

African Youth Internet
Governance Forum



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THEME: Empowering Youth to Promote Africa's Digital Future

<https://igf.africa/youth-track/>

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

TIME (UTC+3)	SESSION
09:00 - 09:30	REGISTRATION
09:30 - 10:00	Welcome Remarks
10:00 - 10:20	Keynote / Goodwill Message
10:20 - 10:30	<p>Karibu IGF: Umoja wa Mitandao Yetu: Igniting Africa's United Internet Journey (<i>Setting the tone for discussion</i>)</p> <p>Synopsis: A strong Welcome to the heartbeat of Africa's digital movement! In this electrifying opening session, we'll rally around the founding spirit of umoja unity and lay the cornerstone for the Africa Internet We Want. Together, we'll blaze through our shared milestones, reaffirm the power of multi-stakeholder collaboration, and light the spark that transforms every idea into collective action. From those first AFYIGF convenings to today's youth-powered innovations, we will show how unity has been, and will continue to be, our greatest strength. Setting precedent for youth ready to pick up the torch, join forces with peers across generations, and co-author the next chapter of Africa's united internet future.</p>
10:30 - 11:00	TEA BREAK (GROUP PHOTO)
11:00 - 12:00	<p>SESSION 1: Digital Identity & Borderless Opportunity: What Every African Youth Should Know About Digital IDs and the AfCFTA</p> <p>Synopsis: Imagine a world where your phone unlocks your bank, your health records, and even your cross-border trade permits with the same digital ID. In this hands-on workshop, we'll unpack how schemes like Rwanda's e-ID and Ghana's interoperable mobile wallets really work on the ground, and why AfCFTA's data-flow rules matter for a small artisan in Dar es Salaam selling crafts to Lagos. Using everyday scenarios and peer-driven exercises, you'll learn the nuts and bolts of digital identity, ownership, security, and how to turn your digital footprint into a passport for opportunity.</p>
12:00 - 13:00	<p>IGF 2025 YOUTH TRACK WS II Content online moderation on social media</p>
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 - 15:00	<p>SESSION 4: Youth and MPs - Intergenerational Dialogue on Digital Governance Africa Youth and Parliamentarian Track Joint Session</p>

15:00 - 15:30	REFRESHER SPACE (VIDEO PROJECTION) - COFFEE BREAK
15:30 - 16:30	<p>TRACK I - Open Source & AI Open Source & Open Future: Africa’s Youth on AI & Frontier Tech</p> <p>Synopsis: Open source isn’t just free code, it's a gateway to innovation that any young African can unlock. In this roundtable, we’ll dive into real-world success stories like how Kenya’s Ushahidi platform turned crowd-sourced SMS reports into life-saving disaster maps, or how Nigeria’s Masakhane project is training locally relevant AI for African languages. Our audience will discover how open-source tools (think TensorFlow, OpenMRS, and QGIS) let startups in Dar es Salaam build health-tech apps or enable drone innovators in Kigali to map farmland without expensive licenses. Through peer brainstorms and live thought schools, we aim to learn how to leverage open source as your horizontal layer of progress, breaking down borders, sharing equity in frontier tech, and coding a future where every young creator can lead Africa’s AI leap.</p> <p>TRACK II - Digital Rights & Digital Inclusion Building Inclusive and Rights-Respecting Digital Access in Africa</p> <p>Synopsis: This hands-on workshop explores the intersection of digital connectivity and digital rights, unpacking how last-mile infrastructure, community ownership, and inclusive governance models can deliver not just access, but access grounded in equity, privacy, and agency. From mesh networks and micro-ISPs to community fiber and Low Earth Orbit satellites, participants will examine how to design and scale connectivity solutions that uphold both inclusion and fundamental digital rights.</p> <p>The session approaches digital inclusion and digital rights as inseparable goals: access must go hand in hand with equity, consent, privacy, and control over one’s digital footprint. Through collaborative exercises, participants will co-create actionable roadmaps for engaging stakeholders, securing resources, and building locally grounded solutions that empower communities not only to connect but to connect with dignity, autonomy, and awareness.</p> <p>By the session’s end, we aim to have a shared blueprint for building resilient, rights-respecting connectivity initiatives that ensure no young person in Africa is left offline or excluded from shaping their digital future.</p>
16:30 - 17:00	Closing Ceremony - Road to Global IGF