

A PROCEEDINGS REPORT FOR THE WORKSHOP BETWEEN IGP, PAPs, YOUTH ACTIVISTS AND PARTNERS



Group photo between the IGP staff, partners and youth activists in Kijumba village

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Introduction

On June 3, 2023, Initiative for Green Planet(IGP) held a 3-day digital security workshop at Kolping Hotel in Hoima district. The training was attended by some IGP staff, students Against EACOP, partners and some oil affected persons (PAPs). The training attracted about 25 participants of which there were 16 males and 9 females.

The objective of the training was to equip the youths with digital knowledge and skills.

1 Proceedings

2.1 Opening remarks by Comfort Tusingwire, the Chief Executive Director



Mr. Tusingwire making the opening remarks

Mr. Tusingwire Comfort, the CEO, IGP welcomed the facilitators and participants to the workshop and thanked each and every one for honoring the invitation. He introduced the YGC staff that coordinated the workshop activities to the participants. He later alone informed the participants that the purpose of the workshop was to equip them most especially the students with digital knowledge and skills that they can apply in their daily activities. Thereafter, he invited participants to introduce themselves for security purposes.

2.2 Introduction of IGP

Comfort explained to participants that IGP is a youth led research and advocacy non-profit organisation committed to influencing environment and natural resources governance to benefit the poor, vulnerable and mitigate climate change impacts. He informed the participants that the

organization is based in Kampala-Uganda and was born out of the need for the youth to secure the future by promoting sustainable management of environment and natural resources for socio-economic development.

He then invited the first facilitator for the first session Mrs. Hildah from Defenders Protection Initiatives to take over the floor

2.3 Presentation: Introduction to Security Management by Miss Hilder.

She started by thanking IGP for inviting and giving them an opportunity to facilitate the organised training and thereafter made her duty known as per the workshop to the audience and requested participants to actively participate and ask the questions where need be.

Thereafter, she requested the team to point out their key expectations of the workshop and they all accepted. Below are some of the participants' expectations in the workshop;

- To know how to calm down angry people
- To get new networks
- To be interactive
- To acquire digital skills
- To understand the Computer Misuse Act

From the participants' expectations, she further asked them whether access to internet is a human right or not.

The participants had a hot debate whereby some agreed internet access to be a human right and others disagreed. People that agreed, these were their views.

Some believed that access to internet enables right to information that eases communication

Some also believed that internet access guarantees one freedom of expression for-instance if someone in Uganda, is arrested, he or she can easily express himself on social media and be rescued.

Some also believed that people can be able to communicate globally with access to internet for-instance, a person in Uganda can host a zoom meeting and be attended by different people from globe.

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Others viewed internet access as a secondary whereby that one can get information without internet access drawing an example from the rural people that be without internet and still access information. Ms. Hildah made it clear that the world is now becoming digitalized and everything is getting digital thereby making internet access a human right.

She then requested members to state digital rights

- ✚ Right to freedom of association
- ✚ Right to information
- ✚ Right to culture
- ✚ Right to internet access and affordability

She explained to participants that internet interruption is an internet shutdown. She brought in an example of the 2021 general elections whereby internet was interrupted by being shut down. People's businesses and activities were put on halt because of internet shut down. She therefore noted that internet shut down was not a strategic solution, they would have done monitoring instead.

She further introduced the participants to different security management cycles and formulated groups for them so that they can to come up with the right cycles.



Group members putting their heads together to come up with the right security management cycles

Security Incident cycle

- Context analysis

- Risk assessment
- Security incident management
- Security planning
- Implementation of security plans
- Review of security plans

Risk Management cycle

- ❖ Identify threats
- ❖ Establish what you to protect
- ❖ Establish your vulnerabilities
- ❖ Identify security measures to reduce risk
- ❖ Review security measures

Security Incident Management

How to manage an incident?

- ✓ Register
- ✓ Share
- ✓ Analyze
- ✓ React

Lastly, Ms. Hildah, the facilitator concluded by defining the key terms

Risk- Threat Times Vulnerability

Vulnerability- Exposure to threat

Threat- Something that intends to cause harm or pai

Mr. Tusingwire, therefore invited Juliet Nanfuka from CIPESA to make her presentation to

member



Ms. Juliet Nanfuka from CIPESA introduced herself to participants and said that she was humbled also to be part of the training conducted by IGP. Ms. Juliet therefore introduced to participants the laws that impact digital rights in Uganda within the Computer Misuse Act of 2011 and the one of 2022.

Amendments, there are shift in technologies for-instance,

Close 1- Prohibition of sending and receiving of unsolicited information

Close 2- To delete the close

Close 3- To prohibit unauthorized sharing of information about children'

Close 4-Hate speech.

She therefore stated that the failure to address the retrogressive provisions in the current law makes the proposed amendments redundant.

In conclusion,

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