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## **Introduction**

Financial inclusion refers to the global systems set to fight against banking and financial exclusion. Based on the fact that the latest ITU estimates show more than 4.9 billion people are connected to the Internet in the world, which is more than 51% of the world's population ; and that in Benin, ARCEP establishes the internet penetration rate at 53.03% in 2021, i.e. 3.5 million people connected ; and that despite these figures, many populations are left without access to the internet and therefore digital financial inclusion, the Forum on Internet Governance in Benin has decided this year 2022 to reflect and make proposals on a theme that directly affects the daily financial experience of the populations of our cities and countryside. And even if many people are still left without access to the internet that is a prerequisite for digital financial inclusion, these people are also affected by what is happening on the internet.

The economy of countries is gradually digitalizing nowadays, and in the coming years, will certainly experience further digitalization of the processes. This is why discussing the issues, challenges and perspectives of our common future with regard to the Internet and financial inclusion, is the sign of our commitment to induce more facilitation in the living and working conditions of the actors of the economy that are : young entrepreneurs, women in our markets, small and medium-sized enterprises, citizens of all categories who use financial products and services offered by GSM operators, FinTech structures, Banks and insurance companies, public and private administrations, etc.

We will tell in this report about the objectives underlying the 2022 Edition of our National Forum on Internet Governance in Benin, we will recall the expected results, then we will present the overall process of its implementation, before ending with the results achieved and the recommendations made by the stakeholders.

### **I. Objectives**

The overall objective of this Forum is to contribute to the establishment of conditions that could lead to access for all to quality internet at affordable cost, and also to digital financial services for all uses in Benin. More specifically, this forum made it possible to :

- Discuss about access to the Internet in rural and urban areas (the technologies used, the costs involved, the uses, the developments expected by and for individuals and organizations) ;

- Discuss digital financial services (existing offers, constraints of offers, uses made, developments expected by and for individuals and organizations) ;
- Appreciate the contribution of the universal service fund to internet access for all ;
- Appreciate the contribution of fintechs and other financial players to universal access to digital financial inclusion ;
- Appreciate the reforms and policies impacting access for all to the Internet and to digital financial services.

## **II. Reminder of expected results**

It was considered at the end of this forum to achieve the following results :

- Various stakeholders in beninese society have better visibility on the reforms and policies related to access for all to the Internet and to digital financial services in Benin ;
- The key achievements of actors from the private, public and associative sectors are highlighted ;
- New solutions are formulated to meet the challenges identified in terms of digital financial inclusion in the Republic of Benin, and in terms of accessibility and availability of the Internet.

## **III. The overall process**

It should be recalled that the regular holding of global, regional and national forums is a recommendation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) held by the United Nations in 2005 in Tunis.

Benin organized its own this year in accordance with the five fundamental principles of openness, transparency, inclusiveness, bottom-up (i.e. decision-making goes from the community upwards), non-commercial, and multi-party.

The overall process took place in three main phases : the preparatory phase, the D-day, and the post-session phase. All the tasks of this process were carried out by sub-committees under the supervision of the organizing committee.

### **1. The preparatory phase**

The preparatory phase began with the settlement of the MAG in March 2022. The MAG is made up of volunteer members from different stakeholder groups (public sector, private sector, civil society, technical community, international organization). It should also be remembered that the MAG initiative comes from the World IGF and the PRIDA Project of the African Union. This year, the members of the MAG have registered in thematic sub-

committees which each has a whatsapp forum to discuss and carry out the tasks. The sub-committees created are as follows :

- Content Management Subcommittee
- Stand and room management sub-committee
- Communications Management Sub-Committee
- Management of reports and press releases sub-committee
- Facilitation of sessions sub-committee
- Mail Management Sub-Committee
- Protocol and Hospitality Sub-Committee.

