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2005 AISI Media Awards - WINNERS

Summary of the Winning Entries



AISI-GTZ Media Awards on Promoting the Information Society – PRINT

1st Prize: Godfrey Ikhemuemhe (Nigeria)

"Realising Nigeria's Universal Access"

The article focuses on unique and practical examples of how rural villages in Africa have improved food security and achieved economic growth through the use of ICTs.

2nd Prize: Laid Zaghلامي (Algeria)

« Les médias à l'âge numérique »

Laid Zaghلامي's piece tells us how the media in Algeria is tackling technological challenges in a fast-changing Information Society. The article is analytical, informative and concise.



AISI-GTZ Media Awards on Promoting the Information Society – RADIO

1st Prize: Awussaba Adjowa Magbede (Togo)

« La voix sur IP quel apport pour la société togolaise? / www.radiolome.tg »

Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) is a contentious issue in most African countries. As this story shows, Togo is blazing the trail, in an area where few governments dare venture.

2nd Prize: Filifing Diakite (Mali)

« Logiciel libre : Skolelinux, une solution pour populations à faibles revenus " Sabalibougou au Mali" »

The programme reports on the activities undertaken in a Youth Development Center established with the support of ENDA Tiers Monde and UNICEF. Its main focus is on the role of Free Software and used computers, donated by partners, to promote ICT access to disadvantaged Youth and Youth Out of School.



AISI-GTZ Media Awards on Promoting the Information Society – TV

1st Prize: Bayero Agabi (Nigeria)

"Satellite and it's importance"

Nigeria's launch of satellite communication is not without controversy. The story captures a rare balanced view of an ongoing debate.

2nd Prize: Joel Ekue Kuegah-Tedio

"Multimedia"

The Internet Bus as a tool for multi-media access is the focus of this story. The tool is not for geeks as the story shows. It provides vital services for communities.



AISI-IICD Media Award on Local Content

1st Prize: Kitaw Yayehyirad (Ethiopia)

www.CyberEthiopia.com

Ethiopia's national language, Amharic, is the language of choice for users of this unique website. Demonstrating the value of local content in a language that its intended users can read, write and interact with.

2nd Prize: Segun Oruame (Nigeria)

www.itedgenews.com

In a bid to provide information on all the issues that refer to Nigeria's ICT namely, regulation, open source, local innovation, security and software development, the website, itedgenews.com leaves no stone unturned.



AISI-IICD Media Award on Local Content Applications

1st Prize: Adewole Ojo (Nigeria)

"Konyin: Saving local languages from extinction"

Endangered species has a much broader meaning in this story. The writer features innovations in local content and more importantly, the efforts by local people to interact around a computer keyboard based on local scripts.

2nd Prize: Remmy Chuks Nweke (Nigeria)

"Magic of communication through antenna"

"Lo-tech solutions in a hi-tech world" is the *defacto* focus of this story, which shows how a simple antenna can plug remote parts of Nigeria to the rest of the world.

1st Prize: George Mwiti Marete (Rwanda)

"Internet users to surf in Kinyarwanda next month"

This article cleverly focuses on an issue related to ICT research and innovations in Africa and how the investment made in production of software that can read Kinyarwanda, allowing Rwandese communities find local content and information on the web.

2nd Prize: Wanjohi Kabukuru (Kenya)

"Elephants too, can send SMS"

In this very interesting article, the writer's anecdote is based on a Kenyan wildlife conservation project, showing how ICTs can be used to better the lives of both humans and animals. If ICTs can be used to monitor elephants, they can also be used to protect the various endangered species on the continent.

1st Prize: Sore Ramata (Burkina Faso)

"Enseignement au Burkina: le Net a la recherche de son contenu" presents a positive, mature, thoughtful and in-depth discussion of ICT policy issues in Burkina Faso.

2nd Prize: Emmanuel Okwuke (Nigeria)

"Regulating VOIP: An acid test for the NCC"

It's a, quite clear in its use of technical terms, informative, and captures a number of contrasting arguments on VOIP and its implications.

The well-researched, well-articulated and convincing article tackles the complex issue of Voice over IP (VOIP) and its impact on the regulatory framework in Africa.

AISI- OSIW A-Reporting on ICTs and Rural Communities
1st Prize: Theodore Kouadio (Cote d'Ivoire)

"Crise en Cote d'Ivoire : L'Internet a maintenu le contact entre le Nord et le Sud" sheds new light on the value of the Internet as a tool for peace-building in rural areas.

2nd Prize: Godwin Nnanna (Nigeria)

"Integrating rural communities into mainstream development via ICTs"

This lively, convincing, analytical and community centered articulation makes the article a powerful advocacy tool. It gives concrete examples of the use of ICTs to bridge the digital divide between the rural and urban communities, and to contribute to the development of the disadvantaged communities.

1st Prize: Glory Mushinge (Zambia)

"Human Rights, Info Society Intertwined"

Mushinge has been described as an "ICT evangelist with no corporate support" Her story, "*Human Rights, Info Society Intertwined*" presents in-depth and convincing arguments on the intertwined nature between Information Society and Human Rights.

2nd Prize: Obiageli Ekwealor (Nigeria)

"MMS: An exciting new service / Cards, smart replacements for cash"

A very well-researched and narrated story on MMS - a new innovation in the Nigerian society and demonstrates the potential Nigeria has to give impetus to the dramatic changes this new service can bring in the ICT landscape of the country.