

## Community Networks and Local Access Monthly Newsletter - Number 28



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Welcome to the 28th monthly round-up of developments impacting your local access networks.

We have created a new platform for community networks to share our experiences and grow together. Please join us at: <https://communitynetworks.group/>

### Events and conferences

- The WALC Latin American and Caribbean Workshop will be held online, with a training track on community networks. [Read more.](#)
- ISOC and CITELE announced the call to participate in the Building Wireless Community Networks course, to be held online from 14 September to 25 October 2020. [Read more.](#)

### Resources from past events

- African Internet Resilience #5: What about Complementary Access Models? How can complementary models increase internet connectivity in Africa? Which policy and regulatory frameworks can create a favourable environment for community-driven internet solutions to thrive on the continent? Find answers to these questions and more in this webinar. [Read more.](#)

### Community networks in news and blogs

- The LibreRouter has been certified in Brazil. [Read more.](#)
- Jnoptik Intrabach, an educational local content server born within the Ikta K'op Community Network in Mexico, explains the ways to use the educational content in the conditions of remote schooling made necessary by COVID-19. [Read more.](#)
- Here is the story of the Tosepan Cooperative Union and the work on their communication strategy, which involves the development of a mobile telephony service and a wireless network as community networks. [Read more.](#)
- The Connecting the Unconnected catalytic interventions grant enabled the TunapandaNET community network to collaborate with Murambinda Works in Zimbabwe to address the "after access" challenges of locally relevant content and platforms. [Read more.](#)

- As a part of the ITU's pandemic response, the platform REG4COVID was launched, providing a space for regulators and civil society organisations around the world to share and discuss their own initiatives. APC asked their partner organisations to contribute to the platform and their submissions have been shared here. [Read more](#).

### **News on policy and regulation**

- IBE Brasil has published a brief on the state of the regulatory framework for community networks in Brazil. [Read more](#).

### **Research**

- An investigation on multistakeholder relations and understanding of ownership from the onset of a community network project. [Read more](#).
- Performance evaluation of wireless mesh networks, considering exponential distribution of mesh clients and different router replacement methods. [Read more](#).
- A reflection on political advocacy experiences led by community networks activists in three European countries. [Read more](#).
- A new research article on initial data usage measures for a community network based in Cape Town, South Africa. [Read more](#).

### **Funding opportunities**

- Mozilla is calling for proposals to request funding for research on open source digital infrastructure. [Read more](#).
- The Canadian government has opened a call for proposals for projects in the fields of development, gender, environment and inclusion. [Read more](#).

### **Previous editions**

Previous editions of this newsletter are available [here](#).

*This newsletter is part of the Local Networks (LocNet) initiative, an initiative led by APC in partnership with Rhizomatica that aims to directly support the work of community networks and to contribute to an enabling ecosystem for the emergence and growth of community networks and other community-based connectivity activities in developing countries. You can read more about the initiative [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).*

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*One more thing! If you have comments about the newsletter or information relevant to the topic that you would like us to include in the next edition, please share it with us at [localaccess.newsletter@apc.org](mailto:localaccess.newsletter@apc.org).*