**The activities of this preparatory phase consisted of :**

- Writing ToRs,
- Looking for sponsors,
- Writing and distributing the physical and electronic mails,
- Following up the mails sent,
- Guaranteeing and preparing a space for the meeting,
- Preparing and testing technical equipment,
- Settling issues related to the transmission for online participants,
- Producing attendance lists and the mailing list,
- Getting the draft of the final communiqué and the letters of thanks ready,
- Managing emails, phone calls and social networks.

## **2. The D-day**

Three main stages marked the Forum itself on Friday, May 20, 2022. These are the opening ceremony, the course of the sessions, and the final communiqué.

- **Opening ceremony**

The opening ceremony was marked by four speeches : that of the President of the Organizing Committee, that of the Director of the institute for training and research in computer science (IFRI), that of the Minister – Advisor to the Regulatory Authority of Electronic Communications and Post (ARCEP) and finally that of the President of Benin IGF.

In his speech, the President of the Organizing Committee, Dr Kossi AMESSINOU, thanked all the members of the organizing committee who worked day and night to make possible the effective holding of the national forum. He also thanked all the partners of the event and the participants who honored with their physical or online presence the animation of the forum.

The Director of IFRI, who represented the Rector of the University of Abomey-Calavi for the occasion, welcomed the consistency of the organization of the Internet Governance Forum in Benin. He recalled that this framework allows academics to give their contribution to the

state of improvement of the Internet in our country. He expressed the wish that the conclusions of the forum would be effectively implemented, in particular those which will have a link with the proper functioning of the education and research network, which needs high-speed internet for sharing the fruits of researches.

Then, the Minister Counsellor, representing the President of the Electronic Communications and Postal Regulatory Authority (ARCEP), recalled the action of his organization to build a favorable environment to Internet access for all uses in Benin, including digital financial inclusion. He underlined the watch that is maintained on the verification of the quality of Internet in all the municipalities of Benin thanks to the modern verification tools that ARCEP has acquired. He also praised the good collaboration that exists in the environment of the dual regulation of digital financial inclusion by both ARCEP and BCEAO.

The official opening of the forum was ensured by the current President of Benin IGF, Mr. Vivien ASSANGBE WOTTO, through a word of welcome. After expressing his joy at welcoming the participants in their ranks and qualities, he made a brief review of the genesis, objectives and activities of the Benin IGF before focusing on the relevance of the chosen theme which is : Digital financial inclusion in Benin : challenges and prospects.

Indeed, for him, this theme is very appropriate, because it fits perfectly with the current economic and social context where the offers of traditional financial and banking services not only do not cover the entire extent of the national territory, but are also not always accessible to all social strata. And so for people who are poor or in financial difficulty, and who are therefore excluded from traditional services, digital financial inclusion seems to be one of the main gateways to their empowerment and financial fulfilment. Mr. Vivien ASSANGBE WOTTO here refers to Samuel GUÉRINEAU according to whom « financial inclusion promotes economic development by allowing a growing share of households and SMEs to access a wide range of financial services at a reasonable cost ». He further presented the availability of affordable, accessible and good quality internet as a prerequisite for any digital financial inclusion in Benin. He ended his speech by thanking the people and structures who provided financial and technical support for the organization and success of the 11th National Forum on Internet Governance in Benin.

- **The actual session**

Type of sessions : The Forum was held in hybrid mode : in-person and online. .

- **Presenters and summaries of the sessions**

- **The First Session Synthesis** : *Internet access for all to the Object service : challenges and perspective*. This session is introduced by Dr Qemal AFFAGNON and moderated by Dr Wenceslas MAHOUSI.

**Dr Qemal AFFAGNON**, West Africa Manager of “Internet Sans Frontières”, an international organization promoting and defending standard human rights on the Internet. He is the author of numerous academic articles on the multifunctionality of the Internet and social networks in Africa. A specialist in the fight against Fake News, cybercrime and social media education, Dr. Qemal AFFAGNON is also an electoral expert, notably for the DRC, the Republic of South Africa and Mozambique.



