World IPv6 launch Breakfast organized by the Internet Society Kenya Chapter

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The Internet Society Kenya Chapter is organizing the World IPv6 Launch breakfast at the I-Hub on June 6 2012 from 8 am. to 11 am.

This is a global launch date for IPv6 supported by the Internet Society, all the major technology players like Google, Microsoft, and Cisco, as well as governments and companies like Face book, Yahoo, and many more who are adding support for this new technology. Obviously this is something that has been in the making for many years, and last year there was a 24 hour global IPv6 test flight with quite a number of top 1000 websites that clearly showed that the switch will be perfectly safe. With IPv6 being the 'new normal,' and now that IPv4 address supplies have run out globally, there is real economic need.

The specific requirements for participation in the various categories of access networks, home routers, and websites are as follows:

For access networks a commitment to make IPv6 part of their regular business is required. This means new subscribers get IPv6 on by default from June 6th 2012 and no special user configuration required to access the IPv6 Internet. To enable verification of progress towards this goal, access networks are also required to be delivering 1% of visits to major IPv6-enabled websites over IPv6 by 6th June. The level of IPv6 usage depends on the IPv6 capabilities and configuration of home networks, so the enabled customer base needed to be greater than 1% to reach this target. Measurements are being made by the major website participants to verify meaningful participation.

The second category of participant is home router vendors. Again the requirement is that IPv6 become part of regular business. This means a majority of products shipping with IPv6 on by default, meaning no user configuration is required to use IPv6. The University of New Hampshire Interoperability Lab (UNH-IOL) provides independent verification of IPv6 interoperability.

Finally, websites wishing to participate are required to permanently enable IPv6 access to their main website, meaning IPv6-enabled users can now access their content over IPv6 without any additional configuration.

Registration will be required since there are limited slots, to register kindly send an email to register@isoc.or.ke before Monday 4th June 2012.

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