



Restructuring WAIGF

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ECOWAS AT GLANCE

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS):

- **Date of Creation** : 28 May 1975
- **Location** : West Africa
- **Membership** : 15 Member States (MS)
(8 Francophones, 5 Anglophones, 2 Lusophones)
- **Population** : 300 M
- **Area** : 6,1 millions Km²
- **Average mobile tele density (2014)**: 90.28 per 100 inhabitants
- **Average internet user penetration (2015)**: 29.6%.



French: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo

English: The Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone

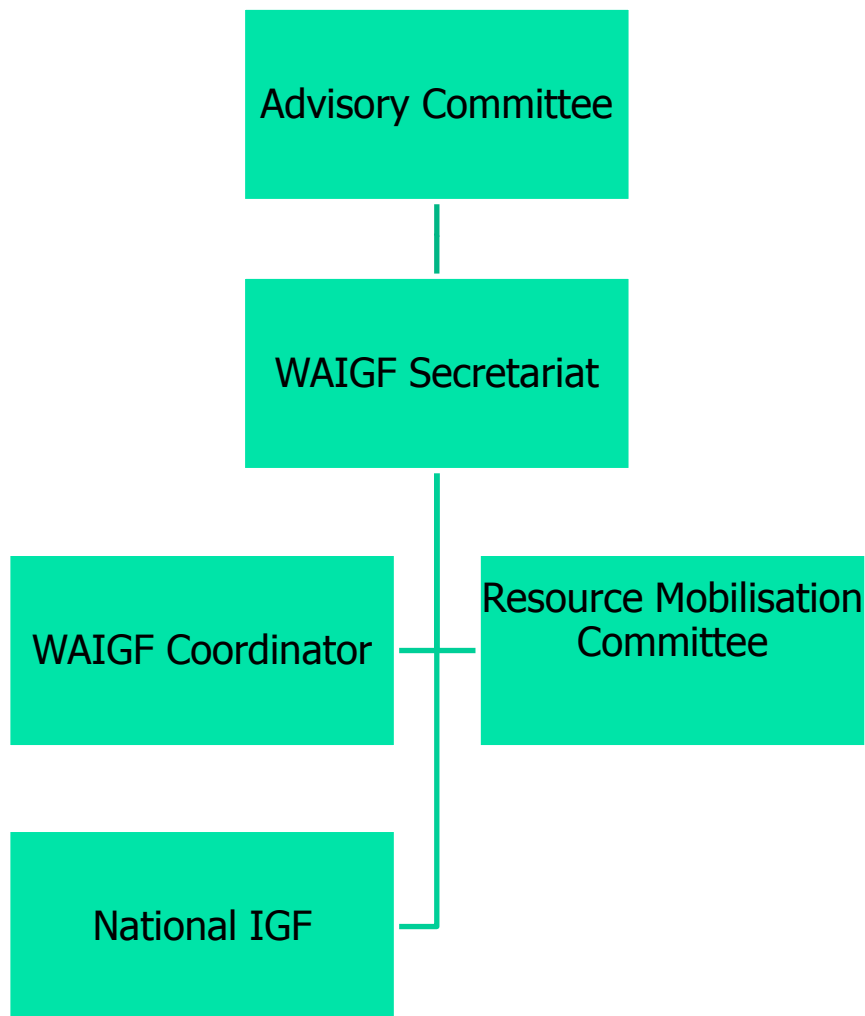
Portuguese: Cabo Verde, Guinea Bissau



WAIGF Stakeholders



Proposed WAIGF Structure



Functions: Advisory Committee

- Composed of ECOWAS ICT ministers
- Endorses the outcomes of WAIGF
- Provides guidance for the development of Internet in the ECOWAS region



WAIGF secretariat

- Host the virtual WAIGF secretariat
 - use volunteers as required
- Responsibilities:
 - Develop strategies to sustain the WAIGF process and secretariat in consultation Member States
 - Provide organisational, administrative and logistical support to the WAIGF
 - Promote inclusive IG activities of Member States
 - Establish West African Internet Governance School (WAIGS)
 - Convene annual WAIGF
 - Develop and maintain website to provide updates on WAIGF and ECOWAS national IGFs
 - Maintain active e-mail lists
 - Uphold a transparent and timely hosting arrangements



Functions: WAIGF Coordinator

- Active Member in ECOWAS national IGF
- Manages online meetings
- Participates in AfIGF and IGF
- Other activities related to Internet





Functions: Resource Mobilisation Committee

- Ensure transparency in mobilisation and expenditure of resources
- Members of resource mobilisation
 - ECOWAS
 - WATRA
 - WAIGF coordinator
 - Resource Persons from ECOWAS region



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Functions: National IGF

- Establish and maintain the national IGF
- Organize a yearly National IGF before the WAIGF
- Submit National Outcomes IGF to WAIGF Secretariat



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