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This issue of The African Journal of Information and Communication[1] presents a range of articles covering topics on international mobile roaming, competition policy and regulation, electronic government and technological innovation. These articles, focusing on the domains of telecoms and ICT applications, illustrate the range of subject matter that is particular to innovation in ICT on the African continent, and of interest to African scholars.

The first two articles, "*International mobile roaming: progress and challenges in African Markets*" and "*State of competition in Zambia's telecommunications sector*", explore particular aspects of the evolution of telecoms and telecoms regulation. The article "*Servicing advocacy in e-Government*" draws attention to the importance of theorising applications of ICT to development challenges, in order to understand how to ensure effectiveness in e-government; while the article entitled "*Context-aware VoIP congestion control service*" is derived from the authors' post-graduate research and illustrates the necessity of research into ICT applications, their form, content and value.

This university-based journal of African scholarship publishes academic articles under the broad theme of "the Information Society, the Knowledge Economy and development". An Information Society view on the world analyses information access and flows and how these change the character of societies, with effects that may be either empowering or disempowering to particular social groups. The Knowledge Economy is conceptualised as a perspective which explores knowledge as an increasingly dominant factor of production, resulting in the reshaping of societies and economies, mediated by new electronic media.

Published as The Southern African Journal of Information and Communication until 2008, the journal has now evolved into an investigation of the emergence of Information Societies and network-based Knowledge Economies on the African continent. In particular, it will explore the themes of national development and inclusion and exclusion from the global economy. It seeks to investigate an African perspective – drawing on the work of African writers and writers focusing on Africa, utilising the collegial services of an editorial board and reviewers steeped in global knowledge. The journal will publish work from experienced and emerging scholars on both non-thematic and thematic issues with interest in ICT policy and regulation; e-development and e-governance; IP, content and open access to knowledge; ICT, innovation and economic systems; ICT-enabled institutional, social and economic change; infrastructures, institutions, resources and technologies for an African information society.

1 The name of the journal was changed in 2010 from The Southern African Journal of Information and Communication to The African Journal of Information and Communication.