#### **Animation of session 1 :**

In his keynote address, he made a conceptual clarification of the notion of financial inclusion and digital financial inclusion. Dr. Qemal AFFAGNON presents under the title « A context marked by the rise of the Internet and innovation », the achievements in the sector of technological innovation in Benin, through the establishment of digital services. Noting that the ecosystem is based on optical fiber that the government has made the effort to extend to more than 2000 km, he finds most of the figures encouraging because Benin is evolving in a favorable context. He noted an increase in the internet penetration rate in Benin. He also mentions the existence of a legal and institutional framework favorable to digital rights, in particular the digital code. According to Dr. Qemal AFFAGNON, however, there still is work to be done, in particular challenges to be met in terms of electrification, extension of community digital points, consumer protection, and the necessary framework, so that Internet becomes effectively within the reach of all. He is considering a few perspectives for this, which can be summed up as to :

- Guarantee access to broadband through a price reduction policy, by private and public actors,
- Depoliticize the management of the Internet,
- Finalize the construction of data centers to localize traffic,
- Pool forces for Internet governance.



**Dr Wenceslas MAHOUSI** holds a doctorate in Information and Communication Sciences from the University of Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis (France) and the University of Abomey-Calavi (Benin). Archivist-Documentalist by training, he is an expert-consultant and trainer on documentary and archival issues. A teacher at the National School of Information and Communication Sciences and Techniques (ENSTIC) of the UAC, he has been Deputy Director there since 2019.

### **Moderation of Session 1 :**

He set out to question the panelists on the state of the Internet in our country, to collect answers on the efforts already undertaken, the results achieved, the challenges and constraints that remain, the ways to overcome them, and the prospects which are looming on the horizon of 2030. The explanations provided by each and every one are :

### **Mr. Désiré ADADJA, Minister – Advisor to ARCEP**

He finds it appropriate to hold this forum, the theme of which touches on a real problem of the Internet in Benin. After presenting statistical data reflecting the rapid and massive adoption of means of digital money transfer, for the Representative of ARCEP, the internet has become both the nerve of the economy and that of war. The proof is that in 2021 a worldwide half-day internet shutdown created enormous damages and lost of millions dollars to businesses. The truth, he asserted, is that today there is no economy that is not digital. He made it clear that 7 out of 10 people are connected in Benin and justifies this by figures from ARCEP Benin in relation to the mobile internet and fixed internet market, to the market share in volume of ISPs in December 31, 2021, at the rates charged, etc. He also spoke about the tools developed by ARCEP for the needs of users, in particular the atlas, the tariff simulator.

He expressed some concerns which can be summarized as follows : What do they become, those who are left behind, as far as internet is concerned ? How do they live ? How to ensure that progress does not create a divide within the divide, with those who can access the internet, online financial products and services on the one hand and those who cannot ? To end his speech, he expressed his satisfaction and congratulated the organization of the Forum, and the accuracy of the theme chosen.

**Mrs Christelle AGOSSOU ADN (Benin numeric development agency) Project Manager**

She mainly intervened to present the government's efforts through the Agency for Digital Development (ADN) to make the Internet more accessible in time and space. She presented in great detail RBER (Benin Education and Research Network). RBER is a digital infrastructure which, in its first phase, is being erected in about ten university sites and research centers, to facilitate access to educational resources at the national level, sub-regional and international. RBER solves this problem by promoting access to knowledge for 90,000 beninese students via a high-speed Internet connection, documentation and online courses. Indeed, the Network's mission is to provide advanced digital services that can enable universities to interconnect with the networks and resources of other institutions at the national, sub-regional and international level, through its membership in WACREN (Network of Education and Research in West and Central Africa).

