Wiki Indaba

Tanzania

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- Population 45m
- Landmass 900,000 plus the size of Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi combined.
- 120 local languages
- Swahili and english are the official languages with swahili the most spoken
- 9,600 Primary Schools
- 4,000 Secondary Schools
- 60 Universities

Wikipedia in Tanzania

- No chapter to date
- There seems to be a growing interest in usage of wikipedia by mostly students in High School and Universities.
- There is a window of opportunity for Wikimedia to start and grow building upon the existing networks.
- Creative Commons Tanzania is such that network.
- Others include Dar es Salaam Open Knowledge Community- Open Data

Opportunities

- The younger population is a catchment that can form a pool of volunteers as editors.
- Tanz ICT and KINU Space which has drawn a group of volunteers
- Tanzania has 120 plus languages which presents a large space for creating wikis in the area of culture
- Africa is a growing frontier in communication sector Tigo has created a swahili facebook page in Tanzania and the interest is amasing.
- Creative Commons Tanzania, Open Knowledge Foundation
- National Fiber

Challenges

- Awareness creation very few know about wikipedia, wikimedia or wikimania.
- Getting active volunteers is still a daunting task task
- Power and Internet (Band-with) is also a challenge
- Finding (modest)