

# Kenya YouthIGF Forum

22 September 2021 -Virtual convening

***“Internet United: The Role of Youth”***

Draft Concept Note and Working Programme



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## Background and Introduction

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is a multi-stakeholder forum for policy dialogue on issues of Internet governance. The forum is held in an informal setting, free from binding negotiations. It brings together all stakeholders from government, private sector, technical community, academia and civil society to discuss Internet governance issues on an equal footing through an open and inclusive process. This type of cooperative engagement is referred to as the multi-stakeholder model of Internet Governance, which is one of the key features for the Internet’s success.

Kenya IGF, the national initiative (NRI) of the IGF process has positioned itself as Kenya’s Premier Policy Forum having successfully held 14 annual meetings of the National IGF in Kenya since 2008. KenyaIGF hosted the global IGF Forum in 2011. Over the years, Kenya IGF has continued to open up the space for new voices and champion the capacity development of many through the annual Kenya School of Internet Governance that was launched in 2016. Majority of the beneficiaries of this program have been youth from various stakeholder groups who have since been meaningfully engaged in subsequent National and Regional IGFs.

## Kenya YouthIGF

Young people are key stakeholders in the IGF ecosystem as they are the majority in Kenya, Africa and the world over. The IGF secretariat has since recognized the importance of meaningful youth participation at the IGF processes and promotes the strengthening of Youth IGF Initiatives. Youth Initiatives of the IGF are created with a goal of encouraging and involving young people in a substantive discussion on Internet governance. These forms, as well as the national, sub-regional and regional IGFs (NRIs), are expected to follow the main IGF principles of being open, inclusive, non-commercial with multi-stakeholder participation during the whole preparatory phase and the event itself, all in line with a bottom-up decision-making process.

Kenya Youth IGF is a youth-led structure to develop the capacity for coordinating, mobilizing and advocating for meaningful inclusion and engagement of young people in the Kenya IGF in partnership with industry stakeholders to address key Internet issues. This year’s Kenya YouthIGF aims at serving as an interactive discussion platform for organized youth participation from all stakeholder groups to bring up their ideas and concerns. The Forum will further create opportunities for networking, collaboration and creating long-term partnerships between key stakeholders and the community. This year, the YouthIGF is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. The outcomes of the forum will feed into the annual 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the Kenya IGF 2021 happening on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

## Theme

This year's theme for the Kenya YouthIGF will be *"Internet United: The Role of Youth"*

The sub-themes prioritized for discussion which will help in framing the discussions are:

1. **Data Governance** - This session will provide for discussions on the fundamental challenge of ensuring the benefits of the data revolution to contribute to inclusive economic development while protecting the rights of people.
2. **Digital Inclusion** - This session aims to provide a framework for assessing and considering the various elements and policies which can improve access to equitable opportunities in a digital age. Digital inclusion is about having the right access, skills, motivation and trust to confidently go online.
3. **Security, Stability, Safety and Resilience** - This session will review potential risks to security and safety will be discussed from various angles with due consideration to how stability and resilience can be achieved. Strategies for protection of both systems and users will be addressed, taking into account a multidisciplinary perspective to potential solutions and the importance of stakeholder collaboration for responding to the growing range of threats to the global Internet and its users.

## Expected Outcomes

The main outcome of the Kenya YouthIGF is to maximize opportunities for open and inclusive dialogue and the exchange of ideas on Internet Governance (IG) related issues relevant to the young people. Others include:

- I. Creation of opportunities to share best practices and experiences;
- II. Identification of emerging issues and bringing them to the attention of the relevant bodies and the general public;
- III. Contribution to capacity building for Internet governance.

## Target Participants & Methodology

The Kenya YouthIGF targets 50 participants who will consist of individuals representing various sectors including government, the private sector, civil society, the technical and academic community, and the general public. The invitation to the event shall be open to all via a public link.

The format of the forum will include:

- I. Thematic Moderated Panel discussions.
- II. Moderated Plenary discussions.