She also explained that since 2015, many initiatives have been taken and implemented by the government to promote access to the internet for a large number of populations, to enable learners to get familiarised with the internet, so as to induce facilitation in urban and inter-urban connectivity, to promote tourism, etc. She did a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) of the systems for implementing inclusion in digital finance. She ended by arguing that the development of digital financial inclusion infrastructure and delivery systems will only really make sense if they take momentum from the grassroots.

**Professor Eugène EZIN, Director of IFRI (High computing school)**

According to him, it's an emergency to act for young students training in computer science and technology, due to the growing demand for computer engineers on the job market. For that reason, he refers to a study carried out in 2019 which establishes the integration rate of IFRI students at 85%. However, the high cost of connection being a major obstacle for learners, he calls for urgent action for its reduction. We should also promote the inclusion of women, he said in conclusion.

**Mr Landry ZONIKPO of the Beninese Company of Digital Infrastructures (SBIN)**

He enlightened the participants on the missions and vision of SBIN SA. This company works to improve the quality of mobile services by setting up a dynamic digital ecosystem for the benefit of public and private administrations, and at the same time contribute to the transformation of Benin into a platform of digital services for West Africa. To achieve its



objectives, SBIN SA is committed to developing human skills in the service of digital technology.

**Ms. Nnenna NWAKANMA (Representative of World Wide Web Foundation)**

She encourages multi-stakeholder partnership, and says that “the internet shutdown does no honor to any country”. This must not happen again. The internet should not only be affordable, but also always available.

➤ **Session 2 synthesis** : *Digital financial inclusion in Benin : challenges and prospects.*

This session is introduced by **Mrs. Carmen GNANIH.**

**Carmen GNANIH** is a Financial and Banking Executive specializing in Financial Consolidation, Credit Management and Financial Engineering. Financial Analyst, Director of Retail Banking at Banque Atlantique Benin, Cop Facilitator DFI-BENIN since 2016, President of the Association of Digital Finance Professionals DFI-BENIN, affiliated with ALLIANZ Cape Town, South Africa. Holder of an MBA Finance, ESG Paris Graduate School Of Management, a Certificate on Mesofinance – AFD, a diploma from the International Academy of Retail Banking, a Professional Banking Certificate B1/B2/B3 Major– CFPB Paris.



Her introduction makes it clear that digital financial inclusion will be facilitated with lower cost financial services. In her keynote, she showed how in the current and present context, covid-19 and war in Ukraine have impacted the country’s economy, and strengthening digital financial inclusion in Benin will raise a lot of obstacles.



Session 2 had the honor of being moderated by **Mrs. Dorice DJETON GOUDOU.**

Mrs Dorice DJETON GOUDOU is a Journalist, Media-Gender Consultant, President of DG PARTNERS NGO. She is also a PhD student in Information and Communication Sciences

As Moderator, she questioned the participants on the state of play of digital financial inclusion in our country to

understand what has already been done in this direction by the various actors in the sector, the progress made, the remaining challenges and constraints, ways to resolve them, and prospects. The panelists provided equally interesting answers.

### **Madame Rachael Orumor, from Woman Coder**

She proposed that people be identified who are, for organic or physiological reasons, excluded from enjoying the benefits of digital finance. She also referred to Startups for which it is not really easy to access or provide digital finance services. Other people with various disabilities belong to this category of citizens who are set aside. Kije the visually impaired, the elderly, urban and rural women, people who work independently but do not really benefit from the financial advantages brought by digital financial inclusion.

### **Mr. Brice MEDO from Ecobank Benin**

He informed the opinion on the possibilities offered to users through the Ecobank mobile application, and the women-oriented programs that have been put in place.

#### ➤ **Summary of the presentation session of the « Participatory citizen dialogue on the future of the Internet »**



This presentation was co-facilitated by Missions Publiques and its National Strategic Partner, Country Director of Global Youth Network **Yao Amevi Amessinou**.

