FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION INSTITUTE

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON INTERNET ACCESS
INCLUSIVE INFORMATION SOCIETY POLICIES

• Policies should reflect how and why there is a link between digital exclusion and inequality, poverty, unemployment.

• Outline the long term benefits of an inclusive information society and the cost economic and social cost of exclusion.

• Deliberate and targeted with ongoing periodic evaluation, mindful of the expected timeframes between investment and results.

• Cyber security should be key.

• Success should be judged not only by statistics but also by how people engage with the internet and the impact access has.
REGULATIONS THAT NEED ENFORCEMENT

• Compliance with international standards
• Cyber security enforcement
NEW REGULATIONS TO BE CREATED TO ADDRESS INTERNET ACCESS

• Acquisition of literacy skills to maximise effective participation
• Gender and inclusion
• People with disabilities
• Reflective of inevitable uneven progress between urban and rural