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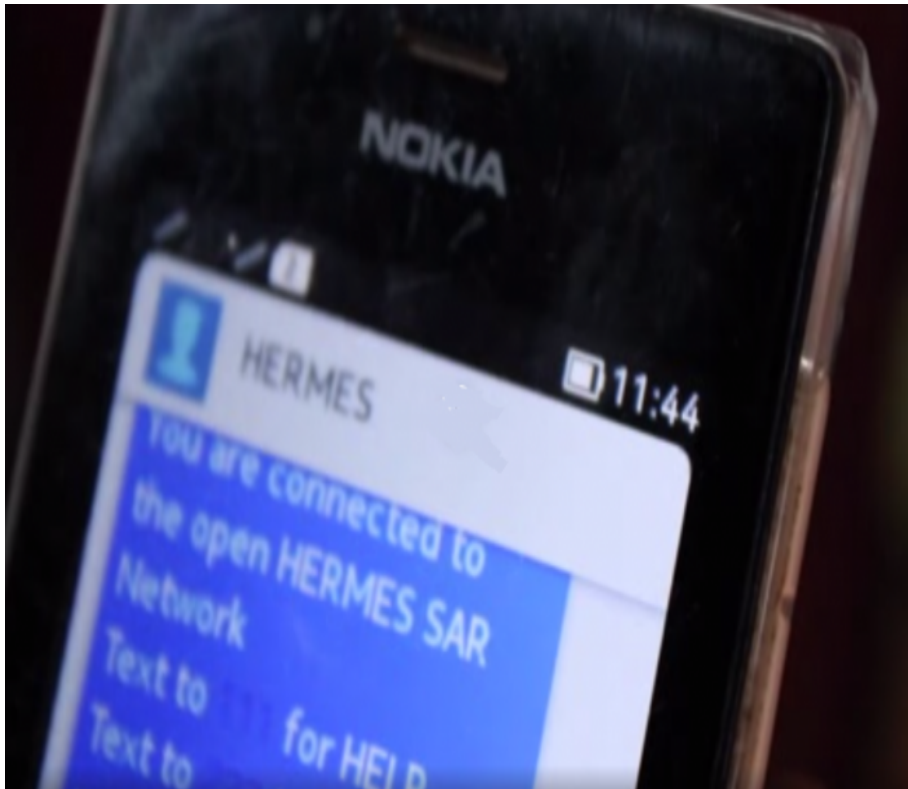


Image: Screenshot from a video by Rhizomatica about the HERMES project.

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

## 1. Get involved

- Fellowship for IETF 103, 3-9 November 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand. Read [more](#).

- Fellowships for the 3rd Summit of Community Networks, 2-7 September 2018 in the Eastern Cape, South Africa. Read [more](#).
- Call for resources for the IGF Dynamic Coalition on Community Connectivity (deadline 5 August). Read [more](#).
- Tecnologías Indígenas Comunitarias está buscando persona para la Coordinación Operativa. Read [more](#).

## 2. Events and conferences

### 2.1 Upcoming events

- 3rd Summit of Community Networks in Africa, 2-8 September in Lubanzi, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Read [more](#).
- Alternative Policy and Regulatory Strategies for Developing Countries in the Digital Economy, 6-8 September 2018 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Read [more](#).
- 2nd Facebook OpenCellular Workshop, 11-12 September 2018 in Nairobi, Africa. Read [more](#).
- [ITU Telecom World 2018](#), 10-13 September 2018 in Durban, South Africa. Other side events will take place during this time, including the Connect Africa Summit, with presentations about community networks. Read [more](#).
- 2018 Forum on Internet Freedom in Africa (FIFAfrica), 26-28 September, 2018 in Accra, Ghana. Read [more](#).
- LACNOG, 24-28 September 2018 in Rosario, Argentina. Read [more](#).
- 2nd Indigenous Connectivity Summit, 8-12 October 2018 in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, Canada. Read [more](#).
- Radical Networks, 19-21 November 2018 in Berlin, Germany. Read [more](#).
- The Internet Governance Forum 2018 will finally take place 12-14 November in Paris, France. Read [more](#).
- [En español] Taller para América Latina y el Caribe (WALC), 26-30 de noviembre 2018 en Santo Domingo, República Dominicana. El mismo incluirá una capacitación en redes comunitarias. Read [more](#).

## 2.2 Resources from past events

- Sarantaporo Conference: Building the Community in Community Networks, 7-9 July 2018. Read [more](#).
- The Global Access to the Internet for All (GAIA) Working Group met at IETF 102:
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Video of the session](#)
- Session on community networks at CANTO 2018 in Panama on 24 July 2018. Read [more](#).
- Community Networks: Connect the unconnected in Haiti: The ISOC Haiti Chapter organised an online conference with guest speaker Reynold Guerrier, who spoke about how to connect the unconnected in Haiti through community networks. Read [more](#).

## 3. Community networks in news and blogs

- The 300 inhabitants of Michaelston y Fedw decided “enough was enough” when it came to their Wi-Fi and broadband, and they now have the fastest internet in Wales. Read [more](#).
- Meeting Europe’s Connectivity Challenge: The role for community networks. Read [more](#).
- [En español] Inauguración del proyecto Comunidades Inteligentes que tiene como objetivo conectar con el mundo a comunidades rurales, remotas y desatendidas, donde no hay acceso a los principales servicios básicos. Leer [más](#).
- [En español] Un nuevo ecosistema de internet para conectar a los no conectados: “La brecha digital no se va a cerrar haciendo lo mismo que en las últimas dos décadas, y es necesario desarrollar estrategias innovadoras con la activa participación de las comunidades interesadas en lograr acceso a Internet”, aseguró el director ejecutivo de LACNIC, Oscar Robles, durante el Congreso Latinoamericano de Telecomunicaciones realizado en Cuba. Leer [más](#).
- TEDx Talk: “From net neutrality to network self-determination” with Luca Belli. Read [more](#).

- Opinion: Better internet service crucial for indigenous communities. Read [more](#).
- Mozilla WINS [finalists announced](#)! And there are some pretty interesting community network projects and technologies there, among them Rhizomatica's HERMES. Read [more](#).

#### **4. Relevant articles on technologies related to local access networks**

- Study suggests buried internet infrastructure at risk as sea levels rise: Thousands of miles of buried fibre optic cable in densely populated coastal regions of the United States may soon be inundated by rising seas, according to a new study by researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Oregon. Read [more](#).
- TV white spaces could revolutionise SA telecoms. Read [more](#).
- Telkom Kenya to launch first Loon commercial service in Africa. Read [more](#).

#### **5. Reports relevant to community networks and local access initiatives**

- Meeting Europe's Connectivity Challenge: The role for community networks. Read [more](#).
- Measuring the digital divide: Why we should be using a women-centred analysis. Read [more](#).

#### **6. Previous editions**

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

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