**ACSIS launches web presence** [**www.acsis.scasi.org**](http://www.acsis.scasi.org)

**Addis Ababa/Geneva November 26, 2015:** The Africa Civil Society on the Information Society (ACSIS) has announced the launch of its official [web](http://www.acsis.scasi.org) platform aimed at keeping members and the continent of Africa abreast of developments within the Information Society (IS).

ACSIS president, Dr. Cisse Kane disclosed this saying the platform would avail lots of African civil societies to be actively involved on the issues surrounding the Internet and Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) community at the continental level.

President of the pan-African network also said that the new site would serve as an observatory to spur sharing of developmental information and monitor systems on everything that is happening in the ICTs ecosystem in Africa.

According to him, ACSIS focus would cover topics and developments on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) processes, follow up as it may concern and affect 54-member states of Africa.

In addition, Mr. Kane said ACSIS is interested in the inventory and monitoring of WSIS activities, as well as defend Africa's interests in the field of ICT, creating and strengthening ACSIS-SCASI national coordination.

Equally, [ACSIS Platform](http://www.acsis-scasi.org), he said would work to improve organization and communication of African ICT entities and resource persons including Africans in Diaspora; provide training for African ICT community and people, while structuring partnerships with all stakeholders, not limited to the governments, private sector, civil society, academia, local and regional authorities, international organizations, to name a few.

[ACSIS Platform](http://www.acsis-scasi.org), he further said, would provide advocacy on current issues such as access, costs, linguistic diversity, local content, IANA transition, openness, unicity, interoperability, accountability, monitoring the implementation of the resolutions of the WSIS, electronic waste, human rights, cyber security, and privacy among others.

The pan African network president went on to state that their interest filters on best practices, information on ICT events, observatory of ICT in Africa, country-based profiling of the continent and national, sub-regional, regional, Internet Governance Forums (IGF). ACSIS thus offers its various partners a communication tool (events, initiatives, projects, etc.).

Hence, he said, the African Civil Society on the Information Society is the dedicated to promoting a sustainable information society open and inclusive.

He pointed out that ACSIS was launched during the first phase of the WSIS by the will of the representatives of the African Civil Society that participated at the Geneva Summit process in 2003. This idea was confirmed with the support of the Economic Commission for United Nations Africa (ECA), the people and the republic of Tunisia during a meeting in April 2004 in Tunisia. The meeting also marked the official launch of ACSIS.

Therefore, he said, ACSIS is a platform through which African civil society could influence policy and guidelines and ensure that strategies and programmes that promote ICT development, poverty reduction, appropriation of ICT for sustainable and equitable development, community participation in policy and strategy development and implementation, etc. meets expectations and needs of African people.

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