

2026 Action Plan for Community Network Infrastructures SIG:

Goals and Activities for 2026:

Please provide goals and associated activities you wish to attain during the 2025 Calendar year. Activities are considered concrete events, actions, and outputs (research, papers, reports) that the group wishes to conduct in 2025.

Goal	Activity
<p>Standardize and promote an updated and canonical Network Commons License for clearly laying out benefits and obligations of participating in an open, free community networks.</p>	<p>To consolidate a standard network commons license from the PicoPeering Agreement and various forks and variations that evolved from that such as existing versions and variations of the Network Commons License that evolved from the PPA used by many community networks around the globe. Seek legal and standards management advice from FSF, etc. Consult with other standards bodies for adoption processes. Create canonical git repository for change control and standards management. <i>Translate into local languages of participating CN groups as required.</i> Promote participation and take up through mailing lists, web sites, related events and social networks aligned with community networking.</p>
<p>Create a research repository on CNs based on a network and community typology and a contact database of practitioners associated with them.</p>	<p>To collate existing resources on CNs into a repository based on network and community typology (e.g., locale, geographic proximity, cultural similarities, business model, etc.), to provide interested communities with curated lists of existing examples globally and a contact database of practitioners associated with them, to enable peer learning. To be contextualised through several in-depth case studies.</p>
<p>Online CN networking event series for regional and cross-regional gatherings to support and foster connection building of CN organisations and individuals at the international circuit of existing festivals, conferences and community gatherings (e.g. Re:publica, The Digital Rights Global Gathering</p>	<p>To develop and run an online event format to allow for regional and cross-regional gatherings to interconnect practitioners and communities and stimulate peer learning and international networking.</p>

<p>(GG), ICT4D conference, Open hardware summit , Battlemesh, Dweb Camp, Local First Camp, World Social Forum, Rightscon, Critical Computing Conference).</p>	
<p>Create opportunities for CNI to participate in relevant debates and co-creation dynamics as protagonists and thereby multiply opportunities for joint learning, collaboration and funding of crucial CN infrastructures. to engage in events programs (own sessions or participation in panels to create more awareness for community centered connectivity) and to create onsite spaces for exchange and co-creation of proposals and collaboration happening before/during/after events to benefit from the presence of relevant stakeholders.</p>	<p>Create opportunities for CNI to participate in relevant debates and co-creation dynamics as protagonists and thereby multiply opportunities for joint learning, collaboration and funding of crucial CN infrastructures.</p>
<p>Topic based and community based knowledge gathering and documentation, solutions development and testing, education and connection building.</p> <p>Each event shall approach a topic which is substantial to a significant part of the communities.</p>	<p>In person events for knowledge sharing, knowledge gathering, testing and connection building.</p> <p>People will meet during international events, and local topic based events which all gather various stakeholders of the communities.</p> <p>Each event will be one of the following types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - workshops for knowledge gathering and documentation - solution development and testing workshops - topic based educational talks and panels - connection building events at intersectional international conferences

Activities and Estimated Budget

Please provide a detailed description of your proposed activities. The budget should be used only for activities that are globally inclusive. Physical activities can occur and need to have a local implementation partner where SIG/SG partners with a local chapter or community partner.

Item No.	Activity Name	Description	Local Implementation Partner	Total Cost (USD)
1	CNI FIRESIDE Talks – 1x monthly - May -October	Speaker Honorarium https://www.asauthors.org.au/rates-of-pay/	CNI -Oceania_Pacific_Asia CNI_OPA [potentially can include ISOC-APAC_TBC ISOC_Gender]	
2	CNI Merchandise: tote bags, T-shirts, stickers, patch, compact booklet.	CNI small-run series designed as both material takeaway and distributed communication infrastructure.		
3	Network Commons License	Drafting Stewardship Change Procedure Translation Publishing		
4	In person events	Example Costs: 15 Event Speaker Fees: 250-500USD Room rent: Technical Equipment: 250 USD Receptions: 250 USD Not every event has the same cost mix. Approx 300-1000 USD per event.	For international events ISOC will be the direct partner. Local events which target communities from within a specific country or region will be done in collaboration with local ISOC Chapters.	
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