

Organization Contact Information:

1. Organization's Name: Liberia Chapter of the Internet Society
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Organization's address (location and Postal address, if Different):

P.O. box 6303, Greater Love Clinic, 14th Street, Sinkor, Monrovia, Liberia

Organization website (URL) (If available):

Primary Contact

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Description

1. Structure and Governance:
Is your organization constituted so that individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region is based control your Organization?

Indicate Yes or No: Yes

Please explain the answer above in sufficient details so that a person not familiar with your Organization would be able to understand the reason for your answer, and attach and attach or reference the URL where any status or operating principles or other supporting information related to this question can be found.

How is ISOC-Liberia organized?

Individual Members: Anyone may join ISOC-Liberia as an individual member (concession rates apply for students and pensioners). Members may use mailing-lists, contribute to submissions, be part of parent-body ISOC, attend networking get-togethers, and receive reduced fees to conferences. Members become part of a friendly, informed network of people at all levels of Internet experience.

Organizational Members: Any group that uses the Internet may join as an Organizational Member at grass-roots Foundation level, or established Enterprise level. Representatives of Organizational Members have the same benefits as individual members. The organization also receives access to multiple memberships, exposure on our Web site, cross-promotion of relevant events, and may take part in ISOC-Liberia's Advisory Council and special forums.

Sponsors: ISOC-Liberia sponsors show by their support a direct commitment to the development of the Internet and gain the opportunity to network with some of the most Internet-experienced people in the region and in Liberia. They may take part in the Advisory Council (Board of Directors), to offer perspective and input into submissions. Sponsors also receive a number of memberships, marketing exposure at events and on the C's website, and may highlight their status as supporters of ISOC-Liberia Chapter in their own marketing.

Board of Directors: Members elect a board of seven directors, who appoint an executive director. Directors meet once in three months and at least three times in a year in.

Is your Organization formally incorporated?

Indicate Yes or No: Yes

IF YES: Please describe what legal recognition it has and indicate the place of legal incorporation or registration.

The Liberia Chapter of the Internet Society is legally incorporated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Republic of Liberia, in the nation's capital, Monrovia.

Describe your Organization's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes.

Duties of Officers

1. The President is the principal officer and is responsible for leading Chapter and managing its activities in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Internet Society and these by-laws. The president shall preside at all meetings of this Chapter and its Executive Council. With the advice of the Chapter's Executive Council, the president shall appoint all members of committees of this chapter and all committee chairpersons;
2. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings in the absent of the president;
3. The second vice president shall preside at all meetings in the absent of the president and the vice president;
4. The Seminar and Exhibition Director shall as the chairperson of the Seminar and Exhibition Committee.
5. The Secretary General keeps the minutes of all chapter and executive council meetings. Other duties of the secretary include:
 - a. Preparation of the annual Chapter Report for presentation to the chapter at the Annual Business Meeting.
 - b. Preparation of Chapter's Activities Report and submission of this report to ISOC Headquarters.
 - c. Notification to ISOC Headquarters of any changes in the elected officers of the Chapter;
 - d. Submission of any proposed amendment to the vice President for approval.

The Treasurer shall collect all dues, pay all bills, and maintain the Chapter's financial records. Duties of the treasurer shall also include:

- a. Preparation of the Chapter's Annual Financial Report for presentation to the Chapter at the Annual Business Meeting;
- b. Completion and submission of the Annual Financial Report to ISOC Headquarters.

Executive Council

The Executive Council shall consist of the present Chapter officers, the immediate past chairman, the directors/chairpersons of the Chapter's standing committees and up to 30 members –at-large. The term of the members of the council shall coincide with the terms of the officers. They shall take office on the first day of the fiscal year and serve for two years.

Standing Committee

1. The Standing Committees of the Chapter shall be seminar and exhibition, Membership, Technical, Publication, and Publicity.
2. The Seminar and Exhibition Committee shall plan and make arrangements for the technical programs of the Chapter's seminars and exhibitions in accordance with the membership's interests and aims of the Chapter as set forth in Article II.
3. Membership committee shall be in charge of technical matters.
4. The Publication Committee shall be in charge of publication including the publication of the International chapter news.
5. The publicity committee shall be in charge of the chapter's publicity.

Ah-hoc Committee

1. With the advice of the Executive Council, the President may appoint such temporary committees as appropriate,
2. A nominating committee consisting of at least three members of this Chapter, at least two of whom shall not be members of the Executive Council; shall be appointed by the Chapter's President at least two months prior to the election meeting.

Does your Organization have written by-laws or other constitutional instruments?

Indicate Yes or No: Yes

IF YES: Please provide a copy along with your application (in English if applicable).

In What Language Does Your Organization conduct its business?

We conduct our Business in the English Language.

About Your Members:

Do you have individual members with the ability to vote in or otherwise control the management of the organization?

