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This issue discusses the suitability and the implications of the Information Superhighway to the African situation with Len Masterman talking about media Education and the super-highway implications.

The articles point at the importance of the Information Superhighway in the new technology age notwithstanding the fact that the African continent is still not well endowed with the necessary infrastructure.

Levi Obijiofor in his article "Future Impact of New Communication Technologies: A Bibliographic Analysis" explores the, freedom of expression, gender and the Information Superhighway. In conclusion; he says that before the government and policy makers can rush into decisions the common man should be explained to the issues involved.

Len Masterman discusses the impact of the new technology on media education. He throws light into the different perceptions of media educators and attempts to find a consensus on basic objectives.

Francis Nyamjoh in his article "Africa and the Information Superhighway: Silent Majorities in Search of a Footpath" points out that information superhighway incorporates all the existing networks into one system, but at the same time it is the multidimensional, unlike the traffic highway which projects two directions of movement. He observes that indigenous forms of communication should be integrated with modern communication systems for sustainable development.

Wole Adamolekun urges caution in his article titled "The Information Superhighway and Traditional Communication Where we stand", he asserts that traditional communication is
still relevant and should be incorporated in the new communication technology networks. He further adds that New Technologies do not always portend positive developments.

Magaret Karembu upholds the relevance and importance of the Information Superhighway in environmental communication. She points out the fact that Africa might not benefit much from the data base in the internet because of lack of technology. In general, the article gives a situational analysis of the Information Superhighway in Africa and suggests policy issues which need to be addressed both internationally and regionally if the expectation of environmental communication are to be realized.

Charles Nyambuga