Missions Publiques is represented by Maria Tazi and . We The Internet is an annual dialogue initiated by Missions Publiques, an agency specialized in citizen participation based in Paris. Since 1998, it has initiated or organized more than 1,200 citizen dialogues in 125 countries around the world. Its objective is to improve governance and decision-making in the 21st century by initiating meetings and dialogues between decision-makers, ordinary citizens of the world and other stakeholders. We The Internet offers citizens of whatever profession, origin, whatever condition they are, connected or not, a framework where they express their expectations, their needs, their concerns in relation to the Internet. This dialogue with Missions Publiques was held for the first time in Benin in 2020.



The vision of We the Internet is to test, improve and institutionalize the governance of the Internet by 2025. Two major projects are planned by 2025. The first : contributing to the global digital pact ; the second : contribute to the future governance of the Internet in 2025.

### 3. The post-session phase

It is dedicated to writing the reports in the required formats : Final press release, 2022 forum report, acknowledgements, English translation.

## IV. Results achieved

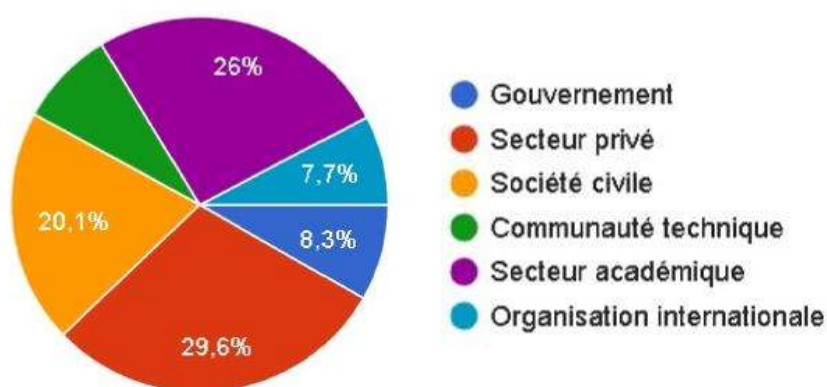
The 11th Forum on Internet Governance in Benin achieved the objectives set at the start, both in terms of the results and participation.

- The various stakeholders in beninese society have a better understanding of digital financial inclusion in Benin, its issues, achievements, constraints, challenges and prospects.
- The main contributions of actors from private, public and associative actors in terms of digital finance and access to the Internet were highlighted during the debates.
- New challenges are identified and possible solutions formulated through recommendations, in order to create favorable conditions for the establishment of real services to businesses, to people, whether they come from rural or urban areas.

## V. Participation

The participation is presented through the following diagrams : :

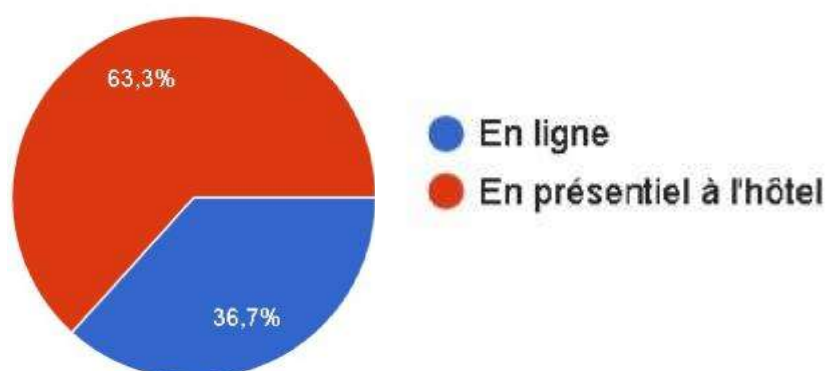
**Figure 1** : Repartition by stakeholder group



We noted a strong participation of the private sector (29.6%) ; the academic world has the second highest percentage of representation (26%) ; then comes civil society, which totals 20.1% of the participation rate. As for the technical community and the public sector, they are represented at 8.3% for each of them. Finally come the international organizations which are

