Application: Internet Society Suriname Chapter

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A. Proposed name of the Chapter

The Chapter name must include both "Internet Society" and "Chapter". These may be translated into your local language.

Internet Society Suriname Chapter (ISOC.sr)

B. Community of Interest the Chapter will serve

Geography is a common choice for a community of interest, for example, within a country or city. However, any well-defined group of individuals is acceptable.

Our first priority is to provide the people of Suriname with open internet and open internet applications. In addition, we want to connect people outside Suriname with Suriname as a country and its population through our projects. There is a historic link between Suriname and The Netherlands.

The mission of the new Suriname Chapter coincides well with the ISOC Action Plan 2020 to focus more on the accessibility of the internet in less developed countries and areas. Specifically with:

- II. Strengthening the Internet: promote a positive localized vision for the decentralized "Internet way of networking and securing global routing based on the Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security (MANRS) initiative (workshops)
- III. Growing the Internet: Building Community Networks, prevention of Internet shutdowns due to governmental pressure
- IV. Building Our Community, Extending Our Voice: recruit ISOC Policy Fellows to the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) to build and channel diversity with the growth of the Internet in South- and Latin America.

C. Purpose and Scope of Chapter

It is important to indicate how you intend to serve your community of interest and why a Chapter of the Internet Society is a good way to do it.

1. To connect rural communities

The Surinamese population consists of different communities that mainly live in northern Suriname. Due to the lack of broadly available high-quality infrastructure for internet connectivity, many of the Surinamese people have little or no access to the internet. In addition, they have little knowledge about the possibilities that the internet and the use of online applications can give them.

We want to support and advise the current organizations in Suriname that are involved in improving the infrastructure for the internet, and offer resources to improve the connectivity and use of the internet.

2. To foster an open internet in Suriname, which we believe can be a force for good in current day Suriname society.

The internet offers the possibility to be in contact and to share information with anyone in the world who also has access to the internet. These benefits affect a country and its population at different levels. The ability to gain knowledge increases the level of personal development. The threshold for making contact and maintaining contact with others who are at a different location is lowered. The use of online applications brings enormous savings and economic opportunities for the government, companies and individuals. These are just a few examples of the extent to which Suriname can be positively influenced by the accessibility of the internet.

In Suriname, the Telesur company has virtually the exclusive right to grant internet access to the population. Although the Telecommunications Authority Suriname (TAS) has issued 7 ISP permits, accessibility to the internet is mostly available to the upper class of the population.§

D. Outline of key priorities for the first year of Chapter

It is important that besides drive and vision, there are also some concrete plans for what the Chapter will achieve in its first year of operation. If you are unsure as to how to develop a plan please visit our resource page.

1. Set up the chapter: administration, website, board w treasurer, chairman and secretary
2. Start recruiting members through various PR activities
    a. An online video presentation in which our vision, mission and goals are communicated and viewers are encouraged to join for free.
    b. Organize a networking event where we invite prominent Surinamese, Surinamese working in IT, journalism, marketing and government.
    c. Visit various media outlets as an organization, such as radio and TV channels to communicate our story on-air to the Surinamese population.
3. Setup monthly newsletter
    a. Set up a website, where we keep a blog about our progress.
    b. The website offers visitors the opportunity to become a member and/or subscribe to the newsletter.
    c. Visitors can contact the organization via the website.

4. Create a multi-year plan where both our goals are reflected into a number of concrete project proposals
    a. Expand (Mobile) Internet via Community Networks.
    b. Review site Suriname for trustworthy local entrepreneurship, such as Trustpilot.
    c. Network: organize a number of events, reach out to Paramaribo (capital city) and national leadership.
    d. Collaborate with partner organizations to (re)organize events such as Girls in ICT Day (by TAS, ICT-AS and ITU)
    e. Collaborate with partner organizations to (re)organize events such as Wiki goes Caribbean.
    f. A local Working Group concerning combating fake news related to the ISOC MMGA Working Group.
    g. Creating of a Suriname related Special Internet Group with ACM.
    h. Stimulating an Internet-related Internet Society Book club.
    i. Coaching Surinamese IGF-presence (including ISOC fellowship for IGF, promotion on IGF, remote hub development).

E. Founding members of the Chapter

Please list complete contact information and affiliations for all persons who will be working together to create the Chapter. A minimum of 25 Internet Society members is required for a Charter. Please supply their names.

The contact persons of this application are able to attract and recruit relevant ISOC members in Suriname from their own circles. Als they are planning to attract members via an online video presentation from which we can select new founding members.

