



FIRE PROGRAMME - Workshop on Grant Proposals Development

The Fund for Internet Research and Education (FIRE) Programme will host a **grant proposal writing workshop** in Abidjan on the 25 and 26 of November 2013.

The workshop is held back to back with **AFRINIC 19 Public Policy Meeting** hosted by the Ministry of Post, Information Technology and Telecommunications with the collaboration of ISOC – Cote D'Ivoire.

Every year AFRINIC organises two public policy meetings.

The AFRINIC Public Policy Meetings attract industry professionals in a very open and cooperative environment. They provide a unique opportunity for all Internet-related organisations to gather and have their say in the Internet policies governing our region, through policy development and discussions, sharing of technical knowhow, tutorials and training.

The goal of this workshop is to provide participants with the skills required to seek funding from potential donors with effective grant proposals. The two-day workshop covers a range of topics relevant to grant proposal writing as well as a session on how to apply for FIRE grants and awards.

Building human capacity in African isolated or post conflict regions

The FIRE Programme encourages innovative approaches to Internet infrastructure development in Africa by using the small grants funding mechanism to enable localised organisations to implement creative initiatives. FIRE programme recipients are encouraged to share their knowledge and learned experiences, so others can benefit from applying innovative solutions to their unique challenges.

Another benefit for FIRE programme project teams is the exposure to a wider group of potential partners and donors, as the success of each initiative may bring projects to a larger scale.

Writing effective grant proposals is a critical skill needed by any team wishing to bring their initiative to the next level.

The communities located in Francophone and Lusophone, isolated and post conflict regions have been selected to receive additional support for capacity development to improve the quality of project proposals presented to potential donors, sponsors, or investors.

This workshop will be video recorded as a free webinar and uploaded on the FIRE programme website as well as AFRINIC's YouTube channel, [youtube/AfrinICMedia](https://www.youtube.com/AfrinICMedia) to benefit anyone looking for the enhancement of their grant proposal writing skills.

The following attendees for this workshop have been nominated by ICT african organisations that are aligned with the goals of FIRE Programme and AFRINIC, to enhance skills for individuals and teams in core areas where initiatives for infrastructure development are generated:

- Rodrigue Adjassin, Bridges Benin (Benin)
- Bruno Serges, Souop Soufo, Novazen(Cameroon)
- Idriss Marcial Monthe, CINETCORE (Cameroon)
- Isaiás Barreto da Rosa, Digital Education Laboratory at the University Jean Piaget (Cape-Verde)
- Carla Dea Koffemba, Chala (Central African Republic)
- Nadege Dandou, Chala (Maroc-Cote d'Ivoire)
- Mariame Youssouf Thiam, NMMTTECH LTD (Mali)
- Hervé Kouadou, QUZZARS (Cote d'Ivoire)
- Ana Carina Apoque, Competence,Cote d'Ivoire)
- Sandrine Aboueu, Competence(Cote d'Ivoire)
- Mohammed-Ali Diabagate, Competence(Cote d'Ivoire)
- Frederic Zamble, Neuropixels (Cote d'Ivoire)