### Draft Working Agenda

Time	Agenda	Moderator
13:45 – 13:50	Mic set up and speaker briefing	<b>Organising Team</b>
13:50 – 14:00	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>  <b>Welcome Remarks</b>  Omar Hamed, <i>Jamuhuri High school</i>	<b>Conference Moderator</b>
14:00 – 14:20	<b>Opening Remarks</b>  Barrack Otieno, <i>MAG Chair - KeIGF</i>  Grace Githaiga, <i>Convener - KICTANet</i>  Nadia Ahmed, <i>CAS Ministry of Youth and ICT</i>	<b>Moderator:</b> Keith Andere, <i>African Youth Commission</i>
14:20 – 14:30	<b>Key Note Address</b>  Anja Gengo, <i>IGF Secretariat</i>	<b>Moderator:</b> Keith Andere, <i>African Youth Commission</i>
14:30 – 15:10	<b>Session One: Data Governance, Content Regulation and Consumer Rights</b>  <b>Panel Discussion:</b>  Brian Obilo, <i>Mozilla Fellow</i>  Bridget Andere, <i>Africa Policy Associate - Access Now</i>  Winfred Anyona, <i>Account Manager – Cellulant</i>  <b>Contributor</b>  Brian King, <i>Jamuhuri High School</i>	<b>Moderator:</b> Catherine Muya, <i>Lawyers Hub</i>  <b>Session Questions:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to ensure that approaches to content moderation are compliant with human rights frameworks, are transparent and accountable, and enable a safe, united and inclusive Internet?</li> <li>• What is needed to ensure that data governance frameworks are effective in mandating the responsible and trustworthy use of data, with respect for privacy?</li> <li>• What regulatory approaches could be effective in upholding consumer rights, offering adequate remedies for rights violations, and eliminating unfair and deceptive practices from the part of Internet companies?</li> <li>• What are the top three priorities that will need to be addressed in the coming year and what roles can be played by stakeholders?</li> </ul>
15:10 – 15:50	<b>Session Two: Digital Inclusion, Universal access and meaningful connectivity</b>  <b>Panel Discussion:</b>  Hon Kuria Kimani MP, <i>President - Africa Young Parliamentarians Network</i>	<b>Moderator:</b> Rebecca Wambui, <i>Trainer and Podcaster</i>  <b>Session Questions</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What can be learned from the COVID-19 pandemic context about the relationship between digital inequality and social and economic rights?</li> </ul>

	<p>Allan Ochola, <i>ASAPbio Fellow, PASET – RSIF</i></p> <p>Ida Ng’ang’a, <i>Regional Head - UNESCO Emerging Tech for Development Committee</i></p> <p><b>Contributor</b></p> <p>Sheila Lwangu, <i>Mbagathi Secondary School</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the main challenges that people face in obtaining and making full use of Internet access?</li> <li>• How can the significant expansion of mobile infrastructure around the world, as well as other existing and emerging technologies such as satellite, fibre, and wireless networks, be used to expand affordable access?</li> <li>• What are the relevant regulatory issues that require attention to enabling broader affordable and quality access at the community level?</li> <li>• What are the top three priorities that will need to be addressed in the coming year, and what roles can be played by stakeholders?</li> </ul>
15:50 – 16:30	<p><b>Session Three: Security, Stability, Safety and Resilience</b></p> <p><b>Panel Discussion:</b></p> <p>John Ombagi, <i>Technical Lead - TAI SOC</i></p> <p>Jade Makory, <i>ICANN Fellow</i></p> <p>Gilbert Nyandeje, <i>Chief Executive – Africa Cyber Defence Forum</i></p> <p><b>Contributor</b></p> <p>Lynn Ouko, <i>Child Online Safety Advocate</i></p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Liz Orembo, <i>Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre</i></p> <p><b>Session Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the critical areas for consideration in review of our national cybersecurity strategy.</li> <li>• Comment on the cyber risk landscape in light of COVID-19.</li> <li>• What mechanism has the K-CIRT put in place in terms of reporting back to stakeholders (embracing multistakeholderism)</li> <li>• What are the overarching principles that will ensure trust, security and stability of our cyberspace?</li> <li>• What can be done at the national and international level to tackle cyber-attacks?</li> <li>• What are the human rights considerations in trust, security and stability?</li> <li>• What are the top three priorities that will need to be addressed in the coming year and what roles can be played by stakeholders?</li> </ul>
16:30 – 16:50	<p><b>Plenary Session: Emerging Issues</b></p> <p><b>Open Forum</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Jennifer Kaberi, <i>Mtoto News</i></p>
16:50 – 17:00	<p><b>Closing and Way Forward</b></p> <p><b>Rapporteurs Summary Report</b></p> <p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p>Antony Buluma, <i>Executive Director, Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association</i></p> <p><b>Vote of Thanks</b></p> <p>Keith Andere</p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Jennifer Kaberi, <i>Mtoto News</i></p> <p>Rapporteur General: Lucy Wanyika</p>