Currently, there are the following founding members:

1. Henk Yorks (Surinamese ICT Entrepreneur)
2. Ruben Brave (internet pioneer and ISOC.nl board member)
3. Arturo Castillon (author and entrepreneur)
4. Alexander Blom (chairman Internet Society Netherlands)
5. Wilfried Meyer (former Telesur)
6. Chiric Sovan (Installations Technologies)
7. Prithvi Loetawan (Suribet)
8. Eugenio Bruce (B.Tech)
9. John Ramdat Tewarie (Corestats)
10. Doric Armesh Ramlakhan (CTO Telesur)
11. Astrando Kranenburg (Ministry of Regional Development)
12. Franklin Maanster (Directorate of National Security)
13. Mardie Kartosoewito (independent Network Consultant, former Datasur)
14. Gary Calor (Independent manager ICT Government, NGO & Health)

15. Ranny De Vries (Stichting voor Bosbeheer en Bostoezicht)
16. Piérre Kartoredjo (PITSEC)
17. Emiel Tirbeni (independent Internet Society Member)
18. Issiah Roberts (Inventive Modern Designs & Esports Suriname)
19. John Culbard (Telesur)
20. Pascal van Lierop (EXILIT)
21. Jason Wolfram (Xperience Information Technology)
22. Vidia Khan (Abundia Technology & Services)
23. Gregory Levant (Telesur)
24. Shailendra Koenjbiharie (Telesur)
25. Ryan Ramdayal (Avis Budget Group)
26. Devika Jhagroe (expert Sustainable Management of Natural Resources)
27. Shivam Dassasingh (expert Network Engineering & Digital Marketing)
28. Kishan Ramsukul (Member of Parliament)
29. Fauzia Mahomed Radja (Business Communications Expert)
30. Randy Badal (Kings Enterprise)
31. Nathaly de Man (Datasur)

F. List of supporters and partner organizations

Please list complete contact information for any organizations or groups who will be supporting or partnering with the potential Chapter. Be sure to indicate an individual or an individual's role for each supporter and their contact details. We strongly encourage Chapters to take a "multi-stakeholder" approach to form a Chapter.

The contact persons of this application have a sustainable network of contacts in Suriname in the following fields and branches

- Telecommunicatie Autoriteit Suriname
- Digicel
- Media outlets (*Radio- and tv-stations*)
- Press agencies
- National Parliament of Suriname

The following organisations, most of them listed with contact persons, support the application of ISOC.sr:

- Telecommunications Authority Suriname (Franklin Maanster)
- Datasur (Nathaly de Man)
- Rotary Club Paramaribo
- De Ware Tijd (Iwan Brave)
- The Backlot

- Telesur (Doric Armesh Ramlakhan, CTO & formerly responsible for high-quality infrastructure for internet connectivity by Telesur as Director Telesur National Broadband Project)

G. Membership

Please outline how you propose to communicate, engage, and interact with the members of the proposed Chapter. A steady stream of new members and volunteers serves a Chapter with a regular pool of energy and talent as well as new leadership.

Monthly newsletter, 3 monthly networking events, website, signal group

H. Code of Conduct

Members of ISOC Suriname Chapter will abide by the Code of Conduct for Individual Members of the Internet Society concerning Engagement, Community Rules, & Etiquette.

The code of conduct can be found at ISOC.org at:

https://www.internetsociety.org/become-a-member/code-of-conduct/

I. List of requirements

Some countries, governments, or regulatory bodies have rules or regulations that must be followed by Chapters of organizations like the Internet Society. Examples include documentation or fees. It is important for you to check and to indicate here any requirements you find. If there are none please indicate with whom you checked.

In addition to the stated requirements set by the KKF (Surinamese Chamber of Commerce), we have found no additional obligations.

J. Additional information

Please indicate here any additional information you believe would be helpful to our initial review.

The contact persons have a good relationship with the Dutch ISOC Chapter, so they can count on their support and knowledge in setting up and continuing the Suriname Chapter.

The contact persons have a special status for the Surinamese government, called PSA (Person of Suriname Decent). This status gives us the opportunity to work both in the Netherlands and Suriname. This allows us to achieve more than foreigners business and relationship-wise. Our goal is to have as many residents as possible operational for the Suriname Chapter.

More updates on the community and plans supporting the chapter can be found via:

a) Web: https://www.isoc.sr/

b) Whatsapp: https://chat.whatsapp.com/KSDBxG4w8SWly9ySVzHbhs

c) Linkedin: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8945141/

K. Your contact information

Please provide complete contact information for yourself, including affiliation, postal address, phone numbers, and email address.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNET SOCIETY SURINAME

Dear reader,

The Internet Society (ISOC) is an international non-profit organization that has pioneered the Internet and now has nearly 70,000 members worldwide. To this day, ISOC is still committed to openness and accessibility to the Internet for as many citizens as possible. As a non-profit organization, ISOC starts and supports many projects to give people safe and affordable access to the Internet and all its benefits and conveniences.

We have now taken the initiative to set up a local ISOC department (chapter) in Suriname in order to promote increasing accessibility and security of the Internet in Suriname. As an organization, we want to have as many Surinamese members as possible (founding member), because it is precisely members who are active in Suriname who can best estimate what Suriname needs in terms of Internet development.

