



Rwanda Internet Governance Forum 2024

“Building our Multi-stakeholder Digital Future”,

Event Program

05 September 2024

Venue: Lemigo Hotel, Kigali

Time	Session	Panelist/Speakers	Duration
09:00-09:30	Registration of Participants	Protocol	30 Min
09:30-09:35	Opening remarks	CEO - RICTA	5 Min
09:35-09:45	Keynote Speech	Dr. Ozonnia Ojielo UN Resident Coordinator to Rwanda.	10 Min
09:45- 09:55	Guest of Honor Remarks	Hon. Min. Paula INGABIRE MINICT	10 Min
09:55-10:45	<p>Session 1</p> <p>Moderator: Alex NTALE</p> <p>Artificial Intelligence (AI) Ethics and Governance:</p> <p>A National AI Policy that aims to leverage AI to significantly enhance the country's development, economy, and sustainability goals has been developed by the Ministry of ICT & Innovation (MINICT). It is designed to maximize AI's benefits while addressing associated risks through ethical principles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do we ensure that AI systems are developed in alignment with ethical principles such as fairness, transparency, accountability, and privacy? - How do we prioritize human well-being and autonomy in the design and deployment of AI technologies, ensuring that they serve the interests of individuals? - What regulatory frameworks are put in place to govern AI technologies effectively, balancing the need for innovation with the protection of human rights and societal values? 	MINICT/C4IR Rwanda CMU Africa GIZ-Digital4Rwanda	50 Min
10:45- 11:00	Coffee break	Hotel	15 Min

11:00- 12:00	<p>Session2:</p> <p>Moderator: Robert N Ford</p> <p>Data Governance in Rwanda with a focus on Personal Data Privacy, Protection and Data Localisation:</p> <p>Data Governance lies at the heart of the digital economy, shaping how data is collected, managed, and utilized in ways that balance innovation with privacy, security, and societal values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can organizations operating in Rwanda ensure compliance with data protection laws and regulations while leveraging personal data for legitimate business purposes? What potential challenges and opportunities arise from data localization requirements for businesses operating in Rwanda, 	NCSA/DPO RURA RICTA/RINEX	60 Min
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	<p>particularly concerning cross-border data flows, international trade, and technological innovation?</p> <p>- How can Rwanda strike a balance between promoting data localization while fostering an open and interconnected digital ecosystem that facilitates innovation, economic growth, and international collaboration?</p> <p>- How does the Rwanda Internet Exchange Point (RINEX) perceive its role in the context of data localization efforts within the country, particularly concerning the exchange of Internet traffic and the localization of data infrastructure? In light of data localization, what measures has RICTA implemented to ensure the security, privacy, and integrity of data exchanged through RINEX while promoting a resilient and interconnected digital ecosystem for the benefit of local businesses and internet users?</p>		
12:00- 12:20	<p>Presentation 1 Building Bridges of Trust in a Digital Rwanda: The Role of Cybersecurity</p> <p>What role can Universities play in contributing to initiatives that raise awareness, educate the public, and develop the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.</p>	CMU Africa	20 Min

12:20- 13:20	<p>Session 3 Moderator: Olivier MANZI Cybersecurity and Trust.</p> <p>In an increasingly interconnected world, cybersecurity and trust are paramount concerns underpinning our digital ecosystems' stability and resilience.</p> <p>Rwanda has made significant strides in enhancing its cybersecurity posture. The National Cyber Security Authority (NCSA) was established in 2017 to play a crucial role in enforcing the country's data protection law and building the skills and capabilities necessary to protect the country's digital infrastructure.</p> <p>With the recently launched "Tekana Online" campaign to raise awareness of cybersecurity best practices and sensitize the public on their rights in cyberspace;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What strategies have the government and its partners employed to effectively protect children from online threats such as cyberbullying, grooming, and exposure to inappropriate content? Are parents and educators empowered to educate children about online safety and promote responsible digital citizenship? - What strategies are employed to enhance resilience against cyber threats that target both individuals and institutions? - How can we strike a balance between security and privacy in our efforts to build a more secure and trustworthy digital ecosystem, ensuring that individuals' rights are protected while mitigating cybersecurity risks? 	CMU Africa NCDA BSC MTN	60 Min
13:20- 14:30	Lunch	Hotel	70 Min