

New initiative set to cut internet costs in Ghana

The Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) announced plans to launch a new drive to lower internet costs in Ghana. The launch is scheduled for Tuesday, 11 February.



According to officials, the new initiative will aim to open up widespread dialogue, empower countries to drive forward policy change and would also see the formation of a new national multi-stakeholder coalition and action plan in Ghana.

"The A4AI primary objective is to launch a Ghanaian multi-stakeholder coalition that will contribute towards government policy to bring about affordable internet access," the Communications Adviser at World Wide Web Foundation, Gabe Trodd, explained in an interview.

A4AI is made up a diverse group of private, public and civil society sector players advocating for open, competitive and innovative broadband markets.

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Launched in October 2013, A4AI will engage with stakeholders in a number of countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America, and the group has already signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the governments of Ghana and Nigeria.

At the event, there will be a panel discussion on the key policy and regulatory challenges to greater internet affordability in Ghana, moderated debates, interactive discussions; and the formation of a new national coalition, Trodd added.

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