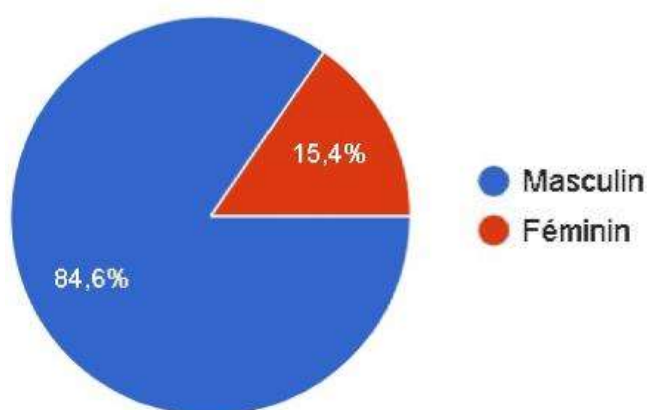
represented at a rate of 7.7%. The academic world, the private sector and civil society alone account for 75.7% of the participation rate against 24.3% for the public sector, the technical community and international organizations. These statistics invite us to work more with these stakeholders in order to generate more support and more commitment from them for Internet governance in Benin.

**Figure 2 :** Repartition by mode of participation



Online, there were 36.7% of participants equivalent to 60 persons, while 63.3% equivalent to 76 people were indoors. The bias noted between the number of people registered and the participation rate can be explained by the fact that not all the people registered to be in person or online participated according to the mode of participation they chose.

**Figure 3 :** Gender distribution of participants



As in the 2021 edition of the FGI Benin, the participation rate is marked by a strong differentiation leaning towards masculinization. Indeed, only 15.4% of women were present, all modes of participation combined. This testified of the great effort that remains to be made

by Benin IGF office and the organizing committees to really introduce more gender equality in participation.

## **VI. Recommendations**

At the end of the day, the various stakeholders made the recommendations. They are addressed to several actors including : the State and the public administration, the private sector, FinTech companies, banks, mobile operators, internet access providers and internet service providers, and generally to the all providers of financial services and products, and to users. These recommendations consist of :

- Improving internet access and national coverage by private mobile operators,
- Promoting greater fairness by working to put an end to the practice of certain ISP and ISP companies being both wholesalers and retailers,
- Benin's opening up to technologies other than optic fiber, in particular satellite,
- Settling a framework where Internet users can express their expectations, their needs and above all their dissatisfaction with the quality of the Internet and the costs charged,
- Pursuing electrification efforts in both peri-urban and rural areas,
- Taking into account the visually impaired and hard of hearing, and more generally people with disabilities in the implementation of internet infrastructures favorable to digital financial inclusion for all,
- Making community digital points a continuous extension,
- Guaranteeing the protection of users of online financial services, including those in rural areas,
- Informing users of online services about existing risks and how to protect oneself from them,
- Performing regular updates of systems and networks to prevent imposters from taking advantage of site vulnerabilities to commit offences,
- Improving the digital service is not only the prerogative of the public and private sectors, but of the whole community and each of its members,
- Identifying the most vulnerable categories of people to the exclusion of online financial services and insurance,
- Adapting regulatory frameworks to digital financial services and products,
- Identifying the most vulnerable households in order to target them more easily and help them with capacity building for social safety nets through digital finance,
- Diversify the venue for Internet Governance Forums in Benin by opting for other cities in the country,
- Matching the digital code with the processes and rules of digital finance,
- Putting particular emphasis on training in the sector of digital financial access in Benin,
- Competition between FinTech structures and online banking services is a decisive lever for achieving optimal digital financial inclusion,

- Settling down mechanisms adapted to the progress of Digital Finance in general, in order to ensure a real security of users,
- Promoting online payments in Benin through actions that give them more visibility,
- Educating users in rural areas on cybersecurity,
- Perpetuating the culture of citizen dialogue on Internet governance in Benin.

