

THE VALUE OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN CYBERSECURITY

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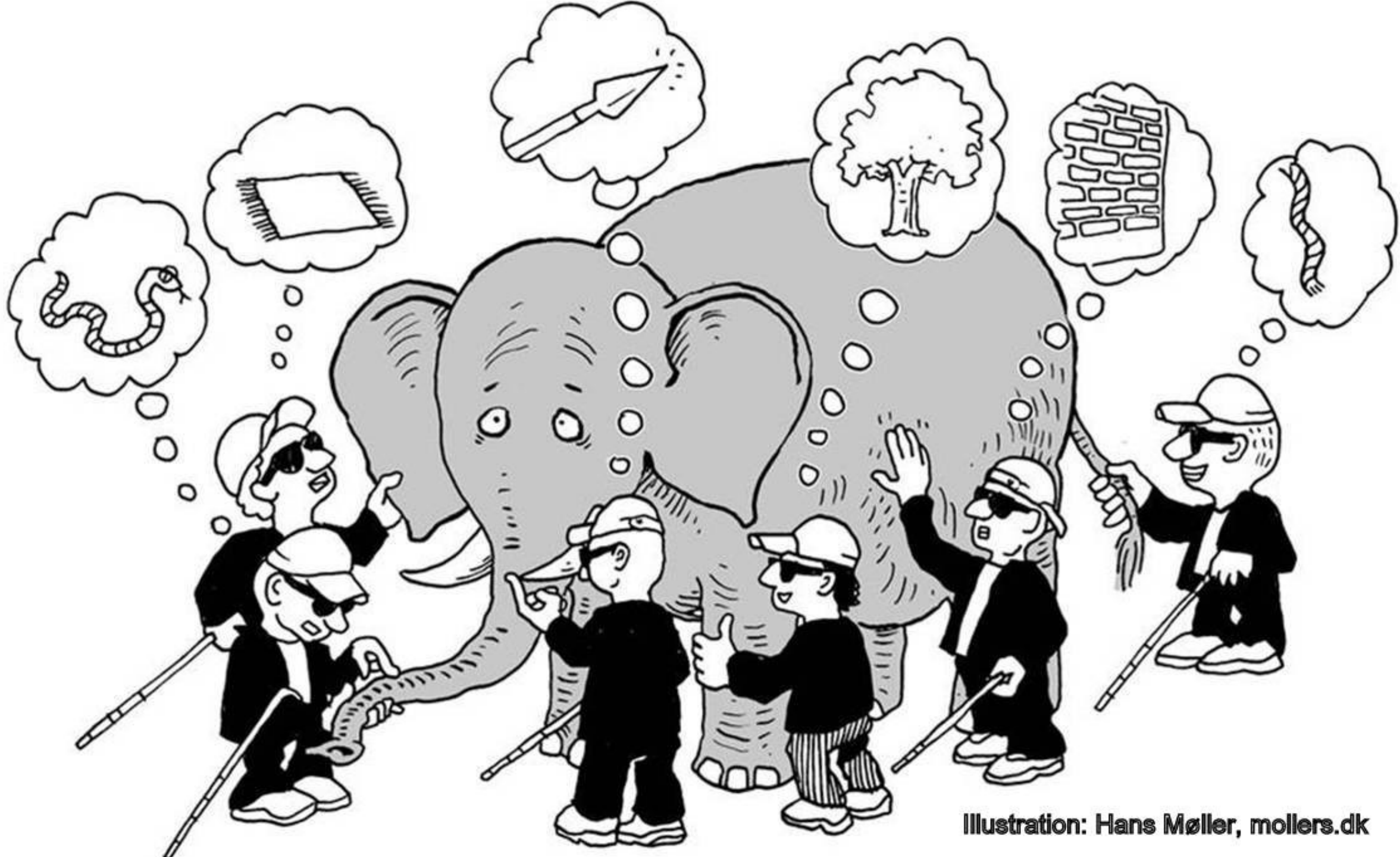


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WEST AFRICA: NIGERIA CASE STUDY

- 2013: Government invests \$40M in surveillance equipment, making age-long act public
- Paradigm Initiative *Policy Briefs*, consultations with National Assembly and threat of “one day, you may lose”
- Meeting with the National Security Adviser. “What exactly do you want?”
- MultiStakeholder Action: Training. Digital Engagement Roundtables. Digital Rights and Freedom Bill

CENTRAL AFRICA: CAMEROON CASE STUDY

- The longest Internet shutdown in... wait, Chad has now broken that record. Anyway...
- Usual “us” vs “them” approach in a complex, multi-part process gets nothing done. Remember the biases/shades?
- Internet San Frontiers + Paradigm Initiative + Other Partners + ... {Government Stakeholders}
- Colloquium: Civil society, private sector, government joint statement on shutdown and responsible Internet use

