The Working Group 9.4 of the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) gathers scholars and practitioners that deal with the issue on how Information and Communication Technology (ICT) affects social development. The theme for the upcoming 2019 IFIP WG 9.4 conference is: "Strengthening Southern-driven cooperation as a catalyst for ICT4D".

With the proliferation of ICT related projects to support development, the Southern countries are now emerging as important innovators and actors in the global development and adoption of ICT for the community and economic growth. A good example can be seen with how Kenya has been leading the world with mobile payment for several years. The mobile payment (such as Mpesa and Airtel money) has supported micro financing services and transformed economic activities and lives within the local communities. Such effect offers an exciting setting for reverse innovation whereby lessons learned in ICT4D could offer rich insights for IS research in general. Furthermore, strengthening a Southern-driven cooperation promotes ICT initiatives and research carried for, in and by developing countries.

The conference theme of "Strengthening Southern-driven cooperation as a catalyst for ICT4D" seeks to stimulate and encourage critical discussions on the different facets of Southern-driven cooperation, its promises, potential, for creating a better world, and the challenges we face in achieving the promised potential.

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**CONFERENCE TRACKS**

We invite those interested in participating to submit to one of the following tracks (see the conference website for more details):

1. Digital Platforms for Development.
2. FinTech and Development.
5. Harnessing agriculture, land administration and public financial management for ICT4D.
6. ICT for Displaced Population: How it helps? How it hurts?
7. Communities, ICT-Enabled Networks, and Development.
8. Pushing the boundaries - New research methods, theory and philosophy in ICT4D.
10. Locally developed process and method innovations in ICT4D.
11. Sustainable ICT, Informatics, Education and Learning in a turbulent world - “doing the safari way”