Founding members deal with the tactical and operational tasks of the organization and translate the needs of the Surinamese community into concrete internet projects. Together with the board, the members set up projects that have a positive impact on the Surinamese population. For example, we focus on improving the price-quality ratio of the Internet in Suriname. Another spearhead is the establishment of local community networks, in close collaboration with the national provider (s), so that you as a resident of Suriname get affordable access to the Internet regardless of where you live in Suriname. We also want to offer the Surinamese population more knowledge about the benefits of the Internet in an understandable way; for positive development of individuals, companies and the country. Therefore, there is also room for a lot of own initiative and local implementation of the ISOC mission in a way that is relevant to Suriname. With transparent procedures, ISOC makes its funds available to financially support local Internet projects.

The Internet Society Suriname Chapter is looking for founding members who already use the internet frequently for their own activities and who want to be actively involved in our projects! Do you want to be part of the ISOC Suriname Chapter? Then we would like to receive your contact details.

To become a Founding Member of Internet Society Suriname you must register as a member of ISOC, this is free and can be done via the link:

https://portal.internetsociety.org/622619/form/join

Once you have done that, please also notify us by email to r.brave@board.isoc.nl that you have registered.

To actually start with the Suriname ISOC Chapter and set up our first projects, we need 25 founding members. Hopefully you are one of them!

Brasa and best regards,

Arturo Castillion, Ruben Brave en Alexander Blom
Initiators The Internet Society Suriname Chapter

More information about Internet Society
https://www.internetsociety.org/ (general website)
https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_Society (wikipedia page)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OANi1Faa1N0 (Why Join The Internet Society, Youtube)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlEMim2Qj-A (The Internet Society's 25th Anniversary, Youtube)

OPRICHTING INTERNET SOCIETY SURINAME

Beste lezer(es),

The Internet Society (ISOC) is een internationale non-profit organisatie die aan de wieg heeft gestaan van het Internet en inmiddels bijna 70.000 leden heeft wereldwijd. Tot op de dag van vandaag zet ISOC zich nog steeds in voor openheid en toegankelijkheid van het Internet voor zoveel mogelijk burgers. Als non-profit organisatie start en ondersteunt ISOC vele projecten om mensen veilig en betaalbare toegang te geven tot het Internet en al zijn voordelen en gemakken.

Nu hebben wij het initiatief genomen om een lokale ISOC-afdeling (*chapter*) in Suriname op te zetten om zodoende toenemende toegankelijkheid en veiligheid van het Internet in Suriname te bevorderen. Als organisatie willen wij zoveel mogelijk Surinaamse leden bij de oprichting daarvan hebben (*founding member*), omdat juist leden die zelf actief zijn in Suriname het beste kunnen inschatten waar Suriname behoefte aan heeft qua Internet-ontwikkeling.

Founding members houden zich bezig met de tactische en operationele taken van de organisatie en vertalen de behoeftes van de Surinaamse gemeenschap naar concrete internet-projecten. Tezamen met het bestuur zetten de leden projecten op die positieve impact hebben op de Surinaamse bevolking. Zo richten wij ons onder andere op het verbeteren van de prijs-kwaliteit verhouding van het Internet in Suriname. Een ander speerpunt is het opzetten van lokale community-netwerken, in nauwe samenwerking met de nationale provider(s), zodat je als inwoner van Suriname betaalbaar toegang krijgt tot het Internet ongeacht waar je woont in Suriname. Tevens willen wij de Surinaamse bevolking op een begrijpelijke manier meer kennis bieden over de voordelen van het Internet; voor positieve ontwikkeling van individuen, bedrijven en het land. Er is daarom ook ruimte voor veel eigen initiatief en lokale invulling van de ISOC-missie op een manier die relevant is voor Suriname. Met transparante procedures stelt ISOC haar fondsen ter beschikking om plaatselijke internet-projecten financieel te steunen.

The Internet Society Suriname Chapter is op zoek naar *founding members* die nu al veelvuldig gebruik maken van het internet voor hun eigen activiteiten en actief betrokken willen zijn bij onze projecten! Wil jij onderdeel zijn van de ISOC Suriname Chapter? Dan ontvangen wij graag jouw contactgegevens.

Om Founding Member van Internet Society Suriname te worden moet je je aanmelden als lid van ISOC, dit is gratis en kan via de link:

https://portal.internetsociety.org/622619/form/join

Zodra je dat gedaan hebt, meld dan aub ook via een e-mail aan r.brave@board.isoc.nl dat je je hebt aangemeld.

Om daadwerkelijk van start te kunnen gaan met de Suriname ISOC Chapter en onze eerste projecten op te zetten hebben wij 25 founding leden nodig. Hopelijk ben jij daar één van!

Brasa en met vriendelijke groet,

Arturo Castillion, Ruben Brave en Alexander Blom
Initiatiefnemers The Internet Society Suriname Chapter

Meer informatie over Internet Society
https://www.internetsociety.org/ (algemene website)
https://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_Society (wikipedia pagina)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OANi1Faa1N0 (Why Join The Internet Society, Youtube)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIEMim2Qj-A (The Internet Society's 25th Anniversary, Youtube)