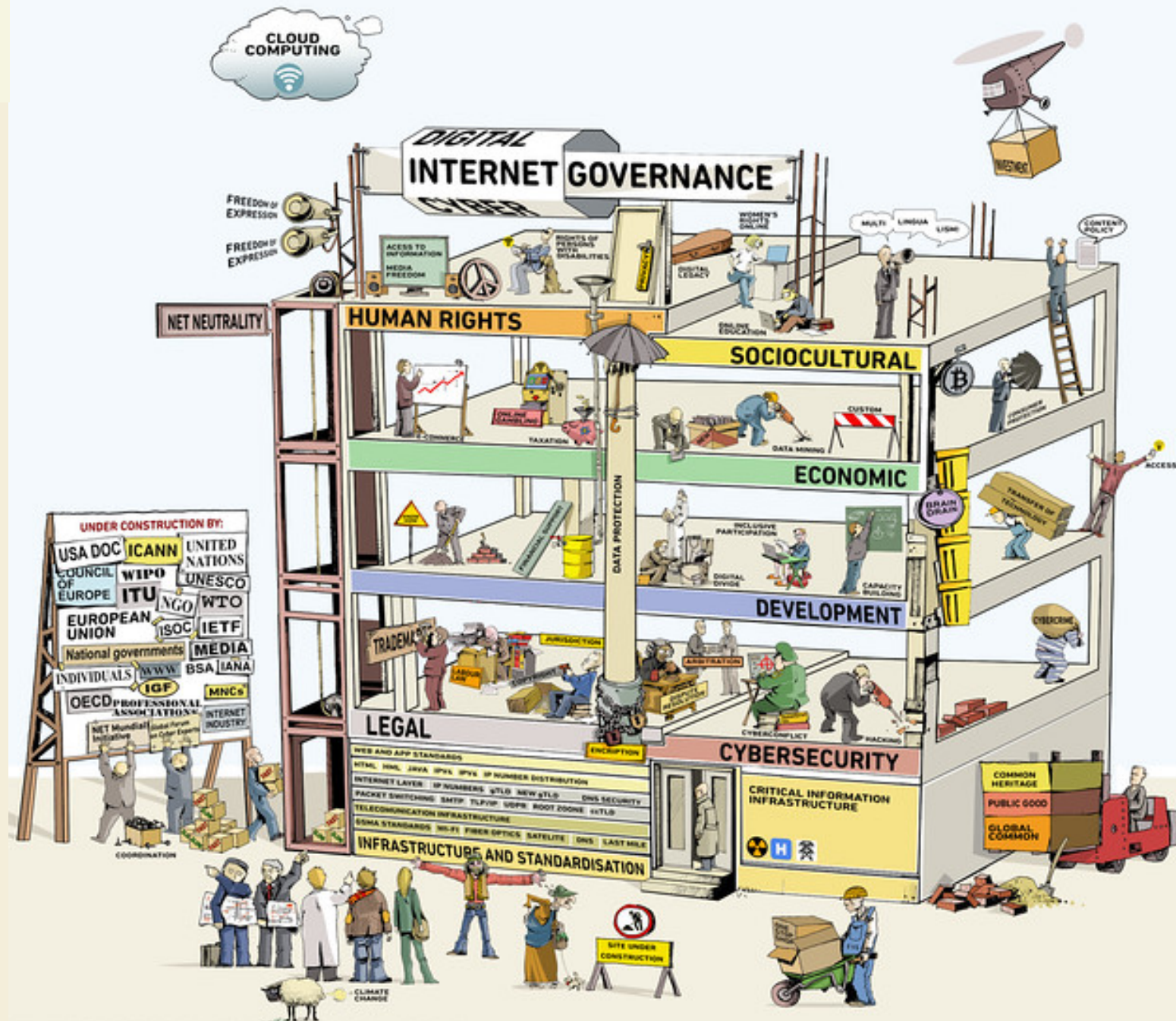
EAST AFRICA: KENYA CASE STUDY

- KICTANet model presents an opportunity that other regions can learn from
- Working together has presented opportunities to identify gaps and work towards fixing the issues
- Within stakeholder groups, sub-groups emerge for stronger lobbying power and equal say
- It's much better to engage the lawmaking process than to attempt fixing laws after they are signed



LESSONS FOR EVERY STAKEHOLDER

- When hardworking and knowledgeable people, blinded by biases, argue, there can be no *winner*
- Engagement doesn't mean agreeing at all times. There'll still be lawsuits, call-outs and peace meetings
- No condition is permanent. Stakeholder groups are fluid, with increasing ease of movement by individuals
- There are always those problems everyone agrees on. Start from there. The others will get individual attention
- We can't afford to create a new problem while solving an existing problem. We must respect rights while tackling security challenges



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