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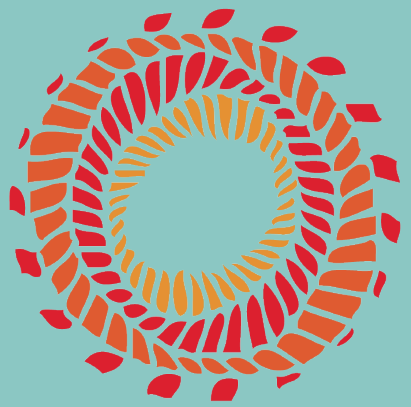

APC
ASSOCIATION FOR PROGRESSIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Supporting community networks

UNDERSTANDING APC

APC is an international network dedicated to empowering and supporting groups and individuals working for peace, human rights, development and protection of the environment, through the strategic use of information and communication technologies (ICTs), including the internet.

2018 Project: Can the unconnected connect themselves?

2019: Supporting community networks and other community-based connectivity initiatives

Areas we will be working on

Strengthen the CN movement

12 community networks from Latin America, Asia and Africa will be supported to learn from each other, build capacity and support the wider community.

Awareness raising & movement building

Participating and supporting participation of the CNs in dissemination and movement discussions regionally and globally.

Support innovative technology

Understanding how innovations in technology, policy and regulation and sustainability models can be incorporated by community networks, making them stronger, more resilient and better able to stay relevant over time.

Enabling policy and regulatory environment

A combination of mass market manufacturing and technological innovation have conspired to make it possible for anyone to build meaningful, affordable internet infrastructure.

Almost all policies and regulations for telecommunications are designed for large, for-profit corporations.
We need to create enabling regulations to unleash the potential of community network and other small network operators to deliver affordable access everywhere.

Gender perspective

Looking into all of the elements that makes access truly accessible.

Community-led and community-centered accessibility all the way from design, to language and use.

Community led indicators that reflect and assess the viability, sustainability and safety of our networks taking into consideration specific communal, social, economic and environmental short term and long term impacts.

https://www.apc.org/en/project/connecting-unconnected-supporting-community-networks-and-other-community-based-connectivity

Or http://gg.gg/APC-2019-LOCNET for short

Questions?

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