



# Call for Applications

## Rwanda School on Internet Governance (RwSIG) 2026

Applications are now open for the Rwanda School on Internet Governance (RwSIG) 2026, the third edition, a fellowship-based capacity-building programme designed to equip emerging leaders with the knowledge, skills, and networks needed to actively participate in Internet governance and digital policy processes.

As a flagship pre-event of the Rwanda Internet Governance Forum, RwSIG brings together students, young professionals, researchers, policymakers, technical experts, civil society actors, and other stakeholders who are passionate about shaping the future of the Internet and digital technologies. The programme provides a unique learning experience through expert-led sessions, practical discussions, collaborative learning, and engagement with national, regional, and global Internet governance frameworks.

Guided by the 2026 theme, **“Advancing Inclusive, Trusted, and Multi-Stakeholder Internet Governance for Rwanda’s Digital Future”**, the School will explore key topics including Internet governance principles, digital rights, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, digital inclusion, data governance, and Rwanda’s digital transformation agenda. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of how policy, technology, and society intersect in shaping the digital future.

RwSIG 2026 seeks motivated and committed individuals who demonstrate leadership potential, a strong interest in digital policy and Internet governance, and a desire to contribute to their communities and the broader digital ecosystem. Through this programme, fellows will join a growing network of Internet governance practitioners and future leaders committed to promoting an open, secure, inclusive, and trusted Internet for all.

We encourage applications from diverse backgrounds, and stakeholder groups, with particular emphasis on youth, women, persons with disabilities, and rural communities. Together, we can build the next generation of Internet governance leaders for Rwanda.



## **About the Programme**

RwSIG brings together a diverse cohort of participants from across Rwanda to learn from leading national, regional, and international experts.

Participants will engage in:

- Interactive discussions
- Practical policy exercises
- Group projects and simulations
- Networking sessions
- Expert mentorship opportunities
- Exposure to Internet governance institutions and processes

## **Learning Areas**

The Programme will cover:

- Foundations of Internet Governance
- The Multi-Stakeholder Model
- Internet Infrastructure and Technical Ecosystems
- Cybersecurity and Cyber Diplomacy
- Data Governance and Privacy
- Artificial Intelligence Governance and Accountability
- Digital Rights and Internet Freedom
- Child Online Protection
- Digital Inclusion and Accessibility
- Digital Economy and Innovation
- Internet Standards and Technical Governance
- Global Digital Cooperation
- Rwanda's Digital Transformation Agenda

## **Who Should Apply?**

The programme is open to motivated individuals who are interested in contributing to digital policy and Internet governance processes, including:



- University students
- Young professionals
- Government officials
- Regulators
- Civil society representatives
- Journalists and media practitioners
- Technical community members
- Entrepreneurs and innovators
- Researchers and academics
- Community leaders

### **Benefits of Participation**

Selected fellows will:

- Gain practical and policy knowledge on Internet governance.
- Learn from leading experts and practitioners.
- Join a growing network of Internet governance alumni.
- Enhance their leadership and advocacy skills.
- Increase opportunities to participate in regional and global Internet governance events.
- Receive a Certificate of Completion upon successful participation.

### **Selection Criteria**

Applicants will be assessed based on:

- Demonstrated interest in Internet governance and digital policy.
- Leadership potential.
- Commitment to community engagement.
- Motivation and future impact.
- Diversity of stakeholder representation.
- Gender and regional balance.

### **Fellowship Support**



A limited number of fellowships may be available to support participation, subject to available funding. Fellowship support may cover training materials, meals, accommodation, and transportation where applicable.

### **Important Dates**

- Applications Open: 20 April 2026
- Application Deadline: 03 July 2026
- Notification of Selected Participants: 10 July 2026
- Rwanda School on Internet Governance 2026: 28-29 July 2026

### **Apply Today**

The future of Rwanda's digital ecosystem depends on informed and engaged leaders who can bridge technology, policy, and society.

If you are passionate about the future of the Internet, digital innovation, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, digital rights, and inclusive development, we encourage you to apply and become part of the next generation of Internet governance leaders.

Join RwSIG 2026 and help shape Rwanda's digital future by applying through the following link: [RW-SIG2026 Application Form](#)