Indicate Yes or No: Yes

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Indicate YES or NO: Yes

IF YES: Describe whether they are profit-making, non-profit-making, a mixture of both, and/or what proportion of the total membership each type of private sector organization

is. Please also describe what the nature of the organizational members is: For example, are they all of a similar type or interested in a similar activity or policy area?

The Internet Society of Liberia, ISOC-Liberia, is a non-profit, user-focused organization which promotes development of the Internet in Liberia to benefit the whole community, including business, academic, professional, and private Internet users.

As a member of ISOC-Liberia you will become part of a network of friendly, informed people, willing to share their knowledge at every level of Internet expertise. The Chapter offers an environment in which members may seek information, discuss issues, and provide input into industry and government policy submissions. Membership is available for both Individuals (Full and Concession) and **Organizations** (Foundation, Enterprise, and Sustaining).

Do you have government bodies, or quasi-government bodies as members of your organization?

We have within our membership cabinet ministers of the Government who are involved in the administrative aspect of our organization. They oversee the organization and give advice on its operation and make decision that affects the organization dealing with the government of the Republic of Liberia.

Describe the general membership-are they predominately of one (or more) professional background of interest group? (E.g. journalist online rights activist, consumer organizations, individual consumers, etc.):

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Describe how your Organization keeps its constituency/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:

We make online public forums available to our members and to casual visitors to our web site. Public Forums including email mailing lists and Internet Relay Chat. Please remember that any information that is disclosed on these Public Forums becomes public information and you should exercise caution when deciding to disclose your personal information.

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Presently we only have two type of memberships and their interests have been to promote the evolution of the Internet by raising awareness about its suability.

Approximately how many members, of each type of membership class if you have more than one, do you have?

The Liberia Chapter of the Internet is a newly established Chapter in West Africa and majority of its members comprise of students. Presently we have more than 400 student members, two members from the Government, and four members from the civil society.

Provide support for the statement that your organization is self-supporting (by answering “yes” you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding:

Indicate Yes or No: No.

What is the primary source, or sources, of funding for your organization? (if unfunded/entirely voluntary simply indicate “N/A”

The Liberia Chapter of the Internet Society receives grant from ISOC, the parent organization of the Liberia Chapter of the Internet Society This grant is intended for specific project implementation and does not cover other chapter’s activities outside the project scope. The Chapter also receives limited contribution/supports form individuals and members.

Do you receive any funding from government agencies of for-profit entities? If so, please describe their involvement in the activities of the organization (if they so participate):

At present, the Liberia Chapter receives no support from government or for-profit entities.

Does your Organization commit to supporting its individual constituents’/membership’s informed participation in ICANN?

Indicate Yes Or No: Yes

Does your Organization post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your Organization’s goals, structure, description of constituent group

(s).membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact (s) (if this information is available, provide URLs?

Indicate Yes or No.

We are presently building the Organization's web site and sooner we will provide you its URL.

Provide information on your Organization's leadership (leader's names, positions, emails):

No.	Name	Position	Email
1.	Philip Fomba Johnson	President	Johnsonpf1@yahoo.com
2.	Charles Kanlah Gaye	Vice president	Charlesg1075@yahoo.com
3.	Yonton B. Kesselly	Administrator	ybkesselly@yahoo.com
4.	Wilmot J. Corpee	Secretary	wilmotjcorpee@yahoo.com
5.	Melissa Chea-Anan	treasurer	melissacheaan@yahoo.com
6.	Francis M. Tamba	Director, Seminar and Exhibition	frcnstamba@yahoo.com

Objectives

The overriding objective/fundamental purpose of the Liberia Chapter of the Internet Society is to give expression to the needs and wishes of individuals, groups, or organizations that have a common interest in the viability of the Internet in Liberia, so that all Liberian users of the Internet may continue to benefit from, and contribute to, its applications, technologies, and to make the access able to everyone.

What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your Organization's constituents/membership?

1. The most ICANN-related issues currently of interest to my Organization are as follow:
2. The growth and evolution of the Internet;
3. Education, training and research relating to the Internet and networking;
4. Harmonization of actions and activities at national level to facilitate the development and availability of the Internet to both "the have and "the have not";
5. Being supportive of the original vision of ICANN as an independent, private sector led organization.
6. I am supportive and most interested in ICANN advancing discussions about the future of ICANN that there needs to be a greater awareness that ICANN's management of the DNS is as a steward over a shared global resource of its multiple constituencies;

I believe it is more critical than ever that we watch for and create opportunities to raise and promote this perspective throughout all processes.

If your Organization is accredited, will it commit to participating actively in the Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) for the region in which your organization is based?

Indicate Yes or No: YES

Include the name, and title, if applicable, of the individual who is authorized by your Organization to sign this application and commit your Organization to comply with ALS criteria.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____