

LOGIN-Africa: A Research Network Supporting e-Local Governance in Africa

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LOGIN Africa: A Research Network

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- a. A Network of Researchers
- b. A Distributed Research Project
- c. A Research Network

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- 9 research teams/9 countries/9+ institutions
- A range of disciplines:
 - Computing and Information Science
 - Public administration
 - Management
 - Social science
 - Linguistics

LOGIN Africa: A Network of Researchers

- ▶ A range of methodologies:
 - Action research
 - Quantitative assessments
 - Qualitative assessments
 - Case studies
- ▶ A range of research objectives:
 - Policy analysis and advice
 - Formal peer reviewed “scientific” research
 - Software/hardware development
 - “Lessons learned” assessment for practitioners

LOGIN Africa: A Distributed Research Project

- ▶ Attempt to develop a common research framework for application at the national level
- ▶ Attempt to develop a common research framework for inter-country comparison
- ▶ Attempt to develop a common research framework for Pan-Africa assessment

LOGIN Africa: A Research Network

- ▶ A network of research peers undertaking independent research projects linked by a shared set of research objectives and research perspectives within a collaborative research framework

LOGIN Africa: Research Objectives/Research Perspectives

- The goal of “research” is to inform
 - a. Practice
 - Policy formulation
 - Contribute to local, regional, global knowledge pool
- But “research” is often isolated from “practice” and “policy”
- So there is a need to create active and effective linkages between these domains

LOGIN Africa Research Network

Network of researchers:

- academic, practitioners, policy focused
- Computer Science, Planning, Social Science, Public Administration, Development Studies, Information Science, Management and others
- Concerned with research in the use of ICTs to enable economic and social development through a framework of e-local governance

LOGIN Africa Research Network

Working with **practitioners** to help them:

- to better understand how to enable their communities,
- to assess their own work and the work of others,
- to learn from their mistakes and the mistakes (and successes) of others,
- to gather knowledge that can inform their own work and the work of others,
- to provide evidence of the outcomes and impacts of e-local governance

LOGIN Africa Research Network and Policy Makers

Providing research that:

- Informs policy concerning the outcomes and impacts of ICTs and local governance
- Providing feedback to policy on the outcomes of investments in ICTs and local governance
- Contributing to strategy development towards achievement of desired outcomes of ICTs in local governance

LOGIN Africa Research Network and Research

Undertaking research that:

- Contributes to the global body of knowledge concerning the application of ICTs to local governance
- Contributes to the creation of a research theoretical perspective accurately reflecting the African experience(s) with ICTs and local governance
- Creates a body of peer reviewed research as a basis for teaching and contributing to the development of African universities and other research institutions

LOGIN Research Platform(s): Methodology

- Development of National and Pan-African Outcome Assessment Frameworks
- Identification of Pan-African level indicators
- Baseline application of indicator study—aggregation of national indicator studies
- Time 2 application of Pan-African indicators
- Pan-African level analytical framework: being developed (possible “Effective Use”, “Real Access”, “e-Fez”, other)

Pan-African Level Research Platform: Roadmap(s)

- Integrated analysis of national level e-local government assessments
- Network level assessment of relationship between research and national level e-local governance performance
- Network level synthesis of national level e-local governance lessons learned
- Network level development of a research informed e-local governance “Roadmap(s)”

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