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Connecting Beyond Cables: The Power of Community in Internet Exchange

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Definition of Community in IXP Context

It's a comprehensive ecosystem that includes everyone who plays a role in internet interconnection.

Detailed Breakdown:

- Network operators
- Internet Service Providers (ISPs)
- Content Distribution Networks (CDNs)
- Technical experts
- Local infrastructure professionals
- Potential and existing participants
- Partners (e.g., colocation providers)
- Regional and national telecommunications associations



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Goals of Community Building

We're building a sustainable, locally-focused internet ecosystem that empowers regional development and technological innovation.

Primary Objectives:

- Keeping local internet traffic local
- Reducing international data transfer costs
- Improving internet speed and reliability
- Building a collaborative technical ecosystem
- Supporting regional internet infrastructure development



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Relationship-Driven Benefits

Community building in Internet Exchange Points transcends technical connections - it's about cultivating human relationships that become the true infrastructure of digital collaboration.

Peer Support Ecosystem:

- Shared problem-solving experiences
- Collective technical knowledge exchange
- Mentorship between experienced and emerging network professionals
- Mutual learning and skill development



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Relationship-Driven Benefits (continued)

Knowledge Transmission:

- Informal insights beyond documentation
- Real-world operational experiences shared
- Tacit knowledge transfer that cannot be captured in manuals
- Building trust through transparent communication



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Relationship-Driven Benefits (continued)

Collaborative Advantages:

- Faster troubleshooting through trusted networks
- Reduced friction in technical interactions
- Increased willingness to collaborate on complex challenges
- Creating a supportive professional community



Community Engagement Strategies

It's not just about technical connections, but about building relationships that foster innovation, trust, and mutual growth.

Key Approaches:

- Attending regional and global events such as NOG's and peering forums
- Hosting regular participant meetings
- Sharing industry news and expertise
- Developing collaborative marketing strategies
- Facilitating cross-IXP interactions
- Providing technical training and support



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Challenges in Community Engagement

Each IXP faces unique challenges that require creative, adaptive solutions.

Key Challenges:

- Limited technical skills in smaller IXPs
- Difficulty attracting new participants
- Communication barriers
- Lack of resources for community development
- Navigating complex technical landscapes



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Practical Implementation

It's about creating an environment that nurtures collaboration, knowledge sharing, and mutual growth.

Key Implementation Strategies:

- Neutral meeting spaces
- Open communication channels
- Technical training programs
- Collaborative platforms
- Regular knowledge-sharing events



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In the digital age, connections are more than
cables - they're meetings, conversations,
shared experiences, and collective growth.



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but communities connect
futures.

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