



Information Strategy of The United Nations in Kenya

Information & Communications Systems Strategy

Abstract

- There are over 60 offices of UN Funds, Programmes and Agencies in or operating from Kenya.
- Agencies are semi-autonomous
- Some common services (e.g. Kenya Security Coordination) are provided to Bretton Woods Institutions
- Emphasis on the UN Delivering as One (DaO)

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- In November 1966, Hewlett-Packard introduced the 16-bit 2116A minicomputer
- Different countries, different priorities, different technologies - each want theirs adopted
- Relied on outsourcing skill

The Present

- Reduced funding - Do More With Less
- IT has enabled automation of tasks and reduced travels
- Efficient access to resources worldwide

The Strategy

- Revisiting The UN Business Model: The UN does not work in isolation
- Enabling joint efforts: One UN
- Support from Senior Management: The UN is bureaucratic. VERY

Analysis & Conclusion

- Implementing IT Strategy in UN challenging because of overlapping UN agency functions
- Most "small" agencies rely on strategies created by "bigger" agencies - May/may not work for them
- Much of the Kenyan communication infrastructure is concentrated around the urban periphery - yet the UN is mostly in the rural regions
- Joint communication platform - such as a website - necessary in disseminating information

Questions

Talk to me