## **VII. Our Sponsors**

For this edition of the forum, the organizing committee sent requests for sponsorship to several organizations, in particular : Secretariat of the world IGF, ISOC foundation, IGFSAs, AFRINIC, JENY SAS, AZALAÏ Hôtel of the Beach of Cotonou, Women Be Free NGO.

At the date of writing this report, the organizing committee had only received confirmation of support of :

- IGFSAs : 1,500 dollars from,
- JENY SAS : 500,000 CFA francs
- AZALAÏ Hotel of the Beach of Cotonou : Reduction in the cost of meeting rooms booking and catering for participants,
- Women Be Free NGO : Management of intellectual productions.

## **VIII. Other Partners**

### **❖ Public Partners**

- Ministry of Digital and Digitization (MND)
- National Agency for Information Systems Security (ANSSI),
- Digital Department (DN)
- Information Services and Systems Agency (ASSI),
- Digital Development Agency (ADN),

### **❖ Private partners**

- CCIB
- ISOCEL TELECOM
- JENY SAS
- SBIN SA

### **❖ Civil society partners**

- Benin IGF Association,
- West African IGF (WAIGF),
- IGBANET,
- Women Be Free NGO
- Internet Society (ISOC) Benin Chapter,
- ABCPN,

- AFRICAN ICT FOUNDATION
- ❖ **Education sector partner**
- Abomey-Calavi University (UAC)

## IX. Budget

Financed Sections	Estimated amounts (CFA)	Real amounts (CFA)	Mobilized amounts (CFA)	Funding sources
Logistical preparation and communication and travel of the members of the organizing committee	350.000	0	350.000	Association FGI Bénin
Intellectual preparation	100.000	0	100.000	ONG Women Be Free
Writing and production of reports	100.000	0	100.000	ONG Women Be Free
Report translation in English	100.000	0	100.000	ONG Women Be Free
Room rental	826.000	0	826.000	AZALAI Hotel Association FGI Bénin IGFSA
Coffee break and lunch for participants	1.121.000	0	1.121.000	AZALAI Hotel Association FGI Bénin JENY SAS
150 Mbps internet connection	100.000	0	100.000	JENY SAS
Audiovisual capture and remote broadcasting	260.000	0	260.000	JENY SAS

Mail distribution	31.020	0	31.020	Association FGI
Realization kakemono (ROLL UP)	82.500	0	82.500	Association FGI
Payment of journalists	20.000	0	20.000	Association FGI BENIN
TOTAL	3.090.520	0	3.090.520	

## X. Acknowledgment

We would like to thank the structures that provided advice, technical, financial and logistical support for the organization of this eleventh edition of the National Forum on Internet Governance in Benin :

- Ministry of Digitization (MND)
- Ministry of economics and Finance (MEF)
- Coordination of the United Nations System in Benin (C/SNU)
- National Agency for Information Systems Security (ANSSI)
- Agency for Digital Development (ADN)
- Information Services and Systems Agency (ASSI)
- Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications and Post (ARCEP)
- Beninese Agency for Universal Service and Electronic Communications and Post (ABSU-CEP),
- Personal Data Protection Authority (APDP)
- National Association of Municipalities of Benin (ANCB)
- NGO Women Be Free
- ISOC Benin Chapter
- ABC-PN Association
- ICANN
- AFRICAN ICT FOUNDATION
- IGF Support Association
- Internet Governance Forum secretariat (IGF)
- Benin Trade and Industry Center (CCIB)
- Moov Africa Benin
- ISOCEL Benin
- JENY SAS
- Beninese Digital Infrastructure Company (SBIN SA)
- University of Abomey-calavi (UAC)



- Azalaï Hotel of the Beach of Cotonou

We would also like to thank the organizing committee, the sub-committees, the moderators, the panelists, the participants of the eleventh National Forum on Internet Governance in Benin for their availability.

