

What drives an information society? We've learned it's about education, innovation, ideas, passion, commitment, trust, bootstrapping, entrepreneurship, young people, national policies, communities, government, living labs, hubs, partners, tech spaces, incubators, meetups, hackathons, training, networking, mobiles, communication, social media, private sector, universities...

Would you like to help us? Have we mentioned a theme you are also working on? Do you have similar initiatives? Do you see value in sharing knowledge and resources? Would you like to learn more about our approaches? Could we try new ideas or replicate tested concepts together?

Read more and contact us!

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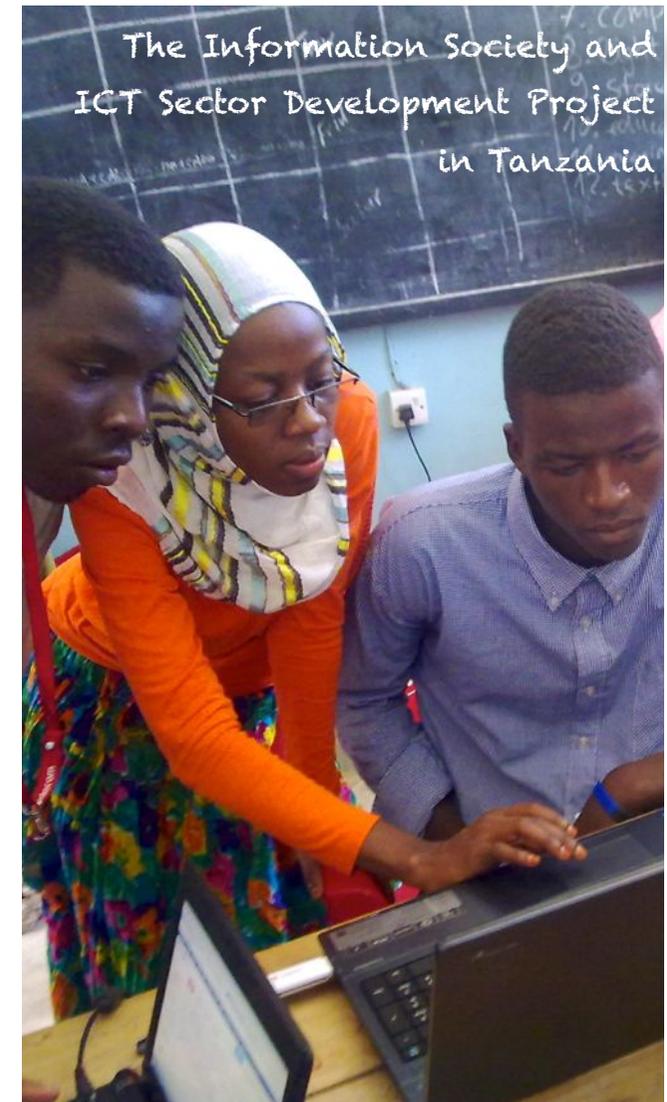
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TANZICT has 3 components:

- 1) Revision of the National ICT policy
- 2) Strengthening of the Institutional Capacity at Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology (MCST)
- 3) Tanzania Innovation Program

National ICT Policy Revision

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) is facilitating the process with Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology for renewal and implementation of the new National ICT Policy.

The new policy is built on following pillars:

1. ICT Strategic Leadership and Human Capital Development
2. Electronic Communication Access and Infrastructure
3. ICT Industry and SME Development
4. Productive Sectors
5. e-Service and Local Content Development
6. Cooperation and Collaboration
7. ICT Safety, Security and Standards
8. Legal, Regulatory and Institutional Framework



Rene Parker from RLabs presenting at a training workshop on social media at the Innovation Space.

TANZICT Innovation Space at COSTECH has attracted over 1000 young Tanzanians interested in ICT to different kinds of community activities.



Iringa Living Lab workshop brought together 15 different organizations to solve issues in Iringa community on November 26-27 2012.

Participatory approaches are critical in allowing living lab members to identify tensions and create new ideas and solutions from the resources they have.



Helen Lyaruu graduated as one of the first nine participants from the FEMTANZ-program. FEMTANZ-program helps women entrepreneurs to grow their business using ICT.



Ministerial delegation visiting The Innovation Hub and SAFIPA conference in Pretoria. Knowledge exchange trips provide a platform for learning fresh ideas and best practices.



Mobile Monday Dar es Salaam on Nov 5th 2012 focused on eGovernance. Events such as MoMo bring together academia, entrepreneurs, industry leaders, government and international partners and support local ecosystem development.

Institutional Capacity at MCST

TANZICT assists the Ministry of Communications, Science and Technology to build the necessary ICT institutional capacity to be able to fulfill its coordinating role for the ICT policy and use of ICT within the Tanzanian government. For instance, MCST is developing and implementing its own corporate ICT policy to be able to demonstrate a high quality model for other ministries in terms of benefiting from and managing its own ICT environment.

Tanzania Innovation Program (TIP)

TIP supports the development of local innovation ecosystem in ICT and facilitates exchange of ideas between students, graduates, entrepreneurs, private sector, academia, government and partners. Early stage business ideas and startups can apply for grants from the Innovation Fund to develop ICT-based business ideas into prototypes.

Tanzanian universities are supported by participatory training in implementing new approaches to support innovation and entrepreneurship training for undergraduate and graduate students.

Living labs are grass-root level initiatives where ideas and innovations are based on the needs of the communities, and activities are carried out in partnership with universities, municipalities and private sector. TANZICT has partnered with RLabs in supporting living labs in the use of ICT for learning, community development and entrepreneurship.

TaFinn is a knowledge exchange program for Tanzanian high-level stakeholders exposing them to new ways of using technology, developing the public sector, providing quality education, building an information society and structures for the national innovation system. TaFinn also provides research and training opportunities for academics and students in areas related to the project.

Special emphasis in TIP is given to gender issues and marginalized groups; for example, by training and empowering women entrepreneurs to use ICT to grow their business through the FEMTANZ-program, providing opportunities for women interested in technology to exchange and voice their ideas, and by providing training and support for disabled people to use ICT for income generation, communication and advocacy.