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INTERNET SOCIETY GHANA ORGANISES NII QUAYNOR LECTURES

Accra, Ghana – On Friday November 13, ISOC Ghana Chapter will organize the Nii Quaynor at Ghana Telecom University College (GTUC) on Friday, 13 November, 2009 at 1:00pm prompt. This year Nii Quaynor will give his perspectives of the Africa Internet Institution and new landmarks and its significance to policy development in Ghana.

In September 2008, the **Nii Quaynor Lecture** was instituted by the ISOC Ghana Chapter in honour of Prof Nii Narku Quaynor, having been the first African honoree of the Jon Postel Service Award in 2007. The inaugural lecture was held at the British Council, during the one web day on September 22, under the theme, **Internet Governance**. The Nii Quaynor Lecture will be held annually with the participation of scholars from other Africa countries.

Prof. Nii Narku Quaynor was the honoree of the Jon Postel Service Award for 2007 for his of the award and the first African to win the award. He is Adjunct Professor of Computer Science at the University of Cape Coast and Chairman of Ghana.Com, the first Internet Service provider in West Africa. He was the first African to sit on the Board of ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers), the global Internet governance body. Through Ghana.Com (Network Computer Systems Ltd.), Prof. Quaynor contributed significantly to development of Internet Access infrastructure in several West African countries including Gambia, Liberia, Togo, and Nigeria to through capacity building programs. He was instrumental in the formation of AfNOG, (Africa Network Operators Group) which has trained several ICT leaders in Africa through its annual workshops and forum meetings. He was also instrumental in the establishment of AfriNIC, the African Numbers (IP) organization, AfREN, the Africa research and Education Network forum and AFTLD (Africa Top level Domain) the Africa (domain) names organization.

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