## XI. Contacts and information sources

- ❖ Official website : [www.fgi.bj](http://www.fgi.bj)
- ❖ E-mail address : [bureau@fgi.bj](mailto:bureau@fgi.bj)
- ❖ Online informations

## XIII. Appendices

- Some clippings of online articles about the event



- **Some links to sites and blogs that relayed the Forum**

- <http://causecommune.home.blog/2022/05/22/11eme-forum-national-sur-la-gouvernance-de-linternet-pour-plus-dinclusion-numerique-et-financiere-au-benin/>
- <https://monde24info.home.blog/2022/05/24/11eme-forum-national-sur-la-gouvernance-de-linternet-inclusion-numerique-et-financiere-au-benin-au-coeur-des-echanges/>
- <https://signalexpress.wordpress.com/2022/05/24/11eme-forum-annuel-de-la-fgi-beningouvernance-de-linternet-au-benin>
- <https://www.afro-impact.com/benin-la-11e-edition-du-forum-sur-la-gouvernance-de-linternet-sest-penchee-sur-linclusion-numerique-et-financiere/>

- **Some images of the indoor session**





- Schedule

Times	Sessions	Actors involved
08h30-09h00	Arrival and settling down of participants and communicators	Participants
09h00-09h15	<b>Word of welcome</b>	President of the Organizing Committee
09h15-09h30	<b>Opening ceremony</b>	Benin IGF Pr., UN, MND
09h30-11h30	<p><b>Session 1 : <i>Internet access for all in Benin : challenges and prospects</i></b></p> <p><b>Introductory communication</b> (15 min) : Dr. Qemal AFFAGNON (Internet without borders – West Africa)</p> <p><b>Moderator</b> : Dr Wenceslas MAHOUSI (ENSTIC)</p>	UN, MND, ASSI, ADN, ANCB, ABSUCEP, AN, CCIB, FGI BENIN, ARCEP, ISOC, APDP, ANSSI, ASSI, all ISPs (ISOCEL, OTI, etc.), all GSM Operators (MTN, Moov, SBIN), private sector, civil society
<b>Coffee break</b>		
12h00-14h00	<p><b>Session 2 : <i>Digital financial inclusion : challenges and perspectives</i></b></p> <p><b>Introductory presentation</b> (15 min) : Ms. Carmen GNANIH (Association of Digital Finance Professionals in Benin)</p> <p><b>Moderator</b> : Mrs. Dorice DJETON GOUDOU, Journalist, Media-Gender Consultant, President of DG PARTNERS ONG</p>	ASSI, ISOC BENIN, CONSUMER ASSOCIATION, ISOCEL, OPEN SI, Feday Pay, KKiapay, MTN, Moov, ADN, ANSSI, ABC-PN, SBIN SA, Patronat du BENIN, Banks, Insurance companies, Universities, IT and telecom companies, FGI Benin, development associations, youth associations, women's associations, retirees
<b>Lunch break</b>		
15h00 - 15h30	Presentation of the “Participatory citizen dialogue on the future of the Internet”	Missions publiques and WE THE INTERNET
15h30 - 15h45	Reading and amendment of the final press release	Participants
15h45-16h00	<b>Closing ceremony</b>	Participants

- **MAG members list**

<b>Names</b>	<b>Structure</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Dr AMESSINOU Kossi	Ministry of Economics and finance	Public sector	Male
Mr HOUNGNIHIN Yalekpon Nazaire	NGO Women Be Free	Civil society	Male
Mr SOSSOU Yao Amevi	We the internet	Civil society	Male
Mr ADJA Jérémie	ABCPN	Civil society	Male
DOSSOU-YOVO Moles	EPAC	Academic world	Male
ABALLO Josiane	MTN	Technical community	Female
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GANDONOU Christelle	ONG Women Be Free	Civil society	Female
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