped to gain valuable knowledge that will help enhance the security of its domain infrastructure. This exchange of information will enable NiRA to make informed strategic decisions regarding DNSSEC implementation and stay up-to-date on the latest developments and best practices in domain security.





We were delighted to have hosted and shared insights with ADESOLA AKINSANYA - President , NiRA Executive Board of Directors, Abdullahi Murtala Muhammad - Vice President, NiRA Executive Board of Directors, HABEEB WAHAB - Head Technical Services and 'Busayo Atoki Balogun (BL, ACIS, SHRM-CP) - Head, Corporate Services, NiRA.

. CEO'S PICTORIAL



12th April 2024: Congratulations to the outstanding KeNIC team members who won the Special Projects team contribution award for the year 2023.

Top Image: (L-R) - Andrew Mwanyota, Doreen Khamala, Fiona Ongeso and Gitau Muraguri Bottom Image: Hildah Maina, Stephen Wafula, Joel Lumumba and Eric Ndungu





May 21st 2024: Our CEO, Andrew Mwanyota Lewela met with Africa Top Level Domains Organization (AFTLD)'s Administrative Manager Barrack Otieno to warmly welcome AFTLD to their new offices within the KeNIC building!

This exciting move fostered closer collaboration between our organizations, promoting a more robust internet domain industry in Kenya.



May 5th 2024: Our Chief Evangelist, Andrew Mwanyota Lewela, met with Lillian Kariuki, Executive Director of Watoto Watch Network to explore the idea of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between KeNIC and Watoto Watch. The goal is to team up and enhance online safety for children and youth.



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