Application to Form an Internet Society Chapter in Mauritania

(Translated from the original application in French)

A. Proposed Name of the Chapter

Internet Society (ISOC) Mauritania Chapter (ISOC Mauritania Chapter)

B. Community of Interest the Chapter Will Serve

The ISOC Mauritania Chapter will serve the entire national Internet ecosystem, including:

- Digital professionals
- Telecom engineers
- Academics, researchers, and students
- Public institutions and regulators
- Telecom operators and ISPs
- Startups, SMEs, and entrepreneurs
- NGOs and civil-society actors
- Tech journalists
- The Mauritanian diaspora

This community corresponds to a national, geographically-based chapter structure, as ISOC expects for most chapters.

C. Purpose and Scope of the Chapter

Vision

To contribute to the emergence of an **open, secure, reliable, and inclusive Internet in Mauritania**, supporting economic, social, and human development.
The Chapter envisions an Internet deeply integrated into public policy—driving innovation, transparency, and equitable access, while strengthening Mauritania's role in regional and global Internet governance forums (IGF, AfPIF, AFRINIC, etc.).

Mission

To serve as a **neutral, inclusive, multi-stakeholder platform**, bringing together:

- Public institutions and regulators

- Technical operators and network experts
- Universities and research centers
- Civil society, NGOs, youth, and the diaspora
- Regional and international partners

The Chapter will work to:

- Strengthen multi-stakeholder Internet governance
- Improve cybersecurity and digital trust
- Build national digital skills and expertise
- Support local Internet infrastructure (IXP, peering, community networks)
- Promote digital inclusion and reduce the digital divide

These align with ISOC's purpose and expectations for Chapter missions.

D. Outline of Key Priorities for the First Year

1. **Boutilimit Connectivity Project** integrating cybersecurity standards
2. **Support for a National Content Moderation Unit** to help combat cybercrime
3. **Training Programs** on:
   - Cybersecurity
   - Digital hygiene
   - Internet governance
   - IPv6
   - Peering & IXP
   - Data protection
4. **Community engagement** and representation in regional and international Internet governance forums (AfIGF, AfPIF, AFRINIC)

E. Founding Members of the Chapter

The proposed Chapter is supported by **25 founding members**—the ISOC minimum requirement for forming a Chapter. They come from government, academia, civil society, the private sector, and youth groups.

N°	TITRE/NOM(S) & PRENOM(S)	Affiliation /Partite Prenante (Gouvernement, Société civile, secteur privé, Secteur académique, Jeunesse,…)	ISOC Member ID
1	Dado KAMARA	Secteur Privé	2350040

2	Yacoub ABEIDI	Gouvernement	2350680
3	Boilil Yacoub	Gouvernement	2350826
4	Mokhtar Sakho	Gouvernement	2350532
5	Abdel Kader KAMARA	Secteur Privé	2351405
6	Mohamed DIAGANA	Gouvernement	2350718
7	Abderrahmane DIA	Secteur Privé	2350760
8	Mamoudou BA	Secteur Privé	2350835
9	Ousmane YATERA	Secteur Privé	2351178
10	Boye Bouna CAMARA	Société Civile	2350237
11	Rama CAMARA	Société Civile	2350381
12	Djibril KANE	Société Civile	2352923
13	Mohamed Ali Veten	Gouvernement	2350828
14	Yahjeb bouha Khatraty	Secteur Académique	2350687
15	Emine Moutaly	Secteur Académique	2350682
16	Ismaila SY	Jeunesse	2350525
17	Mohamed Chouaïbou DIAGANA	Jeunesse	2350613
18	Diaguili (Jax) Diagana	Jeunesse	2354691
19	Mohamed Lemine ATHIE	Jeunesse	2277061

20	Abdel Karim N'GAIDE	Société Civile	2350834
21	Elhadj Amadou KANE	Secteur Privé	2350832
22	Aichetou CAMARA	Société Civile	2352922
23	Maro Nima CAMARA	Secteur Privé	2350238
24	Sidi CAMARA	Société Civile	2351168
25	Mohamed Aly KAMARA	Jeunesse	2351403

F. List of Supporters and Partner Organizations

1. Strategic Partner: Global Forum for Cyber Expertise (GFCE)

GFCE provides:

- Cybersecurity capacity-building expertise
- International network support
- Strategic guidance

Key contact:
Mr. Moctar Yedaly, Africa Regional Director (GFCE),
Former Minister of Digital Transformation (Mauritania) and former ICT Director, African Union.

2. Institutional Support: Ministry of Digital Transformation and Public Administration Modernization (Mauritania)

The Ministry officially supports the establishment of ISOC Mauritania, aligned with its national digital transformation vision.

The Ministry recognizes the Chapter's role in:

- Internet governance awareness
- Strengthening technical and institutional skills

- Promoting digital inclusion and innovation
- Supporting multi-stakeholder digital development

G. Membership

ISOC Mauritania will engage members through:

- Regular meetings and workshops
- Mailing lists and collaborative platforms
- Continuous membership campaigns to attract new members and volunteers

H. List of Requirements

Regulatory requirements were verified with the:
Ministry of Digital Transformation and Public Administration Modernization

Outcome:
No specific regulatory constraints were identified for the formation of the ISOC Mauritania Chapter.

I. Additional Information

ISOC Mauritania already benefits from:

- Strong local community anchoring
- A clear and forward-looking vision
- Completed foundational documents
- Regional support from ISOC Senegal

The Chapter positions itself as a **neutral, multi-stakeholder platform** dedicated to sustainable Internet development in Mauritania.

J. Contact Information

While final Chapter contacts (official email, mailing address, telephone numbers) are being formalized, the contact details of the 25 founding members are included in the founding members list.