

Transforming government using ICT: Contemporary cases from Africa

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Call for chapters

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Full chapters due:	19 th February 2016
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Introduction

The theory and practice of the role of ICT in transforming government is often worlds apart. The gap is further heightened in environments where complexity abounds, for example how government operates in Africa. In this book, we seek to write up real and current cases of the role that ICT has played in successfully transforming sections of government in Africa. In particular, we seek to cast light on the complex relationships involved in such projects and the critical decisions that decision-makers are faced with. The decisions involved have to be made in the midst of circumstances which are often impossible to decompose into structured and linear equations as may be required in the natural sciences. Some decisions have to be made in conditions of current and future uncertainty (Gill, 2011). We draw on the fundamental epistemology of Appreciative Inquiry that success builds on success (Coghlan, Preskill, & Tzavaras Catsambas, 2003).

Objective

The main objective of the book is to collate African cases of the role that ICT has played in successfully transforming sections of government. The book will help to practically apply ICT technical, organisational, business, leadership and innovation theories in the implementation of ICT in government.

Target audience

The anticipated audience includes postgraduate students, researchers, educators, policy makers and planners. The cases in this book span the areas of Government, Critical thinking, Business, Management, Leadership, Decision Making, Information Systems, Project Management and many others.

Submission procedure

This invitation has been targeted to specific academic researchers and practitioners to submit extended abstracts of between 1,000 to 2,000 words on or before 15th October 2015. The abstract should clearly explain the government project and the access to a decision maker on that government project. Authors will be notified by 30 October 2015 about the status of their proposals and sent further chapter guidelines. Full chapters are expected to be submitted by February 28, 2016. All interested authors must consult the guidelines for manuscript submissions as required by the chosen publisher. All submitted chapters will be reviewed using a double-blind peer review process. Contributors may also be requested to serve as reviewers for this project.

Note: There are no submission or acceptance fees for manuscripts submitted to this book publication, *Transforming government using ICT: 10 cases from Africa*. All manuscripts are accepted based on a double-blind peer review editorial process.

Publisher

The book will be published by the Informing Science Institute - <http://www.informingscience.org/>. The outcome is to have a book with wide audience and access.

Important Dates

30 th October 2015:	Extended abstract submission deadline
15 th November 2015:	Notification of Acceptance
19 th February 2016:	Full Chapter Submission
18 th March 2016:	Review Results Returned
27 th May 2016:	Revised Chapter Submission
15 th June 2016:	Final Acceptance Notification
30 th June 2016:	Final Chapter Submission
15 th July 2016:	Book publication and launch

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